

## Arkansas Quilters Guild Newsletter

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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,

What a wonderful June meeting we had! I thoroughly enjoyed Aileen's program on wool and how to use it. I always pick up new tidbits when she visits us. I would love to go and take a workshop on dying wool... I may have to add that to my bucket list. I know many of us are traveling the next couple months. My family and I have driven to California and along the way my sweet husband and boys have enabled my love of fabrics and all things quilty. They have patiently waited outside of a few quilt shops. I really enjoy checking out new shops and revisiting some oldie but goodies! I have some wonderful favorites in my home State of California. How many of you make a special effort to visit quilt shops on your trips? It would be fun to get a list of favorites together, to help each other out during our travels!!! I also enjoy collecting the fabric license plates from the various shops. What on earth I will do with them all, I have no clue!!! Maybe we could make that a challenge sometime! Ha

Until next month, happy quilting and happy travels my friends!

Alina Polta

#### JULY MEETING SNACKS



Members with last name starting with A - E.

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

**AQG Board Meeting:** Thursday, July 6, 2017, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202. A**QG Meeting:** Monday, July 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. We're having a guild garage sale!

#### **QUILTFEST 2017 Pieceful Friends**

Hot Springs, Arkansas Convention Center

July 14 – 15, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Over 200 Quilts on Display NACQJ Judged Show

Best of Show and 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Best of Show and Judges Choice Vendor Mall Quilts of Valor Booth Guild Boutique Vintage Friendship Quilt display Silent Auction Quilt Scissors Sharpener Entry fee \$7.00

### ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD Upcoming Programs

#### August 14, 2017

Jane Bell from the Stitchin Post with *Appliquick* tools

#### **September 11, 2017**

Catherine Redford

#### October 9, 2017

Carole Roberts and hand dying

Fabric Drawing for JULY RED, WHITE or BLUE Fat Quarter

#### Challenge/BOM

BOM for July has been bumped to August. This is the 12.5" block that is red, white, and blue. We're hoping the winner(s) of the blocks will make a quilt for Quilts of Valor!

BOM for August - Red, white, and blue blocks get turned in for the drawing to win all the blocks BOM for September - Blocks may be any size as long as it is divisible by two. Four inches, up to 12 inches will work. (4" - 6" - 8" - 10" - 12") The theme is "School". Making the block size of your choice, use a school theme or autumnal theme. Golds, browns, muted greens, etc, are great color choices.

The Six Month Challenge projects are due in October. You do NOT have to have finished your project. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Judging will be done by the members present at the October meeting.

#### SIT & SEW on Meeting Day

We will have our sit n sew / charity sew on Monday, July 10 before the regular meeting. Martha Fewell will be the hostess for the day and will open the room at 10 am. Bring your own project or work on one of our charity quilt kits we'll have available. The room will be open all day until meeting time.

If you are willing to be the hostess one month, please talk with Judy Stewart or Mary Jane Beard. Hostesses open the room at 10 and make sure someone is in the room throughout the day for security. Hope to see you there!

## MINUTES Arkansas Quilters Guild Meeting Monday, June 12, 2017

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

**Minutes**: Marilyn Wheeler moved to approve the minutes as published and Wanda Colclough seconded the motion. The vote was passed to accept.

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

Income during May \$1,997.00
Expenses \$120.97
Balance \$1,876.03
(Rent is \$80/month)

#### **Committee Reports**

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, stated that she still has two pieces of batting and two needle beetles available. The first 5 pieces sold covered the cost of purchasing the batting, all batting sold after that brought a profit to the Guild. She announced create some helpful hints for the garage sale scheduled for July; such as pricing things in whole dollar amounts. There is to be a \$1 minimum price; anything less than \$1 could be bundled together with other items or could be placed on a 'freebie' table. The consignment table include having a \$50 minimum posted price and 25% of the purchase price will go to AQG and 75% go to the person who brought the item to the sale. Please be sure that all items are sewing related and have the price posted on them.

Membership: Judy Stewart, Chair, announced that the workdays are continuing to be offered on each Monday that the Guild meets, starting at 10 a.m. and ending just prior to the Guild meeting starting. She requested that members volunteer to assist as hostesses as someone must be present in the room all day.

**Challenges:** Sherri Dodds, Chair, stated that due to a conflict in her schedule, she would not be able to attend the July meeting. She asked for a vote by the Guild regarding having

the July's red/white/blue size 12.5 inch block of the month (BOM) to be held as scheduled or if it should be moved to August. The vote was to wait until August. In honor of school starting again, the September BOM is to be a block, color to be announced later, in any size divisible by 2. Currently there are 18 participants in the newest challenge. This six month challenge involves providing each participant a block and they are to use that block, in total, to create a new project to be shown in October. They projects do NOT have to be completed.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, proudly shared that approximately 41 quilts, 8-10 pillowcases, and 3-4 pillows have been donated in 2017. She displayed the preprinted colorful fabric quilt labels that can be attached to donation quilts in order to show that they came from our Guild. There will be around 130 labels per yard of fabric at a cost of about \$35/yard. She has additional kits and batting available. Alicia then revealed several of the quilts that have been donated.

Quilt Show: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs. Ms. Beard provided the reminder that the dates for the show will be October 10th through December 11th. There will be first, second, and third place prizes for both the micro quilt challenge as well as the full-sized quilts. The rules regarding the micro quilts are available. The forms for entering a quilt for the show are now available and are due on September 11. Mary Jane will be having a prize drawing from the names of all who provide their entry forms by the due date. The on-line only votes for Viewer's Choice will be due on December 1<sup>st</sup> and are to be made for best use of color and for originality. The cost of prizes will be supported by using the designated funds of Ms. Sharon Heidingsfelder. Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair. Angie is continuing to take orders for the denim shirts with the Quilt Arkansas logo embroidered on the yoke that can be ordered for \$30 each. There also are canvas bags with the logo embroidered on them for sale for \$22 and umbrellas at \$15 each. Angie announced the classes that did not have sufficient numbers signed up in order to make it profitable to provide the class and were therefore cancelled. She stated that she has contacted people who were to take those classes in order to help them adjust their schedules. Final payment to attend Quilt Arkansas is August.

Ms. Lavern Schaap spoke about the Quilt Arkansas 2017. She reiterated that Thursday evening will be a lecture on quilts through the century and that she believed it was extremely worthwhile. However, only people who are registered to attend Quilt Arkansas may attend the lecture due to insurance rules, etc. Additionally, members were requested to bring

something related to previous Quilt Arkansas programs to the July meeting in hopes it might inspire others to attend the Quilt Arkansas this year. Donations have been generous this year for Quilt Arkansas; to include fabric, books, color charts, and large amounts of thread. These donations will help with door prizes, challenge prizes, etc. There will be several Challenges. First is to make a quilt, maximum of 36 inches per side, using the theme Raining Cats and Dogs. There will be first, second, and third place prizes awarded. The second challenge is a Rain-boot table centerpiece challenge and only one prize will be awarded in this category. The next one is making a hat for the hat parade. There will also be an umbrella challenge that members will work on in groups. Because the theme is related to pets, members are asked to bring donations of anything dog related. Ms. Schaap requested that members send her separate pictures of themselves and their pet(s) in order to play a 'matching' game of identifying the owner and the pet. She would also appreciate people bringing in information related to groups that provide care for animals, such as FURR and the Humane Society.

#### Hostess: Sherry Williams and Heather Danridge, Co-Chairs.

Ms. Polta announced that there were 43 members present this evening as well as one guest, Ms. Clema Jean Nichols. The fabric exchange for July is a fat quarter of either red, white, or blue material. The winners of the white fabric exchange this evening were Sharon Wise and Mary Jane Beard. Door prize winners were Karen Alexander, Nola Ballinger, and Sherri Dodds. The presenter of tonight's lecture, Ms. Aileen Anderson, donated a \$25 gift certificate as a door prize which was won by Alicia Bell.

**Property: Chair position open.** The Guild is creating a current, and complete, inventory of all items and supplies in storage by various members of the Guild. A form was provided during the May meeting for members to list the items that they are storing so that an inventory can be created. This form can be either hand delivered or mailed to Cynthia Quick, Secretary. Information on property was provided by the following three members. If you are storing any items, please contact Ms. Quick.

Sheila Simpson

8 Quilt racks

#### **Donna Toombs:**

- 7 Core Board Poster Sheets
- 1 Core Board Set sized 48' x 96'
- · 7 Dry Erase boards sized 48' x 36'
- 5 boxes disposable gloves-1 size small, 1 medium, 2 large, and 1 extra large
- · 2 pkgs Label sheets for Lanyards
- · 2 Tabletop Easels
- · 9 Easels
- 2 pkgs Craft bags
- 1 box orange plug connectors (9)
- · 1 box yellow plugs (3)

- 3 boxes Iron mats (7 each)
- · 3 ladders
- · 4 'A' Signs
- · 18 Surge protectors
- 4 Extension cords
- 6 boxes books
- · 3 sets Christmas lights
- 6 sets Table raisers
- · 3 irons
- 1 American Tourister suitcase
- · 1 HP Printer 4500 (in box, condition unknown)
- Bags
- · Misc. wooden dowels
- · Additional misc.

#### Cindy Barszczwski

- 5 large pressing mats
- 4 quilt racks
- · 5 irons
- 2 long heavy duty ext. cords
- 2 power strips
- 1 laptop with case
- · 1 digital projector with case

Old business: Nothing new was reported.

**New Business:** Ms. Polta shared that the Mary Morgan account, which was designated to be used for community service, helped purchase the quilt labels that AQG ordered. These pre-printed fabric labels will state that the quilt was donated by member/members of Arkansas Quilters Guild.

Heifer International is continuing to offer quilt retreats. There are retreats scheduled for August and December. If you would like to attend one, registration forms are available at Dave's retreats.com.

#### **SHOW AND TELL**

Mary Jane Beard was extremely proud to announce that her great-great nephew was born this morning, on her anniversary date! She made him a colorful quilt and matching pillow.

**Sally Martens** created *Butterflies are Free,* a quilt made of a variety of blue fabric pieces for the background and bias binding prices for the orange butterfly applique outlines. She blew up the pattern on her husband's large format printer. All the fabric in the quilt has a butterfly theme.

**Sue Womack, Pam Brown, Carol Hurt, and Cindy B** utilized blocks of fabric that were colored on by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who attended the Pine Bluff Home and Garden Show held last February. They put the blocks

together and added the border. It has a Crayola crayon printed backing and was quilted by Carol. They plan to give it to the Home Show for their use for the next show, perhaps as Lynn Thomas. She stated that she just finished quilting her black and gray colored background quilt with the bright colored stars on it this morning. Carol also shared that she thought it was a very involved block, but was lots such fun to make that she is working on another one!

Kay Agee utilized her fabric stash to make *Vintage Spin*, although she did have to also use some additional fabric from a friend. Kay even quilted it! The pattern was developed by Kathy Doughty and Kay stated that she will be donating the quilt. *That-a-way* was made using a pattern send her from her water aerobics group when she was out after having had knee surgery. They sent her a card telling her that they needed her back to keep them 'going in the right direction', which was a pun since the quilt pattern is made of multiple arrows going in multiple directions! Elaine Green did the quilting.

**Mei Travis** shared that she has been picking up material from the freebie table and then used the material to make two baby quilts. On the second quilt she even made her first attempt at free motion quilting. Mei is a high school teacher and has students who have babies so she wanted to be able to give these gifts to help them.

**Boneta Hollis** has a son who has been fascinated by Star Wars since he was a little boy. Although he is now 45 years old, Star Wars is still his favorite thing! Boneta created *May the Force be with You* for him, but he has to wait until Christmas to receive it! Pam did the quilting on it and incorporated a cosmic design.

publicity and perhaps in a raffle.

**Carol Hurt** displayed *Donna's Garden Glory*. The pattern came from a class last April offered by Donna Thomas.

#### **JULY GARAGE SALE!**

Bring pre-priced items and your checkbook!

- 1. Items for sale should be in good to excellent condition.
- 2. Items should be sewing/quilting related
- 3. Items should be priced in whole dollar amount. Items less than \$1 could be bundled together with other items or could be placed on freebie table.
- 4 Consignment table for items will have 25% of the sale price to the guild and 75% to seller.
- Items priced for the consignment table should be \$50 or more.
- 5. Items not sold if not taken by seller will be discarded.

#### Aileen Anderson - Her Life in Wool

Aileen Anderson presented a lecture for the Arkansas Quilters Guild on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Aileen is from Hot Springs Village, where she has a studio, Bear Creek Rugs. Aileen is an accredited McGown rug hooking instructor, and loves to teach all types of traditional and primitive rug hooking. She brought samples of her work and techniques. Aileen told us that she believes that wool is the superior fabric, just as traditional quilters would think 100% cotton is the superior fabric. She loves all things wool, she loves to acquire wool, wash it, dye it and work with it.

Years ago she went to Paducah and there began her love of rug hooking. She loved the Lancaster method, bought a kit and an instruction tape. She figured out the method and never looked back. She got through the learning phase and now she loves the process and the product.

Aileen told us that you can acquire wool in so many places, begin with your own family, check thrift shops, it is available, you just need to look for it.

Aileen prepares either new or re-cycled wool in warm water with a little plain detergent. Put it in the dryer with dryer sheet, this fulls the wool, felting it. This makes the fabric fibers lock together. The dryer fluffs it up. Once washed and dried, then she decides whether to over-dye the fabric. Wool takes color well. She likes to experiment with the color wheel, adding dyes to colored wool, and see what colors she can come up with. Loves to dye wool, it has a hollow fiber that really takes to dyeing. Wool does not take bleach, so wool is hard to lighten.

She really enjoys dyeing the fabric. She discussed that wool is a protein fiber, which needs an acid to set the dye. Using vinegar or citric acid crystals can sometimes make her house smell like a pickle, but she loves the process. Sometimes she takes pieces from her stash, a small piece of each color, put in water, bring to simmer, pour some color in (yellow, blue, red, etc.) and wait for the exciting results. You can use knit sweaters, cashmere, lambs' wool, Shetland wool. (Mohair will not shrink) Aileen explained that some wools don't felt well. (As an example, military blankets are no longer 100% wool, they now have a cotton core in the fiber. At some point after World War II, manufacturers went to a process that make a "washable wool" that wouldn't shrink up.) We have all had the disappointment of shrinking a much loved garment by an accident.

She stores wool on open shelves, wool needs to breathe. She has not had trouble with moths, they usually look for dirty wool, where food may have dropped on the fabric, and not been cleaned well enough. She also added that a black cricket will eat anything!

Aileen loves to work by hand, wool is a forgiving medium, you don't need to turn edges under, you can trace designs on freezer paper and cut the shapes to applique. Wool applique is so versatile, you can fuse it, heat bond it, use reverse image if fusing the pattern. She uses various kinds of floss, DMC floss, and even linen threads from rug backing. She likes to do small projects because she likes to rotate them in her home. Some are mud colors, some are bright. She uses leftover fabrics and puts wool applique on top, such as linen.

Aileen is part of a group that meets in Jacksonville at the

library, and they work on their projects. She describes her group as overachievers, but average people. There are so many projects you can create and she loves to work with small classes. Journal covers are one of the classes she offers to small groups, she also offers "make it and take it" projects.

Classes are available at Bear Creek Rug studio, she can have classes in her home studio with no more than 8 students, or you can join her group in Jacksonville. She loves to teach wool, there are lots of options for beginners. You can get on Aileen's mailing list to get her Bear Creek Studio newsletter which is put out from time to time. She is also available for private workshops, no experience is necessary.

Contact Info:

Aileen Anderson, email: badger2573@aol.com

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#### **QUILT ARKANSAS Challenges**

Don't forget about the challenges for Quilt Arkansas. The Quilt Challenge is to make a quilt with no side longer than 36 inches and with the theme "Raining Cats and Dogs". Of course there are PRIZES (1st, 2nd, and 3rd).

The Rain Boot Challenge is to use a boot in a table centerpiece. We will use these to decorate for the party on Friday night. There will be one PRIZE for everyone's favorite.

The Hat Challenge is to decorate a rain hat or New Orleans Second Line style hat to wear to the party on Friday night. And, yes, there will be a PRIZE for the very best.

An Umbrella Challenge will be done by groups right before the Friday night party. More details on that at the retreat. Backing up to Thursday night, be sure and plan on being at the lecture given by Nova Montgomery. Her topic is "A Century of Progress" Quilts from the Chicago World's Fair of 1933. This promises to be a real highlight of the weekend. Nova is a talented, entertaining speaker; and, this is a great subject for the quilting world.

You may attend the Thursday night lecture and the Friday night party, if you have paid your \$50 Registration Fee for the retreat.

**Important Note:** At the July AQG meeting, please bring a picture of yourself and a separate picture of your pet. They will be used for a special surprise at the retreat. These could also be emailed to Lavern (rhschaapjr@aol.com).

Another assignment for the July meeting: for Show and Tell bring something you have made as part of a previous Quilt Arkansas Challenge or from taking a class at a previous Quilt Arkansas.



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Hot Springs Area Quilt Guild presents "Pieceful Friends" Quiltfest 2017 at the Hot Springs

July 14-15 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 - AQG Quilt Exhibit at Terry Library in Little Rock. Special call for micro quilts (12" or less

December 12 sides with max block size of 2"); see Mary Jane Beard for details

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June 9-10, 2018 Katie Fowler's workshops for AQG: www.katiefowlerartquilts.com



#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Hazel	Rice	July	7
Joan	Beard	July	9
Angie	Heifner	July	11
Susi	Olson	July	17
Debra	Gordon	July	19
Kathy	Jones	July	21
Jim	Gatling	July	22
Cynthia	Grubbs	July	26
Barbara	Middleton	July	28





#### **ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD**

#### **QUILT EXHIBIT**

Adolphine Fletcher Terry Library-2015 Napa Valley, Road Little Rock October 10- December 11, 2017

Please be generous in your offer of your treasured quilting items finished since January 2015 **To ensure entry and inclusion in the program, fill out the submission form and return by September 11** to Mary Jane Beard, 3600 Cornwallis, North Little Rock or e-mail scanned copy to <a href="mailto:mjquilter@sbcglobal.net">mjquilter@sbcglobal.net</a>. Since space is limited, entries will be accepted on space availability.

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Quilt sizes submitted	1. Length	_ X Width	Name			
	2. Length	_ X Width	Name			
	3. Length	_X Width	Name			
	4. Length	_X Width	Name			
Micro Mini Quilts: New Dimensions	1. Length	_ X Width	Name		_	
	2. Length	_ X Width	Name			
hanging. Any quilt measuring less than 24 inches X 24 inches may use a 2-inch sleeve. All quilts must be labeled on the back bottom corner with name of the quilt and quilt maker. A quilt measuring longer than 76 inches in length, MUST have a 4-inch sleeve sewn the full width of the quilt 76 inches from the bottom of the quilt. Quilts without the correct sleeve will not be accepted. Please put quilts in a bag labeled on the outside with your name.  Micro Mini Quilts are 12 inches or less on any side and a maximum block size-3 inches. There must be a 2" hanging sleeve on back and labeled as above.  Mary Jane Beard or Judy Young will be glad to accept your entries in advance of set up date. Mary Jane Beard, 3600 Cornwallis, North Little Rock, h-758-3637, c-772-6210						
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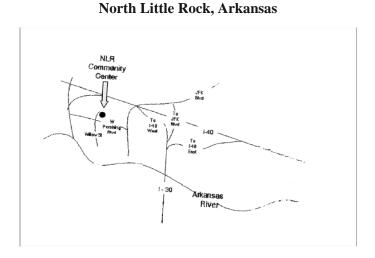
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### DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER July 17, 2017





# AQG Meeting NLR Community Center 2700 Willow Street



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.