



# Arkansas Quilters Guild Newsletter

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## FYI - AQG MEMBERS

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



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



**OCTOBER MEETING will be  
FIRST (not second) MONDAY**

**OCTOBER 5th, 2015**

Greetings!

As I write this letter, I am getting ready to attend Quilt Arkansas 2015. I am busy getting my sewing machines and supplies ready for the event. I hope that I get to see a lot of you there! Alina Polta, chairwoman for this event, has been working hard to get things all set for a great time. We will enjoy sharing stories when we meet at the next meeting.

Speaking of the next meeting, we will have one of our teachers staying over for the program on Monday, October 5th. (Remember, this meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the Quilt Arkansas 2015 schedule.) Lola Jenkins is a quilt artist and will be presenting the lecture!

I am looking forward to joining with my fellow quilters and doing what we love to do. I am taking two classes, but I look forward to visiting our vendors, too! There are so many things we could make if we had a mind to, the only thing lacking is time.

Well, after Quilt Arkansas 2015, we will be in the full throes of fall. Before you know it, the holidays will be here. It will be time to be completing projects that we want finished before the end of the year. I also

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

**AQG Board Meeting:** Thursday, October 1, 2015, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.  
**AQG Meeting:** Monday, October 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Quilt Arkansas teacher Lola Jenkins will provide the program.

## PRESIDENT

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want to encourage as many of you that can to complete a quilt for hospice. Sadly, it seems that we all know someone who has been touched by hospice care. I hope that we can really contribute to this cause.

Well, I hope you have a great month, I will be looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, with all your samples of things you worked on at Quilt Arkansas 2015, and any other show and tell to share.

Until next time, happy stitches!  
Donna Toombs

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### 2015

**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.

**December** – Party!

#### 2016

**January** – Meet Your Members with Mary Jane Beard and Lavern Schaap.

**February** – the wife of a US Ambassador to several African nations

**March** – National Teacher, Dawn Heese from Linen Closet Designs.

### DUES DUE!

Please bring a check to pay your AQG 2016 dues to the October meeting. Debbie Spinks will gladly renew your membership!



### 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.

October – Q-R-S

November – T -U-V

December – Everyone! It's a party!



## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

### Karen French of The French Seam Shop in Stuttgart: New Ways of Quilting in the 21st Century

Karen was joined by “the husband” Paul and Stacey Ferguson, her “Vanna White,” who helped display the many products she brought for us to enjoy.

They treated us to Christmas in August, with several holiday wall hangings, table and bed runners, and wearable items. We also saw lots of adorable baby quilts, including Rockabye Bunny, Baby Boutique for boys or girls, and a funny monkey quilt. Among the unusual products were pillowcases, utility totes, bags made from recycled denim, and a cloth book depicting the Nativity from the animals' point of view. Many of the items featured panels and come in easy kits, which her store sells at competitive prices.

“Quilting Dimensions,” a program that enables embroidery machines to quilt intricate feathers and designs, can make the work of a novice look like that of an accomplished quilter.

One new product has totally changed her store, bringing out the crafty gene in all who use it. Its versatility provides instant gratification, The Silhouette CAMEO is an electronic cutting machine that plugs into your computer like a printer. It cuts 85 kinds of materials, including fabric, paper, adhesive vinyl, and wood, as well as etches glass. It's easy to make personalized gifts, greeting cards, window stickers, party favors, T-shirts, aprons, whatever you can imagine – even a glow-in-the-dark skeleton Halloween costume. There is a limitless variety of designs, including thousands in the Silhouette Store that range from \$0.49 - \$0.99, or you can scan pictures and turn them into patterns, upload fonts from the Web, and pull in patterns from your embroidery machine.

Karen showed a Christmas quilt, Frosty's Wonderland, with 287 appliqued pieces, each easily and quickly cut by the Silhouette. Instead of tracing the patterns and cutting each piece with scissors, the digital patterns were accurately cut with the Silhouette in only four hours.

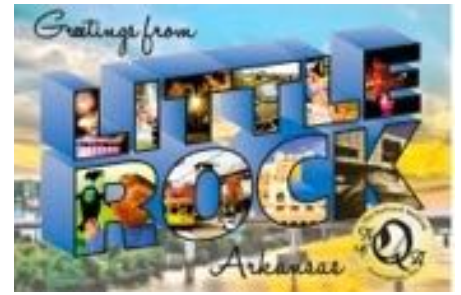
Silhouettes bought at the French Seam come with five \$20 class sessions, plus one-on-one instruction by appointment.

Karen said to remind her we're from a quilting guild so we can get a 10% discount at her shop. <http://www.frenchseam.com/>

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Partain, Program Scribe



## NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION NEWS



Dear 2015 NQA Show Volunteers,

You have probably seen the newsletter from NQA or heard about its contents. If not, go to this link: <http://www.nqaquilts.org/current/newsletter/> (see following).

As you see, the NQA board has decided to dissolve the organization. This means no 2016 NQA Show and none of the meetings on the recent "Save These Dates" e-mail will be needed.

Arkansas Quilters Guild was really looking forward to another fun week of visiting with all of you as we worked to help NQA put on the 2016 show. With a promise to improve publicity, we knew next year would have been even bigger and better.

If you are in central Arkansas on a second Monday of the month (except this October – Meeting is Oct. 5), join AQG at the North Little Rock Community Center at 5:30 pm for social time and a meeting starting at 6:30 pm. For those of you that live across the country, getting to know you was the very best part of working with NQA. Now, we're "quilting friends forever." Hope our paths cross again soon.

With our great appreciation for your hard work and your friendship,

Donna Toombs and Lavern Schaap  
On-Site Volunteer Coordinators for 2015 NQA Show

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September 4, 2015

Dear Friends and Members of NQA,

At a special meeting of the NQA Board of Directors held August 18, 2015, the Board celebrated NQA's 46 years of achievements and successes. However, when looking toward the future, the Board has determined that NQA has had its season and by unanimous vote the Board of Directors voted to dissolve the National Quilting Association, Inc.

All this may sound like a sudden turn of events, but we assure you it's not sudden, as the warning signs have been there for nearly 10 years. The steady decline in show attendance, consistent decrease in membership, lack of contingency planning and dwindling operational funds made this a clear but difficult decision. The current Board has worked tirelessly to find alternatives to keep NQA solvent and sustainable into the future, however our efforts did not result in a partnership with another quilting organization or adoption of our programs as we had hoped.

NQA can measure its successes through the fostering of other quilt organizations and quilt shows, establishing criteria for excellence in quilt making, establishing a Masterpiece Quilt designation, professionalizing the role of the quilt judge and quilt teacher, offering grants to communities to fund quilt related projects and originating the National Day of Quilting. NQA is considered a leader in the quilting world and there is much to be proud of.

You may be filled with a variety of emotions – sorrow, concern, anger, bewilderment, and grief. All those are legitimate and we hope you will accept these facts and understand all efforts were made to keep NQA viable. It's a time

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for decisiveness, clarity, and conviction. The NQA Board of Directors wishes to thank all of our faithful members and supporters who have done remarkable work together over the years. We all should feel a sense of pride and completion.

Moving forward the Board is working to arrange transfer of our memberships to another national quilting association. Alternatives for management of our programs are still being researched. Watch for more news on this later.

You can help make this transition easier for NQA by being optimistic about the future and grateful for the wonderful experiences and friendships created because of NQA. We wish you all the very best as you continue those friendships and in al of your quilting endeavors.

Sincerely,

Marcel Miller, President

Mary Ann Guidos, Communication Chair

Margaret Powers, Vice-President

Heather Tighe, Chapter Chair

Margie Engel, Grant Chair

Mary Lou Paoletti, Treasurer

Priscilla Godfrey, Secretary

Sandra Dorrbecker, Education Chair

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## MORE NQA NEWS

If you were on the NQA Newsletter mailing list, your inbox contained quite a surprise on the evening of September 4. NQA announced that at a meeting on August 18, the Board of Directors voted to dissolve the association after 46 years. You can read the newsletter in its entirety at: <http://www.nqaquilts.org/current/newsletter/>

What this means for Arkansas Quilters Guild is that there will be no more NQA shows in Little Rock as had been planned. It also means we won't get to welcome quilting friends from around the country as we did this year. Several of these friends have reached out to us via phone calls or emails to let us know how much they enjoyed working with us for the 2015 show and how disappointed they are to not be returning next year.

The bittersweet news is that Barbara Polston, editor of Quilting Quarterly, featured AQG as the highlighted chapter in a very nice article in the Fall issue of the magazine. Hope you have been able to read the article.

Grant applications from The Little Quilt Auction funds will still be accepted until October 15, 2015. There is no word yet on the future of National Quilting Day. And, for AQG, we have LOTS of AQG Cookbooks available for sale. If your church or other organization is having a fall craft show or mission fair, etc., please contact me and perhaps we can sell some of the cookbooks at your event.

The disappointed NQA-AQG Liaison,  
Lavern Schaap



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**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**14 SEPTEMBER, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Toombs at 6:30 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There was some question about the October meeting date being incorrect but it may have been in the newsletter, not the minutes.

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

Jim Gatling gave the report from the nominating committee. He expressed that the committee had made numerous contacts and many of our members do not want to serve. He reminded the group that nominations and/or volunteers would be accepted from the floor. The committee had not found anyone for the Secretary's slot. Cynthia Quick asked about the responsibilities and felt it was something she could do. Sally Burrup will help her. The slate of officers is:

President	Alina Polta
1st VP Membership	Mary Jane Beard
VP Quilt Exhibit	Judy Young
Treasurer	Kim Lotz
Secretary	Cynthia Quick

Kathy Jones made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Toni Baker seconded the motion. Voting will be held at the next meeting in October.

**Hostess – Kathy Jones**

There were 61 and ½ members present. Mary Ann from Dam Goode Pies visited again and will join our group next month. We also had 5 guests; Linda Coburn, Veranda York, Andrea Fuss, JoAnne Dempsey, and Helen Hall.

**Door Prizes**

Debbie Spinks won the prize from our vendor, The French Seam. It was a customized tile using materials cut using the Silhouette Cameo machine. Other winners were Riley Middaugh, Mary Jane Beard, Phyllis Westerfield, and Beth Freeman.

**Committee Reports**

**NQA – Lavern Schaap**

Lavern announced that the NQA is being dissolved. She brought a copy of the newspaper article with the details if anyone wants to see it. The NQA cited decreasing membership as the reason. Lavern gave some history of her contact with the NQA organization and when she didn't receive any answers, she felt this news was coming. Lavern talked to a national judge who lives in Washington and she said all the certified judges that frequent the event were surprised. The judge Lavern

spoke to did express much appreciation to Lavern for our group's involvement. Dues should be prorated and refunded as the organization is closing, but it is a process. The NQA still has grant money for 2016 and our guild will apply for one to help with the fabric costs for our donation quilts. Nola Ballinger, Community Service Chair, will start the paperwork the day after the meeting.

Lavern said we have almost 200 cookbooks to sell so keep them in mind for Christmas gifts or other events where we might sell them. Some will go to the Belle Point Retreat. The cookbooks will be \$10 for members.

There was a wonderful article about our guild in the final issue of the Quilting Quarterly.

**Membership – Debbie Spinks**

We have 125 members. Elizabeth Weinstein is a new member. Debbie said she will start collecting the 2016 dues in October.

**Programs – Liz Ketcherside**

The French Seam will be our program at the meeting. October's meeting will be Lola Jenkins one of the QA National teachers. November is the Fabric Café from Texas. Donna Robertson specializes in 3-yard quilts. Liz asked how many would be interested in a workshop by The Fabric Café the day of our next meeting. She will check on the cost and have more information at the October meeting. December will be our annual party. It was decided to only have the auction in non-Quilt Arkansas years.

2016 programs scheduled so far:

**January – Meet Your Members with Mary Jane Beard and Lavern Schaap.**

**February – the wife of a US Ambassador to several African nations**

**March – National Teacher, Dawn Heese from Linen Closet Designs. Dawn will be doing two classes the weekend just before our meeting. Saturday will be Vermillion, which is a red and cream quilt. Sunday's class will be Pathways. Liz has registration forms and information about the classes. The classes will be \$50 each or both for \$80 if you sign up for both days.**

**April – Open**

**May – Airing of the Quilts in Scott, AR**

**July – Yard Sale is on the calendar at this point but may be re-evaluated**

## MINUTES

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Liz asked since there is no Quilt Arkansas next year if anyone would be interested in having Hissy Fitz come from North Carolina. We might be able to book a one-day class the day of our meeting. Several people raised their hands to indicate interest. Hissy Fitz was one of the vendors at NQA.

### Quilt Exhibit – Mary Jane Beard

The exhibit will be October 13th through December 15th at the Terry Library. With QA coming up and our meeting on the 5th, Mary Jane needs the forms by October 1st in order to plan for placement of quilts. She only has 5 forms at this point. Challenge quilts from QA should be entered! Reminders: the sleeve has to be set for a 76" drop or you can pin up the bottom. There can only be 30 large quilts accommodated due to the vents at the library. Mary Jane said that if the library gets offers to purchase the quilts, they will contact her and not give out personal information.

### Community Service – Nola Ballinger

Our charity is Hospice Home Care. Eight more Christmas stockings were donated by Sharon Weinsinger. Jennie Lee Shumate has 3 completed quilts, 4 cut out for an additional 7 quilts. Our total to date is 39! As a comparison, last year we gave 37 quilts for tornado relief. Nola asked for a volunteer to chair this special committee next year.

### Quilt Arkansas – Alina Polta

QA will be October 1st – 3rd. Registration is closed as of the meeting tonight. Money is due also. The shirts and totes that have been ordered are available at the meeting. Don't forget your fabric bingo blocks for Wednesday night at QA. After the fun, the blocks will be joined together for a donation quilt. Extra bingo blocks will be available if attendees don't bring their own.

Two classes had to be cancelled. Participants have been notified. There are 67 registered and 41 are staying overnight at the 4H Center.

Pat Crawford reminded us of the QA Challenge. It is a 36" x 36" quilt in the theme 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' or anything to do with the Wizard of Oz. They can also be part of the Terry Library exhibit.

### Show and Tell

Jan Partain brought It's a Jumble Out There, a variation of the Spice Market pattern. It was made by combining two of Jan's favorite Jelly Rolls! It was quilted by Alina Polta. Jackie Bibbs showed us Bridges of Portland, a half-log cabin pattern that she made for her daughter's wedding. The fabric shows all the bridges native to Portland, OR where her daughter lives. It is a large quilt measuring 100" x 100".

Tiffanee Noack displayed Snowman Mini, a hand-embroidered small UFO quilt. She also showed us zipper pouches that she made from candy bags, an idea using fusible vinyl from Missouri Star's BLOCK magazine. Tiffanee said you can't make just one! She said that she found that the vinyl that is purchased in a plastic sleeve works best.

Debbie Spinks showed us Family Ties. She started it in January and finished it on September 13th. It was quilted by Joyce Dempsey. Donna Toombs brought Dr. Jane's Hog Quilt. It is a Razorback Friendship Star quilt that will be displayed at the Weare Conference Center at the University of Arkansas. It is a UFO for Donna as it was started in November of 2014 and completed September 13th, 2015.

One of our former members, Nancy (Hicks) Trippe showed us 5 antique quilts that she inherited and is donating to the guild. They are from a dear friend's estate and date from the 1930's and earlier and can be used for future fund-raising. One is hand-quilted and the others are tied. Thank you to Nancy for this generous gift! Shannon Young showed us Zippy bags that she made from a vintage tablecloth and from quilt fabric. One of the bags has box pleats.

Marilyn Weaver was the last in line and displayed On One Hot Summer Day, a UFO from a pattern called Sedona Sunrise by Sarah Vedeler. It was her first big machine embroidered quilt. Marilyn said it was very difficult to do and combines both embroidery and appliqué. It was a 2012 BOM pattern and the embroidery alone took her 4 months. Marilyn's dear friend, Wilma Richter, helped "un-sew" some of the quilting when it was found to not be working out. It was finished on July 17, a very hot day.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Burrup, Secretary



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2015

- 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](http://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. 17 3rd Saturday sit & sew at SW Hospital
- 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](http://www.hillnhollowquilters.com) for details.

### Dawn Heese Linen Closet Designs

*Vintage inspired designs for today's quilter.*

**JOIN US SATURDAY MARCH 12TH AND SUNDAY THE 13TH, 2016  
FOR 2 FUN FILLED DAYS OF LEARNING, LAUGHING, AND CREATING  
CLASSES HELD AT BAPTIST HEALTH  
SOUTHWEST CAMPUS, LITTLE ROCK**

**"VERMILLION"**  
FROM DAWN'S BOOK  
"COTTAGE CHARM"  
Saturday March 12TH  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Cost: \$50.00

Look closely...it's not just red and cream. It's 12 different reds and 2 different cream backgrounds! The tulip appliqué blocks are a redesign from her grandmothers original quilt.



**"PATHWAYS"**  
FROM DAWN'S BOOK  
"AUTUMN SPLENDOR"  
Sunday, March 13th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Cost: \$50.00

One of my favorite autumn traditions is taking walks. Leaves crinkle underneath your feet, the air is crisp and invigorating and Mother Nature's colors are spectacular. Dawn has captured that feeling in this quilt.



**LECTURE AND TRUNK SHOW AT REGULAR GUILD MEETING  
MARCH 14TH AT 6:30 PM**

**"FROM SMALL TOWN GIRL TO DESIGNER"**

Follow Dawn on her journey into the quilting business. Learn how she got into publishing and fabric design. Sit back and enjoy the trunk show of 50 quilts.

### *Welcome New Member*

Elizabeth "Anne" Weinstein

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Renee Zermatten	October 2
Alina Polta	October 6
Shirley Miller	October 7
Judy Young	October 9
Virginia Byrd	October 13
Gwen Moyer	October 18
Candy Berry	October 20
Latitia Nichols	October 21
Gloria Ralston	October 22
Debbie Spinks	October 24
Pamela Davis	October 24
Sherri Dodds	October 26
Judy Woods	October 27
Donna Oates	October 30
Norma Mckinnon	October 30
Shannon Young	October 31

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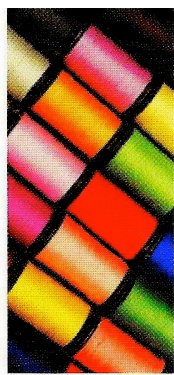
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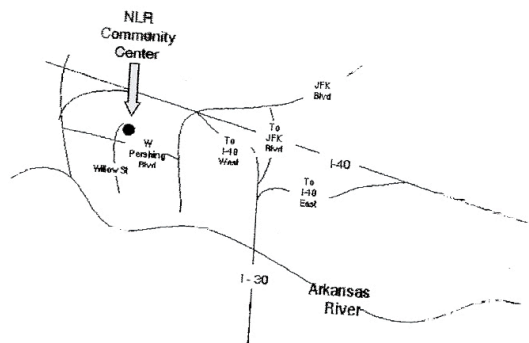
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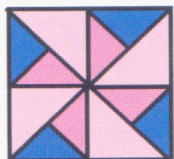
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior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