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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!

As I write this we only have 5 weeks until Christmas. That is crazy to me! This year has really flown by and I haven't really finished any of the projects I had planned on getting done this year. I guess there is always next year, right? Hahaha. Our November Scrap Busting program did give me some inspiration to get busy though!

I am really looking forward to the December meeting. We always have such a wonderful time with the auction. And Gaylen is hilarious! If you haven't attended one of the AQQ Christmas Auctions, you are in for a real treat. And don't forget to bring your favorite snack to share for the party!

I wish you good luck getting your end of year sewing finished, and hope to get some of my own done, but with the mild weather we are having so far, it's hard to stay inside and work!

Until Next Month, Happy Stitching!
Alina Polta

IT'S A PARTY!



The December AQQ meeting will be a party! Bring your favorite party goodie. We're not assigning dishes by names as we do during the year. Just bring your very favorite; if we have plates and plates of cookies, so be it! Wear your Cowboy hat & duds!!!

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

AQQ Board Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2016, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.

AQQ Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Auction with Gaylen McGee, Auctioneer, and Party.



DAVE'S RETREATS

I've planned a new quilting retreat at Heifer Ranch for February 10-12. It will start Friday morning like the one this fall did so you can get in some extra quilting time. There will also be free chair massages (tips accepted) available again. Of course, Bobbie will be cooking up 7 wonderful meals for you as usual. Come join us for a cozy wintertime retreat in the Ouachitas!

Here's a link to the website: DavesRetreats.com

Hope you can make it!

Dave
Dave's Retreats
davesretreats.com

Welcome New Members

Gloria Killeen
Cid Hall
Sherri Dodds

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cloie Morgan	December 4
Marilyn Bradley	December 6
Sharon Weinsinger	December 6
Margaret Miller	December 11
Lois Hall	December 13
Roxana Whitner	December 13
Gloria Killeen	December 18
Eva Harrison	December 21
Beverly Phillips	December 28

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD

2016 PROGRAM GUIDE

December 12, 2016

Auction and Party
Gaylen McGee Auctioneer

2017 PROGRAM GUIDE

January 9, 2017

Meet Your Members – Betty Bradford, Desi Gipson

February 13, 2017

"AQG Goes to the Movies." This is the scheduled date for showing of P. Allen Smith's "Follow the Cotton" in which AQG is shown.

March 13, 2017

Meet Your Members – Shannon Young. Workshop during the day.

March 18, 2017

National Quilting Day

April 10, 2017

Donna Lynn Thomas Workshops. Saturday – Garden Glory. Sunday – Pine Tree Topper. Lecture at Monday meeting.

June 12, 2017

Aileen Anderson – Workshop and Lecture.


September 11, 2017

Catherine Redford

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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."

**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
14 NOVEMBER, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Alina Polta.

Minutes: One correction was submitted by Alicia Bell, chair of Community Service, who stated that the number of completed quilts turned in for donation was approximately 50, not the 100 reported in the minutes. No other corrections or additions to minutes were offered. President Polta reminded all of how to locate the minutes in the computer. Ms. Leah Sample moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Ms. Judy Rickard seconded the move. Vote made to approve minutes as corrected.

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

Committee Reports

AWOL: Eddie Landreth and Leah Sample, Co-Chairs. Ms. Sample reported that AWOL typically had a greater number of attendees, usually around 35-45 people. The 4-H Center bases the amount it charges for use of the facility on the attendance of the prior year's event. This year there were 27 registered to attend. Therefore, AWOL resulted in a loss of \$151.45 due to the attendance.

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, announced that this was the last chance for people to purchase the items at the back of the room that have been offered several times already. She laughingly reminded everyone to bring their checkbooks to the auction to be held during the December meeting. The sale of quilt batting as a fund raiser remains a strong possibility.

Membership: Mary Jane Beard, Chair, shared that there are currently 123 paid members for the year of 2016.

Quilt Show/Exhibit: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs: Ms. Beard stated that the quilts will be on display through December 3rd, and shared that Cloie Morgan will be acting as a 'tour guide' on Wednesday, November 16, at 2 p.m. She showed the Prize Ribbons that Francis Wade has generously created for the Exhibit.

Programs & Workshops: Lavern Schaap and Debbie Spinks, Co-Chairs. Ms. Schaap brought a form for all donations for the auction during the December meeting and stated that it was also available on the computer. She requested it to better enable the auctioneer with his comments during the auction. She asked that everyone assist in surprising our auctioneer Gaylen McGee by wearing Western wear. In addition, she stated that

mustaches will be provided to all to wear when he arrives. Ms. Schaap listed some of the items that have already been donated for the auction. She clarified the process for bidding for group items (such as dinner for 6 people or an outing for 5 people) to be one person does the bidding for the entire package.

The agenda was read for December, 2016, through April, 2018.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, read the Thank you card that was sent from Christine Irwin, the Executive Director from The Call (a group supporting foster care in Arkansas). In order to exhaust the grant funds, she and another member bought additional fabric at a sale and also ordered more in order to make additional pre-cut fabric kits. Alicia reported that 16 quilts were submitted this evening, bringing the total to approximately 66 completed quilts for donation. She gave a reminder that there will be a drawing for a prize during the December meeting among all who have donated a quilt.

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair, stated that she and her committee are working on Save the Date cards to distribute in the future and that Quilt Arkansas is scheduled next year, 2017, on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of September. Two national teachers are arranged to provide classes: Nova Montgomery and Catherine Redford. Local teachers are being sought.

Challenges: Beverly Phillips and Lynn Fletcher, Co-Chairs. Sherri Dodds announced that she will be the new Chair and she brought two quilts to show. The first quilt was a block of the month challenge and the second was made completely from fabric she collected from the 'freebie' table. Her point was that quilts can be made in many different ways. Both quilts were then donated. Sherri then announced that there will be a challenge each month next year. In February, there will be a piece of fabric in a baggie with instructions to use it to make a 12.5 inch block in any pattern.

Hostess: Judy Stewart and Sally Burrup, Co-Chairs. Judy relayed that there were 61 members present tonight as well as 4 guests. There will not be a 'freebie table' during the December meeting due to the auction. She stated that a new Knot tried to meet but will try again to meet next January after the holiday rush. The fabric exchange had two winners: Francis Wade was one (apologies to the other person). Judy thanked Donna Toombs for donating 6 door prizes awarded during the meeting. The winners were Cynthia Quick, Cloie Morgan, Phillis Westerfield, Elaine Green, Delores Richards, and Riley Middaugh.

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Minutes (continued from page 3)

Sunshine: Shannon Young, Chair. President Polta announced that Pat Crawford will be assuming this position next year.

Old business: Nothing was reported.

New business: Thank you's were expressed to Violet Medina of the Stitchery Sewist Shop, for agreeing to vend this evening.

Stitchery Sewist Shop
1103 S. Pine Ste A
Cabot, AR., 72023
501-286-8335

Darcy Patterson is a published author and she brought in some of her books to sell this evening. She graciously offered to share proceeds from her sales with the Guild.

Sue Womack shared that Pine Bluff Home and Garden Show, February 4-5, 2017, will be held at the Convention Center in Pine Bluff. Vintage needlework will be highlighted: hand/machine sewing, tatting, crochet, knitting, etc. She brought several examples of older items that could be included. She invited everyone to attend this Show.

President Polta announced that the Heifer Ranch will be hosting a quilting retreat next February 10-12, and shared that people who have attended really enjoyed the food and the accommodations.

SHOW AND TELL

Jan Partain brought in a lovely Stained Glass quilt made in shades of purple, blue, and other colors. There were pretty butterflies on the quilt that she stated she made for a friend who is a Master Gardener.

Sherri Dodds displayed a block of the month quilt made during 2014 and 2015 made in blue and white colors that she machine quilted herself. She used a quilt design by Cindy Staub and titled it "My Favorite Things". Her second quilt was another block of the month using a pattern by Erin Russek of needle turned appliqued flowers and birds that took 5 years to complete. She quilted this herself also. Not surprisingly, it was called "My Tweets".

Susi Olson purchased a center medallion kit from Hancock's of Paducah last month. "We made a quick trip up North and on the way home, we stopped for a quick visit. Decided to make it into a wall hanging. It's raw edge applique." The quilt used tight swirls of fabric and was very impressive.

Susan Furr made a gift for this Christmas of a horse with its mane blowing in the breeze. She also brought one of a butterfly created in cheerful colors of pink, blue, and more.

Janell Barkley used batiks in multiple shades of green to create a reversible sofa runner for her new couch. She also made the arm chair covers to match.

Delorse Richards brought multiple Christmas stockings that she created for her 'critters'. She has 5 dogs (Bo, Cody, and more), 4 cats (Cloie, Floyd, Max, and Lillie), 1 hedgehog (Chrissy), and even more for the people in her life: such as her daughter.

Cindy Barszezanski used a panel picked by her 4-year old grandson to make him a quilt during the recent AWOL. "Snow Day" showcased a train in olden days. Cindy also attended the Hissy Fits class on applique and already completed her "Gourds" quilt!

Alina Polta made a quilt for a sweet friend's new baby boy. "Owl You Need Is Love" featured a large central owl with 3-D feathers and a flannel back.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Quick



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Pre-Furred Quilts
Donna Lynn Thomas
quilt designer, lecturer, instructor, author



Come join us for 2 fun-filled workshops with Donna Thomas in April, 2017!
Believing that piecing quilts should be a pleasure, not a fight, her focus is on skills mastery and techniques that enable her students to enjoy frustration-free sewing.



“Garden Glory”
63 3/8” X 63 3/8”

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Baptist Health Southwest Campus
Little Rock, AR

Cost: \$50.00 Members (\$80.00 for both)
\$60.00 Nonmembers

“Pine Tree Topper”
22 inches square

When: Sunday, April 9, 2017
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Baptist Health Southwest Campus
Little Rock, AR

Cost: \$50.00 Members (\$80.00 for both)
\$60.00 Nonmembers

Requires Omnigridd On-Point Ruler
(\$20.00, purchased in class)



PRE-FURRED QUILTS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name _____

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Garden Glory

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Class Fee: \$50 Member (\$40 for both) _____

\$60 Non-member _____

Pine Tree Topper

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Class Fee: \$50 Member (\$40 for both) _____

\$60 Non-member _____

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.

I look forward to seeing you there. I know it will be a fun time. Thank you for supporting Arkansas Quilters Guild.

Don't forget to plan on attending the April Guild meeting on Monday, April 10th to hear Donna's lecture. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM.

Mail your registration to:

Debbie Spinks
1 Wayside Dr.
Sherwood, AR 72120

**IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!
THE 2016 LIVE AUCTION WITH
GAYLEN MCGEE**

We've been waiting all year. Now, we get to start the WILD bidding. We have a great list of items; gifts for family and friends and maybe even ourselves. If you are still working on something, let us know by the end of November and we will add the last minute items to the catalog.

As a surprise for Gaylen, please wear western wear and/or a cowboy hat to the meeting. Since this is also our big party for the year, bring your favorite party goodie. We're not assigning dishes by names as we do during the year. Just bring your very favorite; if we have plates and plates of cookies, so be it! This is also a great time to invite your non-quilting friends to come to the meeting with you. They will definitely be entertained and might even get some of their shopping done too.

We will hand out bidding numbers at the door. A note to consider: A few of the items are for groups, i.e., Dinner for Six. These should be bid on by one person for your group and then that person can collect from the other attendees.

The Auction Catalog (as of 11/17/16)

1. From Angie Heifner, Red Oak Cutting Board (18 in. by 8½ in.)
2. From AQG, A Small Collection of Christmas Decorations
3. From Barbara Middleton, Six Feed Sacks (36 in. by 44 in.)
4. From Leah Sample, Gift Certificate (up to \$100) for Leachele's Sampler
5. From Lois Hall, Kitchen Towels and Muscadine Jelly
6. From Sue Womack, Six Hours of "Girl Friday" Services

7. From Lavern Schaap, Jazz for the Studio, 3 Rex Bell Trio CDs
8. From Sharon Weinsinger, Kaffe Fassett Package
9. From Sally Burrup, \$20 Gift Certificate to Pinwheel Fabrics
10. From Piece Makers Knot, Hot Food/Hot Drinks/Hot Goodies Basket
11. From Kathy Jones, Jinny Beyer Kit for Crystal Star Quilt
12. From Ott Knot, Quilted Wallhanging
13. From Angie Heifner, Yellowheart Ruler Rack
14. From Cindy B, Pam Brown, Carol Hurt, Sue Womack; Lunch and Shopping for 4
15. From Angie Heifner, Walnut and Maple Ruler Rack
16. From Judy Stewart, Pie-A-Palooza: Pumpkin, Apple and Pecan Pies
17. From Piece Makers Knot, Basket of Batiks
18. From Pam Brown, Church Birdhouse
19. From Liz Ketcherside, Quilting Day in the Country for Eight
20. From Angie Heifner, Hard Maple Cheese Board
21. From Boneta Hollis, Italian Dinner for Six
22. From Alicia Bell, Razorback Wreath
23. From Angie Heifner, Wooden Trivet
24. From Susi Olson, Christmas Goodie Basket
25. From Pamela Davis, Moda Candy Bars and Charm Pack
26. From Debbie Spinks, "Acorns Away" Kit from Hissyfitz
27. From Angie Heifner, Two Days and Nights at Greers Ferry Lake House
28. From Judy Rickard, Cozy Afghan
29. From Sharon Weinsinger, Cat Stack Wall Quilt Kit
30. From Ott Knot, Lunch at the Museum for Six

For questions or to add donations:

Debbie Spinks (debbiespinks@sbcglobal.net)
or
Lavern Schaap (rhschaapjr@aol.com)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

- April 7-8 NW ARK QUILT SHOW, Metroplex Event Center, 881 Metroplex Dr., Springdale, AR 72762. For info, www.quiltguildnwa.edublogs.org and click on QUILT Show.
- September 7-9 QUILT ARKANSAS retreat at the 4-H Center in Ferndale: "Raining Cats and Dogs."

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Who You Gonna Call? STASHBUSTERS!

Lavern Schaap, Program Chairman Extraordinaire, organized yet another grand program featuring our own AQG members. This time, the topic was our ever-growing stashes. Or as Jim Gatling mused, after he'd made a determined effort to eliminate his – and his 13th top was made from scraps from other scraps: "Why does that stash never go down?"

A stash is defined as an amount of something that's stored or hidden, usually in a secret place (although lots of us display it with reckless abandon). Our stash is as individual as our own signature.

Kathy Jones treated us to seven of the scrappy quilts made from her stash: quite a variety, including one with pineapple blocks, a paper-pieced New York Beauty, and one with half-square triangles in 30's fabric. When she first started quilting, she stocked up on fat quarters, but now buys one or two yards at a time and stores them by color in plastic shoe boxes on four big bookcases and in a special fabric closet.

Alina Polta, a 30s addict, showed three quilts in that fabric, including her fave sampler apron club. She doesn't buy for her stash anymore and just buys kits – but she does have a mighty thread collection.

Lois Hall, who makes lots of donation quilts, showed an Arkansas Crossroads from Karin Renaud's Quilts from the Heart book, as well as a jewel-tone string quilt made from strips she bought by the pound at a Hot Springs shop.

Judy Rickard displayed a round robin quilt from her knot. She said inverted shoe racks are good for storing fabric.

Judy Bowers, who owned a quilt shop and knows a lot about color theory, had two made with the same pattern (Pat Speth's Star Medallion) but in different colors.

Debbie Spinks showed her striking quilt made from her dad's ties that she made for her son. Of course, her daughter wanted one too, so Debbie made a bow-tie one for her, using Pellon iron-on stabilizer.

Wilma Richter loves any type of log cabin, string, square in a square, and half-square triangle quilt. But mostly she loves just grabbing in her boxes of unsorted scraps and discovering what will pop up. She's progressing through the 99 possibilities in Judy Hooworth's Spectacular Scraps book, checking them off as she goes. Wilma makes her own Thangles and uses Deb Tucker rulers. She made fabric from her stash for a jacket that Marilyn Weaver constructed.

Jim Gatling is known for taking other folks' scraps to combine with his own. He showed "Bobbie Always Wanted a Log Cabin," that had multiple borders, as well as a crazy quilt in the colors his granddaughter requested (orange, lime and hot pink). He stores his stash all over, including in nine lawyer's cabinets. One room in his house is floor-to-ceiling buttons.

Susi Olson used up a bunch of ugly fat quarters in four bullseye quilts – and still has lots left. She also showed one made from leftovers from a Thimbleberries BOM. She doesn't keep a big stash.

Sharon Weinsinger displayed a crazy quilt that she'd practiced her new machine's stitches on, a heavy yo-yo quilt, and a thousands-pyramid one. She stores her fabric in wire drawers in a closet, sorted by color and types.

Pamela Davis has a STABLE: Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy, and said her two boys do not want to inherit any of it. She stores it in mesh hampers by colors.

Cynthia Quick had a bright neon parrot quilt.

Gloria Killeen had a double wedding ring handstitched by her mother; she said the detergent boxes from Sam's are a perfect size for storing fabric.

Donna Toombs also showed a quilt her mother had made.

Bo Mittlestaedt had two baby quilts for her nieces.

Lavern Schaap showed two of the oldest pieces in her stash: a print originally belonging to a friend's mother with a scene reminiscent of an Italian lake which she has used for a valance in the quilt room and a retired bathrobe from the high school days saved because of the neat 60s pattern on the fabric. She shared tips, like keeping her bobbins and top threads together with Bobbin Buddies, using a dot of fingernail polish to indicate thread weight, making a sampler square of machine quilting patterns and her machine's different decorative stitches, and storing 2 ½ in. fabric strips by tying them onto a piece insulation. She used a Jelly Roll from her stash to make a donation quilt on which she could practice thread play and flange binding before using them on a class reunion quilt.

Jan Partain said she likes to tightly wrap fabric around comic book boards that can be stacked vertically on shelves and also suggested asking fabric stores for the cardboards that bolts of fabric are wrapped on.

We all went away with lots of good tips, inspiration, and resolve to tackle our ever increasing stash. As if.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

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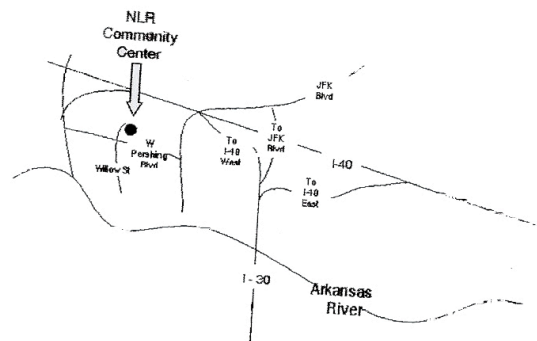
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