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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.*

Hello Fellow Quilters!

A special Thank You to Carolyn Eastham for the wonderful program for February. What a treat it was to learn about her adventures in Africa. And a thank you to Jim as well for his participation in the program. For March we are very fortunate to have Dawn Heese from Linen Closet Designs visiting us. I cannot wait for the program and hope you all enjoy the wonderful workshops being made available. We also have AWOL in March. What a busy month indeed.

I'm not sure about you guys, but I for one am ready for Spring and the warmer weather it will bring. I am looking forward to opening up the windows and airing out the house while quilting away on my never ending pile of UFOs. They really seem to multiply when I am not looking and there never seems to be enough hours in the day. Hopefully we can all bust through our "to dos" and bring some fabulous Show and Tells to the monthly meetings.

We are still in need of one or even better two people to fill our Program Notes Committee. This is someone who regularly attends the meetings and can take good program notes during the meetings. We also need to fill the Ads/PR Committee, this is someone who is responsible for keeping up with our sponsors and advertising opportunities. Most of the "leg work" for this is

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.

AQG Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. National Teacher DAWN HEESE from Linen Closet Designs, Vintage Inspired Designs.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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already done. If you are interested in any of those positions, please come see me at the meeting or send me an email! These are good opportunities to get to know your fellow guild members and help out in much needed positions.

Happy Stitching,
Alina Polta

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are planning to cut fabric for fabric kits at the next sit and sew on Feb 20, 2016, at the Baptist Southwest Hospital. Alicia Bell is asking for volunteers who can come out and help cut fabric to make the kits.

Another opportunity for those who want to work on community service projects will be March 14 in the meeting room starting at 10 AM.

SHOP HOP

The 13th Annual Spring Fling Shop Hop which is hosted by 7 Northwest quilt shops will be March 31- April 2, 2016 from 9AM – 6PM.

There are several nice prizes. This year there is once again an Apple Blossom Print and a special background print by Quilting Treasures Fabrics exclusively for the shop hop. The colors this year are teal and purple. Available ONLY from Spring Fling shops!!

Participating shops are: COUNTRY HOUSE QUILTING, Pea Ridge; CROOKED CREEK QUILTS, Greenwood; MAMA'S LOG CABIN, Huntington; THE QUILT CORNER, Sulphur Springs; THE RABBIT'S LAIR, Rogers; SAGER CREEK QUILTS & YARNWORKS, Siloam Springs; and SEW A STITCH, Rogers. Some of these have web sites where more information might be available.

If you need more information, contact Mary Jane Beard, mjqilter@sbcglobal.net.

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."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2016

March – National Teacher DAWN HEESE from Linen Closet Designs, Vintage Inspired Designs

April – Meet your Members: Susi Olson and 2015 Challenges

May – Airing of the Quilts and Ice Cream Social at Scott Plantation Settlement

June – Aileen Anderson, Wool work with Day workshop

3RD SATURDAY SIT & SEW

MARCH – CANCELLED

Since our March Sit & Sew date would conflict with National Quilting Day and AWOL, it's being cancelled. Be sure to put April 16th on your calendar for the next Sit & Sew and join us at the Baptist Southwest Hospital campus for a whole day (8-4) of sewtime!

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	D-E-F		August	S-T-U
April	G-H-I		September	V-W-X-Y-Z
May	J-K-L		October	A-B-C
June	M-N-O		November	D-E-F
July	P-Q-R		December	G-H-I

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
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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.

DAWN HEESE WORKSHOPS AND LECTURE

March is going to be special for Arkansas Quilters Guild. On Saturday, March 12, Dawn Heese will teach us how to recreate her beautiful red and cream quilt, "Vermillion." On Sunday, the 13th, we learn the techniques used in her quilt "Pathways." Both workshops will be at Baptist Health Southwest Campus, 11401 I-30, Little Rock. For directions, to see the designs and supply lists go to the guild website, www.arkansasquiltersguild.org.

To learn more about Dawn check out her website: www.linenclosetdesigns.com.

Then, at the regular meeting on Monday, the 14th, Dawn will present the lecture and trunk show, "From Small Town Girl to Designer."

Haven't signed up for one or both of the workshops? There are a few spaces left in each. Contact Debbie Spinks immediately:

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Note: If you were planning to show your 2015 Challenge quilt at the March meeting, please save it for the April meeting. This way we can give Dawn maximum time for her presentation. So, if you thought you didn't have time to finish your challenge, keep going – You just might get it finished by April !!!

Lavern Schaap
 Co-chair for Programs

QUILT ARKANSAS 2017

Planning for Quilt AR 2017 has begun! Quilt AR will be held Sept. 7-9 at the 4-H Center in Ferndale and our theme is "Raining Cats and Dogs." This is a fun quilting retreat, loaded with classes and socializing. It is a great way to learn some new techniques, improve on what you already know, and get to know your "quilty friends" even better. Even if you have never attended and don't know anyone, you will not feel alone in this crowd!

Our first planning meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:00 PM at Whole Hog BBQ (on Cantrell) for anyone who is interested in helping. Please call or email Angie Heifner for more information, 765-4814 or agheifner@icloud.com.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Garcia	March 2
Shelia Simpson	March 3
Sally Burrup	March 8
Tiffanee Noack	March 11
Leah Sample	March 11
Judy Bowers	March 24
Carol Thomasson	March 25
Sharon Harrold	March 26
Karen Fite	March 31

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NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

AQG will be celebrating National Quilting Day Saturday, March 19. Historic Arkansas Museum has agreed to host us again this year as we do quilting demos and give out information on Arkansas Quilters Guild as well as local opportunities to learn more about quilting.

We also have our Facebook page "AQG National Quilting Day," with information on the event at HAM as well as encouragement for viewers to share their plans for celebrating the day.

Quilt Alliance is the coordinator for National Quilting Day, and they encourage us to document our quilts by labeling them. For more information on this fine organization, see www.QuiltAlliance.org.

Please consider helping with this event by doing a demo. The folks who come are mostly new quilters, so demos about simple quilt blocks like a 4 patch, or how to bind a quilt, or how to make quilt labels would all be great ideas. And you could get some sewing time in between doing demos. Also, visit the Facebook page, like it and share it so we can get the word out in the community.

Riley Middaugh

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
8 FEBRUARY, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Alina Polta.

Minutes: Request was made for any corrections or additions to January minutes but none offered. Move was made by Sally Burrup, and seconded by Eva Harrison, to approve the minutes as written/available in the computer. Vote was made to approve minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the report were made available to all members present. Treasurer Kim Lotz reviewed the report.

Committee Reports

AWOL: Eddie and Melissa Landreth, Jim Gatling, and Sally Burrup, Co- Chairs, reported that AWOL is scheduled for March 18-20 and currently there are 33 members registered to attend with 7 vacancies still available; however the final date to register – and pay all dues – is March 1st. Registration form is on the website and can be downloaded, completed, and submitted electronically. At the AWOL there will be fat quarter fabric exchanges as well as games that may also require fat quarters to participate. There will be three rooms for sewing and reminder was made that Ferndale provides free liquids while the quilters usually bring snacks.

Due to a conflict of dates with AWOL, the Guild voted to cancel the Sit and Sew for March. Sit and Sew is held in the old South West hospital cafeteria between 8am and 5 pm monthly on the third Saturday.

Challenges: Desi Gibson, Beverly Phillips, Lynn Fletcher, and Donna Toombs reviewed the Challenge for 2016: to either (1) use the same quilt pattern with different fabric choices, or (2) to use the same fabric choices in different quilt patterns.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, stated that she purchased and pre-cut fabric for six kits to make a 9-Patch quilt. She stated that 3 quilts have already been donated (from Beverly, Shannon, and Alina) for the children in THE CALL, a foster care program. The goal is to create 37-40 quilts. The Guild discussed using the Sit and Sew on 3rd Saturday meetings scheduled Feb 20 and March 14 to cut additional fabric and create more packages. Eddie Landreth has graciously volunteered to assist with doing the long-arm quilting and binding.

Demo/Vendors: Donna Toombs, Chair, led her first in-service on basic quilting techniques. She used “Wickedly Easy Quilt Patterns” and had hand-outs of the information available for all. She requested additional volunteers to present demonstrations at the Guild meetings aimed toward being educational for new

quilters and a solid review for quilters who are more advanced.

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair. Her favorite store for creating name tags or luggage tags has closed so she is starting over checking other stores that do printing jobs. Ideas were offered:

- * Sell items purchased from Jack the Ripper, who creates magnetic seam rippers available with/without attached necklace. The price will be \$33 and various colors should be available.
- * T-shirt with “Quilter press to the dark side” was demonstrated to all and discussed. They only come in black but a variety of sizes are available. The cost will be \$22 each.
- * Betty's crockpot roast and rolls were served as an example of the wonderful recipes that are in the Guild cookbook – and several are still available.

Hostess: Judy Stewart & Sally Burrup, Co-Chairs, announced that there were 58 members and 8 guests present at the guild meeting. They also encouraged everyone to check out the “freebies” at the front of the room. Five prizes of fat quarters were donated. Four door prizes were awarded to Bonita Hillis, Tama Brudette, Susie Olsen, and Eva Harrison. Bright name tags are now being provided to visitors. Fabric exchanges will be done at each meeting: but using a variety of sizes (fat quarters one month, 4 inch squares the next, etc.). A Challenge will be made for members to create a quilt or other item using the fabric from the fabric exchange. The meaning of a Knot was discussed and members were requested to help create lists of current Knots with special emphasis upon which Knots are accepting new members. Names of members who wish to consider creating a new Knot were also requested.

Membership: Mary Jane Beard, Chair. Currently there are 99 paid members for 2016 as compared to 137 in 2015. The goal is to have 160 paid members—which is 61 additional members. The Guild will begin the use of awards for those who bring a guest by giving out a special safety pin tag with the AQQ symbol on it, followed by a special charm award to the member whose guest actually joins the Guild.

Newsletter Ads/PR: Eddie Landreth has been assisting with this but a Chair would be appreciated.

National Quilting Day: 3/19/16 at the Historic Arkansas Museum between 10 am and 3 pm. Riley Middaugh requested to have members present to do

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demonstrations. Lavern agreed to set up a table with forms to give to visitors who request information about quilts/quilt history. Jackie Bibbs, Sammie Sue Harrell, and Donna Toombs will be offering demonstrations on basic information about quilting.

Programs & Workshops: Lavern Schaap & Debbie Spinks, Co-Chairs, reminded everyone of the Dawn Heese workshops March 12 and 13 and that there still are openings. If the workshops do not fill at the AQG meeting, they would like to contact other Guilds regarding registration availability for the workshops. Price is \$50 for one class and \$80 for both. A program guide for 2016 was provided to all.

Property: No Chair/no report.

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair. Date has been set for September 7-10, 2017 (first weekend of the month) and will be held in Ferndale. The theme will be "Raining Cats and Dogs." Shirley Clark created very excellent Excel programs for the registration, payment of fees, etc., last year. She was kind enough to share those programs for use again. A volunteer familiar with Excel is needed to run the programs and help with Quilt Arkansas. If interested, please contact Angie. Angie also passed out to all a 6 question survey requesting information about things people liked/would like at the event.

Quilt Show/Exhibit: Chair position vacant. Mary Jane Beard stated she has a need for people to assist with demonstrations at Terry Library during October-November. She is hoping that Ribbon prizes be made again to give as awards. There will be two exhibit cases at the Quilt show and she would appreciate ideas of what people think might be interesting to place in the cases.

Sunshine: Shannon Young, Chair, requested that members inform her of events/illness/etc., in order for her to know of the need to contact that member.

Website: The webmaster is in process of updating/correcting the website, especially some links that are inoperable and the AQG 101.

New Business: Additional discussion made led by Mary Jane Beard about using the AQG meeting room before the meeting for working on community service projects or your own projects since there would be no additional charge (AQG already is paying for the room for the day).

Request was made for a volunteer to do the minutes for the Programs.

Jim Gatling showed a heavy duty non-stick oven liner that he was shown by Sue that works very well for fusible applique. It is available at Walmart for \$9 a box.

13th Annual Spring Fling Shop Hop brochures were shown. March 31, April 1st and 2nd.

Show and Tell

Melissa Landreth displayed "Orange Peel," a quilt based on the Missouri Star Quilt pattern that took her over a year to make as had much hand applique of bright colors on a white background. She stated shock that her husband quilted it for her! She also showed her work from being snowed in – four fabric envelopes she created from a video only (possibly from Shabby Fabrics).

Karen Fite had a beautiful Peacock quilt made from fabric from Bed-warmer Quilt and Sew store in Benton near the Tinseltown Center. She stated that there will be classes for this pattern March 7th or 12th. In addition, she made a black, white, and gold colored quilt called "Take 5" that she stated was easy to make and was also made with fabric from Bed-warmer Quilt and Sew store.

Meg Cullum's grandmother used double-knits to make "Grandma's Building Blocks" quilt before she entered hospice. Grandma passed away on January 7th and Meg plans to finish it as it will be the only quilt that they made together.

Alina Polta used a pattern from Craftsby to help her make a table topper with a Valentine's theme. "My Funny Valentine" had lots of hearts in the center and will be a lovely party centerpiece.

Cindy Barszczewski completed a block of the month pattern by Lynett Jenson called "Thimble Berry Barn" because she needed a quilt with a theme from the past. Due to time constraints, she used embroidery floss to hand quilt it.

Robin Tyler showed "Spinning Stars," a red, white, and blue quilt that she started last fall at a retreat and finished for a Christmas present for her son.

Sue Womack made a blue, green, and brown colored quilt called "Josephine's Knot" in a class with Debbie Maddy, that is intended for her daughter Cassandra.

Pam Brown made a Log Cabin Arkansas Traveler using reds and golds that she stated she started with a group at a retreat at Robert's Carriage House and they all decided to make a log cabin quilt. That was a perfect chance for her since she had never made one. She stated she started it last November and finished in January! Carol Hurt quilted her quilt.

Bonita Hollis completed a baby quilt using the interesting material that was supplied for her by the lady who requested the quilt. She named the quilt "Gaston's Quilt for Ally" as the navy and coral fabric has an overall print of antlers and arrows (remember Gaston in Beauty and the Beast who used antlers in all of his decorations).

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Quick

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Jim Gatling introduced Carolyn Eastham, the wife of retired Ambassador Alan Eastham. Carolyn and her children accompanied the Ambassador to State Department posts in numerous locations overseas and she volunteered on many projects.

Ms. Eastham said the closest she came to making a quilt was in Nepal when she obtained a booklet and some Indian fabric that was cut to use in a quilt but was given, unfinished, 20 years later to some Nuns for them to complete.

Quilts: Jim Gatling displayed a quilt he entered into the “Art in the Embassy” project intending that it belong to Carolyn. Instead, it was hung in the Embassy until returned to him via an armored truck! Ms. Eastham and Jim pieced, and Marilyn Weaver did the long-arm work, on a quilt depicting the U.S. flag. It was a favorite background in many countries for dignitaries posing for pictures. Her third quilt shown was one with the label “Malawi” across the top; which interprets into ‘Warm Heart of Africa’ and was quilted by Mary Warner. Quilting was a new concept to African people as they did not extensively use fabric but rather used bark, plants, and animal skins for clothing, etc. Carolyn explained the differences between batik fabrics made in Dutch wax (VLISCO) method vs that made in Africa vs. that recently available from China.

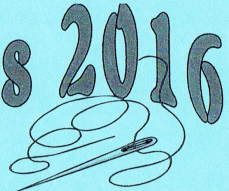
Malawi: Malawi is in the interior of Africa and Dr. Livingstone was once there, so a connection still exists with Scotland. Livingstone University was named in his honor. There are about 11 million people in Malawi and corn is the staple crop although the main cash crop is tobacco. A native clothing item is the Chi tang, a 2 yard length of fabric worn in various ways that shows a printed picture demonstrating affiliation with specific groups/church/stores such as a gas station/products, can show the year’s calendar, or can even be used to commemorate a person (think about your face emblazoned across someone’s rear end!). The main clothing source is the ‘used clothing market’ started in 1976 with clothing donations from charity groups like Goodwill, to sell overseas. Chinese clothing is reportedly cheaper but US and European clothing is cheaper and of better quality.

Volunteer work: Medical care in Malawi is extremely basic. Ms. Eastham stated that she assisted in raising funds to provide a bicycle to a midwife who traveled to various mobile clinics. Her charity groups included creating birthing kits of very basic supplies that hospitals did not have of their own.

She also volunteered at a Feeding Center run by Spanish Nuns, the Ministry of Hope Nursery with AIDS babies, and an orphanage built by Mother Theresa. She

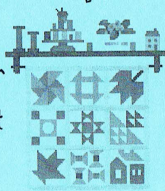
was very proud of her “charm school” designed to instruct the Embassy staff on the proper way to assist visiting Dignitaries. Ms. Eastham’s current enterprise is teaching a Manners and Etiquette course for children and adults.

AQG Exchanges 2016



February - Red fat quarter
March - 6 1/2" square - 5 of same fabric
April - 3 1/2" Half square triangle - 4 of same fabric (one side light/cream)
May - 6 1/2" four patch - 4 of same fabrics
June - 2 1/2" strips - 2 of same fabric
July - 3 1/2" square - 6 of same fabric
August - Cream/light fat quarter
September - 6 1/2" block - design of your choice
October - 6 1/2" square - 5 of same color
November - Green fat quarter

Try our challenge: Use all of the above in one top! Size is up to you. The red, cream/light and green fat quarters can be used as a whole piece or cut up. Bring the top to the December meeting for a chance at a prize!! See Judy or Sally at the Hostess table if you have questions.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For 2016 we have a goal of 160 members for the year. If you bring a guest, you will receive a colorful safety pin. If you bring a new member, you will receive one of the wonderful charms that are available. You will be provided with a nice AQG pin to hold the pins and charms. There will be PRIZES!!!!!!

KNOTS!

We would like you to register your knot. There is a sheet at the Hostess table.

We have four members that would like to join a knot. If your group is open to new members, please contact Judy Stewart. Thanks!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

- February 20 AQQ Sit and Sew at Baptist Southwest Hospital from 8-5. Bring your projects or work on Community Service kits.
- February 25 Quilt Arkansas 2017 planning meeting, 6:00 PM at Whole Hog BBQ (on Cantrell).
- March 1 Last day to register for Spring AWOL on 3/18!
- 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 14 Come to the AQQ meeting room during the day before our March meeting to help with Charity quilts! We need to cut fabric and make kits for donation quilts. Room opens at 10 AM.
- 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 Join AQQ at the Historic Arkansas Museum between 10 am and 3 pm. See Eddie Landreth (elandreth@sbcglobal.net) or Leah Sample (lsample9@att.net) or website for registration information.
- March 19 National Quilting Day. Join AQQ at the Historic Arkansas Museum between 10 am and 3 pm. Riley Middaugh plans demos scheduled for this public event.
- 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.
- November 3-6 International Quilt Festival/Houston quilts.com.

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- September 7-9 QUILT ARKANSAS retreat at the 4-H Center in Ferndale: "Raining Cats and Dogs."



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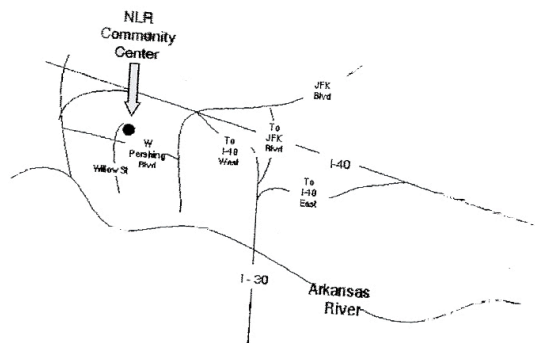
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**AQG Meeting
NLR Community Center
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn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