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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.*

GREETINGS!

Our last guild meeting was held at the Scott Settlement Plantation. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you. The early threat of weather had us all wondering if we would be able to have the meeting at all, but the weather turned, and it turned out to be a lovely evening. Showing our quilts along the split rail fence was a new way to open up a conversation about our quilts. We had some members of the community stop by and visit with us about our quilts. Everyone has a quilt story, and we were able to share ours, and hear some from the visitors. The ice cream was good, too! It was a very enjoyable evening.

The other day, someone from another state, who works with the same company as I do, called me and asked if I could help her find some information about making a quilt in memory of a family member. Well, naturally, I said sure, I even volunteered to get a book to her about beginning quilting, I knew that I had lots of books. As I started looking around my house, I realized that my basic how-to books were probably written in the 70s. This friend lives in Texas, how was I going to help her learn to quilt? Well, of course, I got on the internet and started looking around for information on how to get her started. Well, I found that she had several quilt shops in her area, so I just steered her to a shop where she could get some one-on-one guidance and some supplies. She has some ambitious plans to make some quilts, so I encouraged her to get the rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler (things that weren't even used in my old "how to" books). I think I have her steered in the right direction, however, I didn't warn her that once she goes down the road toward making quilts, she just might get bitten by the same "bug" that has bitten us!

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 6 p.m., The Doctors Building, 500 South University, Little Rock, AR 72205. 8th Floor Conference Room.
AQG Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. "How to prepare your quilt for the long arm quilter," presented by Alina, Eddie, and Leah.

PRESIDENT

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The NQA show will be here within the month! I can't wait to see all the new gadgets and gizmos that the vendors will bring, all the fabric that will be available, all the classes that will be available, and all the quilts that will be on display. Arkansas Quilters Guild will even have a booth at the show! I am really looking forward to having my horizons stretched!

Until next time, Happy Stitches!
Donna Toombs

**Arkansas Quilters Guild****3rd Saturday Sit & Sew**

**3rd Saturday of each month
8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Baptist Health Southwest Campus,
11401 I-30, Little Rock (map below)**

Bring your quilting projects, supplies, sewing machine, etc. There are tables, chairs, wall plugs, etc., for our use.

Enter from the front of the building and follow the signs to the meeting room. There are several fast food restaurants nearby for lunch, or you can bring your own.

Call Leah at 580-6884 if you get lost. *Come join us!*

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

June – Alina, Eddie, and Leah present “How to prepare your quilt for the long arm quilter.”

August – ? The Container Store

September – French Seam/Karen French

October – Quilt Arkansas guest teacher, Lola Jenkins

November – Open

December – Auction/Party

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.

June – D-E-F-G

July – H-I-J

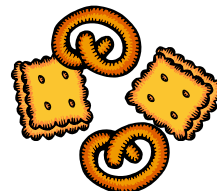
August – K-L-M

September – N-O-P

October – Q-R-S

November – T -U-V

December – Everyone! It's a party!

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Jackie Bibbs	June 2
Kay Agee	June 4
Mary Anne Burleson	June 5
Beth Freeman	June 6
Jenny Lee Shumate	June 6
Bo Mittelstaedt	June 12
Delorse Richards	June 14
Wanda Cockrell	June 21
Sherri Webb	June 23
Kim Lotz	June 24
Shirley Clark	June 27
Darcy Pattison	June 28

Welcome New Member

Linda Pine

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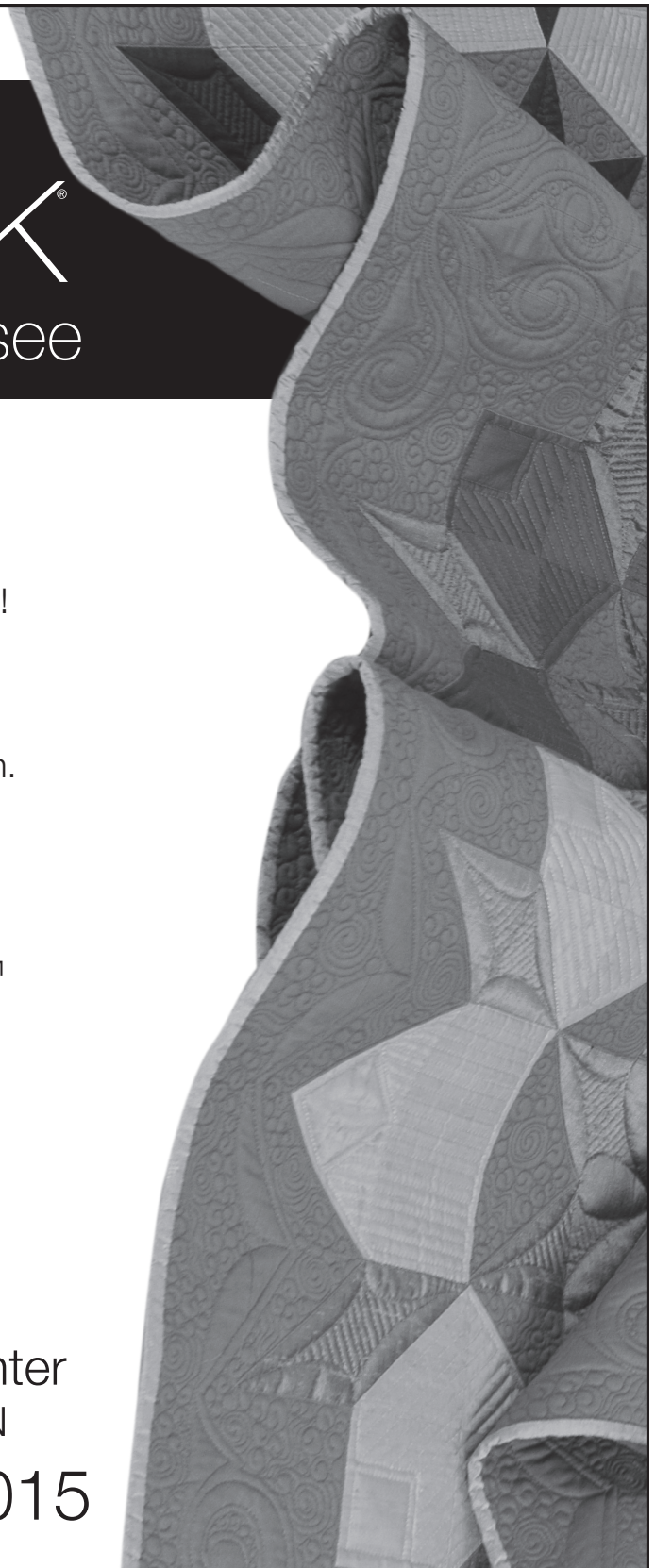
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WHAT'S NEXT



ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
11 MAY, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Donna Toombs. The meeting – Airing of the Quilts – was held at the Scott Plantation in Scott, Arkansas. We had an ice cream social and got to meet some new people!

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

The Treasurer's Report was given by Kim Lotz and is available in the members' only section of the website. The budget is also available.

Committee Reports

Membership – Debbie Spinks

We now have 120 members. Debbie has distributed an updated membership list. Some corrections are needed. She will make the corrections and re-distribute the list.

Fund Raising – Latitia Nichols

Latitia indicated that there were picture membership directories for sale at the meeting, paperback book covers (donated by Lois Hall) which are darling, AQG pins, a few insulated cups, and name tags are available for order.

There will be a work-day associated with the regular Sit and Sew the Saturday after the guild meeting. It will be held at the Baptist Health SW campus from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Note: From now on, the Sit and Sew will be held at the Baptist Health location on the 3rd Saturday of the month because we can have longer hours than the Otter Creek Library was available and also more space.

NQA – Lavern Schaap

The electrical connection for our guild booth is set. Registration is now closed for all classes. You can still walk in during the show and take a class if the class is not filled!

Volunteers are still needed!

Lavern said that questions have been sent to NQA regarding when class confirmations will be received as that drives when our members will be available to volunteer. We will have an ad in the event booklet for being a sponsor. It will be ½ page and black and white. We will advertise Quilt Arkansas also.

Quilt Arkansas – Donna Toombs

The guild meeting was the last chance to sign up and receive the early bird discount. Donna reiterated that Gail Garber and Lola Jenkins will be our National

teachers. Donna indicated that there is some interest by QUEST guild members in attending QA.

Programs – Liz Ketcherside

Liz said that Arkansas Heritage Month is a great time to come and enjoy the Scott Plantation historic preservation! The Scott Connection also invited our guild to participate in their biggest event of the year, High Cotton. Unfortunately, it is the same weekend as Quilt Arkansas. Perhaps we can participate next year when QA will be back in our regular September time frame.

Our June program will be by Eddie Landreth, Leah Sample, and Alina Polta on how to prepare quilts for the long arm.

July's program will be our annual Yard Sale.

We are going to evaluate the program from Sulky for 2016.

Liz is trying to get The Container Store to provide the August program on how to organize our fabric stash and other supplies. However, their corporate office is very strict and they have to submit their planned program to their corporate headquarters to get approval. Stay tuned.

September's program will be by Karen French from the French Seam in Stuttgart. They will also vend at the meeting.

October – Lola Jenkins, one of the National teachers from Quilt Arkansas will be our speaker.

November – TBD

December – Christmas Party

Liz invited everyone to tour the buildings at the beautiful historic site. They are furnished true to the period in which they were built. The main building also had some very interesting photos and artifacts from the railroad commemorating when the site was a regular stop for the railroad. Although the ground was wet, the weather was beautiful after the rain and a good time was had by all!

There were 19 members and 15 guests present. (Your fearless secretary did not get a list of the visitors attending but will mention that Latitia's lovely mother attended with her.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Sally Burrup

PROGRAM NOTES

It has been raining.

It is raining.

It will rain again SOON!

Which of these statements was NOT true the evening of May 11? It was “It is raining.” After days of rain, the clouds cleared and the sun came out just in time for AQG members to spread quilts across the split rail fence of Scott Plantation Settlement for the “Airing of the Quilts and Ice Cream Social.” It was thrilling to see our antique and modern quilts displayed in such a traditional way.

For those of you that aren’t familiar with Scott Plantation Settlement, it is a collection of 25 exhibits representing plantation history for the first 100 years of Arkansas statehood. It is in Scott, Arkansas on land of the Illalée Plantation, only 12 miles east of Little Rock just off Highway 165. If you’ve ever gone to Cotham’s for a burger, you have been very near by. Seemed like we had just left Little Rock and then we were there. Had great signage so it was very easy to find.

Buildings on the site include the Scott depot, a dog-trot log house, a corncrib, a blacksmith shop, a commissary, a church, a schoolhouse, a doctor’s office, tenant houses, and the Big House. The settlement is maintained by Scott Connections, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of farm life – in other words – they love history and buildings just like we love quilts. And, since quilts were part of farm life, our interests fit together well. Several of the Scott Connections members attended and were quite amazed at our quilts. Check out photos and information at www.scottconnections.org.



An added bonus of the trip was that on the drive back home we got to enjoy a beautiful sunset.

Many thanks for Liz Ketcherside for coming up with this idea. I am definitely ready to make it an annual event.

Lavern Schaap,
The program scribe still enjoying the warm fuzzy of such a great afternoon.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015

- June 18-20 NQA "Down by the Riverside" Quilt Show at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. See www.nqaquilts.org.
- July 10-11 Hot Springs Area Quilt Guilds' QUILTFEST at the Hot Springs Convention Center with cash, prizes and ribbons! NQA certified judges, over 200 quilts, door prizes and vendors. For more information see www.hsaquiltguild.com.
- 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.

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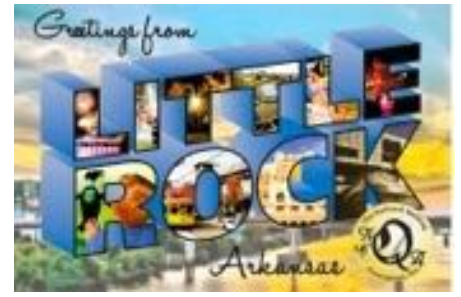
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NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



NQA 46TH ANNUAL SHOW IS ALMOST HERE

IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT

Information on classes during the NQA show: If you have received a cancelation notice for a class you were hoping to take; or, you never got around to registering for a class, check out the website: <http://www.nqaquilts.org/classes/scheduled/2015/>. These are the classes that will open for enrollment when the show arrives on June 18.

This is your last chance to order an Arkansas Quilters Guild T-Shirt to help identify you as an AQG member during the show. The June meeting will be too late to order for this year; so please send the size you need and a check (\$17 except for 2XL which is \$19), to Lavern Schaap, 2004 Sawgrass Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212.

Our AQG booth, under the leadership of Latitia Nichols, is really coming together. I think you will be pleased! If you have not volunteered to work in both our booth and in one of the NQA jobs, please do so SOON. We need to know we can count on YOU!!! Volunteer for the AQG booth by contacting Latitia (Latitia NICHOLS <LN21@sbcglobal.net>). Volunteer for NQA at <http://www.nqaquilts.org/volunteers/2015/>.

So, again to recap:

National Quilting Association's 46th Annual Show
Down By The Riverside

Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, AR
June 18, 19, 20, 2015

Register for classes at beginning of the show.

Volunteer to help - Opportunities begin on Saturday, June 13

And extend through Sunday, June 21

Continue to make scrubbies to sell in the booth. Tell us too how you like to use scrubbies around your house. I have one in the kitchen for cleaning pots and pans, especially the cast iron ones. And in the quilt room they are great for cleaning cutting mats.

In addition to the scrubbies, we will be selling die-cut fabric packets. Shapes available include both small and large Arkansas shapes and small and large tumblers. All are available in small packages. We have received 200 cookbooks. So, if you have thought of more gift opportunities to use the cookbooks, now is your chance.

Be sure and attend the AQG June meeting for any last minute updates; and then, see you at Statehouse.

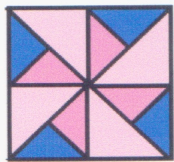
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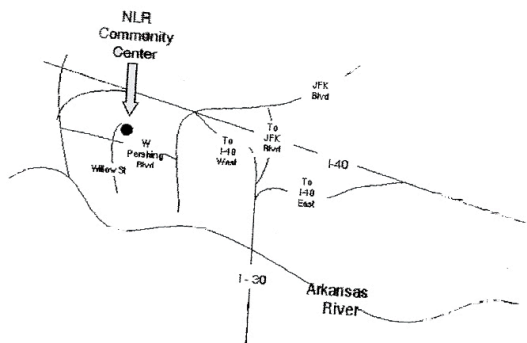
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