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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.*

One of my neighbors went to a quilt show, out of state, this last weekend. (Her niece had entered a quilt in the show.) She sent me a picture of their "Best of Show," a beautifully hand-quilted, applique quilt. Simply seeing the picture was stunning. I can only imagine what the impression was to be standing there, studying the quilt. It made me feel good that she went to the show and was so impressed, however, we had the NQA show right here in Little Rock, and she didn't go. I think that I will be able to convince her to go to the NQA show next year!

You know, we have a lot of quilt talent in our guild. Every month we have Show and Tell, and there are some wonderful things to see. This past meeting we had two of our members present their quilts and stories in our Meet the Members series. Jackie Bibbs and Judy Rickard each brought some of their quilts to share. It was a very entertaining and insightful meeting. You see, each of us has a story to tell about how we began to be involved in the quilting world. But you know, there are many and varied reasons that we travelled down the quilting road. There is a need to "make a quilt" for a baby coming into the family. There is the need to "make a quilt" for comfort for those that are ill and needing a little extra show of love. There is the need to "make a quilt" to express a subject in an artistic way, a vision of color or contrast, an expression of a feeling, or a pain, that we want to share.

There is another view that we need to explore. That is the need to learn. The "pushing of our envelopes" so to speak. Each time that we move to do something that we have not done before, we expand ourselves and challenge ourselves to move to another level. This is almost like a personal journey. You know that one of our guild challenges is to examine our "personal

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2015, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.
AQG Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. French Seam/Karen French

PRESIDENT

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journey,” to see how we have grown, whether as a quilter, as a subject matter, or as a state of mind. We each have so much to learn and share.

I know that when I leave each of our guild meetings, I am inspired by the people who join us. You join together, you share your thoughts, your ideas, your visions. I am uplifted and encouraged to be a part of this wonderful group of women and men who are a part of this guild. We are all different, and we share what we have learned and how we learned. This is truly a great part of belonging to a guild.

If I could do anything, I would like to encourage you to learn as much as you can. Strive to excel, but don't forget the purpose of your quilt. Participate in as many ways that you can. Go to Sit and Sews, take classes, put a quilt in a show, volunteer at the next quilt show. You will benefit in ways that will be subtle at first, but then you will come to understand that you are part of a huge quilting community, and it is an awesome community!

Happy Stitches!
Donna Toombs

A DIEU TO TWO MEMBERS

We sadly said good-bye to two guild members who passed away this month.

Kelley Davis on August 12
Deb Chance on August 16

Kelley served the guild as newsletter chair for years and years. Deb was the guild's most active Texas member. Each will be greatly missed.

MONTHLY SNACK REMINDER!

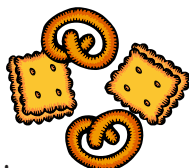
We would like to encourage you to bring snacks for the meeting. It doesn't need to be fancy, but everyone enjoys having a little something during the meeting.

September – N-O-P

October – Q-R-S

November – T -U-V

December – Everyone! It's a party!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2015

September – The French Seam who will also be vending at the meeting

October – Quilt Arkansas teacher Lola Jenkins – Date changed to 1st Monday of the month.

November – The Fabric Café, Donna Robertson who specializes in 3-yard quilts.

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OCTOBER MEETING
will be
FIRST (not second) MONDAY

OCTOBER 5th, 2015

WWWWHAT?

Looking for the AQG Website? Try:
Quilt Guild, Quilters, Quilting, Arkansas Guild

View on www.arkansasquiltersguild.org

Site construction continues. Alina Polta has taken over as webmaster and is hard at work giving the pages a refresh. Let her know what you think!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robin Tyler	September 2
Donna Clements	September 11
Ginny Watson	September 12
Marilyn Adams	September 14
Nancy Casey	September 14
Lauren Hill	September 15
Marilyn Weaver	September 18
Mary Jane Beard	September 19
Elaine Green	September 20
Peggy House	September 21
Donna Toombs	September 22
Janell Barkley	September 23
Phillis Westerfield	September 25
Patricia Crawford	September 28
Letitia King	September 29
Desiree Gipson	September 30



NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



AQG-NQA Committee

Hope you have your “Thinking Caps” on and are getting ready to start spreading the word for the 47th Annual National Quilting Association Quilt Show, “Diamonds in the Sky,” May 19-21, 2016. The show will again be at Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock with the featured teacher being Ricky Tims.

For our committee meetings, I have reserved the meeting room at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrell for the following dates: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, and Apr. 21. Meetings will be from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Your assignment for the first meeting is to bring (or email to rhschaapjr@aol.com) a list of the community calendars, quilt shops, speciality shops, antique stores, senior citizen groups, libraries, school art departments, etc., that you are familiar with. Please include e-mail addresses so we can send information to each one. If you know a personal contact, include that too. This year also, we are expanding our contact lists to the states surrounding Arkansas so include those places too.

Please plan on being at the kick-off meeting on Sept. 17.

Thanks for all you did for the 2015 show and for what you will do for 2016.

Lavern Schaap,
AQG-NQA Liaison

See you next year!
May 19-21, 2016 Little Rock AR
Watch for updates at www.nqaquilts.org

Diamonds in the Sky

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

Donna Toombs

MEET AQG MEMBERS JACKIE BIBBS AND JUDY RICKARD

At the August meeting, we got to know two more of our members and their quilting journeys. First was Jackie Bibbs. She started with a statement common to most of these member presentations, "It was hard to find quilts to show; because I give most of my quilts away." Her journey started in 1999 with "Charmed I'm Sure," a hand-pieced quilt made at Stitches in a Marie Henry class. Then came a quilt for her daughter Camille called Princess's Pyramid. This quilt was paper-pieced and from it, Jackie learned she did not want to make paper-pieced quilts. And, also that she wanted to take classes to learn techniques, not make finished quilts.

Jackie joined AQG in 1999 and her advice is: Join a guild and when the guild offers a class, take it. She took Jodie Barrow's class, "Square in a Square," and learned to use Jodie's special ruler which she still uses today. In 2002, she took a Yvonne Porcella class during "The Great Arkansas Quilt Show" and made a table runner. Next came a guild challenge of a Round Robin vest. And then a medallion quilt guild challenge. The member started with a center square. That square and more matching fabrics were placed in a box. At meetings the name of a particular technique would be drawn and the next person in the member's group would receive the box and add the designated round. At the end of the year, the member received back a completed quilt top.

Jackie couldn't show examples of finished projects from 2002-2004 but could confirm that during this period she had made Rail Fence, T-Shirt and Signature quilts. From 2004, she showed a 9-Patch challenge quilt and a Christmas quilt, quilted by Joyce Dempsey. Then husband, Phil, was needing a quilt since she had been giving so many away. Options were endless because Phil is a golfer, hunter, fisherman and gardener (Note from Jackie: If your spouse is a deer hunter, October is your own). Her thought was to make a fireplace cover that would match the "other dead things" hanging around the den. She chose to feature ducks. From this quilt, came a commission for a quilt for the Witt Stevens Nature Center. There her quilt hangs in the space where the duck calls are displayed.

In the 2005-2008 years, she tried hand quilting. That is now another technique off her bucket list. Her suggestion for trying new techniques is to, if possible, use a purchased panel rather than spend a lot of time making a quilt top. In 2009, her Mardi Gras quilt took 2nd Place in the Quilt Arkansas challenge, a fitting happening since Jackie is a Louisiana native. In 2010, she completed a McCall Quilting project named "Tuscan Village." Also, she showed a COMPLETED class project from the Deb Karasik classes the guild held.

In 2013, she completed Mexican Stars and answered Phil's question of when do we get a bed quilt? He had wanted a Double Wedding Ring and Jackie wasn't fond

of all the curved piecing involved and she had used ALL her pins trying to get all the pieces ready to piece. That is until at an AWOL she saw a "Curve Master Presser Foot." This foot fits all machines and makes curves "work."

More sage advice from Jackie: – Use the internet. Get inspiration, solve problems or find quilting patterns (check out Leah Day). Jackie's unique project to learn Leah's patterns was to make a "gun cleaning pad" for Phil. However, the first one was too short for his longer guns. It now covers her sewing machine and he has a longer one. – A miniature quilt may take just as long to make as a large quilt. – When you give a quilt, it is no longer your quilt, you have GIVEN it away. – Go on road trips. You can get more "stuff" that way. – Join a Knot. Don't sew by yourself; do it together.

The last quilt from Jackie was one made for Marty Stanchi's granddaughter using panda fabric from China in a Pagoda block pattern. Thanks Jackie. Being around you is always an inspiration in quilting and friendship!

After Jackie, Judy Rickard showed quilts and told her story. She started in 1989 when the Arkansas Arts Center offered classes. She took the Beginning class three years because classmates never wanted to go on to year two. From these classes she also learned that she didn't need to do hand quilting again. Next, Judy showed a quilt started in 1992 in a Jaynette Huff Medallion class that used a wedge ruler. The quilt was finished in 2010 and she had Sharon Danner quilt it. Back in the 90s she tried curved piecing, more hand quilting, log cabin patterns and tessellations hand drawn on newsprint.

Through the years she has made Churn Dash quilts and used Pat Eaton's flag pattern. In 2007, she used photographs from a Hawaii vacation to try photo transfer in a quilt. She has done whole cloth quilts, T-shirt quilts. She showed an Oriental Lanterns quilt made from black and white and red fabrics from her friend, Sarah Ziegenbein's stash.

Other quilts shown were a children's quilt of Brights, a French Braid quilt from a Shannon Young class at Pinwheel Fabrics and quilted by Leah Sample. And, two quilts, Blue Diamonds and a black and white and lime Carpenter's Star. The Blue Diamonds and Carpenter's Star are classes Judy will teach at Quilt Arkansas 2015.

Judy closed with the importance her quilting friends have had in her life since joining the guild twenty years ago. Judy, thank you for those twenty years and all you have done for the guild and for each of us, who are so happy to call you Friend.

Lavern Schaap,
The scribe wondering why would ANYONE not want to be an AQG member when you get to be friends with people like Jackie and Judy!

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
10 AUGUST, 2015

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

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

Donna mentioned that she has a player piano with all the parts if anyone is interested in one!

The treasurer's report was given by Kim Lotz. It will be published in the member section of the website.

First order of business was discussing new officers for next year. A committee is needed that consists of three AQG Board members and two volunteers from the group at large. Members of the committee will be: Debbie Spinks, Liz Ketcherside, Kathy Jones, Jim Gatling, and either Sue Hankins or Kay Agee. The proposed slate of officers will be presented in the September meeting and voted on in the October meeting.

Committee Reports

Programs – Liz Ketcherside (2nd year as program chair) told members to volunteer for an office! Liz has found it rewarding and a great way to meet people and get to know guild members better.

August – Meet Your Members with Jackie Bibbs and Judy Rickard

September – The French Seam who will also be vending at the meeting

October – Quilt Arkansas teacher Lola Jenkins – Date changed to 1st Monday of the month.

November – The Fabric Café, Donna Robertson who specializes in 3-yard quilts. She had a booth at NQA also.

December – Party!

Membership – Debbie Spinks

We now have 124 members. Linda Singleton was not present to be introduced.

NQA – Lavern Schaap

We have about 150 cookbooks for sale and they are \$10 for members. Please keep in mind for Christmas presents! Lavern then asked the group a question: How many of you have worked for Baptist Health at one time? Several people raised their hands. "What is on-stage behavior?" It is public behavior towards others, including coworkers and patients. The NQA organization heard that there were comments made at NQA (and overheard by vendors) about some aspects of the NQA event. Even though some of it may have been truthful, it was discussed in a public venue. In the future, please take concerns to the Volunteer Lounge!

The next NQA will be May 19-21, 2016. Ricky Timms is coming to do two all-day events and one evening program.

Lavern is planning meetings on the 3rd Thursday of September, October, January, February, March, and April. These will be held at the Whole Hog on Cantrell. Please come and participate. The next NQA is going to be better because of what we learned. Keep your eyes open for any publication that accepts calendar events for free. We need to get NQA on as many publications as possible. We will also branch out into neighboring states, other quilt guilds, local magazines, other quilt shows, etc. Lavern thanked everyone again for all the volunteer help!

Challenges – Melissa Landreth

Melissa reminded us of the three challenges: UFO, Journey, and Branch Out. UFOs can qualify to be the oldest, the largest number submitted, or a random drawing. Remember, with planning your entry could fit more than one category!

Quilt Arkansas – Alina Polta

This is the last night to register. There will be one more order of shirts and totes. If you want one after tonight, please mail your request and money to Alina. The Early-Bird registration prize was won by Mary Jo Pledger. Those who have signed up will be receiving e-mails soon confirming the classes they requested.

Website – Alina Polta

The website has changed to www.Arkansasquiltersguild.org. The old address will automatically redirect to the new address. There were problems moving the picture archives for 2008 from the old site. If anyone has the pictures, please let Alina know. Marilyn Weaver and Jim Gatling may have them. Everything on the new site is web-based. Alina has archived information on a thumb drive for the future. If anyone is interested in being a webmaster intern, please let Alina know. She will be happy to train someone else.

QA Challenge – Pat Crawford

The theme is "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." Entries are to be 36" x 36" and can also be used for the Quilt Exhibit at the Terry Library. There will be 4 winners. Cash prizes are 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, 3rd place - \$35, and Honorable Mention - \$25. Ribbons will be lovely rosettes made by Frances Wade.

Quilt Exhibit – Mary Jane Beard

The exhibit will again be at the Terry Library October 13th – December 15th. As a reminder, the Quilt Arkansas challenges can be submitted to the show. Mary Jane has submission forms. She needs the forms as soon as possible in order to have plan for arranging the quilts. Please have them to Mary Jane no later than our September guild meeting! The quilts can be turned in

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later. Due to the library's architecture, we can only have about 30 large quilts. The quilts have to hang at 76" or less so plan your sleeve accordingly or pin the bottom of the quilt up to 76" or less. As usual, the quilts should have a 4" sleeve with your name on the quilt. Please put in a bag with your name on it for transport. Entries can be turned into Mary Jane or Judy Young or they can be brought to the October 13th guild meeting. We need about 70 quilts plus collections or miniatures to fill both display cases.

Community Service – Nola Ballinger

Nola said that the committee is a fun and rewarding position! Nola delivered 19 quilts this month. So far, we have donated 35 quilts. On the last visit, a worker came in and saw a quilt with hearts on it and said it was needed immediately for someone who had just arrived at the Hospice and was very, very sad. The lady's son was there with her and the quilt cheered her greatly. Nola said this is one of the great and rewarding moments she has experienced in delivering the quilts.

Jim Gatling made 30 Christmas stockings to donate to the hospice group and also brought a nice box for storage. They will accept all we can make. Please be sure that there is a loop attached for hanging the stocking. Approximate dimensions are 15" toe to heel, 11.5", 9" and 3" cuff. Your fearless Secretary did not capture what the middle measurements were for. Please contact Nola if you have questions. The drawing for the community service donors was won by Sherri Dodds! Sherri has quilted many of our donation quilts for us.

Hostess – Kathy Jones

We had 54 members and 4 guests present. Guests were Sue Womack, Cindy Barsycyewski, Andrea Furr, and Jan Taylor. Door prizes were won by Shellie Blake, Edith Walker, Donna Toombs, Alina Polta, and Sherri Dodds.

Show and Tell

Jim Gatling showed us a quilt from an Eleanor Burns workshop which contained many different fabrics. Jackie Bibbs gave Jim some blocks, triangles and fabric and, of course, he made a quilt top with it. Holly Bohn from St. Louis also keeps mailing stuff to Jim to use in quilts and the Christmas fabric featured in the quilt was a gift. He also had a tale: Pat Eaton sent Jim a cell phone cover that says, "Do you tweet?" Lois Hall displayed a lovely quilt she made for the hospice group. Shirley Clark brought a Cathedral Window quilt that is a wedding gift for her granddaughter getting married on September 4th in Portland, OR. Melissa Landreth showed us Break My Daughter's Heart and I'll Knock Your Block Off. It is a Bento block pattern and is a gift for her daughter's boyfriend on his 20th birthday. It was quilted by her adoring husband, Eddie. It has mitered

borders for her Branch Out challenge and she worked on it during the ice storm earlier this year.

Shannon Young brought Christmas Truck which is a Buttermilk Basin pattern. This was done during a gathering at the Rabbit's Lair last month in a class offered by Stacy West of Buttermilk Basin. Her second item was What Does the Fish Say? It is a Ritsy Rags row by row quilt and it will be framed to hang in her husband's office. Lastly, Shannon showed the Dirty Drawers bag that will be a hand-sewing class offered at Quilt Arkansas – making the most of the blanket stitch. Our next show and tell was Pamela Davis who brought Stepping Stones to the Stars from a pattern called Starstruck. This was started in an AQG workshop in March of 2014 by Sager Creek Quilts. Renee Zermatten showed us a purse she made from scraps. She jokingly said neither of her daughters was interested in having one but many others had liked the purse. She also made a donation quilt from scraps as she hates to waste anything. Nola Ballinger had a tale for us. She recently took her 9-year-old grandson, Jack, on a vacation and he sent her a thank you card. He said, thank you for spending so much money – I owe you!

Sally Saunders bought a long-arm machine. She showed us a Hunter's Star and also a quilt with cats. She had extra fabric left over and then discovered she had forgotten the corners! Leah Sample brought an example of something that might be done for her class at Quilt Arkansas, "I Bought It, What Was I Thinking?" It is a small quilt from the beach that mixes large scale prints with other types of fabrics. Leah also showed us a beautiful Judy Neimeyer quilt called Wildcat Wedding. It is a Neimeyer Glacier Star pattern that she has almost completed for her nephew's wedding gift. It is purple (one of Leah's least favorite colors) but the nephew and his wife go to K-State so it fits them. It took from January to April just to do the top. The wedding has occurred already so the quilt will be gifted at Thanksgiving. Susan Furr bound two of the donation quilts and they were so pretty, she just had to show them! They were quilted by Sherri Dodds. Judy Rickard told us another tale; she recently visited our own Kelley Davis who turned 82 last Wednesday. Kelley is getting weaker and Judy hopes the angels come for her soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Burrup, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015

- Sept. 16-19 Quilt Week, Chattanooga Convention Center, 1150 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN.
- Sept. 17 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- Sept. 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.
- Oct. 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. 13-Dec. 15 AQG Quilt Exhibit at Terry Library on Napa Valley Road in LR. See Mary Jane Beard for the entry form.
- Oct. 15 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- 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.

2016

- Jan. 21 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- Feb. 18 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- Mar. 17 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- Apr. 21 AQG-NQA Committee Meeting at 6pm at Whole Hog Cafe on Cantrel
- May 19-2 National Quilting Association Quilt Show, “Diamonds in the Sky. The show will again be at Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock with the featured teacher being Ricky Tims



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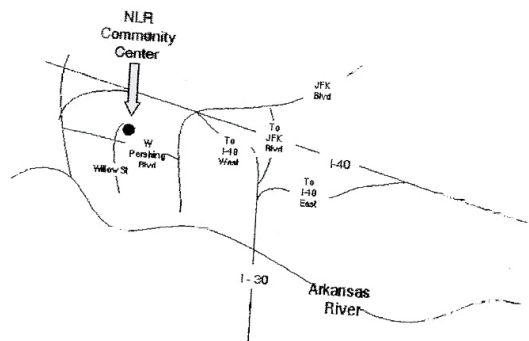


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AQG Meeting
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior Citizen's Center.