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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!

Well, I guess winter is not over, after all. As I am getting ready for some winter weather to move in, I am using this as an excuse to hunker down and work on some projects. I really need to get some things completed because I have a lot more projects that I want to get started working on. The problem is, I most probably won't complete what I have started, I will most likely jump into something else that I have been inspired to do.

Among our challenges this year; to stretch our limits as quilters, to show our quilting journey, and/or complete unfinished projects. If I could complete my UFOs this year, I would surely win the most unfinished projects! Of course, my problem is that I have so many things to get to. I am kind of glad that our challenges from last year have been postponed until the April meeting. Maybe I can complete them and not add to my UFO pile! I need to get my churndash challenge and block of the month quilt completed!

Next month we have classes presented by Debbie Caffrey. I look forward to learning how she creates her beautiful quilts. I hope that many of you can also attend her classes. We also have the National Quilting Day on March 21st. That will be a great opportunity to share our love of quilting, and encourage people to try their hand at making their own quilts!

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We would like to collect all 2015 membership dues of \$25 by the end of March. We will make available a membership list in April.

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6 p.m., The Doctors Building, 500 South University, Little Rock, AR 72205. 8th Floor Conference Room.
AQG Meeting: March 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Quilt Celebrity Debbie Caffrey!

PRESIDENT

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And now, to return to the quilts that I am working on: the baby quilt for the baby shower this week, the community service quilt for our hospice project, the gift quilt for my neighbor. It seems that the more I do, the more that I think that I need to do. So much to do and so little time!

Until next time, happy stitches,
Donna Toombs

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AD RATES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Size	1 month	3 months	1 Year
1/8 page (w 3.5" x h 2")	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$90.00
1/4 page (w 3.5" x h 4.5")	20.00	50.00	180.00
1/2 page (w 7.25" x h 4.5")	40.00	100.00	360.00
full page (w 7.25" x h 9.5")	80.00	200.00	720.00

Classified rates for AQG member personal ads – 15¢ per word

All ads must be camera ready and fit the size requirement. The Newsletter Editor reserves the right to refuse ads that are not camera ready, do not fit the size requirement, or do not meet professional standards. All ads must be received no later than the second Thursday of the month; any ads received after that date will be included in the next month's publication. Please send your ads to Eddie Landreth, 501-315-3801, elandreth@sbcglobal.net. If there are any questions, contact Eddie.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March – Quilt Celebrity Debbie Caffrey!

April – Charlotte Williams of Pinwheel Fabrics:
Program and Vending

May – Airing of the Quilts.

AQG PROGRAM NOTES – FEBRUARY 9

Norma McKinnon of Hickory Hills Quilts in Hot Springs opened our eyes (at least MY eyes) to a new way of quilt making: piecing-in-the-hoop. Using her Special Edition Bernina 880, she demonstrated how to use a design disk program that determines where to stitch patchwork pieces onto background fabric that's stretched into a hoop. Then the embroidery machine automatically does its thing to precision finish the block with perfect points.

That was a fine use of an embroidery machine, since some of us may think the same as Norma did when she first considered buying one: namely, "How many teddy bears can you put on a pocket?" She demonstrated the technique on Heaven and Earth, a KennyKreations quilt, and showed two others from that line: Carnival and Mosaic Melodies. All three look like standard patchwork quilts, but all are made automatically – almost untouched by human hands.

Check out <http://www.kennykcreations.com/> for more information.

Hickory Hills will soon be a Judy Niemeyer certified shop. Norma displayed two Judy Niemeyer quilts she'd made – Fire Island Hosta and Vintage Compass – that were requirements for her upcoming certification class in Montana.

Here's how I looked when I saw Norma piece blocks in a hoop with her Bernina 880. Just like folks riding in



buggies must have looked at horseless carriages – those newfangled automobiles. Or our grandmothers who hand stitched and used scissors must have reacted to sewing machines and rotary cutters.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Intrigued and Agog Program Scribe

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Garcia	March 2
Shelia Simpson	March 3
Sally Burrup	March 8
Tiffanee Noack	March 11
Leah Sample	March 11
Carol Thomasson	March 25

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 31, 2015

Welcome New Members

ASSETS	January 31, 2015	
Centennial Bank Checking	\$	11,816.52
Outstanding Checks		(50.00)
Petty Cash/Rummage & QA 2013		100.00
Sarah Savings		0.00
Sarah CD matures 9/10/14		5,028.80
Centennial Bank \$10,000 CD		9,521.12
Total Checking/Savings	\$	26,416.44
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	26,416.44
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
Total Designated Funds	\$	7,381.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	7,381.60
	January 2015	Year to Date
INCOME		
Advertising	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
AWOL - Spring	0.00	0.00
AWOL - Fall	0.00	0.00
From Savings	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	40.51	40.51
Interest	0.00	0.00
Membership	845.00	845.00
Quilt Arkansas 2015	325.00	325.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Workshop	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Quilt Show	0.00	0.00
NQA	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,390.51	\$ 1,390.51
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
AWOL - Spring	0.00	0.00
AWOL - Fall	0.00	0.00
Challenges	0.00	0.00
Community Service	0.00	0.00
Demos	0.00	0.00
Door Prizes	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
Membership	0.00	0.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	22.11	22.11
Programs	213.25	213.25
Quilt Arkansas 2015	185.97	2055.17
Quilt Exhibit 2015	0.00	0.00
Rent	240.00	240.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	0.00
Web Hosting	0.00	0.00
Workshop	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Sunshine Committee	0.00	0.00
NQA Donation	0.00	0.00
NQA Expenses	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 661.33	\$ 2,530.53
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 729.18	\$ (1,140.02)

Kim Lotz, Treasurer
1/31/15

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."

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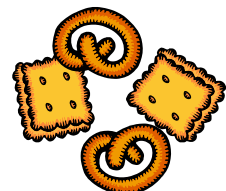
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MONTHLY SNACK REMINDER!

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.

March – S-T-U
April – V-W-X-Y-Z
May – A-B-C
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!



ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
9 FEBRUARY, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President, Donna Toombs.

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

Treasurer's Report – Kim Lotz

As of January 31, 2015: Checking balance \$11,816.52; Outstanding checks (50.00); Working balance \$11,766.52; Income for January \$1390.51; Expenses for January \$661.33; Net gain for month \$729.18

Community Service – Nola Ballinger

Two quilts have been donated so far. Sizes wanted are crib, lap, twin, and full. Donna has 3 tops and backing for the tops. Nola asked for volunteers to put these together. Please see Nola if you can help. Donna will bring the quilt tops next month. Nola is re-thinking how the drawing will work for those who contribute quilts for our community service project.

Program – Liz Ketcherside

Liz told us a tale; last week, her cousin's mother was admitted to Hospice. The picture that was shared with the family showed the lady with a beautiful quilt!

Debbie Caffrey will be our National Teacher this year and will provide classes and our program in March. The classes will be on March 7th and 8th. There is a 20-person minimum for each class. So far, 6 have signed up for Saturday and 8 for Sunday. Please sign up! Liz asked for a show of hands of those in our meeting who had never been to a class offered by a national teacher. She then asked how many would want to go? Liz said that she would be in the back of the room during break and for those who had raised their hands to please come and sign up for a surprise.

The April program will be by Charlotte Williams of Pinwheel Fabrics. She will also vend at the meeting. The May program will be the "Airing of the Quilts" in Scott. This event will also include an ice cream social. Please bring a sheet to put on the fence to protect your quilt(s).

Cookbook Sales and NQA Update – Lavern Schaap

Cookbooks are still available! We have sold 286 so far for a profit of \$2,038. Lavern even mailed some to Alabama after Donna received an e-mail request. The committee is planning the next order so we will have books available for sale at NQA in June.

Lavern showed the T-shirt that will be worn by guild members who volunteer at the NQA event in June. They are turquoise and have bling. The attendees at the event will be able to tell that we are members of the Arkansas Quilters Guild. The show will be here for 5 years so we will have the opportunity to wear them in multiple years. The shirts are \$17. The price will be \$19 for 2XL. It was noted that the shirts are 100% cotton and pre-shrunk. They are a good brand and of a high quality. For those who order tonight, shirts will be available for the March 21st National Quilting Day.

There will be a NQA work day on March 9th, our next meeting day. Start time will be 10:00 AM and go until meeting time. There is still fabric to cut and those who crochet can sit and make scrubbies which will be for sale in the AQG booth at NQA.

Riley Middaugh told us of the plans for National Quilting Day. The event will now be held at the Historic Arkansas Museum on March 21st. HAM offered us space for the event which will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be 6 tables for demos. Mary Jane Beard (English paper piecing), Marilyn Weaver (two color binding) with the help of Wilma Richter, Sammye Harrill (Disappearing Hourglass), Lavern Schaap (info about AQG, Quilt Arkansas, and NQA); and Riley Middaugh (the NQA Quilting Day block assembly) are among those helping out with demos. Mary Jane is willing to share her table with someone willing to demo quilt labels, hand-quilting, etc. We want to create excitement for quilting and for our guild. Riley has set up a Facebook page and is sending out announcements with details. Guild members were asked to like the Facebook page and share it with their friends and to also make comments on the posts. She also has bookmarks available. Those who attend will also get to see the Great Arkansas Quilt Show 3 currently on display.

Riley has sent information to the local community calendars and HAM will have this event on their calendar.

NQA Booth – report sent by Letitia Nichols

The plans for set up are complete. Fabric pre-cuts will be ready and there will be a continuous PowerPoint presentation showing the benefits and fun involved in guild membership. Scrubbies will be available for sale along with our cookbooks. There will also be information available about Quilt Arkansas 2015. Volunteers are needed for our AQG booth! This volunteer "gig" is separate from the NQA volunteer assignments.

Check the NQA website and sign up for classes. Tickets are required for special events. Lavern has a binder with biographical information and galleries for the national teachers. There are classes available for all quilters – traditional, modern, and art. Postcards are available for NQA. They are very colorful and Lavern suggested that they be given to those who would not hear about NQA any other way.

Volunteer now, and volunteer often!

BOM and QA – Alina Polta

Alina said the calendar blocks quilts will be shown in the April meeting.

Quilt Arkansas will be October 1st-3rd. We have Save the Date cards, registration forms, and order forms for shirts and tote bags. The denim shirts are \$25 and the tote bags are \$20 – both for pre-orders only. National teachers are Gail Garber and Lola Jenkins. We have

Tomorrow's Heirlooms XV

QUILT SHOW

April 10-11, 2015

Fri. (9:00-6:00), Sat. (9:00-4:00)

Benton County Fairgrounds

7640 Regional Airport Blvd. – Bentonville, AR 72712

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- * 450+ Quilts * Small Quilt Auction (Sat. 1:00)
 - * Guild Boutique * Bed Turnings (Fri. & Sat.)
 - * Vendor Mall * Quilt Appraiser
 - * Special Exhibits (antique, modern, miniature & string quilts)

\$7 Admission / Children under 12 Free
(visit the blogsite below for a \$1.00 off coupon)

Sponsored by Q.U.I.L.T. of NW Arkansas
www.quiltguildnwa.edublogs.org

Raffle quilt designed by Joan Beyette. Blocks made by guild members.
Drawing Saturday approximately 3:00 p.m.





**JOIN US MARCH 7, 8, AND 9, 2015
CLASSES, LECTURE, AND LOADS OF FUN
CLASSES HELD AT BAPTIST HEALTH
SOUTHWEST CAMPUS, LITTLE ROCK**

**LECTURE
"HOW TO HAVE IT ALL –
HOW TO MOVE IT, USE IT, AND NEVER
LOSE IT"
MONDAY, MARCH 9
REGULAR AQG MEETING 6:30 PM**

**"HIP TO BE SQUARE"
SEPTEMBER SONG
SATURDAY, MARCH 7
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
COST \$50.00**



Using the great Method #5 technique for making half-square triangle units from Debbie's book *Power Cutting, Too*, you will learn how to make a variety of blocks including Split Nine Patch, as seen in the book's cover quilt "Robo-Cats", a scrappy simple Nine Patch Autumn Leaf, a scrappy Bear's Paw, and many more by making very simple, large (6" - 10") half-square triangle units.

**"QUILTING SEASON"
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
9:00 AM - 4 PM
COST \$50.00
REQUIRES BOOK \$15.00**



Book contains four different patterns. Each pattern employs a different skill or technique. All four patterns are presented in the workshop. Most of the day will be spent sewing. Each quilter will choose which of the four patterns to work on and what size quilt she will make.

DEBBIE CAFFREY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

"Hip to Be Square"
Saturday, March 7, 2015 Class Fee: \$50.00 _____

"Quilting Season"
Sunday, March 8, 2015 Class Fee: \$50.00 _____
Book is on Debbie's Web Site for \$15.00
www.debbiescreativemoments.com

Total Due: _____

Once your registration has been received, a confirmation will be sent to you along with a list of general supplies that you will need to bring with you.

I look forward to seeing you there. I know it will be a great time. Thank you for supporting Arkansas Quilters Guild.

Regular Guild Meeting, Monday the 9th at 6:30 PM to hear Debbie's lecture "How to have it all-How to move it, use it, and never lose it." Social Hour starts at 5:30 PM.

Mail your registration to:
Liz Ketcherside
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Scott, AR 72142

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several local teachers also. Judy Rickard's class quilt was on display in the back of the room. This is going to be a great event!

Pat Crawford told us about the Challenge for Quilt Arkansas. It will be a 36" x 36" quilt using the theme, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" or anything to do with The Wizard of Oz. Some suggestions were monkeys, ruby slippers, witches, etc.

Challenges – Melissa Landreth

There are three challenges this year. There will be a UFO challenge; projects have to have been started before January 1, 2015 and completed by December 31, 2015. Colorful forms are available for the UFO's and should be separate from Show and Tell forms. Prizes will be available for the oldest UFO, the most completed, and a random drawing for those who participate in the UFO challenge. The second challenge is Journey – the item should tell about your journey in quilting or in life. The third is Branch Out which will encourage us to try a new technique or skill. Depending on the project, your challenge quilt could fit all three categories!

Membership – Debbie Spinks

We currently have 92 paid members. We have the following new members this month: Candy Berry, Norma McKinnon, Boneta Hollis, Patricia Harris, Renee Zermatten, and Lynda Morgan. (Note: Only the names of Candy Berry and Boneta Hollis were announced at the meeting.)

Hostess – Kathy Jones and Sharon Weinsinger

There were 55 members and 6 guests present. Guests were Patty Harris, Renee Zermatten, Lana Matanelli, Sue Garrett, Dianna McKinnon, and Peggy Liddel.

Door prizes were won by Judy Stewart, Wanda Cockrill, Janice Fielder, Shirley Clark, Donna Oates, and Eddie Landreth.

Donna asked about problems with password-protecting the newsletter. Several members had trouble getting in. The guild newsletter was password protected late last year because there was a concern about privacy regarding members' addresses and phone numbers. The Standing Rules of the guild state that new members' names, addresses, and phone numbers are to be

published in the newsletter. The Officers' and other Board members' contact information is also on the front page of the newsletter. Other comments also brought to light that our budget and Treasurer's report should also be considered private data.

It was noted that most of the other guilds in our area have password protection on their websites and very little information, if any, is available for public view. Donna Toombs noted, and many agreed, that seeing information about our guild's programs and activities often determines if people want to visit our meetings and join our group.

To alleviate this concern, a motion was made to have private data such as membership and budget information password-protected in a MEMBERS ONLY section of our website. Other information will still be available for public view. The motion was seconded and the group voted in favor.

To change Standing Rules, the motion must be detailed in the next newsletter and voted on in the March meeting.

Show and Tell

Jim Gatling showed us several items. The first was an Iris Applique quilt that was quilted by Eddie Landreth for Mary Love. Jim also brought Tom Russell's Animal Designs used in a Morrillton School quilt. He also showed us the Morrillton School quilt from 1976 and identified Tom Russell's block which was a chicken and egg. These designs were drawn out on graph paper. Jim gave a short tribute to Tom Russell who was a former member of our guild and a prominent Arkansas quilter. Tom passed away last month. Jim also showed us a Crayon challenge from the Conway guild in peach, his most hated color. (The quilt was mostly black and white.) Jim also brought two quilt tops made from Charlotte Angotti blocks assembled by Beverly Phillips. The blocks were done in purple, green, pink and beige batiks.

Kathy Jones displayed Purple Rhapsody. She also told a tale; her husband runs a golf tournament every year. They decided to do a raffle quilt and when it was finished, he said they had decided NOT to do the raffle. It was quilted by Alina Polta. Shannon Young showed us two pillows of her own design. It could soon be a class at Pinwheel fabrics. Jan Partain brought Spaz Catz. Jan developed the pattern herself and made it up as she went along. It was quilted by Alina Polta using a lightning pantograph.

Sharon Weinsinger showed us Island in the Sky which is a Bargello pattern and the quilt contained 20 different fabrics in shades of green, yellow and pink! Pat Crawford brought Kindred Spirits. It was a Pinwheel Fabrics BOM started in January 2013 and completed in February 2015. It was quilted by Eddie Landreth. Pat also showed us Mardi Gras which was a 2009 Quilt Arkansas project from a Jaynette Huff class. Boneta Hollis showed us a Starry-Eyed quilt from a Moda pattern. It is her very own Christmas quilt to keep! Wanda Cockrill told a tale of the Daisy Patch annual quilt show in Heber Springs. It will be April 24th and

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25th at the Cleburne County Fairgrounds. Judy Rickard's quilt, Blue Diamonds, was on display in the back of the room. Judy will teach this class at Quilt Arkansas. It is 60-degree diamonds.

Shirley Clark displayed Pinks – a round robin quilt from her Knot. Shirley quilted it also. It was started in February 2014 and completed in January 2015. Patty Harris showed us a 2015 Mystery quilt, a modified Bento Box with 9 patch. Patty and three of her friends followed directions on the Internet not knowing what the finished quilt would look like until time to assemble. Patty does not have blue in her home so will give the quilt to her daughter. Her daughter is doing one for her in return that will fit into her home better than blue. Marilyn Weaver brought Name Above All Names from a pattern of the same name by Krista Hamrick. It is an embroidery quilt. Melissa Landreth said she finished a

baby quilt but had to gift it before she could show it to us. She also showed us blinged-up stilettos that she had made. Jim Gatling came back around to show us a 2006 Quilting Arts magazine that had Jim's and Tom Russell's quilt featured in the magazine. Jim "appropriated" the magazine from someone at the meeting. Jim also reminded us that Ricky Tims' Quilt Show website is featuring Tom Russell's program from November 2014.

Finally, the surprise! Winners of the drawing for a space at Debbie Caffrey's classes in March are Dana Shaeffer and Boneta Hollis (Dana and Boneta can attend one class for free). Those winning half of the class fee are Deanna Tabor and Robin Tyler.

There being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Burrup, Secretary

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

March 9

AQG workday held from 10 am to 5 pm in our regular meeting room prior to the meeting on 3/9. We will work on pressing and cutting fabric for the die-cuts and making scrubbies in preparation for National Quilting Day.

March 13-15

Dallas Quilt Celebration in the Dallas Market Hall, 10-5 Friday & Saturday, 12-5 Sunday; see www.quiltersguildofdallas.org for more info.

March 14

Plantation Agriculture will offer a Table Topper workshop taught by Rene Riggan from Ritsy Rags from 9 am-4 pm for \$20 + \$10 kit. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. Contact Musuem (plantationagrimuseum@arkansas.com, 501-961-1409) for more information.

March 21

National Quilting Day, AQG activities will be held at the Historic Arkansas Museum. Riley Middaugh is coordinating and looking for demos. Contact her at ram0220@aol.com.

April 10-11

Q.U.I.L.T. Guild of NWA presents Q.U.I.L.T. Guild of NWA Tomorrow's Heirlooms XV Quilt Show with 450+ quilts, vendors, raffle, and more in Bentonville, AR. See www.quiltguildnwa.edublogs.org for more info.

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

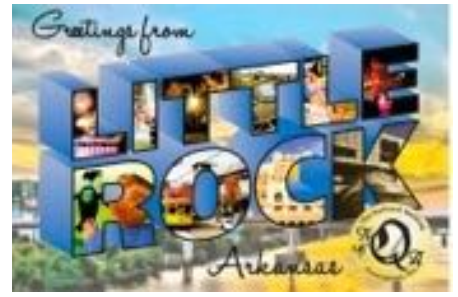
Quilt Congress – "Meet Me at the Fair." Calico Cut-Ups will be the host for Quilt Congress this year! Cost for the event is \$35 per person which includes Friday evening's entertainment and Saturday's lectures and lunch. Headliner for the event is Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles! Workshops will be 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.



NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



There is a lot of news this month regarding NQA activities!!!

AQG T-Shirts

Our Arkansas Quilters Guild T-shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts were designed (with suggestions from and approval by the Ott Knot) by Audria of V-Town Tees in Vilonia. On the back of the turquoise shirt is the outline of the state of Arkansas in hot pink with a large "AQG and Arkansas Quilters Guild" in lime green. On the front is the AQG logo. And, there is a little "Bling" on both the front and back. Cost is \$17 (2XL is \$19). The shirts are designed with the future NQA shows in mind. They can be worn this year and when NQA returns.

If you have not already purchased a shirt, plan to at the March meeting. Then it will be available to wear to National Quilting Day at HAM on March 21.

NQA Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the NQA Committee at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrell on February 26, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Even if you haven't attended any of these meetings, come join us as we plan for National Quilting Day and the NQA show in June.

NQA Workday – March 9, before regular meeting, 10-5.

We will prep fabric for and prepare pre-cut designs and make scrubbies for selling in the AQG booth at the NQA Show. Bring your irons, pressing mats, cutting boards and rotary cutters. If you have leftover red fabric that needs a new home, bring it to use for some of the pre-cuts. We will also need yardage of nylon net to make the scrubbies.

National Quilting Day – Saturday, March 21

Riley Middaugh has some great activities planned for AQG to celebrate National Quilting Day. We will have several demonstrations of quilting techniques going on all day (10:00-4:00) at the Historic Arkansas

Museum, 200 E. 3rd Street in Little Rock. Come join us and you will also get another chance to see the quilts of The Great Arkansas Quilt Show 3 which will still be displayed. You can keep up with the plans by searching on Facebook for "AQG National Quilting Day."

NQA Booth

Plans are coming together for the set-up of the AQG booth during the NQA Show. There will be pre-cuts for sale and samples that display possible uses for the pre-cuts. A large computer screen will continually run a Powerpoint presentation with pictures and have information showing the fun benefits of guild membership. Other items for sale will be scrubbies, cookbooks and AQG lapel pins.

Information will be available for Quilt Arkansas 2015 – "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" Registration and AQG Membership.

NQA Show

Have you checked the NQA Show website (<http://www.nqaquilts.org/quiltshow/site/2015/>) lately? Teachers and classes and special events are now listed. Register for the ones you want – It may be a difficult choice. They all look interesting. You may also purchase tickets for the special events and purchase tickets for your friends and family members who want to attend the show but not register for classes.

AND – Volunteer!!!

Go to the volunteer page on the website for instructions and to choose the best times and activities for you. If you volunteer for at least two hours then you get admission for the day.

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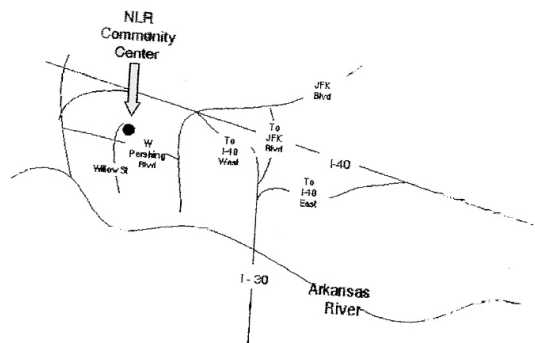
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AQG Meeting
NLR Community Center
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