



# Arkansas Quilters Guild Newsletter

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**Program Notes** – Open

**Property** – Open

**Quilt Arkansas 2017** – Angie Heifner, [agheifner@icloud.com](mailto:agheifner@icloud.com), 765-4814

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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,

I hope everyone is enjoying our Spring weather. I am finding myself outside more often than inside on these beautiful days. Which makes it extremely hard to get any sewing or quilting done. Rainy days make great quilting days as long as there are no storms and the power stays on. But we sure haven't had too many of those lately, so not much has been worked on at my house! \*Smile\* What has everyone else been working on? How do you manage your sewing time? Maybe during Show and Tell at the next meeting we could share ideas on how to make time for our projects, and get these sad, lonely unfinished, beautiful works in progress done. I for one have way to many and feel kind of overwhelmed trying to get them done. So if you have tips, please share your ideas. I am hoping to get to at least one Heifer Quilt Retreats later this year, if not both. I seem to get more work done, when I can escape and only concentrate on quilting. If you've never been to a retreat, I highly recommend checking one out. They are a lot of fun! <https://www.davesretreats.com>

Until Next Month,  
Happy Quilting  
Alina Polta

## JUNE MEETING SNACKS



Members with last name starting with V – Z.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!**

**REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!**

**AQG Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 8, 2017, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202. **AQG Meeting:** Monday, June 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Aileen Anderson is the guest speaker.



## Future Workshop for 2018.

Katie Fowler has been confirmed for two day workshop on June 9th and 10th and lecture June 11th, 2018. Her website is:

<http://www.katiefowlerartquilts.com>.

Cindy Barszczewski and Sue  
Womack 870 543 0035

## ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD 2017 PROGRAM GUIDE

### June 12, 2017

Aileen Anderson – Her Life in Wool Lecture  
& vending.

### July 10, 2017

Garage Sale!

### August 14, 2017

Jane Bell from the Stitchin Post

### September 11, 2017

Catherine Redford

## Time to Start Thinking Micro... Micro Quilt That Is...

### Announcing the Arkansas Quilters Guild Micro Challenge

We need your Micro Quilt Entries to place in the cases at our Terry Library Exhibit. It runs from October 10th-December 12th 2017. Winner will receive a special made "Micro Ribbon" and a prize.

#### Rules:

1. No side larger than 12"
2. Maximum block size 3"
3. Micro quilts are to be miniature in scale, not just simply small quilts. All aspects of the Micro quilt are to be reduced in scale.
4. Must have a 2" Hanging sleeve.
5. Must be quilted, bound and have a label.

#### Deadlines:

1. Forms Must be turned in by September 11th, 2017
  2. Micro Quilts to be turned in by October 9th
- If you have any questions please contact:  
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Central Arkansas  
Quilts of Valor

Charm Square Star  
Block Drive

Needed for (1) 13.5" Unfinished Block Star Center & Points, All same white fabric

1 X 5" square

8 X 2 7/8" squares

Background

8 X 5" squares of reds but all different  
or

8 X 5" squares of blues but all different

1. Place a white 2 7/8" square in the top left hand corner of a 5" colored charm square, right sides together and sew on the diagonal. Use your regular sewing machine foot to sew the 'star' points onto the 5" squares.
2. Place your ruler on the seam and slide along until you have a quarter inch seam allowance and then cut with your rotary cutter. Press open.
3. Now repeat with the other side. Line up the corners so it's square and then sew on the diagonal line. Place your ruler on the seam and slide along until you have a quarter inch seam allowance and then cut with your rotary cutter. Press open. Now you have the points of the star. Repeat with four blocks.
4. Lay all of your blocks out so you can choose how you want it to go together. Sew into strips either vertically or horizontally.  
Use your 1/4" seam foot to have regular seams when sewing the block together. Press flat. Now sew each strip together and you have your star block that measures 13.5" square.

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**June will be BUSY!**

**Join us for Sit & Sew on Meeting Day!**

AQG has access to the meeting Room for the entire day on meeting days. We are planning a sit and sew for those Mondays for the remainder of the year. We will open the room at 10am and keep it open until meeting time. We encourage you to bring your own project to work on. We will also have the charity kits available if you'd like to use your time on those quilt tops.

Mary Jane Beard and Judy Stewart will be the hostesses for the first couple months. If you'd like to hostess one month please let one of them know. To hostess you just need to arrive by 10 and get the room opened. Then make sure someone is in the room during the day while our equipment is there.

It's a fun time and a great way to meet other guild members! Join us!!

Judy Stewart

Fabric Drawing for JUNE

WHITE Fat Quarter

**Challenge/BOM**

The Six Month Block Challenge has 17 entrants. I can hardly wait to see what they all do. Judging will be in October.

**BOM:** There isn't a block due at the June meeting. Instead we have two months to make a block or blocks of your choice with a red, white, and blue theme. Blocks are 12.5" unfinished. I hope that the winner or winners of these blocks will consider making a quilt for Quilts of Valor!

Contact Sherri Dodds, Challenge Committee Chair, if you have any questions. (sewangelic@sbcglobal.net)

**You're Invited!**



**June 12  
QUEST  
Quilters  
WORK  
SHOP**

Hannah's Quilts is coming to Little Rock Quest guild June 12th meeting. The meeting is at the Main Library, 100 Rock St. and 2nd street. The meeting is on the first floor at the back meeting room starting at 10 am. We will break for lunch and then resume the class. Hannah Lee will be our guest speaker and be giving a class on Collage Quilts based on the patterns of Laura Heine. The quilt patterns are \$22 each and Hanna is bringing all kinds of fabrics with her. If you bring fabrics for your project bring different sized flowers fabrics in large flowers, med. and small flowers. Bring your traditional class kits, mats, sewing scissors, for cutting out small flowers etc. There is no fee to take this class. I do not know what patterns Hannah will be bringing but there will be an assortment from which to buy. We are looking forward to visiting with "Hannah from Louisiana" again. Her last lecture was so much fun we just had to bring her back to Little Rock.

Connie Lee

Ed. Note: see the following for more info:

<http://www.hannahsquilt.com/> and  
<http://www.questquilters.org>



**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**8 May, 2017**

The Guild monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Alina Polta.

**Minutes:** Carol Hurt stated that her name had been misspelled. Leah Sample moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Jim Gatling seconded the move. The vote was passed to accept as corrected.

**Treasure's Report:** Treasurer Mary Jane Beard provided the following information.

Income during April	\$4,875.00
Expenses	\$2,521.23
Balance	\$2,353.77
Total Assets	\$37,091.43

\$500 was moved from the designated fund account *Sarah's Store* and divided equally between Workshops and Programs to help defray the cost of the two recent events by Donna Lynn Thomas.

**Committee Reports**

**Quilt Show: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young,**

**Chairs.** Ms. Beard and Ms. Young together discussed that the dates for the show will be October 12th through December 12th. There will be a micro quilt challenge. The rules will include that the quilt must be made in a micro scale, a maximum per side of quilt of a 12 inch or less, each block must be 3 inches or less, and there must be a two inch hanging sleeve included. The rules about the micro quilts will be available on the AQG website. The micro quilts and two collections of thimbles will be displayed in a locked cabinet. The forms for entering a quilt for the show are due on September 11. The votes for Viewer's Choice will be due on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Those members who complete and turn in their entry forms will have their names entered into a drawing.

**Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair,** shared that there were five blocks turned in for the May Block of the Month challenge (BOM). The winner of the floral related blocks was Sally Martens. There will not be a June BOM challenge. However, the July BOM is to make a 12 ½ inch block using red, white, and blue material in any pattern. Sherri stated that the winner could have a significant head start on making a Quilt of Valor with those patriotic colored blocks. A six month challenge was started last month in which a block is given to each participant and that block, in total or in pieces, is to be used in creating a new completed project to be shown in October. Members could still join during the May meeting.

**Membership: Judy Stewart, Chair,** announced that there are currently 129 paid members for the year 2017 as well as the very welcome addition of one new member who joined during the Meeting.

**Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair,** shared that approximately 33 quilts have been donated in 2017, most of them completed. She has ordered a test printing of preprinted fabric quilt labels to be attached to the donation quilts in order to show that they came from our Guild. Alicia still has kits and batting available and she clarified that the quilts can be made in any size; crib, twin, full, etc. Alicia reminded the members that all who participate have their names entered into a drawing for a prize to be awarded.

**Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczwski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hart and Pam Brown,**

**Assistants.** Ms. Barszczwski spoke regarding the possibility of having to cancel the Aileen Anderson wool in-service class scheduled for June due to the low registration. A minimum of six registrants is required and at present only one is paid and a second has stated she will attend if the workshop is not cancelled. It is believed that Ms. Anderson would still offer a program that same evening. Cindy clarified that the July program is scheduled to be a yard sale.

**Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair,** announced that she still has batting, needle beetles, license plates, name tags, and cook books available. She is hoping to offer a consignment sale table during the yard sale scheduled for July. In this, items that are of significant value (such as an expensive name-brand kit) can be marked for sale and the proceeds divided between the donor and the Guild. Boneta requested feedback at the June Guild meeting and ideas regarding possible rules, such as a minimum of \$20 items.

**Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair.** Riley Middaugh, Treasurer. Angie displayed the denim shirts that she has had made with the Quilt Arkansas logo embroidered on the yoke. The shirts will cost \$30 to purchase. There will also be blue and white canvas bags with the logo embroidered on them that will be for sale for \$22. The umbrellas will be sold for \$15 each. These items are all available on a pre-pay plan and the forms are available during the meeting or using the AQG on-line site. She announced that there are roughly 50-60 people registered to attend. There are 22 classes offered at Quilt Arkansas 2017 and nine of them currently have a low number of people registered to attend. Angie stated that some classes will have to be cancelled due to low attendance.

**Property:** The Guild wants to create a current, and complete, inventory of all items and supplies in storage by various members of the Guild. A form was provided during the Guild meeting, and will also be available during the June meeting, for members to list the items that they are storing so that this

inventory can be created. This form can be either hand delivered or mailed to Cynthia Quick, Secretary.

**Hostess: Sherry Williams and Heather Danridge, Co-Chairs.** May's fabric exchange was squares of blue material and the winners of the fabric were Judy Stewart and Jackie Bibbs-who won three times and took home three bundles! Sherry reminded everyone that the fabric exchange for June is a white fat quarter of material.

Door prize winners were Pat Crawford, Debbie Haley, and Pam Davis. She reminded people to check out the 'freebie' table. Sherry was most pleased to announce that there were 64 members attending this evening with no guests on the registration as there was only new person present, and she joined during the meeting!

**Old business:** Nothing new was reported.

**New business:** Alina reported that she and Sherry Williams attended the Alpacapalosa and had several people stop by requesting information about AQQ. Alina encouraged members to participate in similar activities as they are an excellent way to promote AQQ. Business portion adjourned at 7:00 pm.

#### **SHOW and TELL**

**Jim Gatling** brought in five items to show! First was a wall hanging that he created using left over blocks that were given to him. Next was a quilt top made from old star blocks some of which he cut off the points and 'repurposed'. He embellished a fishing wall hanging for a fishing cabin that included a creel and some fish. *Asparagus the Beautiful* was made for a Conway Guild Challenge using three 'ugly' pieces of fabric. Jim stated that although he does not like cats, he was given cat material that he then developed into two cat applique pillows.

**Marilyn Wheeler** shared her *Carol Ann*. This quilt was started many years ago and featured bright colored narrow ribbons of fabric. Marilyn finished the binding and it was quilted by Joyce Dempsey.

**Susi Olson** displayed her *Quilt of Valor* pieced of stars and bars that she made to donate to a Veteran. Alina did the quilting.

**Sally Martens** used a *See Dick and Jane* printed material to make a whole cloth baby quilt and stated that she intends to donate it. She also tried a new pattern with fabric that she had for over two years. Her *Cross My Heart* was cute, but the print on the backing really caught some people's attention: a little boy sitting on the commode!

**Sammye Harrill** incorporated a special material to create a quilt that was displayed at the Rabbit's Lair during the 2016 Shop Hop. Her *North-West Arkansas*

2016 quilt included the names of all the stores in the area that were participants in the Shop Hop. She also brought two *Pinwheel* quilts that she used to demonstrate how to add pinwheels to quilts for the National Quilting Day at the Arkansas Historic Museum. Sammye did one in various shades of pink for girls and the other was completed using red and blue material for a more boyish version.

**Alicia Bell** brought *Memories*, just not the type you talk about. Her quilt included T-shirt memories belonging to her friend's son who graduates in May of 2017 from Benton High School. She sashed it with black and used lots of gray also. Alicia stated that the quilt turned out to be larger that she expected it to be.

**Shelia Simpson** was very creative in making *My Quilt of Many Colors*. This was a 'stash buster' that used 28 fat quarters from her own stash and she only had to purchase 3 fat quarters. The colors were impressive and made me wonder how large her stash might have been to create the color shading across her quilt.

**Pat Crawford** exhibited the embellished *Crazy Quilting* block that she made. We will be looking forward to seeing additional blocks.

**Judy Bowers** presented a *Vintage Rose Forever* quilt. She shared that the Vintage Rose is the 4<sup>th</sup> technique of the month by Judy Niemeyer for Quiltwork. As a Certified Instructor of Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing technique, she needed to complete one as part of her requirement to remain certified. Judy used the Forever line of fabric by Timeless Treasures in shades of red and black and had a gray colored backing. Eddie Landreth quilted it for her.

**Cloie Morgan** revealed a color gladiation quilt that she made and simply called *A Colorful Quilt*. Cloie also started, and finished, during March of 2017, *A Horse for Caroline*. It was initially supposed to be a present for a surprise wedding.

**Sherri Webb** utilized a type of Mariner's Compass design as the backbone of the cats in *Katie's Kats*. She made the quilt for her future daughter-in-law even though Sherri does not really like cats herself. This quilt had both hand done paper piecing and hand quilting! Wow!

## July - Garage Sale

Bring your priced treasures to the JULY meeting!  
The guild will profit and unwanted items will find  
a new home!

## May Program Notes Quilts of Valor

Alina Polta has a very strong emotional connection to veterans and their families, since she has been a military spouse for the past 22 years. She believes in the importance of thanking and honoring these service members. The Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) was begun in 2003 by Catherine Roberts whose son Nathanael was deployed to Iraq. Although initially the quilts were intended only for those who had combat experience, the QOVF mission evolved to become “to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.” Thus, the quilts are to be of high quality and they are awarded to service members; similar to how a Purple Heart is awarded.

There are eight active QOVF groups in Arkansas with a total membership of 126. In 2015 and 2016, approximately 300 quilts were awarded. In 2017, there are more than 180 quilts needed for outstanding QOVF awards. Pulaski County has the largest number of military people in the state due to the presence of both the Little Rock Air Force Base and Camp Robinson. Alina started her QOVF group two months ago and is very proud that hers is already the largest group in Arkansas. Alina approached several organizations and has had \$2,300 donated from Veterans to help in the

creation of the quilts. Because several of the members of her group are willing to donate their time and expertise, but cannot purchase the needed supplies, much of that money has been used to purchase bolts of material and batting. There are numerous rules regarding the construction of the Quilts of Valor, such as that they must be quilted, not tied, and that the minimum size is 60” x 80”. These rules can be found at the QOV Construction Quick Reference Guide at [QOVF.org](http://QOVF.org). An individual can join QOVF for \$20/year, or they could join as a group for \$30/year with an additional \$5 per member. There are several ways to help even if you do not wish to join the Foundation, such as donating time or supplies.

A video was shown of the QOVF Award Ceremony at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah dated 11/11/2015. Nationally, as of October 2016, over 145,500 Quilts of Valor had been presented. This truly does say “Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor.”

Alina shared that the store **Sew Much More** will host a *sit and sew* day for Alina’s QOV group on 5/17 between 10am and 2pm. She also said that Fons and Porter usually includes a QOV specific pattern in their magazine. There was a handout of a star pattern provided at the front of the room as well as many brochures and other handouts. Just before the conclusion of her program, two members of our Guild came forward and donated fabric for Alina’s QOV group. What a wonderful gesture of support.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2017

- June 12 AQG Sit & Sew at the meeting room: 10am – 4pm
- June 12 Quest Quilters speaker & workshop: Hanna from Louisiana; downtown library; 10am
- June 21 Quilts of Valor Sew Day at Sew Much More, 10am-2pm
- 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/>
- August 11-13 Retreat at Dave’s: <http://www.davesretreats.com/summertime>
- 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.
- October 12 -
- December 12 AQG Quilt Exhibit at Terry Library in Little Rock. Special call for micro quilts (12" or less sides with max block size of 2"); see Mary Jane Beard for details

### 2018

- June 9-10 Katie Fowler's workshops for AQG: [www.katiefowlerartquilts.com](http://www.katiefowlerartquilts.com)



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## Welcome New Members

Debbie Lewis  
Brenda Smallwood Horton

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Bibbs	June 2
KayAgee	June 4
Jenny Lee Shumate	June 6
Bo Mittelstaedt	June 12
Delorse Richards	June 14
Wanda Cockrell	June 21
Sherri Webb	June 23
Kim Lotz	June 24
Meg Cullum	June 25
Darcy Pattison	June 28

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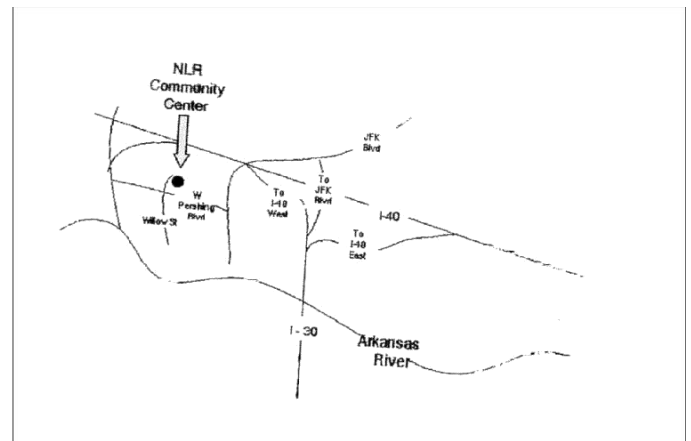
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The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior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