



# Arkansas Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Community Service – Nola Ballinger  
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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.*

Hello everyone,

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. It is a time of harvest, thanksgiving, and re-evaluating my year. I know that there is still time to accomplish some of my goals before the year is over. I still need to complete a quilt for hospice care, two baby quilts, two table runners, and a few other projects that I have been putting off. But then, that's pretty typical for me...

Many of us have just come away from a successful Quilt Arkansas, and are ready to get busy putting to use some of the techniques that we have learned, and ideas that we have been inspired by. I know that I have been trying to get some projects completed so I can begin my new project ideas. I look forward to putting some of my ideas together in some quilts.

We had the good fortune to have some very special guests come to Quilt Arkansas 2015 as "National Teachers." I was able to take a class by Gail Garber, I really enjoyed the class, and then she gave a very entertaining lecture. Our other special guest was Lola Jenkins, I didn't get to take her classes, but I'm told that those who took her classes really enjoyed them. Lola then gave a lecture and trunk show at the monthly guild meeting which we all enjoyed!

A special thank you to our vendors who participated at Quilt Arkansas 2015! These vendors are part of our community. Renee Riggan with Ritzy Rags, Norma McKinnon with Hickory Hills, Charlotte Williams with Pinwheel Fabrics, Jane Bell with Stitchin' Post, and Aileen Anderson with her wool! We appreciate you for bringing your wares and letting us have time to browse, and hopefully purchase from you during our quilt retreat.

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

**AQG Board Meeting:** Thursday, November 5, 2015, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.

**AQG Meeting:** Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Program will be The Fabric Café, Donna Robertson, who specializes in 3-yard quilts.

## PRESIDENT

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But, one of the things that crossed my mind was that we have a lot of great “Local Teachers.” I mean, I appreciate the “celebrity” teachers, but I don’t think that we give our own Arkansas teachers the credit and appreciation that they deserve. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for teaching a class. These “locals” have so much talent to share, they are organized and prepared to show us how to accomplish the creation of their specific project. I want to give a special thank you to those who stepped up to make this a wonderful event. I couldn’t take all the classes, but I know that I will be looking for another opportunity to be able to take advantage of learning from these very people who gave so much of their energy to teaching and sharing their skills and techniques. Special thanks to the talented local teachers of Quilt Arkansas 2015: Aileen Anderson, Carol Mosley Flowers, Jim Gatling, Cloie Morgan, Alina Polta, Judy Rickard, Leah Sample and Shannon Young. We appreciate you for all that you contributed to Quilt Arkansas, it would not have been a success without you. Thank you!

Happy Stitches!  
Donna Toombs

## OCTOBER PROGRAM LOLA JENKINS

Wow! What a night! Lola Jenkins grabbed our attention with her first word and never let go.

What a remarkable story her life has been – if you read it in a novel, you’d think it was improbable and unbelievable. After several horrible traumas, including losing her father, mother, and husband within three years; being hospitalized in a coma for almost three months; going from being a young millionaire to a destitute homeless person, she rose like a phoenix. Awakening from the coma, she discovered irrepressible, spontaneous creativity, totally the opposite of her pre-coma accounting mind.

With no art background, Lola suddenly felt a compulsion to create and providentially stumbled across fiber arts as a medium. She said since she didn’t know any of the rules, she couldn’t break the rules of quilting. One of the rules she didn’t know was that sewing machines have to be plugged in to work! But since she was using glue sticks, not much sewing was involved anyway at first.

Her beginner fabric stash consisted of old T-shirts and mumus from garage sales. But she soon found out

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### 2015

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

**December** – Party!

about Hancock, his sister Joann, and their cousin Michael. Soaking up information like a sponge, she then visited a local quilt shop and attended guild meetings. She would hear about a technique, run home, and have a completed project the next day.

Soon she defied the admonitions of a negative “Ms. Bubble Buster” who said she’d never get first place or best in show, and had ribbons galore after entering every category in a quilt show, sometimes sorta stretching the rules about how an entry would fit in a particular category.

Lola treated us to a fantastic trunk show, displaying almost 50 items, mostly wall hangings. In addition to her trusty glue sticks, she uses fusible web, crayons, sharpies, and thread to create her masterpieces. Her unconventional techniques are gluing fabric directly onto batting, painting thread so it looks metallic, and starting quilting at the edges so it bunches up in the middle.

Her portraits were a real celebrity line-up, including Ray Charles, Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, Nat King Cole, Willie Nelson, Tina Turner, Nelson Mandela, and many, many more. She also had several landscape pieces, including one that was “almost a Thomas Kinkadee.” Everything she showed was unconventional and fearless, quite a diverse collection for someone who’s just been quilting since 2004.

We’ll remember many of her observations, such as, “There may be no such thing as the Quilt Police, but there definitely are Quilt Detectives.” After she unwittingly monopolized the show-and-tell time at her first guild meeting, she said the term should be “show-and-sit-down.” She advised us to practice our quilting on the real thing vs. a practice sandwich. And above all, if you break every rule you can think of, you’re on the right track.

Lola had just taught a couple of classes (Thread Art and Fantasy Collage) at Quilt Arkansas and stayed around to entertain us at our monthly meeting. For more information, visit <http://www.lolasdesignerquilts.net/> and check out her craftsy.com class.

Respectfully submitted and blown away,  
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**5 OCTOBER, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Toombs at 6:30 PM. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report – Kim Lotz**

To be published in members section of the website. Quilt Arkansas crossed two months. The final figures will be available in the October financial statement that will be reported at the November meeting.

The next item of business was the election of officers for 2016. The following slate of officers was voted on and was unanimously elected.

President	Alina Polta
1st VP	Mary Jane Beard
2nd VP	Judy Young
Secretary	Cynthia Quick
Treasurer	Kim Lotz

**Committee Reports**

**Membership – Debbie Spinks**

We now have 130 members. Five new members were introduced; Michelle Jones, JoAnn Dempsey, Janice Taylor, Sherry Williams, and Helen Hall. Welcome!

**Cookbooks – Lavern Schaap**

Extra cookbooks were ordered for NQA and we didn't sell as many as expected. Lavern sent 20 cookbooks to the Belle Point Guild, 25 to Kay Voss, and 6 were sold between High Cotton in Scott and Quilt Arkansas for a grand total of 51 sold. Lavern asked if members had craft fairs or other events at churches, schools, etc., she will check out the books to members and then collect the unsold books and funds received for sold books. The books will not have to be paid for in advance.

Lavern also received a note from Sue Womack, a QA attendee. Sue expressed appreciation to our guild for the event. She has soft T-shirt fabric to donate to anyone who might be interested. Please see Lavern for contact information. For those who are interested, she would bring the fabric to Benton on Thursday.

**Quilt Arkansas – Alina Polta**

Everyone had a great time at Quilt Arkansas! Alina thanked the committee for their hard work (Alina also did a lot to prepare for the event!). We had awesome

teachers. Alina has two QA shirts left; one M and one XL. They are priced \$20 at the meeting.

**Quilt Exhibit – Mary Jane Beard**

All forms for the quilt exhibit are needed at the meeting! The quilts will be hung on October 13th. You can bring them to Judy Young or Mary Jane before the 13th or to the library on the 13th at 9:30 AM. Please let Mary Jane know if your quilt is for sale; the library will contact Mary Jane if anyone is interested in purchasing quilts and no personal contact information will be given out by the library. The quilts will be taken down on December 15th. Help is needed both days. Mary Jane indicated that there are about 50 quilts in the display so far.

**Community Service – Nola Ballinger**

Nola received 9 more Christmas stockings, fleece blankets from Sally's church group, and two quilts made from the fabric bingo cards used at Quilt Arkansas. Nola is going to deliver them to Hospice Home Care on Wednesday morning at 9:15 if anyone is interested in coming along.

**Programs – Liz Ketcherside**

Liz reported that there were 67 who attended Quilt Arkansas. Nancy Hubbard came all the way from San Diego to attend!

November's program will be Donna Robertson from the Fabric Café in Tyler, TX. There will be an all-day class on using magic triangles to make one of 8 different patterns. Please bring 3 one-yard cuts of fabric. The class will cost \$25 and Donna will also have kits and patterns available if you don't want to bring fabric. Liz cautioned us to not cut off the selvages. Information will also be available on the website. Liz will bring irons and ironing boards. Leah has the power strips used on the 3rd Saturday; she will send them with someone attending the Sit and Sew.

The Dawn Heese workshop will be in March. The cost will be \$50 each or both classes for \$80 if you take both. The classes will be held at Baptist SW. Again, information will be on the website for this event.

**Hostess – Kathy Jones and Sharon Weinsinger**

Riley Middaugh and Sammye Harrill won door prizes at Quilt Arkansas. They were not at the meeting so the prizes will be brought to the November meeting.

## MINUTES

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Door prizes at the meeting were won by Wanda Cockrell, Judy Bowers, Lynn Fletcher, and Lois Hall. There were 57 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Nancy Hubbard, Linda Tucker, and Sherry Williams.

### Show and Tell

Lois Hall showed her finished top from the Gail Garber class. Kay Agee brought a wedding quilt that she made for her grand-niece. It is from a pattern called Texas Two Step and Kay called her quilt Wedding of the Boots. It was quilted by Alina Polta. Debbie Spinks displayed Eagle in Flight from the Fantasy Collage class from Lola Jenkins at QA. Debbie said it still needed thread painting.

Delorse Richards brought two quilts; the first was called Apple Core and from a pattern of the same name. Delorse had a layer cake of Marie's Tapestry and had had it for a few years until she saw Jennie Doan's Apple Core pattern. It turned out to be the pattern she was waiting for! Delorse quilted it herself. Her second quilt was a cancer quilt from a pattern called What Cancer Cannot Do. Delorse saw the quilt in a store in Mountain Home. As the Kingdom Quilters are making quilts for cancer patients, it was perfect. Elaine Green and Delorse quilted it together.

Sharon Weinsinger brought her quilt from Alina's QA mystery quilt class. She also showed us Scrap Attack. Sharon got the pattern at the last AWOL. Nola Ballinger showed us a tote bag she had made, and a Flower Power pin cushion from a few years ago, and a little goose tree from QA. Two of her items were UFO's.

Jan Partain brought a quilt she made for her kitty-sitter. The quilt was an original design and is called Princess Pandora. Jan's kitty-sitter chose the fabric from her stash. It was quilted by Alina Polta who ordered a pantograph that had cats on it especially for this quilt! Jan also reported that she is re-sewing some of her QA projects. Susie Olsen showed us what she had done in Lola Jenkins thread art class. It was an open circle; Susi now needs to do the middle portion!

Marilyn Adams took 3 classes at QA. She showed us a quilt called Judy's Diamonds in the Fall, Flying Geese, and her Insanity/Tranquility quilt from Jim's class. Marilyn reported that QA was a blast and there were great classes. Lynn Fletcher showed us three table runners in the Halloween theme and a quilt top that was started at AWOL 3-4 years ago. Leah Sample quilted it. Judy Stewart showed us the product of the EQ class held at QA and taught by Leah Sample. She also showed us a pyramid strip that she made from pyramids traded with

others. Judy is interested in trading pyramids with anyone else who might be interested.

Pat Crawford showed us her original design for her QA challenge quilt called Yellow Brick Road. It won 1st place in the challenge. The quilt contains tiny poppies made from silk flowers and attached to the quilt with French knots. The Emerald City on the quilt is a Laurel Burch fabric with glitter. Pat also brought a portion of the clam shell quilt technique she learned in Shannon Young's class at QA.

Alina Polta displayed 4 things that she prepared for Quilt Arkansas; two were challenge quilts – Poppy Fields Forever and If the Shoe Fits. If the Shoe Fits was from a Buggy Barn Crazy Quilt variation. Alina also showed the mystery table runner, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and mystery quilt, Just Around the Bend, from the two classes she conducted. Both were patterns from Debbie Caffrey.

Martha Fewell showed us the things she did at Quilt Arkansas which were the mystery table runner, the clam shell quilt of many colors (which Martha thought looked like football helmets), and Diamonds are Forever from Judy Rickard's class. Shelia Simpson showed us Marcell's Bazaar, a quilt made entirely from her stash!

Leah Sample shared a tale on Eddie Landreth and Marilyn Kinsey. Eddie took the 9-patch pizzazz class on Thursday. The class got the center of the quilt started in class. Marilyn Kinsey had her center done on Saturday. Eddie had his entire quilt top assembled on Friday, went home for about three hours, and brought the quilt back – quilted! He is a very fast and diligent worker.

Donna Toombs showed us her flying geese strip from the Gail Garber class and a completed Mondo bag which is a UFO from two years ago. She took the class and was able to complete the bag.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Burrup, Secretary

**Arkansas Man Quilter**

*"Quilting With A Difference"*

**Eddie Landreth**

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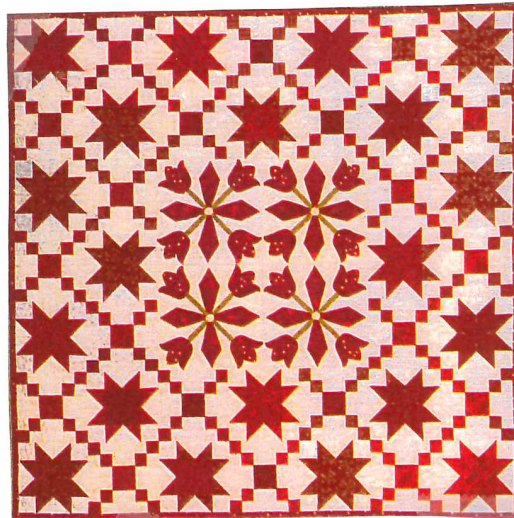
## *Dawn Heese Linen Closet Designs*

*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**

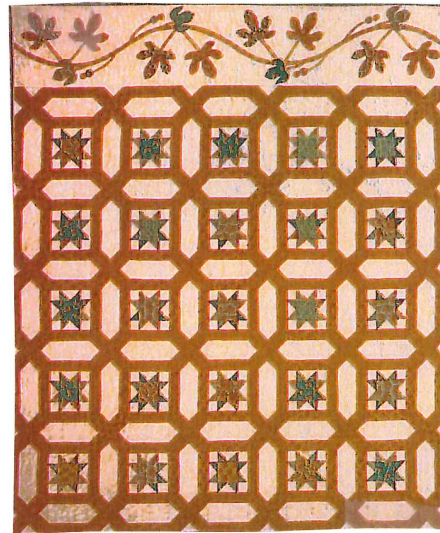
**"VERMILLION"**  
FROM DAWN'S BOOK  
"COTTAGE CHARM"  
Saturday March 12TH  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Cost: \$50.00

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.

**DAWN HEESE  
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**"VERMILLION"  
Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Class Fee: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**"PATHWAYS"  
Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**Class Fee: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sign up for both classes and save \$20.00**

**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.**

**Join us in 2 fun filled days of creating beautiful quilts with Dawn.  
Enjoying old friends and making new ones.  
Thank you for supporting Arkansas Quilters Guild.**

**Don't Forget Regular Guild Meeting, Monday the 14th at 6:30 PM  
For Dawn's Lecture and Trunk Show  
Social Hour starts at 5:30 PM.**

**Mail your registration to:  
Liz Ketcherside  
P.O. Box 213  
Scott, AR 72142**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2015

- 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.

### 2016

- March 12                Dawn Heese class "Vermillion" from her book "Cottage Charm." 9:00 AM to 4 PM. Cost \$50.
- March 13                Dawn Heese class "Pathways" from her book "Autumn Splendor." 9:00 AM to 4 PM. Cost \$50.

### 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.

November – T -U-V

December – Everyone! It's a party!



### DUES DUE!

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



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tamara Brown	November 4
Jolene Tune	November 4
Edith F. Walker	November 4
Lynne Jewell	November 7
Becky Doan	November 17
Judy Pearlstein	November 18
Janice Fielder	November 24
Donna McBryde	November 29
Patricia Harris	November 30

### *Welcome New Members*

JoAnne Dempsey  
Helen Hall  
Michelle Jones  
Jan Taylor  
Sherry Williams

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**DEADLINE FOR  
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
November 13, 2015**

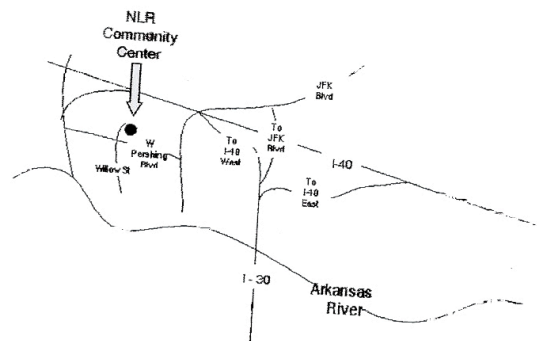


*the bed-warmer*  
Long-arm  
Quilting

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**AQG Meeting  
NLR Community Center  
2700 Willow Street  
North Little Rock, Arkansas**



Quilting Fabrics---Gammill quilting machine  
Authorized **Janome Dealer**



**Pinwheel Fabrics**  
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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.