

Arkansas Quilters Guild 101

In light of an increase of new members, we would like to share in detail the guild activities which can be rather confusing to newcomers (as well as those of us who have been around awhile).

Our major events are Quilt Arkansas (QA), Quilt Show, and AWOL (Arkansas Women on the Loose & Guys Too), all of which require ample planning time. Since the planning of these major events is often concurrent, there tends to be a lot of confusion! To add to the confusion, QA and AWOL are held at the same location, i.e., the 4-H Center in Ferndale, AR. Often you may hear conversation like “Didn’t you start that in (*pick a name’s*) class at Ferndale last year?” or “How was AWOL last fall?” Even to those of us who have been around awhile, it’s hard to know exactly which event the question pertains to!

Quilt Show - This is held periodically for members of the guild to display their quilts. Generally, this is a judged event with ribbon awards given for categories of quilts. When held, it is usually during a year that QA is not also scheduled.

Quilt Arkansas - This is held in odd numbered years and is an educational retreat held at C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale, AR. National and local teachers give classes and nightly lectures, there are vendors for shopping, and there is a room available for sit-and-sew. It is three days of jam-packed fun! Lodging and meals are available right on the premises, so no one has to leave for three whole days, although day-only options are available. Registration and information are released and updated on the Quilt Arkansas website, so check often for news and more in-depth details.

AWOL - (Arkansas Women on the Loose! And Men, too!) This is a retreat that is also held at the 4-H Center in Ferndale during the Spring and/or Fall. It is an opportunity to sit and sew on personal projects from Friday through Sunday. Again, there is lodging and meals available on the premises, although day-only options are available, too. In years when there is Quilt Arkansas in the fall, we do not have a Fall AWOL.

Third Saturday Sit & Sew - This is held on the third Saturday of every month at the Baptist Health Southwest Campus, 11401 I-30, Little Rock, AR. The Sit & Sew is from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. So if you would like to get away for a while just to sit, sew, and visit, come and bring your projects and spend the day sewing with us.

Knots - These are groups of members who meet during the month.

AQG is on Facebook as well. If you are, too, then visit our page and become a fan. AQG news will then show up in your news feed so you can keep up with the latest news.

AQG Membership - Membership information and form can be found on the AQG website. Please join us!