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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,

How is your quilt life going? I can only say that I wish I had more time to pursue mine!

I really enjoyed listening to Charlotte Williams' program this past meeting. Some things she said really hit home to me. First, if you want a beautifully executed quilt, pay attention to "what is left" after you sew your seams, take the time to pay attention to the details of the process of the construction of your quilt. Second, don't lose sight of the reason you enjoy what you do! You want to make a quilt, and you want to enjoy the process. You can do both, but don't lose sight of the end goal of completing your quilt. I really enjoyed her comments about not forgetting the enjoyment that you get from making the quilts.

Don't forget what drew you into your love of quilts. Was it the warmth, comfort and security of quilts that you slept under as a child? Was it the rich fabrics that you had and wanted to put together to make a beautiful quilt? Was it the new baby, or the sick friend, that you wanted to honor with a thoughtful quilt? A special wedding, a graduation? When it comes down to it, inspiration is what pushes us to create our quilts. And inspiration is everywhere!

I get inspiration from all of you, my quilting buddies. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a small gathering recently (we purchased an auctioned event, "Spring in the Country" from our December auction, hosted by Liz Ketcherside). Besides the wonderful hospitality of our hostess, we visited, worked on projects and helped each other, both with quilting and life issues! One of the advantages of belonging to a guild is sharing and learning from each other. The social aspect is a wonderful side-effect.

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6 p.m., The Doctors Building, 500 South University, Little Rock, AR 72205. 8th Floor Conference Room.
AQG Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2015, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the old Scott Settlement Plantation at Walkers Corner Rd & Alexander Rd, Scott, AR, for AIRING of our QUILTS! (See article on page 8 for full info.)



PRESIDENT

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We are going to have a few opportunities for this social side-effect of our guild coming up fast. Our next meeting, May 11, will be an "Airing of the Quilts" at the Scott Settlement Plantation. We will be having an ice-cream social and have an opportunity to display our quilts along the split rail fence that surrounds the settlement. (What an opportunity for taking pictures!) . WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR REGULAR MEETING AT THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER!!! We will be sending out more information and details before the event...

In June, we will be getting a program about how to prepare your quilts for quilting. We will be having Eddie Landreth, Leah Sample and Alina Polta discussing tips and techniques on getting your quilts finished and prepared to take to a long-arm quilter. Those tips will also be beneficial to anyone getting their quilts completed, no matter how it is quilted!

June is also the much anticipated National Quilting Association Quilt Show 2015! If you haven't signed up for classes, the deadline is quickly coming up. Be sure to check the website for more information, www.nqaquilts.org. There will be lots of activities and classes that you can participate in!

In July, we will be having a yard sale! This will be a fundraiser for our guild. If you have anything that you would like to get rid of, treasures that you just aren't going to use anymore, or a "what was I thinking" item, now is an opportunity to unload it! One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure! More details to come later!

As you can see, the next few months we will be having some opportunities for both quilting information and social activities. Don't forget that Quilt Arkansas 2015 is coming up in October! www.quiltarkansas2015.com. Now is the time to register for that event. Participating in classes and retreats is such an enjoyable part of the Arkansas Quilters Guild experience. If you haven't already participated, when you do, you will be amazed at how much you really benefit from the experience, and you will be ready for the next time!

Until next time, happy stitches!
Donna Toombs

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Danita Driskill	May 3	Carrie Weindorf	May 20
Janelle Bryant	May 7	Marilyn Kinsey	May 27
Karen Alexander	May 8	Lavern Schaap	May 28
Christina Bryant	May 8	Brenda Wall	May 28
Debbie Haley	May 13		

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May – Airing of the Quilts, Scott Settlement Plantation, Scott, AR.

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

August – "Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing" by Suzy Seed from Sulky.

**APRIL 2015 PROGRAM
CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS
PINWHEEL FABRICS**

Charlotte shared several pointers that should improve our quilting. Her store has been in business for 11 years, so she has had lots of experience in what to do – and what not to do.

She said you know you're a quilter if you know you need to take more classes. Classes are important because you can learn that you don't want to do something the way the teacher does – or maybe you aren't interested in a certain technique no matter how it's done.

It's important to have a quarter-inch seam, but what you have left is more important. Especially when using pre-cuts that may not be cut precisely, the accuracy of what's left is essential. You shouldn't have to trim blocks if you measure your pieces as you go.

She recommended books by Sally Collins on Precision Piecing and Small Scale Quiltmaking. When you're looking online for out-of-print books and find they're priced too high, try again later because you might find a better price.

Charlotte assembles her quilts using Mary Ellen Hopkins' method of Twosie/Foursie: Sew all the blocks together in pairs; then, sew those pairs into pairs. Keep combining the blocks in sections. She said this way is more accurate than doing a row at a time.

She reminded us of how to measure borders – never relying on a single measurement across the middle – and NEVER just sewing a border strip on without measuring at all.

Be aware that the color of your sashings and borders define the color of your quilt.

One of the best design tools for seeing the balance of darks and lights is a digital camera or phone camera.

It's important to make an appointment with yourself to work on your quilts, even if it's just cleaning your sewing area.

When designing a block, remember there are two measurements for each piece: the cut size and the finished size; e.g., a 12" finished block is a 12 1/2" cut block.

Charlotte showed 10 miniature quilts, including a Feathered Star Medallion she had scaled down from Marsha McCloskey's Vintage Moments 90" x 90" bed quilt. She said miniatures aren't hard; you just need to pay attention.

She ended with the happy thought that she's not so serious about her quilting because she ultimately just wants to enjoy it.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

WHAT IS HOSPICE?

Quilt: [1250-1300; Middle English quilte; from Anglo-Norman, from Latin culcita, mattress.]

1. A coverlet for a bed, made of two layers of fabric with some soft substance between them and stitched in patterns through all thicknesses to prevent the filling from shifting.
2. Anything quilted or resembling a quilt.

Hospice: [French, from Old French, from Latin hospitium, hospitality, from hospes, hospit-, host; see ghos-ti- in Indo-European roots.]

1. A shelter or lodging for travelers, pilgrims, foundlings, or the destitute, especially one maintained by a monastic order.
2. A program that provides palliative care and attends to the emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients at an inpatient facility or at the patient's home.

At one time or the other each of us has snuggled under a quilt and was comforted just by the feel of it and knowing it was made by someone we loved who loved us. By donating our quilts to Hospice Home Care you are extending that same love and comfort to others – others you don't even know. Imagine that person being your loved one or dear friend.

When I delivered the quilts and fleece blankets a few weeks ago it was amazing to see the expressions of those in the facility. Their joy, to think that someone they did not know gave so generously of their time and talent for their well-being, was evident in their faces. If all of you could experience in person the joy your quilt gives it would be an inspiration to do more and talk your friends into doing the same.

Hospice will do all they can to provide palliative care, keeping the patient comfortable and as pain-free as possible. Their in-house facility is very pleasant. The rooms are spacious with windows to let in the natural light. They have furnishings that will accommodate overnight stays as needed. A friend and I were there with a dying sister-friend and able to hold her hand as she passed. The staff was so kind and helpful.

My husband was under hospice care at home several days before he died. It was a comfort to me and our children knowing he could be at home receiving the help and care that hospice provides. Had someone given him a quilt he and I both would have shed tears.

If you feel that perhaps your own quilting skills are not what others are, please lay those thoughts aside! We are not looking to see that points point and binding binds. Folks on the receiving end see only a quilt especially for them. The color, the feel, the warmth – that's what they see and feel. Please put your foot to the pedal and sew away. Then bring it to our next meeting, get your ticket, and hope you have the winning one. Regardless, you are already a winner.

Nola Ballinger

Welcome New Members

Tamara Brown

Angie Heifner



NWA QUILT SHOW REPORT

I had planned a trip to northwest Arkansas with Jackie to attend the quilt show on April 11. My hubby, Eric, decided he needed a getaway and wanted to go, too. So off we went and planned to meet up with the quilters at the show. After discovering the Benton County Fairgrounds were not the same location as 7640 SW Regional Airport Blvd in Bentonville on Google Maps we finally met Jackie, Jim and Marty at the show. Eric's first quilt show was underway. There were 25 categories and over 250 entries. Many were 'works of art' to quote the hubby. It was interesting that the piecer and quilter were judged separately and not as a group. I enjoyed the quilts by children, one as young as 8 years. That quilt was amazingly well done. Eric was pretty observant for a first timer. He commented on being an outsider and still noticing the excitement over the quilts, various conversations about methods and techniques and use of gloves when the quilts were being handled. Even though I grew up around quilts and have been quilting off and on since I was a preteen it's always inspiring to see what others in the quilt world are doing. I might even be motivated to finish one UFO. Of course, I found a couple of quilting notions to add to my collection at the vendor section.

We even visited the antique show nearby. It was super crowded with barely any walking room. We spent more on the \$7 caramel popcorn bag than on the other items I bought put together. It was worth it though.

I don't know if Eric will accompany me to any other quilt or antique shows but he says he owes me a few more before our next NASCAR race. :-).

Phillis

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

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Toombs at 6:32 PM.

Tamela McGinty, Volunteer Coordinator from Hospice Home Care, came to our meeting to provide information about their services. Hospice Home Care will be the recipient of our charity quilts this year. Tamela indicated that they have approximately 90 patients a year. The quilts are used for birthdays, new patients that are admitted for in-patient services, etc. She talked about volunteer opportunities and how you can give to the organization by doing what you enjoy. This could include making and donating quilts, making phone calls, or sitting with patients. The person-to-person service with patients only involves being their friend and helping in ways they request. For example, one patient likes her volunteer/friend to come over and watch a movie with her. Volunteers can start as early as age 10; young people can help with crafts such as making cards. Tamela indicated that lap-size quilts are used for gerichairs. For those who are interested in volunteering, Tamela had brochures and business cards available on the Hostess table.

The minutes 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.

Membership – Debbie Spinks

We currently have 114 members. Debbie thanked the group for getting their renewals up to date and will be e-mailing a new membership list out shortly.

NQA/Cookbook – Lavern Schaap

Lavern reported that the National Quilting Day was SO MUCH FUN! There was a steady turnout of people who were interested in quilting. Thank you to Riley Middaugh and all those who did demos: Marilyn Weaver, Wilma Richter, Mary Jane Beard, Riley Middaugh, and Leah Sample. Lavern was there to greet everyone and spread the word about our guild. There were about 45 people who came and one of the interested people – Angie – was at the guild meeting!

All 4-H and Extension offices in the state have been notified about NQA. Susan Williams went to a meeting in Drew County and has been invited back to their quilt club. The group members are also going to volunteer at the NQA event. There are still postcards available.

Lavern also announced that our guild will be featured in the NQA quilting quarterly this fall!

Latitia provided us an update on our guild's booth for NQA. There is a sign-up sheet for working in the booth. Many volunteers are still needed as 18-20 slots still remain to be filled. We will be having another work day. Help is needed for that as well to get donated fabric

cut for the die-cutter. If you have fabric to donate, please get it to Latitia the week of the meeting.

Lavern ordered two hundred more cookbooks to have at the NQA event in June. They are available for sale. Lavern also reported that our cookbook was mentioned in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette's Idea Alley column in the Wednesday's Food Section. Two recipes from the cookbook were featured.

Programs – Liz Ketcherside

The meeting and classes with Debbie Caffrey were really a good time. An interesting note was when Debbie arrived at the meeting, she saw her cousin that she had not seen in 30 years. Her cousin had seen that she was going to be in Little Rock and came specifically to see her.

Our own Charlotte Williams will provide the program at the meeting and is also vending.

May is the Airing of the Quilts in Scott, AR. Maps and directions are available on the Scott Connection website. Directions will also be provided in the newsletter. Members with names ending in A, B, and C are assigned refreshments; Liz has a sign-up sheet for condiments to go with the ice cream. Remember to bring a sheet to put on the fence to protect your quilt. Bring more than one quilt if you want! Set-up will be from 5:30 – 6:00 PM. In case of rain, the event will be held indoors. The Scott Connection sent 500 Save the Date cards to their members. They asked for a donated quilt for their annual Spring Dinner. Nola has donated a quilt. The University of Arkansas has donated an 1820's cabin that will be in place at the site. This should be very interesting to see. We will have a quick business meeting from 6:00 – 6:30 and then from 6:30 to 7:30 we will show and tell about our quilts that drape the fences. **DO NOT COME TO THE NLR COMMUNITY CENTER!**

Liz said she had received communication from Sulky and they want to come and do a program for our guild. It can be a lecture only or there is an option for a half-day workshop the day of the meeting. They would discuss stabilizers, weights of threads and how to use threads to make our quilts the best they can be. They will also donate a \$200 package of products that we could use for drawings. There was interest in having this type of program.

Liz also told us that she ordered some of the literature boxes that Debbie Caffrey recommended. They come in bundles of 25 and Liz will share for \$2 a box. She has a list to sign if you are interested. Each box will hold 2-3 jelly rolls.

Quilt Arkansas – Alina Polta

QA will be October 1st – 3rd at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. On Wednesday night, September 30th there will be Bingo using fabric bingo cards. The bingo cards will be made into a donation quilt after the game. There are instructions to make the Bingo cards on Fon's and Porter's website. Extra cards will be available if you don't want to make your own. The QA website has all

the information you will need to make plans such as registration forms, class lists, supply lists, etc. Our local teachers will be show-cased in upcoming meetings. Cloie Morgan was highlighting her hand-quilting class at the meeting. She emphasized that the class is for ALL skill levels!

Alina asked those who had their 2014 seasonal BOM quilts to show them. Sherrie Dodds and Mary Anne Burleson showed theirs – others are still working on theirs.

Pat Crawford said that there will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention prizes for QA Challenge quilts. Again, these will be 36" x 36" and should use anything to do with the theme of Follow the Yellow Brick Road or the Wizard of Oz.

Community Service – Nola Ballinger

Nola showed a quilt made by Jackie Bibbs so that the group could see a sample of a donated quilt. The quilt was made using the NQA National Quilting Day pattern. Nola also indicated that Hospice Home Care gets 5% of their funding based on volunteer hours. If you make quilts, please report the hours to them so they have a total of the time our group has given.

Nola has been planning a drawing and distributing tickets to those who donated quilts thus far. Her first drawing was held at the meeting and Sally Burrup was the winner of a Bernina gift card.

Challenges – Melissa Landreth

Melissa reminded us of the three categories for this year; Journey, Branch Out, and UFO. If you plan properly, you could have one quilt that meets all three criteria!

Leah Sample talked to the group about the First Saturday Sit and Sew currently held at the Otter Creek Library. The room is available to us from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. There is consideration for moving the event to the Baptist Health Southwest campus. We could also change to another Saturday if that would allow more people to attend. The room at Baptist Health is available free of charge and we could sew as long as we want. The hours suggested were 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There is good lighting and many windows and we have had up to 20 people attend events there in the past. It was decided by the group to change to the 3rd Saturday starting in May. Leah will make directions available. There are eating places close by and the venue is also close to Pinwheel Fabrics for shopping.

Hostess – Kathy Jones and Sharon Weinsinger

A card was sent to Kelley Davis. There were 9 guests at the meeting. Guests were Tamela McGinty, Debbie Wilmarth (?), Deanne Campbell, Heather Danridge, Louise Hicks, Wanda Horne, Tamara Brown, Cindy Hays, and Angie Heifner. Door prizes were won by Sally Burrup, Pamela Davis, Patty Harris, Alecia Bell, and Jan Partain. The Hostess committee is out of door prizes and would appreciate donations. They do have some money but donations would really be helpful.

Show and Tell

Lynn Fletcher showed us her French Braid UFO. It was started in 2009 and finished in 2015. It was quilted

by Leah Sample. Sherrie Dodds showed us her 2014 guild BOM. It was her first guild BOM and she also quilted it herself. Shirley Clark brought a quilt for a brand new great-grandson, age 5, who was inherited when her daughter recently got married. Shirley also made a matching pillowcase in the theme of Spiderman and Cars. Shirley also had a tale; the hospice quilt given to Kelley Davis was made by her Knot, Piecemakers. Janell Barkley had Numbers Game which was a string quilt she made for her CPA who keeps all Janell's numbers on the up and up.

Judy Pearlstein brought a quilt she made for her daughter's friend. The pattern is Braidwork and it was quilted by Alina Polta. Judy also had a baby quilt using the pattern, Off the Rail, for baby Silvie. Judy quilted this one herself. Wanda Cockrell showed us a polka-dot/minkie quilt that used the pattern, Pineapple String from the book Trash to Treasures by Gyleen Fitzgerald. It was a very happy quilt. Mary Jane Beard brought a Churn Dash made from fabric from the baby bed bumper pad that was used with her 2 granddaughters. Mary Jane also showed us Green and Grey II, a random squares pattern that used blocks from a guild Community Service work day. Cloie Morgan brought Quilt for Molly, a churn dash baby quilt. Her second quilt was also a baby quilt in the churn dash pattern.

Cloie also updated us on Kelley Davis. She is in pain but they are managing it for her. She is at the living center on Stagecoach Road past Pinwheel Fabrics. Cynthia Quick brought a churn dash using little boy and little girl fabrics. Cynthia said her challenge is coming up – she is going to invest in a long-arm machine! She also showed us a Triple Irish Chain that used green fabrics that she had won. Cynthia wanted to use the green fabric and likes traditional quilts. Donna Oates showed us Paradise using the pattern, Margarita Sunrise. It was quilted by Leah Sample using the pattern called Hawaiian Holiday. Alicia Bell brought Ships Ahoy; it is a pattern from Crafts.com. The quilt is for Alicia's friend's new baby boy due at the end of April. Alicia's mother quilted it and bound it for her. Jackie Bibbs showed us her churn dash challenge where the churn dash was the center of focus. Lavern Schaap also brought a churn dash which she is entering in the NQA Little Quilt auction. Wilma Richter also showed us a churn dash which also featured a churn dash on the back also. It was quilted by Leah Sample.

Patty Harris showed us a quilt started by her Aunt Hilda. It is a 30-year-old UFO. It is a custom quilt with a flower garden and a star. Her Aunt's appliqué blocks were finished by Patty. Renee (your fearless secretary did not have your surname – so sorry) told us a tale. Renee is very new to our guild. Her daughter is director of Fine Arts at Renee's granddaughter's school. They needed a project for 1st graders. Renee designed a quilt made out of cutout felt owls. It was sashed with fabrics with leaves on it so it looked like the owls were in trees. The quilt had 25 squares to accommodate all the children in the class. The best part? The quilt made \$120 dollars at the school's auction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sally Burrup

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

August 7, 2014
through
May 3, 2015

The Great Arkansas Quilt Show III exhibit at the Historic Arkansas Museum, 200 E. Third Street, Little Rock, AR 72201. See pictures of the winners here:
<http://www.arkansasonline.com/galleries/18660/album/>

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 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.

INSPIRATION IS EVERYWHERE

**Quiltfest 2015 – July 10th-11th
Hot Springs Convention Center**

All entry forms and information sheets are posted on the website – www.hsaquiltguild.com. Please send in entry forms by May 1st. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us info@hsaquiltguild.com.

Our show chair is Beth Wynn, 501-318-0947,
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Again, thank you for your past support and we hope to see you in July.

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GET OUT YOUR J HOOKS!

Our booth at the NQA show in June will be staffed by member volunteers. (Please sign up with Latitia Nichols for a time slot when you can 'man' the booth.) AQG will be selling tulle/net scrubbies crocheted with the pattern below. They are easy to make and don't require much time or material...only 2" wide tulle or nylon net and a J hook! Volunteer now and make some scrubbies and volunteer in June to help sell them at the booth!

How to Crochet a Dish Scrubbie CarmenBeeCrochet

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1Z1JVmoJ1E>

Use 2 in. wide strips of tulle or nylon net.

1. With a J hook, Ch 3, 11 dc into a magic circle (the first chain). Pull end to close circle. Join with a sl st in last ch of ch 3.
2. Ch 3, dc in same st as ch 3. 2 dc in each st around (24 dc). Join with sl st.
3. Ch 1 and sc in back loop only (blo) of each stitch. At beginning do not join; keep continuing.
4. In blo, *4 sc, sc 2 tog* repeat around to first stitch.
5. In blo, *sc 2 tog* around until 5 or 6 st.
6. Leave 10" tail. Pull thru to finish off.
7. Thread tails onto large eye needle. Sew thru remaining loops and hide all tails.



NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



NQA Committee Report

The National Quilting Association 46th Annual Show in Little Rock is fast approaching. Have you told ALL your friends? Distributed postcards to your local guilds and quilting groups, community centers, libraries, art centers, art galleries, art councils, quilt shops, antique stores, speciality shops? The time is NOW to get the word out. May 1 is the deadline for pre-registration for classes. The show will be June 18, 19 and 20, 2015. It is also time for you to volunteer both to work in the AQQ Booth (notify Latitia Nichols) and help NQA (sign-up on the NQA Quilt Show 2015 website). The vendors are now listed on the show website too; check out the list.

One huge success we have had in preparing for the NQA Show was National Quilting Day on March 21, 2015. Riley Middaugh headed the planning of the event that was held at Historic Arkansas Museum. Riley along with Latitia Nichols, Leah Sample, Mary Jane Beard, Marilyn Weaver, Wilma Richter and myself enjoyed visiting with and demonstrating quilting techniques to about 45 individuals during the day. Several new member prospects were in the group and one visitor has already joined the guild (welcome Angie!).

Now, we need to help Latitia and her committee to prepare for our booth at the NQA show. We still need more fabrics for the die-cuts we will be selling. Best

fabrics to use are brights, tone-on-tones, solids or small prints. Please look through your stash and find fabrics to contribute. It would be a huge help if you could press the fabric and have it cut into strips (red or black fabrics need to be cut into either 5" x 6" or 10" x 11" pieces; all other fabrics need to be either 8" x 24 1/2" or 9" x 22" strips) before donating. Also, do you crochet or knit? Or, want to learn to crochet or knit? Then we need you to make Scrubbies. You can search YouTube videos for any pattern you like. One good video is www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1Z1JVmoJ1E. Scrubbies may be made from tulle or nylon net. Have fun making them. This is such an easy pattern. Doesn't matter if you follow exactly or not; they still turn out great. And, rumor has it that there will be a PRIZE for making Scrubbies.

Then, (drum roll please!) Barbara Polston, Editor, "The Quilting Quarterly," the magazine of National Quilting Association, has asked us to be the featured NQA Chapter in the 2015 Fall issue of the magazine. That issue will focus on Little Rock's being the site for the 2015 show. So let's do our best to represent our guild and the state in the best way possible.

Let's Go AQQ - Let's be ready in June

Lavern Schaap
AQQ-NQA Liaison

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**DEADLINE FOR
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AQG IS GOING ON A FIELD TRIP!

We are meeting from 5:30-7:30 pm on Monday, May 11th at the old Scott Settlement Plantation at Walkers Corner Rd & Alexander Rd, Scott, AR 72142, for AIRING of our QUILTS! (See <http://www.scottconnections.org/> for a map and directions.)

Bring your favorite new or old quilts and sheeting to protect them as we display our patchwork on rail fences in the country. The business part of the AQG meeting will be short, followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social!

Members bringing this month's snacks will supply sundae condiments. If you have a hand sewing project, you might want to bring it along. If rain threatens, we will meet indoors.

Contact Liz Ketcherside or Donna Toombs if you are interested in sharing a ride.

MONTHLY SNACK REMINDER!

Bring toppings or condiments for our ice cream social in Scott.

May – A-B-C