



Arkansas Quilters Guild Newsletter

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FYI - AQG MEMBERS

If you have a quilting business/blog, etc. – a one-line link to a website/blog/phone #, etc., can be listed on the sponsor's page under "our member links."



Mission Statement – *The purpose of the Arkansas Quilters Guild is to promote the appreciation of the rich heritage of the art of quilting and to enhance each member's own quilting skills and knowledge. It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations and preserve the existing quilts.*

Dear Members,

This last month or so has been jam-packed for me! I have been to two quilt shows, and been very inspired by what I have seen. I was able to go to Quiltfest 2015 in Hot Springs, and of course, we had the National Quilting Association Show here in Little Rock. And yes, I spent money at both places!

Fortunately for me, I was able to take some time and volunteer at the NQA Quilt Show. I learned so much about the process of what goes into a really big show. The planning and effort surrounding the event are staggering. I not only was able to witness up close a first-class quilt show behind-the-scenes, but I met some wonderful quilters and quilt appreciators! The caliber of the quilts was wonderful, there was something for everyone! I really look forward to helping out next year!

I think that AQG was fortunate to be able to be so involved in the show. I want to give Lavern Schaap, our NQA Liaison, credit for compiling and coordinating the many volunteers that were needed to help out in the many areas during the show. She did a great job on short notice, we all appreciate her work! Our members worked so hard during the show. I must add that there were so many people who helped out, from so many places. All of our members, and other members of the quilting community, were greatly appreciated!

I also took a class while at the event, it was a long-arm class. I was exposed to some techniques that I had never tried before, and this should really help my confidence in using my machine. I wish I had planned to take more, I don't think that I heard anyone who didn't learn something from their

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!
REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.
AQG Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

PRESIDENT

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classes. Next year I will plan to take some of the lectures that were available, too!

Being around so many beautiful quilts inspired me! I am looking forward to completing some of my projects and maybe even enter some quilt shows myself? The quilt shows showcase our quilts, but they also inspire others. We all have our reasons and inspirations to make our quilts, now let's share them. Whether it is an art quilt, a wall hanging, table runner, bed quilt, or piece of clothing, when we share what we are doing, we give others encouragement to create, as well.

We had our yard sale at our last meeting and, of course, I bought more than I brought from home. Oh well, the road to my quilt room is paved with good intentions. I only wish that I didn't feel so compelled to gather the supplies for these intentions!

If you haven't registered for Quilt Arkansas 2015, you have until the August meeting to get signed up. If you have never been to a "quilt retreat" this will give you a great opportunity to get together with other quilters for a few days and concentrate on what you love to do!

Speaking of intentions, we need to start thinking about officers for our guild next year. We also need to find a program coordinator. Be thinking about what you might like to do next year, if you have an interest or an idea, please let us know!

Until next time, happy stitches!
Donna Toombs

COOKBOOK SALE

There are plenty of AQG cookbooks, "Quilters Cook Too," available at the NQA Show Special price of \$10 (original price was \$12). Place your orders by contacting Lavern Schaap, rhschaapjr@aol.com or 501-416-7061.

MONTHLY SNACK REMINDER!

We would like to encourage you to bring snacks for the meeting. It doesn't need to be fancy, but everyone enjoys having a little something during the meeting.

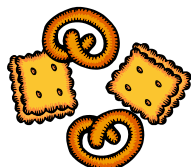
August – K-L-M

September – N-O-P

October – Q-R-S

November – T -U-V

December – Everyone! It's a party!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

August – Meet Your Members

September – French Seam/Karen French

October – Quilt Arkansas guest teacher, Lola Jenkins

November – Open

December – Auction/Party

DO YOU HAVE A WARM HEART FOR COLD NOSES?

Would any AQG members be interested in helping to make Forever Blankets for homeless animals waiting to be adopted? Many of the animals who are taken in by the various rescue organizations in our state, spend time in foster homes while waiting for adoption. Going from one place to another and then to yet another causes a lot of stress for an animal and we have found that at least some of the stress can be off-set by having their own special blankets and toys that stay with them. Some, of course, are simply eaten. But for most dogs and cats, their blanket is security and comfort, much like a small child.

If you would be interested in helping, please contact Joyce Bogard Hillard either by phone, 501-847-0951, or e-mail, at your convenience. I volunteer for Arkansans for Animals which operates two low-cost spay clinics in Arkansas, one of which is a mobile clinic serving areas without veterinary services. We are on both the web and Facebook. Jordan main office and clinic are located on Otter Creek Road and I-30.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a knot! Gather during the meeting's break if you are interested and discuss meeting times and places. Quilter friends with a common mission list, this will produce much more than just quilts for the needy!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

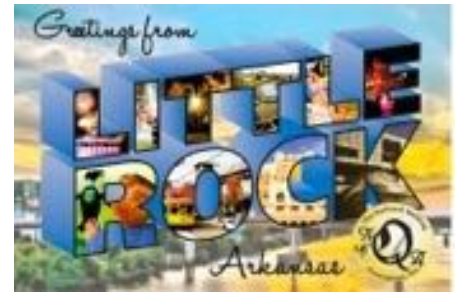
Sure! Especially in 100 degree weather! Take a break from your current project and think snow, icicles, and jingle bells! The hospice home care facility has asked for Christmas stockings for 36 patient rooms.

There are many patterns in print and on the web. Here's a great one that uses fat quarters: http://mccallpattern.mccall.com/filebin/images/free_downloads/McCalls/PDF/stockings.pdf.

Nola Ballinger will be glad to add them to our donation quilts on her future visits to the facility.



NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



NQA 46TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW “DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE”

If you were not able to get to the Statehouse Convention Center to experience this outstanding quilt show, I am so sorry. The artistry of the quilts was unbelievable! AQQ made friends with quilters from all across the country. All of our volunteer hours were an important part of the show. From Marcel Miller, NQA President: “The help that AQQ offered was unsurpassed and deeply appreciated.”

The AQQ-NQA Show Committee held a wrap-up meeting for the 2015 Show on Tuesday, July 14. The Strengths and Weaknesses from the show and goals for 2016 were discussed. Primary Strengths: the enthusiastic volunteers, the AQQ Booth, the quality of the quilt entries, the friendships strengthened or formed, the inspiration from seeing the quilts. Weaknesses: Lack of adequate publicity, lack of adequate signage, not meeting attendance goal.

Goals for NQA 47th Annual Quilt Show, “DIAMONDS IN THE SKY” (Note: these are AQQ’s goals, not necessarily those of NQA): Help NQA double this year’s attendance (approximately 3,000), increase attendance at Preview Party, Banquet and Little Quilt Live Auction.

A heart-felt “THANK YOU” to all who volunteered and/or attended the NQA 46th Annual Show and let’s all get to work to make the 47th Annual Show bigger and better.

WITH SPECIAL GUEST - RICKY TIMS

Lavern Schaap,
AQQ-NQA Liaison

See you next year!

May 19-21, 2016 Little Rock AR

Watch for updates at www.nqaquilts.org



Be sure to put this on your calendar! More details to follow! <http://www.nqaquilts.org/>

Donna Toombs

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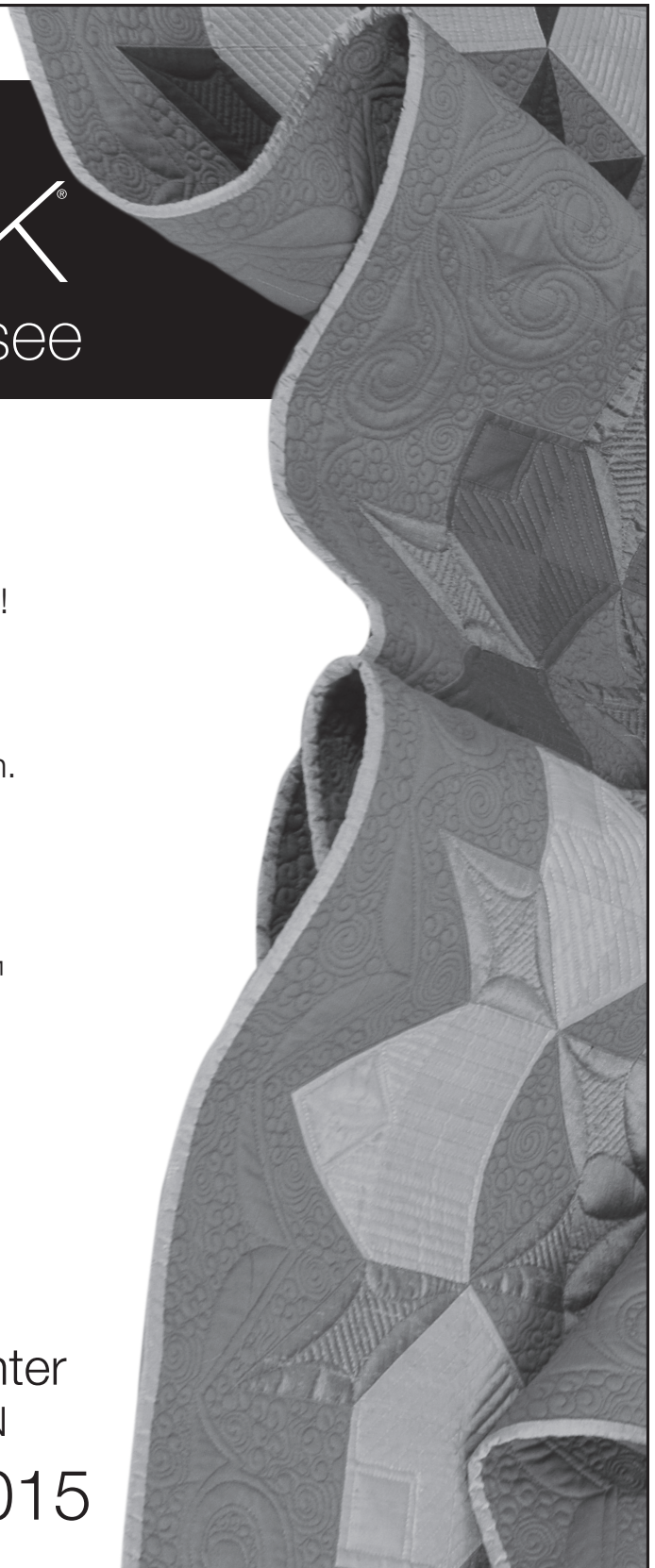
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WHAT'S NEXT



ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
13 JULY, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Donna Toombs. Donna commented that since our last guild meeting, she has been to two quilt shows!

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report will be published in the members' only section of the website.

Donna received a memorial contribution in memory of Ruble Elizabeth Bailey. She asked the group if anyone knew her or her daughter, Fern Cross. Fern Cross was known to a member of the group. Sally Burrup will send a thank you letter to the donor and an acknowledgment to Fern Cross as requested.

Saturday is the 3rd Saturday Sit and Sew at the Baptist Health Southwest Campus.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising – Latitia was going to be late due to a vacation bible school commitment.

Membership/Debbie Spinks – We currently have 123 members. Our two newest members are Linda Singleton and Kathryn Arthur.

Quilt Arkansas /Alina Polta – There is one more month to register for QA. The deadline is August 10th. There will be two more chances before the event to order shirts and totes. The last order will be sent right before Quilt Arkansas. Terrie Newman, one of our local teachers, was present at the meeting to show members what will be covered in her class. She brought samples and members were encouraged to see what will be offered. Susi Olson also brought samples of the hot pads she will be teaching in her class.

Community Service/Nola Ballinger – Nola has 9 quilts at home, Judy Rickard brought 2, plus Nola has 6 others, plus 2 more brought to the meeting tonight for a grand total of 19. Nola said there are 3 quilts in the back of the room that need to be bound. Nola announced that the person turning in the quilt gets their name in the drawing so those willing to bind quilts will be an incentive. Thank you to Sherrie Dodds for quilting several of the quilts. Robin Tyler will also do quilting; she has a new quilting machine and wants to practice.

Nola also gave us a little history lesson. The word 'quilt' dates back to Middle English and the years 1250-1300. It is defined as a coverlet for a bed made of two layers with a soft substance in between the layers; anything quilted or resembling a quilt. The word 'hospice' is old French from the Latin, Hospitium, meaning shelter or lodging for travelers or pilgrims or a program that provides palliative care and attends the emotional and spiritual needs of the terminally ill.

Hospice Home Care has asked for 36 Christmas stockings to decorate the doors of their in-patients. Nola

brought a sample pattern. The dimensions are roughly 15" from the top to the heel, 11.5" from the heel to the toe, and 7" from the top of the boot to the sole. Please see Nola for the pattern or find one of the same approximate size if you can help.

Sherrie Dodds brought a quilt that she had finished quilting but couldn't remember who it belonged to. (Renee Vermatten)

Donna also said she had received a call from Forever Blankets which collects blankets for homeless animals while they are in foster care. Blankets off-set the stress these animals are under and they take the blanket with them to their new home much like foster children do. Donna will publish the contact information if anyone is interested.

NQA/Lavern Schaap – There were 866 hours of work donated during the NQA show. Our guild made the show happen! Lavern has volunteer pins for those who volunteered but have not yet received one. There is a Wrap-Up meeting scheduled the day after the guild meeting at 6:00 at Whole Hog on Cantrell.

We sold 25 cookbooks at the show. We ordered 200 so there are more available for members to purchase. The price for members is now \$10.

Lavern is going to do one more order for the guild t-shirts as we will use them again next year at NQA.

Programs – July: Yard Sale, August: probably "meet your members" as the Container Store did not come through, September: Karen French from the French Seam (They will also be vending at the meeting.) October: Lola Jenkins (Quilt Arkansas national teacher), November: The Fabric Café from Tyler, TX, December: Party

Hostess/Kathy Jones – We have 40 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Terrie Newman, Mary Ann Crawford, and Arden Schaap.

Door prizes were won by Jan Partain, Debbie Gordon, Lavern Schaap, and Sally Burrup. Kathy noted that the Hostess committee is always accepting donations for door prizes.

Show and Tell – Shelia Simpson showed us a UFO called Bow Tie. She started it in 1996 and it was made during an Internet Swap using fabric from Sarah Ziegenbein's stash and finished it in 2015. Shelia said it would be a donation quilt for our Community Service project. Susi Olson brought Batik Mistake. The pattern is unknown and the quilt was made from a Bali-Pop and batiks during a retreat in Oregon. It was quilted by Alina Polta. It will also be a donation quilt. Judy Rickard displayed Old Fashion Bowties. Some of the blocks were in Sarah Ziegenbein's stash and Judy's Knot made the rest. Shirley Clark assembled the quilt. The back of the quilt was especially cheerful also. Kay Agee showed us two quilts she made to donate to CARTI. One was from a pattern called Gemini. It used ½ of a jelly roll and was made during a retreat in Melbourne, AR. Your fearless secretary has no details on the second quilt. Both

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quilts were quilted by Elaine Green. Jim Gatling brought a quilt top made entirely of Yo-Yo's. The yo-yo's were made of nylon, rayon, and panty hose! It fits a regular size bed tight. Jim also showed us a purple king-size quilt top he found at a sale. He may have to cut that one up and re-form it into something different! Jim also showed us Jennifer Newman's mom's first quilt. It is all batiks. Mary Ann Crawford attended the NQA show and was inspired to make a quilt from the pattern Cubbyholes. It is her first attempt at quilting. Alina Polta displayed a one-block wonder called Christmas Wonder. It is from one fabric. There are YouTube videos on this; it is a stack-and-whack quilt with no Y-seams. It was also quilted by Alina Polta. Lavern and Arden Schaap showed us two quilts she purchased at the Little Quilt Auction at NQA. They are called Light Shimmers III and Poinsettia with Gold. One is a Wendy Butler Burns quilt and the other creator is unknown. The next quilt was Sun on the Water and was described by Kathy Jones. It was done by the Happy Scrappers from QUEST during their 4th Monday event. The group consists of Shirley Chai, Darlene David, Joan Guthridge, Kathy Jones, Judy Pearlstein, Helen Standfield, and Sharon Weinsinger. It is a Pineapple quilt that they did about a year and a half ago. Shirley Chai did the applique and Darlene Davis quilted it. It was a team effort and will be auctioned off in December. The quilt also took 3rd place in the Group category at the Hot Springs Quilt show. Sharon Weinsinger brought a table runner to show us. She saw the pattern on a wall in a quilt shop featured in a quilt magazine. She sent for the pattern. Sharon also showed us Profile which was a quilt copied from an ad in another quilt magazine.

There being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Burrup, Secretary

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

We are approaching the time when we, as a guild, start looking for officers for the next year's Executive Board. This is the time when the membership chooses the members that they would like to serve in leadership positions. Below is a listing of positions, (taken from our bylaws) and some of the committee chairs that will be chosen. We will be appointing a nominating committee, consisting of three Executive Board Members and two from The Membership, elected from the floor at the August meeting.

President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Arkansas Quilters Guild, Inc. The President shall appoint all committee chairs and be a Member Ex-Officio of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall be the Chair of the Executive Board and shall only vote to arbitrate a tie. The President shall be a signatory on all financial accounts. At the expiration of the term of office, the President shall turn over all records to the successor.

First Vice President – The First Vice President shall act in the absence of the President. In the case of the resignation or permanent absence of the President, the First Vice President shall automatically assume the office of the President until the term of office expires. It shall be the responsibility of the First Vice President to see that all new members are recorded on The Membership roll and to notify the Newsletter Chair of the new member's name and address. The First Vice President shall be in charge of the complete address lists and will produce an annual handbook. At the expiration of the term of office, the First Vice President shall turn over all records to the successor.

Second Vice President – The Second Vice President may serve as Quilt Show Chair, Ferndale Workshop Chair, or assume other duties as agreed upon by the Executive Board. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall act as President. At the expiration of the term of office, the Second Vice President shall turn over all records to the successor.

Secretary – The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Arkansas Quilters Guild's monthly meetings and shall submit a copy of the minutes to the Newsletter Chair for publication in the following month's newsletter. The Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the Executive Board's monthly meetings, and shall send copies of board meeting minutes to all Executive Board Members within one week after the board meetings. The Secretary shall also attend to all general correspondence of the Guild not handled by other officers or committees. At the expiration of the term of office, the Secretary shall turn over all records to the successor.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall give a financial report at every regular meeting of the Arkansas Quilters Guild, Inc., and at the Executive Board meetings. The Treasurer shall submit an itemized report monthly to the Newsletter Chair. The Treasurer shall be a signatory on all financial accounts. At the end of the year the Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Board a complete year-end financial report as well as all records for auditing. A condensed version of the report shall be submitted for publication in the Newsletter. At the expiration of the term of office, the Treasurer shall turn over all records to the successor.

Committees: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint as many Committee Chairs as necessary for the needs of the Guild. (If you have an interest in being on any of these committees, please let us know, your participation is welcomed!)

Programs	Program Notes
AWOL Retreat	Property
Quilt Arkansas 2017	Sunshine
Community Service	Demos/Vendors
Hostess	Fund Raising
Challenges	NQA Liaison
Newsletter	Newsletter Ads/PR

If you have any questions about any of these positions or committees, please contact me and I will be glad to discuss any of the duties involved in any of these opportunities.

Thank you in advance,
Donna Toombs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015

- August 15 3rd Saturday Sit n Sew at the Baptist Health Southwest Campus
- September 16-19 Quilt Week, Chattanooga Convention Center, 1150 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN.
- September 25 & 26 Quilt Congress, Bella Vista, AR – “Meet Me at the Fair.” Calico Cut-Ups will be the host for Quilt Congress this year! Cost for the event is \$35 per person which includes Friday evening’s entertainment and Saturday’s lectures and lunch. Headliner for the event is Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles! Workshops will be offered on Friday for an additional charge. Vendors will be available for your shopping pleasure, a Silent Auction will be going on, as well as a Quilt Challenge and Opportunity Quilts. See <http://calicocut-ups.blogspot.com> for more information.
- October 1-3 Quilt AR! “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” at the C. A. Vines 4-H Center, Ferndale, AR, featuring classes with Gail Garber and Lola Jenkins. See www.quiltarkansas2015.com.
- Oct 22-24 Autumn in the Ozarks Quilt Show in Mountain Home, AR at the Baxter County Fair Grounds. 300 traditional and art quilts, vendors, door prizes and more. See www.hillnhollowquilters.com for details.



Click those heels and REGISTER for
Quilt Arkansas 2015!
The deadline to register is August 10!
Less than one month away!
<http://www.quiltarkansas2015.com/>

Welcome New Member

Linda Singleton

The French Seam
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kelley Davis	August 5
Martha Fewell	August 11
Susan Furr	August 12
Jan Partain	August 13
Frances Wade	August 13
Pat Wade	August 15
Barbara Sample	August 22
Melissa Landreth	August 23
Linda Singleton	August 23

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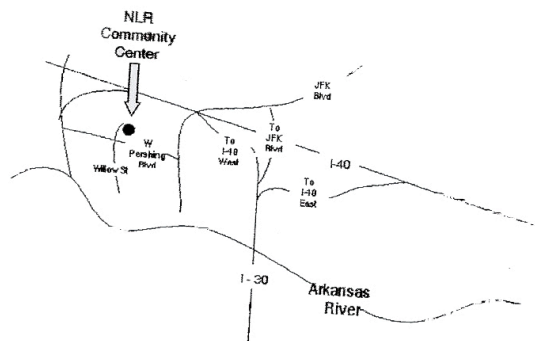
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2700 Willow Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas



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