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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...

Wow it seems everyone had been really busy over the winter. What amazing show and tell we had at the last meeting. Keep up the great work and keep bringing your beautiful quilts for us all to see. I also loved seeing Shannon's quilts and hearing her story of her journey into quilting. It's always great to learn about our fellow quilters and how they got started.

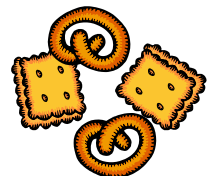
I was fortunate to get to hang out with some amazing ladies at National Quilting Day and learn a bit more about them. We demoed lots of projects and we were able to introduce a bunch of people to the world of quilting. Thanks to all who volunteered and especially Riley Middaugh for organizing such a wonderful event. I'm already looking forward to next year.

We have some great workshops coming up so get signed up... April is Donna Lynn Thomas, June is Aileen Anderson and we have Quilt Arkansas coming up in September. Lots and lots of opportunities to branch out and maybe learn something new!

Until Next Month, Happy Stitching!
Alina Polta

APRIL MEETING SNACKS

Members with last name starting with P - R.



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

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

AQG Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock
Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Donna Lynn
Thomas lecture. Workshops on Saturday and Sunday.



MARCH 2017 PROGRAM

HOW TO SUCCEED IN QUILTING WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Our own pink-coifed, free spirit Shannon Young shared her quilting journey with us. She's been an AQG member since 2008, holding several guild jobs, and currently works part time at Pinwheel Fabrics. She's always been impressed with the talent of guild members, many of whom have math, science and medical backgrounds, although she considers herself an imposter in our midst, having failed college algebra six times and struggling to draw even stick figures (don't believe it!)

Shannon's first quilt was in 1997, hand pieced and quilted, with Y seams. In Raleigh, NC, she was ignored at a quilt shop, so she relied on mail-order fabric. Moving to the DC area, she was faced with large-scale quilting guilds with more than 1,000 members. So when she moved back to Arkansas and went to Blossoms Quilt Shop, she finally found warm, friendly, kindred souls, willing to share tips and provide good advice. She had to overcome some of her early bad ways, such as thinking that pressing was for losers and a quarter-inch seam was a best-case scenario. But over the years, she has progressed from not knowing how to do half-square triangles to mastering curved piecing.

She even found a dream job at Pinwheel, where owner Charlotte Williams pays her in fabric. What a deal! Her expertise has grown so that she's taught classes there: New York Beauty, French Braid, Clam Shell, Bulls Eye, and Feathers. She conducted a Feathers class before this meeting, and many beautiful class projects were displayed.

Shannon treated us to a trunk show of her works, many of which lacked binding because she has other things to do. Debbie Haley quilted several of them, but Shannon also rents Pinwheel's Gammill to do her own long-arming. Several featured her obsession, 30's fabric, and one was an AQG winner. Show-Off Turkey was a paper-pieced wall hanging that she will teach at Quilt Arkansas in September, as well as her Caffeine Addict Mug Rug,

Shannon quilts in her barn where she can lock the door and pretend she doesn't hear anyone knocking. Her advice for quilters is to join a guild, go to retreats, shop at local quilt stores, and hang out with people who have more skills. She feels she's stood on the shoulders of great quilters. Haven't we all!

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Partain, Program Scribe

ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD 2017 PROGRAM GUIDE

April 10, 2017

Donna Lynn Thomas Workshops. Saturday – Garden Glory. Sunday – Coral Reef. Lecture at Monday meeting.

May 8, 2017

Program by Hickory Hills Quilt Shop

June 12, 2017

Aileen Anderson – Workshop and Lecture.

July 10, 2017

Violet Medina from Stitchery Sewist Shop

August 14, 2017

Jane Bell from the Stitchin Post

September 11, 2017

Catherine Redford

APRIL SUN BLOCKS

This month we are going to try a little appliqué. Now don't be turned off by the thought of appliquéing! If you don't like to appliqué, guess what? You can embroider!

The 'rules' are as follows:

You'll need a 10" square of a pale pastel color, white, or white-on-white fabric for your background

Use any Sun Bonnet Sue or Sam pattern of YOUR CHOICE! Use your favorite appliqué style or even embroider the outline instead.

If you don't have a pattern, you can email me or get one from the newsletter (pages 3 and 4). I am using patterns from Marti Michell's web site. The pattern is copy written and is only for individual use.

Make one Sue, or one Sam, or one of each, or two of one! Have fun!

Lastly, embellish your block. What is Sue doing or holding? What is Sam doing? The sky's the limit! Let your imagination and creative side shine here.

Bring your completed blocks to the April meeting. If you have any questions, contact me at sewangelic@sbcglobal.net

Sherri Dodds

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 110 paid memberships!!!! If you paid by mail, your membership card for 2017 will be at the membership table, please stop by and pick it up!

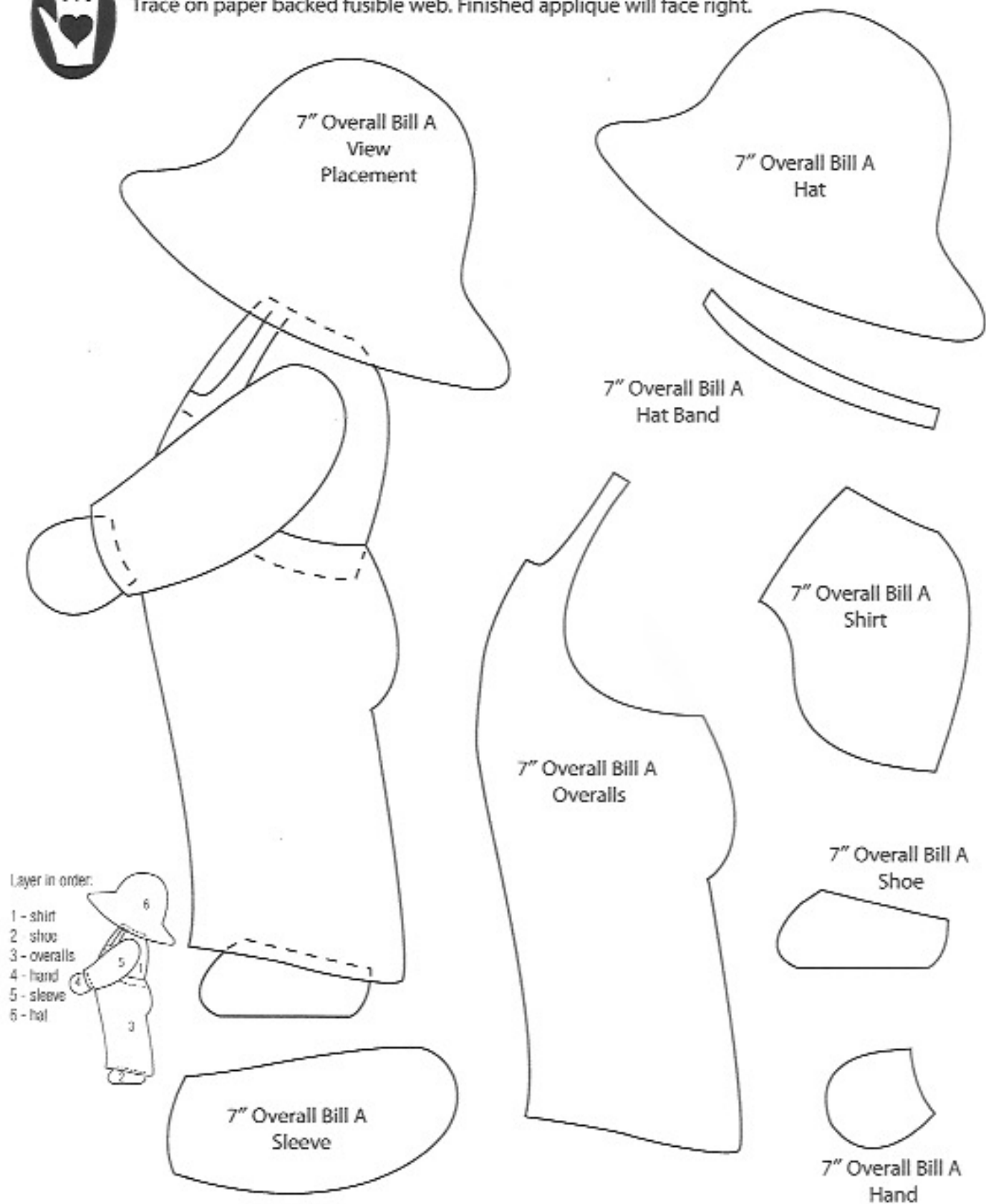
March 31 is the deadline to pay dues and stay on the roster. By-laws say to drop you off the roster after that date!!! Please don't miss out on all our fun activities! You can mail your dues to the address on the website if you can't make the meeting.

Judith Stewart



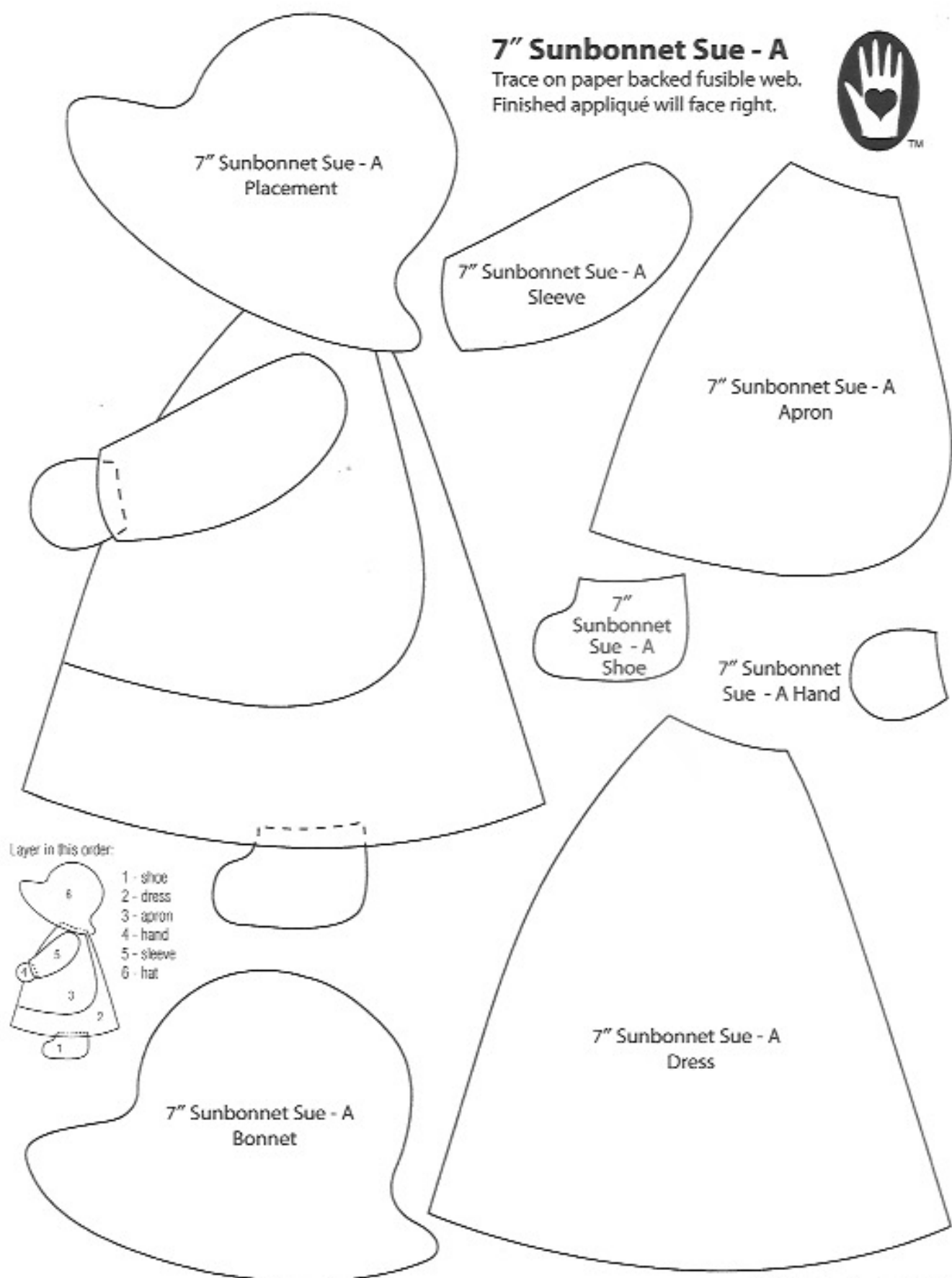
7" Overall Bill - A

Trace on paper backed fusible web. Finished appliqué will face right.



7" Sunbonnet Sue - A

Trace on paper backed fusible web.
Finished appliqué will face right.



ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
13 MARCH, 2017

The Guild Board meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by President Alina Polta.

Minutes: Alicia Bell offered one correction to minutes for last month: a total of 78 quilts have been turned in for donation to The Call. Riley Middaugh is the Chair for the National Quilt Day. Judy Rickard moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Sally Saunders seconded the move. The vote was passed to approve minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Jane Beard reviewed the report.

Committee Reports

President Polta reminded all the members present that this Saturday is the Sit N Sew at Baptist Health between 8 am and 5 pm.

Judy Bowers brought a piece of fabric with inspirational comments regarding cancer. She is wanting to be able to make a What Cancer Cannot Do quilt with donations and written comments from the Guild members.

Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczwski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hart and Pam Brown, Assistants. Ms. Barszczwski pointed out the feather blocks posted on the wall from the class Shannon Young taught earlier today. Next she directed attention to the two quilts that Donna Lynn Thomas sent for her weekend workshop in April. Sue Womack stated that Aileen Anderson confirmed for June's wool workshop. Ms. Anderson only teaches from her kit and the kit costs \$25. The class attendance fee is \$40 for members. She will do the workshop on a regular guild meeting day and then do a program that same evening. Katie Fowler has confirmed for a workshop in 2018. Ms. Fowler is a creative coach/fabric painter from Denver, CO.

Membership: Judy Stewart, Chair, reported that there are 99 paid members for the year 2017. One new member joined this evening. There are 31 members who have not renewed their membership and Judy reminded them that if they do not pay their dues they will not be considered members and will not receive the newsletter.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, recapped that the Guild is donating quilts for The Call (a group supporting foster care in Arkansas). She stated that several kits were made recently: the Monday (2/13) workday made 15 kits and the Saturday (2/18) workday made 19 kits. Alicia expressed her thanks to all who volunteered their time to help. Not every kit has a

backing so some members may need to supply their own backing if it is not included in their kit. Alicia purchased more fabric last month and some fabric was also donated at the last Guild meeting by a few members. In January, 13 quilts were donated, with 10 of them completely finished. In February, 4 quilts were donated with 3 completed. Tonight six quilts, all completed, were donated. Alicia reminded everyone present that those who participate in the donation will receive a ticket that is then used in a drawing at the end of the year.

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, read an article titled "Murphy's Laws of Quilting" which was hilarious, and unfortunately, very true! She reviewed the fundraising opportunities of purchasing an AQG nametag, an AQG license plate, and precut pieces of quilt batting. She shared that she recently purchased a 'needle beetle' to help thread your needle that also includes a thread cutter and a light! It could be ordered in a variety of colors. The purchase price is \$5 each.

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair. Riley Middaugh, Treasurer. Lavern Schaap spoke about the 1933 Chicago World's Fair in which Sears sponsored a quilt contest with the theme Chicago: Century of Progress. There were 25,000 entries. On Thursday evening of Quilt Arkansas 2017, there will be a free lecture about this quilt contest. A party is planned for Friday evening and Lavern encouraged people to attend both events. CNT Publishing agreed to donate \$100 gift certificate, but only if members participated in another chance for a \$100 gift certificate. Information about this offer will be included in the newsletter.

Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair, praised the number of people who participated in the Challenge to use green fabric of your own to make a block. There were 12 blocks brought in this evening. The winner of the drawing for the blocks was Wilma. The April block is the more traditional pattern of Sunbonnet Sue and/or Overall AI. The main challenge is to have the arms show some activity. Rules for this 10 inch block will be included in the newsletter.

Hostess: Sheri Williams and Heather Danridge, Co-Chairs. Sheri announced the initiation of using a computer printout with the names of all the members and having members circle or highlight their names when they arrive for the meeting. This eliminated problems of interpreting the wide variety of handwriting. There were 78 members present this evening as well as two guests. The winners of the fat quarters were Jackie Bibbs (twice) and Wanda Colclough. The fabric exchange for April is to be two 10 inch squares of

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Minutes (continued from page 5)**SHOW AND TELL**

yellow colored fabric. Door prizes went to Mary Jane Beard, Wilma Richter, and Sherri Webb. People were requested to go check out the 'freebie' table.

Old business: Nothing reported.

New business: Alina Polta shared that there are flyers about the Airing of the Quilts available on the registration table. Alina also shared information about computer scams, some of which have included her name, and warned people to be very careful. She also has started the Arkansas Chapter of the Quilts of Valor. She has been a military spouse for the past 22 years and feels very strongly about the need for these quilts to be awarded in a timely manner. She asked that anyone interested in learning more about this program to please contact her.

Next Saturday is National Quilting Day and there will be volunteers providing demonstrations in the foyer of the Historic Arkansas Museum during the show.

The Challenge Quilts for 2016 (same pattern, different material or same material, different patterns) were shown.

- ** Ott Knot had 6 members present and they each showed two quilts done in the same pattern: a flower pattern one member drew and another done as a placemat pattern.
- ** Piece makers has 7 members: Judy Rickard, Pat Crawford, Sheila Simpson, Barbara Middleton, Frances Wade, Cynthia Quick, and Shirley Clark (who is now living out of state but also participated) and they showed Delectable Mountains done in different fabrics by all members.
- ** Jackie Bibbs did two quilts of the same fabric in different patterns.
- ** Why Knot had 4 members, Cindy Barszczewski, Pam Brown, Carol Hurt and Sue Womack, who showed their quilts done with the same pattern but different fabrics. Scrappity Do Dah was started at AWOL in 2016 and Striped Square was based on an idea from the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Sue wrote that she 'whined and cried so much that my fabric didn't make up as pretty as Pam's so she gave me enough fabric to make one. Sue added that she made Zippity Do Dah while in the camper as a table runner. Carol stated her striped square quilt looked like it had snakes in it so she named it In the Jungle.
- ** Pamela Davis and Virginia Byrd used the Double Slice layer cake pattern with different fabrics. Virginia used floral fabrics but felt it was too busy and so split hers into 2 smaller quilts, while Pam did one with plaids and green fabrics. Virginia stated that she donated her two to The Call.

Jim Gatling announced that Riley Middaugh is a very generous person who gave him three bags full of scrap material that he then used in a wide variety of projects. First, he made a Raining Cats and Dogs necklace for Angie Heifner for Quilt Arkansas 2018 and she proudly modeled his creation. Jim then used red and white material to make a beaded heart quilt from the scraps. He then moved on to create a cabin table runner, fishing wall hanging, turquoise Batik quilt, a strip-scrap Batik quilt, a bright geometric pattern abstract based on the Gees Bend quilts, and I Spy for his nephew, a Dr. Seuss quilt for a different nephew, and a bright, cheerful applique quilt of leaves and animals.

Tiffanee Noack completed a UFO for Pinwheel that has a patriotic theme because her son is in his fourth year in the military. She bought a scissors printed material on March 9th, pieced the blocks on the 10th, pieced the rows and borders on the 11th (her birthday), quilted it on the 12th, and bound it on the 13th! She wrote "My fastest quilt EVER!"

Lavern Schaap brought a wall hanging that she made for the silent auction at the Mount Holly Cemetery Spring Picnic. She based it on photographs of flowers from the Mount Holly Cemetery and her own garden.

Sally Martens stated that her daughter gave her a kit and asked her to make it for her. Sally struggled with the lay-out for a while before finishing Nellie in the Petunias. Sally also created a small Valentine wall hanging of a puppy that she called I Wuff You. Her third exhibit was Blue Moon Over Cats, a quilt of blue and gray colored material. She stated that she had used this pattern previously and 'just got a bug to do it again'.

Wanda Colclough made this quilt pattern for Hudson, her 3 year old grandson, which included shades of yellow. A friend requested it be done in some different colors she preferred. Wanda named the quilt Herringbone in Blues, Greens, and Khaki. Missouri Star Butterflies was a quilt made for her neighbor who really likes funky fabrics. Wanda was most impressed with the beautiful, but funky looking back.

Lana Massanelli was asked to make a T-shirt quilt – but then was given a bag of baby clothing. She used a fringed block design and incorporated lots of pinks and chenille.

Wanda Cockrell used Downton Abbey Egyptian fabric while at a retreat to create Hanky Panky. Pam Wells was credited with having quilted it for her. Wanda kept adding borders to her Smokey River until it ended up very large indeed!

Jackie Bibbs started out with a charm square packet that initially was a baby quilt but grew to become a twin sized quilt when the blocks were placed on point. Her Queen of the Seas was charming (pun intended).

Sue Womack wrote that her granddaughter showed her a picture of a nursery layette and told her that she needed to have a quilt for the baby shower. She had about 3 weeks to create Eli's Baby Quilt; made of black and white with appliqued elephants and giraffes at one end.

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Minutes (continued from page 6)

Judy Pearlstein used her 'go to pattern' of a split rail fence to make a baby quilt that included nursery rhymes.

Lynn Fletcher used X Block to create her quilt and stated that the boarder utilized the cut off sections so it was very economical to make.

Kellie Coleman brought a Maker's Tote that she made and inside it was a Grandmother's Flower Garden that she was hoping others would offer advice on how she could finish it. She also brought a Bobbins mini-quilt made with 398 separate pieces!

Becky Butler and Patty Harris. Becky offered to help a veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq to cut up his fatigues to make a Memory quilt. Afterwards, she learned that the material was "bullet proof"! He is training to be a missionary to Inuits in Alaska. Becky pieced it, Janine Ward quilted it, Patty Harris bound it, and Christy Bacon did the embroidery. They plan to include his name tags and symbols of rank from the fatigues as well as some of his buttons and additional embellishments. They added that the batting is wool, so the quilt is very warm and very heavy.

Pamela Davis bought an unnamed quilt. She wrote that she started the quilt in 1997 for her son and his wife based on a quilt class she took at Stitches quilt store. She continued to add different borders. Her son has divorced and remarried since she started the quilt so she is not sure who will get to keep this quilt!

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Quick



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Tomorrow's Heirlooms XVI QUILT SHOW

April 7-8, 2017

Fri. (9:00-6:00), Sat. (9:00-4:00)

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(New Location)

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Springdale, AR 72762

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| * 350+ Quilts | * Small Quilt Auction (Sat. 1:00) |
| * Guild Boutique | * Bed Turnings (Fri. & Sat.) |
| * Vendor Mall | * Quilt Appraiser |
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Raffle quilt designed by Rajja Salomaa.
Drawing Saturday approximately 3:00 p.m.



APRIL DRAWING

Bring 2 10" YELLOW SQUARES
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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.
- April 8, 2017 "Garden Glory" class with Donna Lynn Thomas at Baptist Health SW campus.
- April 9, 2017 "Coral Reef" class with Donna Lynn Thomas at the Baptist Health SW campus
- July 14-15 Hot Springs Area Quilt Guild presents "Pieceful Friends" Quiltfest 2017 at the Hot Springs Convention Center, 134 Convention Blvd., Hall A; see <http://www.hsaquiltguild.com/> for details.
- September 7-9 QUILT ARKANSAS retreat at the 4-H Center in Ferndale: "Raining Cats and Dogs."
- September 7 Quilt AR lecture by Nova Montgomery on the 1933 Chicago World's Fair themed "Century of Progress" at the C. A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale.
- September 8 Quilt AR Party at C. A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale.
- September 11 Catherine Redford is program speaker at AQG Meeting after Quilt AR event.



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Gwen Moyer
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Williams	April 1
Nola Ballinger	April 4
Boneta Hollis	April 5
Toni Baker	April 7
Mei Travis	April 8
Lynn Fletcher	April 12
Carol Hurt	April 12
Agnes Ross	April 15
Susan Williams	April 26

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“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

“Coral Reef”
72” X 90”

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)
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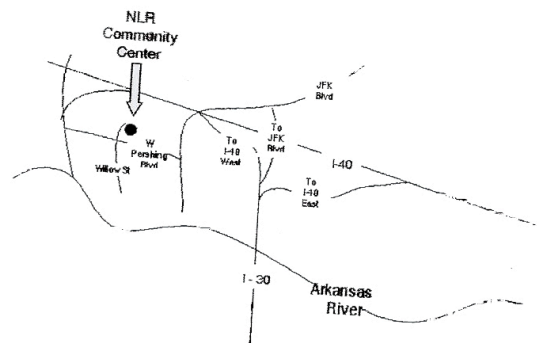
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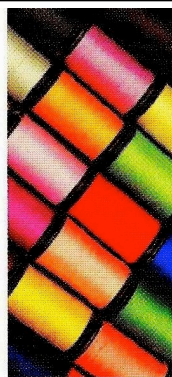
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