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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.*

Happy New Year Fellow Quilters,

New Year, new goals or maybe not new. What does 2017 have in store for you in your sewing rooms? I for one have failed horribly at getting my UFOS done yet again during 2016. So I am doing my best to tackle those very neglected projects. I am going to dig through my room and pull out all my UFOS. I have them all stashed away in nice, neat plastic boxes. The problem with that is they are out of sight, out of mind. If they aren't visible, I pay them no mind. So I will begin by pulling all of those bins out and stack them on a wall in my sewing room. There I will see them everyday in all their glory! I am going to make a list of each UFO on a poster board and tape it to the back of my door. As I complete a project, I will mark it off...nothing feels better then taking a giant sharpie and crossing something off.

I do want to say thank you to all of our guild members for allowing me to serve you as president for the last year, and for having faith in me for one more. We have wonderful members and super special committee members. Our committee members work very hard to make our guild a special place to come each month. Their time and dedication is very much appreciated. I also want to say a special thank you to Donna Toombs for the wonderful quilt she gave me last month for serving this year! I will treasure it always! I enjoy the friendships I have made through the guild and hope to make many more in the years to come!

Until Next Month, Happy Stitching!
Alina Polta

“The best way to get something done is to begin.” – Author Unknown

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2017, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202.

AQG Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Meet Your Members – Betty Bradford and Desi Gipson.



DECEMBER PROGRAM AUCTION!

We always look forward to the December auction, and this one did not disappoint. Our all-time favorite auctioneer Gaylen McGee, assisted by our own Vanna White (aka Marilyn Weaver), managed to rustle up a big pot of money from some eager bidders: more than \$3,400!

There was a wide variety of items, including fabric, kits, wooden racks, meals, lake house stays and much more.

As usual, Gaylen was mystified by some of our terms. By now, he knows what a fat quarter is (although he still wants to say leg quarter), but he wasn't sure about candy bars, batiks and applique. Some of the items were tongue twisters for him, like the Kaffe Fassett package, making him wish that term was used in auctioneer school in Missouri since it's a lot harder to say than some of the other phrases they practice on.

Gaylen wanted to bid on some of the items, like Sue Womack's Six Hours of Girl Friday Services – and he did buy Judy Stewart's three pies, which he planned to freeze till Christmas and then claim as his own handiwork. He remarked that the set of feed sacks Barbara Middleton provided were pretty fancy compared to the ones that went into the old well-worn quilts he's saved.

And so we closed another year with great food and great fun. AQG is the best!

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

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."

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ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD

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

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS

AWOL


PROGRAM NOTES – Take notes describing program for newsletter

PROPERTY – Store/transport quilt racks

the bed-warmer
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ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
12 DECEMBER, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Alina Polta.

Minutes: One correction was submitted regarding the dates of the Quilt Show – please see that section below for correct information of its closing. No other corrections or additions to minutes were offered. A move was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. The vote passed to approve the 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

Programs & Workshops: A teacher has confirmed for April's meeting.

Challenges: Ms. Dodd will be Chair for 2017 and she will be providing a piece of fabric each month that participants are to use, in any manner that they choose, to create a 12 ½ inch block. These blocks will eventually be used to make charity quilts.

Quilt Show/Exhibit: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs: Ms. Beard reminded everyone that the quilts at the Quilt show will be taken down tomorrow starting at 9 am. There were more than 700 votes counted. Prizes were awarded to:

1st place	Pam Davis, "Delightful Seasons"
2nd place	Alicia Bell, "A Lot of Pink"
3rd place	Sue Womack, "My Arkansas"

Membership: Mary Jane Beard, Chair, announced that there are currently 125 paid members for the year of 2016. For the year 2017, there are already 33 paid members.

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, proudly shared that the auction is tonight!

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, happily proclaimed that the Guild was given 3 additional quilts tonight, making a total of 75 completed quilts for The Call (a group supporting foster care in Arkansas). She stated that additional pre-cut fabric kits have been made for next year. Those who donated a quilt had been given a ticket and tonight Alicia used those tickets for a drawing and she awarded prizes to:

Leah Sample
Janelle Barkley

Marilyn Weaver (who had her name selected 2 more times, but passed it on to the next person)
Lynn Fletcher

Hostess: Judy Stewart stated that there were 56 members present this evening as well as 5 guests; Jaymie Crisel, Debra York, Margaret Snow, Deborah Riley, and Ruth Czirr (please excuse the possible misspelling).

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair, informed the Board members that teacher proposals have been made. She asked everyone to mark their calendars for September 7-9, 2017, to attend. Save the Date cards with the Quilt Arkansas 2017 logo were distributed to assist all to mark the dates. The theme is "It's Raining Cats and Dogs" and the cards had multiple cute references to the (quilting) weather and that umbrellas will be available for purchase.

Old business: Nothing reported.

New business: President Polta thanks the 2016 Officers for their service. She shared that there are still some positions in need of a volunteer: Photographer, Property, and Program Notes.

SHOW AND TELL

Liz Ketcherside thanked the guild for their support and stated that she appreciated their thoughts and kindnesses.

Bonita Hollis brought her "Ha Bum Bug" quilt she started during the Hissy Fitz workshop. She shared that years ago her son David wrote on a child's bookcase and blamed it on his little sister, although she was unable to write yet. He wrote "Katy is a Bumbug"! Bonita also created Collage of Courage for her friend Alice, who had 20 consecutive years of T-shirts for the Race for the Cure Runs. Alice's Survivor Shirts are on the back of the quilt

Jan Partain used tan and brown fabrics in a 'masculine' quilt.

Lois Hall used the disappearing 9 patch pattern to make a quilt for Lucas, her niece's baby boy who has born prematurely and was just released from the hospital. They live in northern Indiana and it gets pretty cold there in the winter so Lois chose fleece for the backing for warmth and tied it together. The toddler sized quilt is composed of pastel blues, greens, and yellows.

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Donna Toombs presented a quilt to the 2016 Madam President Polta in appreciation for her services. The quilt had 180 autographs on it. Alina was extremely surprised and stated that she would treasure it greatly.

Adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Quick

Angie Heifner was requested by several to share her recipe. Thank you Angie

Date Balls

2 sticks of butter or margarine	1 cup sugar
8 oz. pkg of chopped dates	

2 cups Rice Krispies	1 t. vanilla
1 c. chopped pecans	powdered sugar

Combine margarine, dates and sugar in saucepan and cook until thick. Remove from heat.

Add Rice Krispies, nuts, and vanilla and mix well. Cool. Make into balls and roll in powdered sugar.



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THANKS - IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!

Debbie and I want to thank you for all you have taught us this past year and for all the experiences you have given us. For us, it was so much fun working together. We are both Medical Technologists who trained at Baptist Health in Little Rock. Although we've been friends for many years, it had been a few since we actually worked together. We soon found out that our work styles meshed well. We had kind of a natural divide in what needed to be done in preparation for the programs. Of course, we had a great example to get us started. Liz Ketcherside had everything so well organized that the first six months were under control.

In looking back over the year, a few thoughts stand out. In January, Mary Jane Beard and I showed you our quilts and told about our journey to "NOW". That was fun getting out some of my quilts from family members now long gone and comparing them to those I've made in the last few years. In April, Susi Olson did the same. Who knew she was so prolific? I knew she often brought a beautiful Show and Tell quilt; but, seeing her collection was impressive.

The February program was so informative: Carolyn Eastham taught us about African fabrics. One of my favorite take-homes from that night was imagining the bales of Goodwill fabrics arriving in Africa and those fabrics being so desirable. Who would have dreamed?

Dawn Heese led our first workshop of the year and then showed her beautiful quilts at the March meeting.

The May meeting was our first "punt" of the year. The "Airing of the Quilts" was to be held at Scott Plantation Settlement. But, for the second year in a row, the weather had other ideas. So we "aired" the quilts in our regular meeting room. The June meeting also needed some last minute adjustments – make that "several" last minute adjustments. Aileen Anderson was scheduled for a program on using wool. But, she had to cancel at the last minute due to an injury. "Punt #2" turned into a video from Libby Lehman. Then when we got to the Community Center, our room was being remodeled. We had to move to a different part of the building. My best take-home from the video was Libby's way of labeling pieces on her design wall and how she leaves the pieces stitched together as she completes the top.

July was the annual AQQ Yard-Sale. This year we added a UFO Silent Auction. Some interesting stories were told as to why the projects were still UFOs.

August gave us a "Day of Bags." Kellie Coleman taught a Hipster Bag workshop in the afternoon and then showed us even more bags that evening. Thanks Kellie.

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I enjoy using my bag so much that I have made ten (and still have at least three more to go) to give as Christmas presents. Even made a “Kiddie” version for two little friends.

September made us dream of going to big national quilt shows. In November, we got lots of ideas for using fabrics from stashes. Sandwiched in between those two programs was a day of learning appliqué with Sandy Fitzpatrick from “Hissyfitz Designs.”

And then the “Grand Finale” at the December meeting. Gaylen is always so much fun to have as a guest. Debbie and I asked you to be “Creative” in your donations. Boy, did you succeed! The items were so varied. It was fun to see what comments Gaylen had for them. And, as usual, everyone was generous in the bidding. A goodly sum was raised to give us a good start for 2017.

When Debbie and I started the year, our goals were to have entertaining programs, to give everyone something of interest they would enjoy learning, and to be organized enough that the evenings would run smoothly. Hope we succeeded in your opinion. And, we are turning the Programs and Workshops over to a great group: Cindy Barszczewski (Cindy B.), Sue Womack, Pam Brown, Carol Hurt, and Cloie Morgan.

So yes, thanks for your participation in our programs and for your comments. When you tell us you learned something or really enjoyed something you make the year of work worth it.

Lavern Schaap
(For the 2016 Programs and Workshops Co-Chairs:
Debbie Spinks and Lavern Schaap)

PROGRAMS IN 2017

Hello,

My name is Cindy Barszczewski and I have the honor to be program chair for 2017. Of course I couldn't do this without enlisting Sue Womack, Pam Brown and Carol Hurt to share the fun with me.

We want your suggestions for what interests you as a quilter. What is new in the quilting world? What are other quilters excited about?

We are looking forward to finding those answers.

Cindy, Sue, Pam, and Carol.

FROM THE INTERNET

Are you looking for help with free motion quilting motifs? Check out Lori Kennedy's blog at www.theinboxjaunt.com for free machine quilt patterns and excellent tutorials. She teaches doodling as practice for free motion quilting.

Love the look of a 2-color binding? See a video tutorial on how to make the flanged, or flat piping, binding at this site: http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/articles/Quilt_Binding___Flanged_Binding_by_Machine.

Fabric companies frequently offer free instructions to use their material. Download patterns for quilts and sewing projects like aprons, totes, etc. from Wilmington Prints here: <http://www.wilmingtonprints.com/projects>.

Check your favorite magazines which usually offer additional content on their websites. Browse through the quilt, bags, pillows and gifts projects offered by “American Patchwork and Quilting” here: <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

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| March 18, 2017 | National Quilting Day |
| 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. |
| April 8, 2017 | “Garden Glory” class with Donna Lynn Thomas at Baptist Health SW campus. |
| April 9, 2017 | “Pine Tree Topper” class with Donna Lynn Thomas at the Baptist Health SW campus |
| September 7-9 | QUILT ARKANSAS retreat at the 4-H Center in Ferndale: “Raining Cats and Dogs.” |



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 _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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.

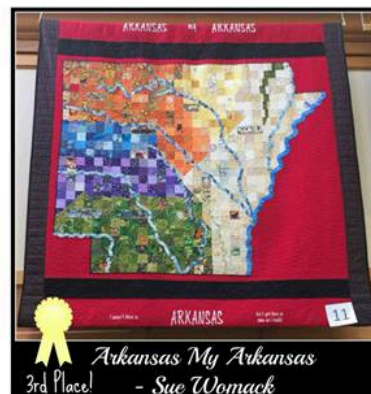
Don't forget to plan on attending the April Guild meeting on Monday, April 10th to hear Donna's lecture. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM.

Mail your registration to:

Debbie Spinks
1 Wayside Dr.
Sherwood, AR 72120

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM CALS – TERRY LIBRARY

The results are in! Congratulations to the winners and a special thank you to everyone who submitted quilts to the exhibit this year. We will be sad to see them go!



Congratulations to the 2016 Arkansas Quilter's Guild Exhibit Winners!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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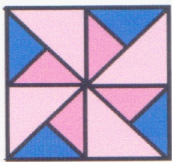
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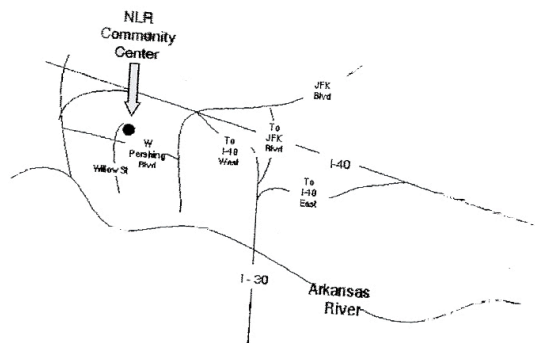
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