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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.*

Well Spring is Sprung, and with Spring comes Spring cleaning. I for one am up for the challenge as I seem to have accumulated many many “quilty” UFOS (Unfinished Objects). I personally have about 20 or so projects in random stages of completeness. Maybe more... Yikes! I keep telling myself no more fabric, no more patterns, no more books until those are finished. Well that never seems to work out well, and with Paducah coming up soon, that will definitely hinder my “no more” mentality! So I plan on opening up my windows and dusting off my sewing machine and getting busy on the UFOs. Please join me this Spring and get your own unfinished projects done. Think of all the lovely Show and Tell we could have at the meetings...)

Speaking of Paducah, if you aren't familiar with what Paducah is, it is a city in Kentucky and home to the American Quilter's Society original Quilt Week. It is also home to the National Quilt Museum. During Quilt Week there are exhibits, lots of vendors, classes and lectures. This year Quilt Week is April 20-23. Here is a link for more info: <http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/paducah/>. In 2017 they are planning on having 2 Quilt weeks one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Rooms book up really fast and you almost have to plan a year in advance. But it is definitely a must do at least once in your life. It's a good time to find a few fellow quilters or guild members to go on an adventure and shop till you drop!

We had a wonderful March meeting with Dawn Heese. What a wonderful program and trunk show she presented. I took away many ideas that I can put to use in future projects. For April's meeting we have meet your member

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

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

AQG Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock
Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Meet your
Members: Susi Olson and 2015 Challenges.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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featuring Susi Olson. She is not only a prolific quilter, she happens to be my teacher and mentor and also my Mother In Law. She is the reason I am a quilter today. In almost 21 years we've never really talked about how she became a quilter or talked about her quilt journey so I am really looking forward to her presentation. Also in April we are sharing our 2015 Challenge quilts. So if you worked on the challenges for last year please bring them to show.

I hope to see you all in April...and to see some completed UFOS.

Happy Stitching!
Alina Polta

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.

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
August	S-T-U		

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1/8 page (w 3.5" x h 2")	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$90.00
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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.

**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
2016 PROGRAM GUIDE****April 11, 2016**

Meet Your Members – Susi Olson
2015 Challenges

May 9, 2016

Airing of the Quilts/Ice Cream Social at Scott Plantation Settlement, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
See accompanying article for details
If rain-out, meeting at regular meeting site in North Little Rock

June 13, 2016

Aileen Anderson
Day Workshop – Wool and Other Fabrics on a Linen Background
Lecture in evening

July 11, 2016

Yard Sale, UFO Show and Sale
Do your Spring Cleaning and save your unused items for the Yard Sale; also, think about all those UFOs that don't do that much for you any more. Could you stand to part with them? Bring them for the UFO sale included in the Yard Sale night.

August 8, 2016

Bag Night
Day Workshop by Meg Cullum

September 12, 2016

“Through the Porthole” - Tips on getting the most from your visit to a national quilt show

October 10, 2016

Hissyfitz Workshop – Machine Appliqué
Lecture in evening
Sandy Fitzpatrick

November 14, 2016

“Stash Buster Quilts”

December 12, 2016

Auction and Party
Are you planning your donation?

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.”

AIRING OF THE QUILTS/ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**May AQG Meeting
at Scott Plantation Settlement
Scott, Arkansas
May 9, 2016, 5:30 - 7:30**

Hope you are planning your outing to Scott for the May AQG meeting. Scott Plantation Settlement is such a wonderful venue for us to show off our quilts. There is a rail fence that fronts the collection of buildings. What better place for a traditional "airing of the quilts" could we have? Be thinking about which quilts you want to take. It is best to bring some plastic or an old sheet to go in under them so the wood will not pull threads. Try to have your quilts to Scott by 5:00 pm. The official time for the evening is 5:30-7:30 pm. Go to <http://scottconnections.org> to learn more about the outstanding collection of buildings included in the settlement. Being added this year are a church and a pole barn.

Also, think about the opportunities for exploring the neighborhood prior to the quilt display. There is always food: try Cotham's or Seaton's Scott Place in Scott for lunch. For an afternoon activity, try a visit to Toltec Mounds State Park or England is only a 15 minute drive. Unfortunately, Charlotte's Sweets and Eats in Keo and the Plantation Agriculture Museum State Park in Scott are not closed on Monday.

Then don't forget the "Ice Cream Social" aspect of the evening. We are soliciting sponsors to provide the ice cream and serving supplies and help defray the cost of renting the settlement for the evening. If you have a business and want to be listed as a sponsor on the flyers we will provide to the public attending, the cost will be \$25. Contact Lavern or Debbie with your request. Members are asked to provide the toppings:

A-B-C – Caramel Topping
D-E-F – Chocolate Topping
G-H-I – Strawberry Topping
J-K-L – Whipped Cream
M-N-O – Chopped Nuts
P-Q-R – Toasted / Buttered Pecans
S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z – Fresh Fruit

Since we have our membership challenge going on this year, bringing guests will be an easy way to gain those pins and charms and the quilts are sure to impress those thinking of joining our group. If you want a ride to Scott or are willing to drive a group to Scott, please sign up at the April AQG meeting or contact Lavern or Debbie.

Lavern Schaap (rhschaapjr@aol.com)
Debbie Spinks (debbiespinks@sbcglobal.net)
Co-chairs for Programs

QUILTING RETREAT AT HEIFER RANCH

I'm hosting a quilting retreat at Heifer Ranch on April 29 - May 1. I know that many of the local quilting guilds already have retreats planned for this spring, however, I felt that this might offer an alternate date for those with scheduling difficulties. In addition, spring is such a special time at Heifer Ranch that some of you may want to do both!

This retreat package includes 2 nights lodging and 6 delicious meals. Besides working on your project, you can enjoy beautiful Heifer Ranch and the adorable lambs and even learn about making cheese!

For a printable poster and registration form for you to share with your friends, check out the website: www.DavesRetreats.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thanks for sharing and I hope to see you at the Ranch this spring!

Dave Lowe
Dave's Retreats

YOUR 2015 CHALLENGES ARE DUE IN APRIL!

Remember the challenges that Melissa presented to us last year?

JOURNEY

Whether it is your journey as a quilter, a personal journey or one you dream of, express it in this Challenge Quilt for 2015. Be ready to share your (short) story when we present the challenge quilts in April 2016.

BRANCH OUT

What technique have you always wanted to try but keep putting off? 2015 is the year for you to branch out into something new. Anything goes as long as you haven't given it a fair shot in the past and stick with it until the project is finished.

UFO

Once again we will run the UFO Challenge for those who need encouragement to finish already started projects. To qualify you must have started your project before January 1, 2015 and have it completed in entirety by December 31, 2015.

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
14 MARCH, 2016

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

Minutes: One correction made to minutes – Quilt Show/ Exhibit Chair is Judy Young. No additional corrections or additions to minutes for February were offered. Move was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. Vote passed.

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

Committee Reports

AWOL: Leah Sample reminded all that AWOL is March 18-20 and that the Sit and Sew was cancelled due to this conflict.

Challenges: Bev Phillips and Desi Gipson talked about the challenges and displayed two churn dash quilts made using fabric from the Dawn Heese collection.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, stated that there are 17 prepared pre-cut fabric kits for making quilts for the children in The CALL, a foster care program. She plans to make 14 more kits with some specifically for boys. Also discussed was her plan to have a sign out/sign in sheet for the kits to provide accountability. Eddie Landreth, Leah Samples, Riley Middaugh, and Marilyn Weaver have volunteered to do the long-arm quilting. Nine quilts have already been donated and 5 are completed. During the Sit and Sew in April, more fabric will be made available from prior community projects.

Demo/Vendors: Donna Toombs, Chair, continued presenting her in-services on basic quilting techniques using “Wickedly Easy Quilt Patterns.” Cynthia Quick demonstrated “Delectable Mountains.”

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair. She reported that she has not received any orders from members wishing to purchase seam rippers from Jack the Ripper. The cost is \$32 each and you can select from among several different colors. Boneta has received several orders for the T-shirt with “Quilter press to the dark side” and needs only 5 more orders before reaching the minimum required to order from the vendor.

Hostess: Judy Stewart (Sally Burrup, Co-Chair). Judy reported that there were 71 members present and 5 guests. Members were reminded to check out the items on the “freebies” table. The fabric exchange prize winners were Kim Lotz and Judy Stewart. Thanks were expressed to all who had donated door prizes. The door

prize winners were Charlotte Williams, Sally Burrup, Meya Travis, and Barbara Middleton. Fabric exchange for each month is listed in the AWG newsletter.

Membership: Mary Jane Beard, Chair. There are now 104 paid members for 2016. The Guild did begin the use of a special award for those who bring a guest (special safety pin tag) and a charm award for when the guest actually joins the Guild.

National Quilting Day, 3/19/16: Riley Middaugh, Chair. Information was shared about the Quilt Alliance and that they have free patterns on their website. They specialize in information about the history of quilters who labeled their quilts.

Programs & Workshops: Lavern Schaap & Debbie Spinks, Co-Chairs, reported. Lavern distributed postcards that she created to advertise the airing of the Quilts/Ice Cream Social in Scott. She made a 3-ring notebook for visitors to review at this event. Lists of members who are willing to provide transportation to Scott will be developed for the aid of those who would like assistance with transportation. Sponsors are needed to help buy the ice cream. Sponsors are expected to contribute a minimum of \$25 each. Members will be requested to bring ice cream toppings according to the first letter of their last name (list will be made). Please notify the Chairs if you plan to bring a quilt for the airing. A sheet will be put under each quilt for protections from the rough wood fence/dirt. If it rained recently, a plastic sheet will be provided to place on the fence rails underneath each quilt. The program guide for 2016 was completed.

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair, was ecstatic to announce that a new AQG member, Meg Cullum, has agreed to be the registrar for “Raining Cats and Dogs.” The only position still open is the Treasurer.

Quilt Show/Exhibit: Judy Young, Chair, would still like people to assist with demonstrations at Terry Library. The show will probably start October 11 and the quilts will hang through December 13. Quilts are to be 76 inches or less with a 4 inch sleeve. If the quilt is longer, a sleeve is to be put at the 76 inch mark. Hangers will be provided and are very professional looking. It will be ‘first come, first serve’ to get your quilt hung for display.

New Business:

Sew Much More has moved to 2001 Keihl Ave, suite 1, in Sherwood.

Hancock Fabric is closing and their fabric is on sale.

MINUTES

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Heifer International has sent a flyer out announcing a quilt retreat. Ms. Polta and some additional members of the Board plan to attend and assess the site as a potential location for future AWOL retreats.

SHOW AND TELL

Tiffany Noack told of a tragic story. She boards horses with a friend and another person, 'Joe', also boards horses there. Joe was a marine and she gave him a Quilt of Valor. Unfortunately, his house burned while the family was absent and the quilt was lost. Tiffany and some friends donated a new quilt for him. She spoke also of 'Trent' in Wyoming who has several problems (to include pulling his hair out continually). He is bullied severely at school. His mother is a marine and had hepatitis. Tiffany made a quilt for them and pillows for his siblings.

Robin Tyler displayed "Dinosaur Dance," an orange and black quilt for her grandson who loves dinosaurs. She found the fabric at a garage sale!

Alina Polta made a quilt of friendly smiling flowers for her friend's little girl and called it "Sunflower Babies."

Mary Jane Beard had a quilt in a traveling exhibit for the Ruby Anniversary of Houston Quilt Show; a red and white star studded quilt called "Mystery." It took 1 ½ years to get her quilt back as it traveled, among other places, to Chicago and Salem, Oregon.

Becky Butler made "Blue Ice" with colors her granddaughter loves. It was her first quilt top made from a jelly roll and she voiced surprise at how easy it was to put together. She also displayed a turquoise, melon, and black colored quilt with a stained glass looking effect that she called "Windows" as coral is the favorite color of her granddaughter. It was her second quilt top. Ms. Butler had a red, white, and black quilt called "L for Liza". She stated that there were lots of mistakes in it: the L's were not facing the same way (which no-one saw before she pointed it out). It was quilted at Pinwheel and she wished to voice "Thank you, Pinwheel". She was proud to announce it was her third quilt ever.

Marilyn Bradley has a mere three (count them – 3!) grandbabies due before the first of July. She knows that one will be a girl and made "Kinslee's Baby Quilt" using butterflies in pinks and grays.

Jackie Bibbs used Bali crackers plus her own multi-colored batik scraps as the ingredients for a quilt called "Cake Squares" as a gift to a grand-niece for her high school graduation.

Jan Partain made "Highlights" starting with fabric from a connecting Threads kit that was on sale and then altering it to a pattern that she created herself. This yellow, gold, and gray colored quilt was then quilted at Pinwheels.

Nola Ballenger, Lois Hall, Donna Toombs, and Martha Fewell all collaborated to tie a very scrappy and colorful charity quilt using a top that was made by an unknown piecer. Nola bound the quilt.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Quick

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Williams	April 1
Nola Ballinger	April 4
Boneta Hollis	April 5
Toni Baker	April 7
Rene Riggan	April 7
Mei Travis	April 8
Lynn Fletcher	April 12
Carol Hurt	April 12
Agnes Ross	April 15
Barbara McClintock	April 19
Catherine Arthur	April 20
Susan Williams	April 26

AQG COMMUNITY SERVICE

The meeting room will be open on April 11 starting at 10 AM for those who want to work on community service projects. There will be kits available for those who need one.

Membership Drive: Pins are still available for those who bring guests or new members.



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MARCH PROGRAM

DAWN HEESE

FROM SMALL TOWN GIRL TO DESIGNER

The small town Dawn hails from is Fayette, Missouri, with fewer than 3,000 people, but she now lives in Columbia. A third generation quilter, she said the thought of buying fabric specifically for a quilt was an alien concept for her grandmother and great grandmothers, who used lots of feed sacks.

Although Dawn enjoyed embroidery and counted cross stitch, plotting quilts on cardboard, with all the math that entailed, was not appealing to her. Her grandmother gave her tops to quilt, all by hand, of course. But when she tackled her first project on her own, it was formidable: a queen-size Grandmother's Flower Garden with $\frac{3}{4}$ " hexies, backed by a new percale sheet. Dawn said it helps to not know what you don't know.

After her second quilt, she was finally hooked. Quilting magazines introduced her to a new world, full of shops, fabrics, and tools, like rotary cutters. She quickly became prolific, giving quilts to everyone she knew, so many that her co-workers would avoid her during holidays so she wouldn't give them another one. She learned about quilt guilds and joined the M.O.K.A. Quilt Study Group, quilt history enthusiasts from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

Before long, she was designing her own patterns, starting with a 12-BOM book, followed by Cozy Quilts and Cross Stitch Projects, published by the Kansas City Star. <http://www.kansascitystarquilts.com/> Then Moda began sending her fabric (her "small time dream" was realized: having UPS deliver something she didn't pay for). She used only one Moda layer cake for her French Wren pattern and soon designed three more patterns; now she has 11 layer cake patterns and has authored five books with KC Star Quilts. Many of her pieces are featured in Quilt Mania, with her "Rowan" making the cover of the December 2015 issue. <https://www.facebook.com/LinenClosetDesigns/posts/932999693436512>

Her business, Linen Closet Designs, features needle turn applique, vintage/traditional/primitive styles, and hand quilting. Check them out at her blog: <http://dawnheesequilts.blogspot.com/2016/01/block-of-months.html>

Dawn loves wool applique, encouraging us to try it, adding, "If you've successfully finished first grade, you can do it." Another of her maxims is to always say "yes," and then figure out how to do something. She makes all her samples, adding if it's not easy, she won't do it. She's a one-person company, in charge of complaints, marketing, production and distribution.

We enjoyed seeing the AQG members' results from her Saturday and Sunday classes. And Dawn treated us to a massive trunk show, many pieces inspired by 19th century designs. Some were large and some were small: wall hangings, wool tags to hang on doors or furniture, and even dresser scarves (for people who aren't worthy of quilts). We enjoyed a very full and fun program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

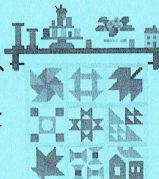
Link to Dawn Heese's blog:
<http://dawnheesequilts.blogspot.com>

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.



the bed-warmer

Quilt and Sew

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*** Next to Tinseltown Theaters ***
Authorized PFAFF dealer - Fabric - Notions

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

- 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.
- October 11 -
December 13 AQG QUILT EXHIBIT at Terry Library
- November 3-6 International Quilt Festival/Houston quilts.com.
- November 4-6 FALL AWOL at C. A. Vines 4-H Center

2017

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

AILEEN ANDERSON WORKSHOP "CREATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR WOOL APPLIQUÉ"

**Monday, June 13, 2016
10:00 am
North Little Rock Community Center**

In this class we will create a flower basket filled with dimensional appliquéd flowers. This will be appliquéd to a base of hand dyed linen. It then may be finished as a small pillow or mat. Kits will be provided that contain threads, wool, linen and needles. All students need to bring are scissors and a 12-inch quilt hoop. NOTE: Aileen likes a Morgan No-slip Hoop.

Cost for the workshop is \$40. Kit fee cost will be \$30 paid to Aileen on the day of the workshop.

Aileen will then give a lecture in the evening for our regular meeting program.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Once your registration and workshop fee (\$40) is received, a confirmation will be sent to you. The Kit Fee (\$30) will be paid to Aileen on the day of the workshop.

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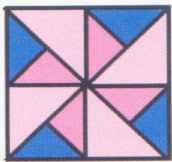
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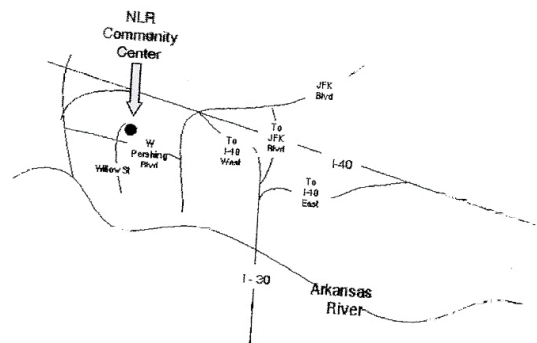
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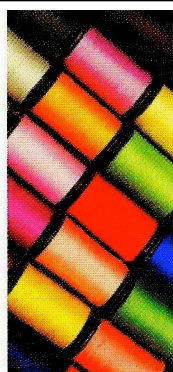
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior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