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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.*

Happy New Year My Fellow Quilters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2016 President. I have really enjoyed being a member the last several years and have enjoyed every committee I have served on, Hostess, Demos, Quilt Arkansas and now I hope to serve you well as President.

The guild has provided wonderful examples of superb leadership. If you are new, I highly recommend getting involved and volunteering to help out on a committee, or come up with something to involve the guild in like a Block of the Month or Secret Sister exchange. It is a wonderful way to get to know our members and make lasting friendships.

I am looking forward to seeing what our wonderful members have in store for this year. We have so many talented ladies and gentlemen in our group. We have some wonderful programs coming up in 2016 and some terrific workshops and of course AWOL.

My personal goal this year is to get through my many UFOs stashed in the closet and bust through my fabric stash. See you all at the January meeting!

Happy Stitching,
Alina Polta

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.

AQG Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Meet Your Members with Mary Jane Beard and Lavern Schaap.

**ANNOUNCING THE
QUILTERS' GUILD OF EAST TEXAS
TYLER QUILT SHOW
MARCH 18-19, 2016**

Please include our quilt show dates in your newsletter calendar of events.

The show theme is SCRAPs! Quintessentially American. The show theme is scraps but you are not limited to a scrap quilt.

This year we have a new category – MODERN! Enter your appliqué quilt, your miniature quilt, a wall hanging or your Art quilt. You still have time to complete a quilt.

Entries must be received no later than Thursday, February 11, 2016. Guild members may enter up to 5 quilts at no additional cost. Non guild members may enter up to 3 quilts at a cost of \$10 each.

Quilts entered in the show are to be delivered to Harvey Convention Center, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The entry form can be found at www.qgetx.org/quiltshow.html.

Questions: please contact me at tylerquiltshow@hotmail.com.

Happy Stitching,

Cecilia Brannon
2016 Show Chair
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AQG WEBSITE

Looking for a guild member's address? Want to see photos from a past meeting? Please check out www.arkansasquiltersguild.org and click on the top left corner with 3 dashes... that will open more pages, including the member's only section where you'll find the treasurer's reports and list of members.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

**Slow Cooker
Salted Caramel
Hot Cocoa**

from the Kitchen of [Mee Fife](http://www.kitchenofmefife.com)

ingredients	make it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips - 1/2 cup caramels, unwrapped - 4 cups milk - 2 cups heavy cream - 1 tsp vanilla - 1/2 tsp fine sea salt - Optional: whipping cream & caramel sauce 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add chocolate chips, caramels, milk, heavy cream, and vanilla to the slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours. 2. Stir the hot chocolate. If the chips or caramels are not completely melted, cover and allow to cook for 20-30 minutes longer. When ready to serve, stir in the sea salt. Serve hot with whipped cream and caramel sauce.

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AQG BOARD MEETINGS

They are open to all! Please note the time/date/location of the AQG Board meetings on page 1 of the Newsletter. (We will continue to meet at Whole Hog on Cantrell.)

These meetings are open to any member who would like to attend. Expected to attend are AQG officers and committee chairs or representatives. This meeting is held on the Thursday night prior to the guild meeting on 2nd Monday. Please feel free to join your guild leaders to get the inside scoop! It's certain you won't be BORED!

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ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
14 DECEMBER, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Toombs at 6:33 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. Secretary Sally Burrup reported that she did the minutes, not Jan Partain as reported in the newsletter. Also, Sally “embellished” Wanda Cockrell’s Show and Tell; Wanda did not finish 3 quilts while at the 3-Yard Quilts workshop.

The Treasurer’s report will be published in the members-only section of the website.

The first item of business was the 2016 budget. It was distributed in the newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to have the budget approved as prepared.

Quilt Exhibit – Mary Jane Beard

Mary Jane announced the winners of the Viewer’s Choice by Terry Library patrons. 3rd place was won by Susi Olson for her Keep Calm and Follow the Yellow Brick Road. 2nd place was Jim Gatling for his Insanity. Grand Prize winner was Judy Rickard for her Here Kitty Kitty. Judy’s quilt used a Buggy Barn pattern that she got at Quilt Arkansas several years ago. Another big thank you to Frances Wade for making the ribbons for the winning quilts!

The quilts will be taken down Tuesday, December 15th by 11:00 AM. If you cannot pick up your quilt, please let Mary Jane know and she will take it to her home.

Membership – Debbie Spinks

We have 137 members. Our newest member is Meg Cullen. Welcome, Meg!

Challenges – Melissa Landreth

This is the last night for the UFO challenge. Prizes will be awarded in the January meeting. The Branch Out and Journey challenges need to be completed by the March meeting.

AWOL – Leah Sample

The next AWOL will be held March 18th - 20th at the 4-H Center. Leah explained the history of AWOL – Arkansas Women (and men!) on the Loose to new members. There is a table for registration at the meeting and the form is also on the website. It is \$35/day (including lunch) for those who just want to come for the day. Lodging is also available. Registration closes on March 1st. Leah reported that there are already 14 enrolled and there are usually about 40 in attendance.

Programs – Liz Ketcherside

Liz has booked all but three programs for 2016. A chair is still needed for this committee. March will be

our national teacher Dawn Heese. Enrollment is sufficient at this point to cover the cost of the classes and is close to covering the cost of the lecture. Current enrollments are 15 for the Saturday class and 12 for the Sunday class. Supply lists are available. The classes will be held at the Baptist SW campus.

Tonight is our annual party that includes food and fun. A fat quarter quilt bingo will be our fun activity for the evening. For every fat quarter members brought to the meeting, they received a bingo card. The fat quarters were divided into 7 stacks for 7 games of bingo. Your fearless secretary was having such a good time, she failed to note who won the stacks of fat quarters.

Community Service – Nola Ballinger

From Nola: Thank you for stepping up to the needs of those in life’s end stage. It has been my privilege to stand up month after month asking for and receiving your donations. As we all know, giving is never-ending. If one of you has missed the opportunity to donate this year, know that the upcoming year will be just as needy as this outgoing year.

Thirty-nine quilts have already been donated to Hospice Home Care. Seven were collected at the meeting for a total of 46 quilts for the year! YAY!

Nola reported that one of our newer members, Alicia Bair, has stepped up to be the chair for the next year!

Nola also reported that our guild applied for a NQA grant as they were still to award grants this year. We received a grant of \$1800 that was based on the prospect of providing 37-40 quilts in 2016. The funds will go towards purchasing fabric, backing, and batting. Kits will be assembled and work days will be held at the NLR Community Center on regular meeting days. Members can also take the kits home to work on them.

Nola indicated that Alicia will choose the recipient of our donations for next year.

A drawing was held for a prize for those who donated a quilt at the meeting. Proving “what goes around, comes around.” our new chair Alicia Bair won the drawing!

Lynn Fletcher and Beverly Phillips were next. These two lovely ladies will chair Challenges for 2016. They showed us two quilts that were made using the same fabric line but different patterns. You could also use the same pattern but different fabric lines. Knots or other groups could participate. They will be bringing more samples to show us. Leah Sample quilted one of the quilts and Debbie Haley (guild member who moved to Kansas) quilted the other one. One note of good news: Debbie Haley had a new granddaughter born on our meeting day! Congratulations to Debbie and her family on this blessing!

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Hostess – Kathy Jones

There were 55 members and 1 guest present. Our guest was Eva Harrison. Door prizes were won by Judy Bowers, Karen Alexander, and Donna Toombs.

Show and Tell

Marilyn Weaver showed two quilts. The first quilt was called Christmas Stars and used a traditional star quilt block. The second item used information from a program that Norma McKinnon from Hickory Hill Quilts did earlier this year on using embroidery machines for quilting. Marilyn wanted to practice this technique and found an inexpensive pattern to use to create a Prayer Pillow using a transitional quilting file by Sarah Vedelar. The pillow will be given to the teacher of a Wednesday night prayer class that Marilyn attends.

Jan Partain was next with a 3-Yard Quilt called It's a Puzzle which is the first quilt in a series. Jan indicated this if a FIBTP (finished is better than perfect!). This is the first quilt that Jan quilted herself and she said that we shouldn't look too close!

Beverly Phillips showed us two quilts; the first was a Deb Miller pattern from a past AWOL and she added the borders. The second one was made using a charm pack and a Laundry Basket Quilts pattern. Both quilts were quilted by Leah Sample.

Sherrie Webb had a Vintage 9-Patch from Primitive Gatherings which incorporated wool applique and embroidery. Sherrie said it was her first wool project and this quilt won Best of Show and 1st Place in the 2015 Arkansas State Fair! Congratulations to Sherrie!

Judy Stewart is loving retirement! She showed us three table-toppers that she made. The first used a kit that she purchased at Quilt Arkansas and will be a gift for her sister this Christmas. The second one was a paper-pieced pattern from the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Judy went up there and took a class and indicated that it was a lot of fun. The third one will be a Christmas gift for her nephew and his wife.

Lavern Schapp then showed us a quilt that they found in the full POD storage container that was left from the NQA show last summer. The quilt was made by the NQA certified teachers in 2002. Lavern has contacted NQA to return the quilt to its rightful owner.

Tiffanee Noak showed us a Quilt of Valor after telling a sad story. Tiffanee is a horse lover and boards her horses with a proud Marine who is a Vietnam Veteran. She presented a beautiful quilt to him on Veteran's Day and his home burned to the ground the next day and the quilt was lost. Tiffanee mentioned this on Facebook and one of her FB friends in Michigan donated the top in order to get another quilt to the man as soon as possible. Tiffanee will use the top and complete the quilt for Mr. Joe Gomez.

Shirley Clark made a quilt for her husband's sister-in-law's granddaughter for graduation. She showed us another one that she made for her daughter. The quilt

was a star pattern and used a layer cake. It was quilted by Alina Polta.

Bonita Hollis brought a quilt to show that her grandmother quilted. Bonita estimated that it was completed in 1928 by her grandmother and Aunt Rindy before her grandma got married in 1930. It is all hand-pieced and hand-quilted. Donna Toombs was next with an Oklahoma State quilt that she made using freebie fabric from Debbie Gordon.

Sally Burrup was last and she told a tale. A couple of months ago, Riley Middaugh showed a beautiful paper-pieced Pineapple quilt in red and white fabrics that she made for a raffle at the Grace Lutheran Craft Fair held in November. Sally was excited to finally win a quilt because she has bought MANY tickets over the past years. The raffle money is used to support missions. Sally's son, Scott, was a classmate of Riley's son, Chris. The raffle money is going to support one of their other classmates which makes the quilt very special.

There being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Let the party begin!

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Burrup, Secretary

WAY TO GO, AQG!!!

AQG Community Service Committee has received a grant of \$1,800 from NQA funds that was based on the prospect of providing 37-40 donation quilts in 2016. This will provide our guild with funds to buy backing and batting for donated tops, as well as fabric for kitting tops. See new Community Service Chair, Alicia Bell, to offer your help!

36TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS OF TENNESSEE QUILT SHOW AND COMPETITION

Call for Quilt Entries

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will host their 36th Annual Quilt Show and Competition, June 17-18, 2016, at The Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, Knoxville TN 37912.

Entry deadline for competition is May 3, 2016. See our website for more information www.smokymtnquilters.com or follow us on Facebook. You may also contact the Quilt Show Chair at QuiltShowChair@smokymtnquilters.com.

Hours of Operation: Friday, June 17: 9am-6pm;
Saturday, June 18: 9am-4pm. Admission: \$7 for one day;
\$10 for both days.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

- January 16 AQQ 3rd Saturday Sit & Sew at Southwest Hospital from 8-4.
- 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.
- March 18-19 Tyler Quilt Show, Quilters' Guild of East Texas. Quilts entered in the show are to be delivered to Harvey Convention Center, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The entry form can be found at www.qgetx.org/quiltshow.html. For more information contact tylerquiltshow@hotmail.com.
- March 18-20 AWOL quilting retreat at C. A. Vines 4-H Center, Ferndale, AR. See Eddie Landreth for info and registration.
- March 19 National Quilting Day
- June 17-18 36th Annual Smoky Mountain Quilters of TN Quilt Show and Competition. Entry deadline for competition is May 3, 2016. For more information see website www.smokymtnquilters.com.

2017

- September 6-10 Quilt Arkansas 2017!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kellie Coleman	January 2
Eddie Landreth	January 4
Judith Rickard	January 6
Betty Bradford	January 9
Liz Ketcherside	January 10
JoAnne Dempsey	January 15
Jan Savu	January 19
Phyllis Kirtley	January 22
Judy Stewart	January 26
Marilyn Wheeler	January 26
Cynthia Quick	January 27
Alicia Bell	January 31

Welcome New Members

Ruth Zellmer
Meg Cullum
Eva Harrison

LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The votes have been counted. The winners are:

- 1st prize: Here Kitty, Kitty – Judy Rickard
2nd prize: Insanity – Jim Gatling
3rd prize: Keep Calm and Follow the Yellow Brick Road – Susie Olson

Please send my congratulations to the winners and my great appreciation to all the participants.

Once again, we had terrific response from the community. So many folks smile and discuss the quilts with us as well as bring their family and friends to come view the lovely creations. By the way, the collections in the two display cases were hugely popular for both kids and adults. We will see you on Tuesday, December 15th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,
Robin Brown, Adult Programmer
Adolphine Terry Branch Library

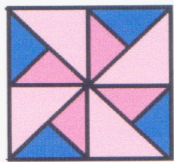


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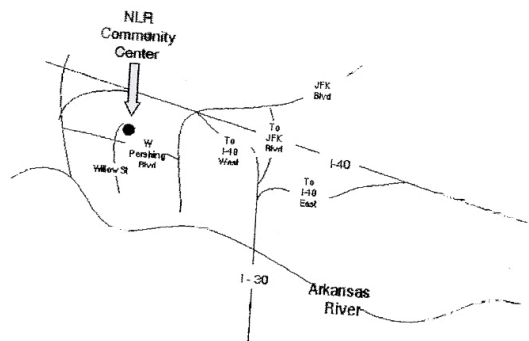
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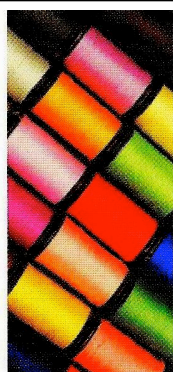
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior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