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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 great, informational meeting we had in August. I've always been afraid of turned appliqué, and I have always done the "lick and stick" or the fusible raw edge method. Jane from the Stitching Post made it look far less scary with the Apliquick tools. I look forward to trying them out.

September is here and summer is quickly coming to an end! I for one can't wait for fall! Fall brings cooler weather and a slower pace around my house. Which means more time for projects. I know everyone else looks forward to pumpkin everything for fall, but I for one look forward to Cranberry. Cranberry cobbler, cranberry muffins, cranberry crumble, you name it! What special flavor do you associate with Fall?

I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at Quilt Arkansas. And I can't wait to see what awesome techniques and projects you all learn and work on while out at Ferndale!

Until Next Month, Happy Quilting!

Alina Polta

September MEETING SNACKS



Members with last name starting with L-P.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2017, 6 p.m., C. A Vines 4-H Center **AQG Meeting:** Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Catherine Redford



**SEPTEMBER Fabric Drawing
Bring
4 YELLOW or GOLD
5" Squares**

**ARKANSAS QUILTERS GUILD
Upcoming Programs**

September 11, 2017

Catherine Redford

October 9, 2017

Carole Roberts and hand dying

November 13, 2017

Long Arm Panel Discussion

December 11, 2017

Party & Pincushion Exchange

The October program will Fabric Dying at Home presented by Carole Roberts of Mayflower. Carole is a delightful person and very skilled in fabric dying. She will have dyed fabric for sale.

In November, our program will be a Long Arm Panel to discuss and answer questions members may have about Long Arm quilting. Subjects like cost, batting choice, quilting pattern, starting a long arm business, squaring tops and wavy borders, or any other question you may have about long arm quilting.

Please send your questions to Cindy B either by text to 870 543 0035 or email cbarszc@gmail.com. The questions will be posed anonymously.

Get ready for a Dime Social in December! What is a Dime Social? Well, it's fun that's what it is. There will be tickets for a dime each. To keep it simple and no hassle the tickets will be sold in batches of 50 tickets for \$5. You can buy as many batches as you like. What do you do with the tickets?

There will be a display of quality new quilting and fun items. Beside each item will be a ticket drop. For each item you would like a chance to win, you drop one or as many of your tickets you want in the pot. If your number is drawn, you win. You do not have to keep up with 50 or more tickets. Your numbers will be registered to your name. You could possibly win more than one or if you have been very good this year who knows you could win all of them!

Cynthia Barszczewski

Arkansas Quilters Guild Board Meeting MINUTES

Monday, August 14, 2017

The Guild Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Alina Polta who started with

SHOW and TELL

Judy Stewart had a "Tell". Last year at the AQG fundraising garage sale, she purchased a weekend at Angie Heifner's lake-house. Twelve members of Judy's family attended and she reported that they had an excellent time. She hopes that others might remember and quickly make similar purchases in the future as she had such a wonderful weekend.

Jim Gatling stated that he finished 30 blocks of a black funeral quilt that he has been working on for 30 years (hope he brings it to show at Guild). He also reported that he has sent 15 quilt tops to be quilted.

Alicia Bell demonstrated a quilt that **Sammye Sue Harrill** donated for the Community Service, *The Call*.

Pam Brown brought *Gage's Big Boy Bed Quilt*. This huge brown, tan, and cream colored quilt was made for a 2 year old who has moved from his crib into a big bed since sometimes one of his parents lays down with him and then falls asleep. His room has a nature theme and this quilt will be perfect for his room as it has a deer in the middle surrounded by feathers (learned in **Shannon Young's** class).

Sally Martens bought blue and cream colored squares at a Quilt Guild yard sale in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for about \$15 for 16 blocks—roughly \$1/block! She put them together into *Blue and Yellow China Plates* and then Eddie Landreth did the quilting.

Wanda Cockrell stated that she took a class from Donna Robertson on 3 yard quilts and has made 3 quilts from this pattern and all turned out different. *Byzantine Door* is a beautiful multi-colored quilt with black sashing.

Susi Olson created *Entwined* for a friend who is legally blind but asked her to make a colorful quilt for him. He found the pattern and let her select the fabrics. This king sized quilt has 30 different fabrics in a bargello design and required her only 3 months to make. Alina Polta did the quilting on it.

Sherry Williams used scrap material in a contemporary quilt of multi colors on a white background. Her quilt is called *Prisms*.

Jan Partain found a pattern made in pink and white- so naturally she changed it to reds and black. She laid out the rows differently that the pattern to create slanted diamonds. Alina Polta provided the quilting.

Judy Pearlstein made a patriotic *Log Cabin* for her son-in-law that featured diamonds and circles done in red, white, and blue. This complex pattern required much time to complete but was clearly worth the effort. It was quilted by Darlene Davis.

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Kay Agee crafted a charity quilt using lots of colors, especially blues. *Byte Bye Batiks* was then quilted by Elaine Green.

Debbie Lewis made *Busy Bee* from a kit from Keepsake Quilting. Debbie has her own business called Busy Bee Long Arm Quilting so this will be hung in her studio. It was an impressive circular design using a wire hanging system called Gone Sleeveless.

Beverly Phillips made two baby quilts. She used blues and green and golds to create *Double Delight*. She stated she had some assistance from Dezi and then some help from Leah to make a split rail quilt in shades of peach and blue.

Shelia Simpson created *Winter Skies* using a pattern from Quilty; Winter 2016 page 66, by Tanya Finken. She used primarily fabric from her stash of lavender, purple, black, gray, and white. A niece in Illinois will be very grateful.

Committee Reports

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Mary Jane Beard reviewed the data for June and July. July's information:

Assets \$41,039.95

Expenses \$55 (a refund for Quilt Arkansas 2017)

Income \$641.46

Quilt Show: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs.

Mary Jane spoke about the variety of prizes to be awarded at the show. First, Second, Third place, and a Viewer's Choice are open to the public, however only members can vote for Creativity and Best Use of Color. She requested volunteers to assist with the day of hanging the quilts (no ladder climbing involved) as well as help on the day of taking them back down on December 11. The entry forms are due by the September Guild meeting and she asked that everyone pay attention to the rules, especially the maximum sizes. There will be a drawing for a prize among the entry forms submitted by the final date.

Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair, reported that the winner of the red, white, and blue blocks was Pam Brown. The block exchange for September will be autumn colors or school themed blocks. These can be any block design and are to measure anywhere from 4 to 12 inches finished size so long as the finished size is divisible by 2. The block for October will be announced during the next Guild meeting. The 'paper bag challenge' is due in October.

Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczwski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hart and Pam Brown, Assistants. Ms. Barszczwski reviewed the program scheduled for the Guild meetings through the end of the year and gave a reminder that in September is Quilt Arkansas 2017. A dime social and a pincushion exchange are offered for the Christmas party.

Membership: Judy Stewart, Chair, announced that one new member joined during July's meeting and that two people joined this month: Susan Kadlubar and Connie Lee. She asked for volunteers to be the hostess for the Sit N Sew sessions scheduled for the Mondays before the Guild meeting. Their duties are to open the door at 10 am and ensure that someone is in the room all day due to security purposes. Five people attended the Sit N Sew today.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, said that she had contacted The Call and was able to give them 30 more quilts: making a total of 45 quilts that have been donated so far during 2017. Alicia has the special labels to attach to the completed quilts, as well as batting and some kits. She thanked those who have assisted in making these quilts and stated she had two more that are finished but need quilting and both were claimed by a quilter during the meeting. Alicia reminded members that there will be a drawing for a prize among all the names of all those who volunteered time, fabric, and/or quilt tops during the second half of the year.

Quilt Arkansas 2017: Angie Heifner, Chair. Riley Middaugh, Treasurer. Angie announced that things are progressing well and that there are 3 vendors scheduled for Quilt Arkansas; Hickory Hills, Stitching Post, and Sew Much More. Several of the classes still have openings if people would like to register for them. They are in the process of sending out information and supply lists for various classes. Angie modeled the shirt, bag, and umbrella that are being offered as fund-raising items promoting Quilt Arkansas 2017. These can still be ordered by contacting her. Angie reviewed the challenges: a quilt challenge using the theme Raining Cats and Dogs, a decorated rain-boot that will later be used as a centerpiece on the tables during the party, and decorating a rain-hat. Lavern Schaap is requesting separate photographs of yourself and your pet (if multiple pets, please send individual pictures of each pet) in order to have a Contest matching pet owners with their pets (is it true that we start to look the same over time?). She reminded all that, due to the theme, donations are requested for cats and dogs such as collars, leash, food, toys, or even money.

Amy Hoyt, owner of Hickory Hills, demonstrated two quilts that will be among the items vended during QA 2017.

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, announced that the garage sale last July raised over \$600!

Minutes: Jim Gatling moved to approve the minutes as published and Kathy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was passed to accept.

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

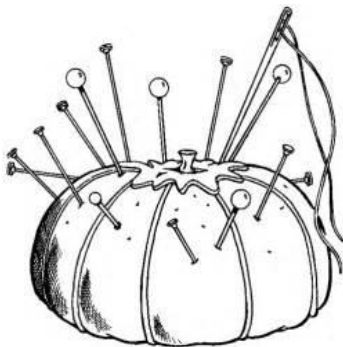
Sherry was happy to announce that there were 70 members present during the meeting as well as two guests. However, because Amy Hoyt (owner of Hickory Hills) gave a reminder that she was a member, the numbers were changed to 71 members present and one guest. Thanks were expressed to Sherry's son Jonathan for his assistance at the desk during check-in. The fabric exchange next month will be 4 squares of yellow/gold material. The winners of the purple fabric exchange were Cynthia Quick and Kay Agee. The door prize winners were Tamara Brown, Hazel Rice, and Jan Partain.

Old business: Alina Polta displayed some challenge quilts make for previous Quilt Arkansas. QA 2013 was *Starry Starry Night* and QA 2015 was *Yellow Brick Road*. Others have been asked if they would bring challenge quilts for display --- and to possibly encourage others to participate in the challenges.

New business: The Guild asked for volunteers to be members of the nomination committee for new officers. This committee is to be comprised of members of the Board and members at large. The slate of potential officers is to be announced during the September Guild meeting and the vote is to be done during the October meeting. Committee volunteers from the Guild membership were Jim Gatling and Liz Ketcherside. The members from the Board are Alina Polta, Mary Jane Beard, and Judy Stewart. After thanks were expressed to the presenter for this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

OUR HOMEWORK for DECEMBER!

Get ready for our December PIN CUSHION EXCHANGE!



MAKE A PIN CUSHION for December meeting.

Make a nice pincushion any size or shape. Wrap it, box it or bag it. Place on display table. You get to select one from the table. You can bring more than one; you get to select as many as you bring.

Cynthia Barszczewski



IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS!

**Quilt ARKANSAS 2017
SEPT 7-9, 2017**

CHALLENGES, Classes, Lectures, Party!!!

If you haven't registered for Quilt Arkansas, don't worry, you can still enjoy it! The lecture by Nova Montgomery on Thursday night, Sept 7, is available to non-registrants for \$15. Then on Monday night, Sept 11, Catherine Redford will give the lecture for the guild's program. This is available to all members & guests.

If you are registered for QA17, it's almost here! Your challenge will be due Friday night 9/8. You should have at least one of the following:

- 1) 36" or less themed QUILT
- 2) Decorated RAINBOOT for a table centerpiece
- 3) Embellished HAT
- 4) Trimmed UMBRELLA – This will be a fun QA activity!

All attendees will be divided into groups. Each group will decorate an umbrella (provided by the QA Committee) in the style of those used in New Orleans "Second Line" parades using the "Raining Cats and Dogs" theme. Decorating will occur in the 4H Center classrooms right after Friday dinner. Then as the party starts, the "Second Line" will move us down the hall to the party. We'll vote on our favorite umbrella with prizes for the winners. What makes Quilt Arkansas fun is seeing the creativity of our members and guests. Let this year be no exception as you have several opportunities to display your creative spirit.

Questions? Contact Lavern Schaap, 501-416-7061, rhschaapjr@aol.com

**Come SIT AND SEW
before the meeting!**

We will have the meeting day sit n sew again in September. Judy Stewart will be the hostess and will open the meeting room at 10:00am . Please join her anytime during the day. Bring your own project to work on or sew on one of the charity quilt kits she will have available. If you are willing to be the hostess one month please let Judy or Mary Jane Beard know to be put on the schedule. Hope to see you there!!

Judy Stewart



Loose Threads

? Are you still caught up in Cats and Dogs? Check out this Missouri Star Quilting tutorial for making a cute cat quilt called "Pins and Paws" from a layer cake precut: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhjHZIABEk>
If you prefer dogs, then this free pattern for a dog bone cute quilt might be your style: http://www.unitednotions.com/fp_here-boy.pdf

Don't forget to make your pincushion for the December exchange! Here is a link to an assortment of free patterns, from fruit to animals: <https://www.allfreeseewing.com/Accessories-to-Sew/17-Cutest-Pin-Cushion-Patterns-Youve-Ever-Seen>

Need to get organized in 2018? Here is a link to a new QUILT PLANNER: http://frame.bloglovin.com/?post=5823582763&blog=3532875&frame_type=none
It includes great ideas in case you'd prefer to DIY!

AQG Challenge/BOM

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" or "Autumn Colors". Make the block size of your choice, using a school theme or autumnal theme. Golds, browns, muted greens, etc., are great color choices. Bring your block(s) to the September meeting to enter for a chance to win all the blocks that are turned in!

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.

See you next month!
Sherri Dodds
Challenge Committee

**Magic Measurements
For Rotary cutting**

To determine rotary cutting sizes for a variety of shapes, use this Chart. All measurements assume a ¼" seam allowance.

- 1) Strips: Cut finished width + ½"
- 2) Square and Rectangle: Cut finished size + ½"
- 3) Half-Square Triangle: Cut finished width + 7/8" then sew on either side of diagonal and cut
- 4) Quarter Square Triangle: Cut finished width + 1 ¼"
- 5) 60 degrees Equilateral Triangle: Cut finished height + ¾"
- 6) Center Isosceles Triangle in a Square: Cut finished width of triangle + 7/8"
- 7) Side Triangle in a Square: Cut finished width + ¾", finished height + 1 ¼" (but must be made in mirror images)

(from "American Patchwork & Quilting" April 2017)



Community Service Notes

Thirty quilts were donated to The Call recently. The Call wants to express their thanks. They are extremely thankful and very appreciative for all quilts that have been donated thus far, with 52 donated in 2017.

Thanks to all that have donated quilts and their time to make this happen!!! There is still time if you have not had a chance to donate. As we are closely approaching the end of the year, I anticipate the need for quilters to help quilt unfinished quilt tops. Also, donation quilt tops need to be completed by October if you do not intend on completing the quilt yourself. Finished quilts need to be completed by December.

I will have quilt labels available at the next guild meeting or Sit & Sew prior so members can add a label to their community quilt.

Also, I still have plenty of polyester batting that can be utilized for quilting. I have a few quilts that need to be quilted and will bring those to the next meeting. I can provide batting if the quilter would like to use the polyester batting. Please contact me if you are interested and I will pre-cut the batting and have this available at the next meeting.

There are kits still available to piece and will have these available at the next meeting.

Remember, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a gift at the end of the year when you donate a quilt or your time toward our community service project.

Alicia Bell

A Note From Dave

At the Summertime Quilting Retreat this weekend at the Heifer Ranch, several people asked about the possibility of starting the [Winter's Eve Quilting Retreat](#) on Thursday Nov 30 at 9:00AM, so I've added that option to the website. The added cost would be \$60. This would include Thursday night's lodging, lunch, dinner and Friday breakfast. For all the details and photos of quilters on retreat, go to www.DavesRetreats.com.

AQG SIT AND SEW INFO

- 1) Monthly on the 3rd Saturday at the Baptist Health Southwest Campus cafeteria; 8am to 4pm. The next meeting will be 9/16.
- 2) Monthly before each 2nd Monday meeting in the NLR Community Center meeting room.

August 2017 Program Notes

Apliquick Tools

Jane Bell, co-owner of The Stitchin' Post with Linda Bolby, presented yet another way to applique. She said there are so many ways: raw edge, fusible, turned edge, freezer paper -- if you don't like one, just try another.

She showed a video she had made to demonstrate Apliquick, a turned -edge method developed by Rosa Rojas from Spain. There's a complete tool kit, including two stainless steel tools, micro serrated scissors, a special formulated glue with a longer drying time, tweezers, and stabilizer. One of the tools holds the piece down, while the other turns the fabric under.

The pieces can then be machine stitched, using invisible thread with Superior Bottom Line in the bobbin, with a blanket or narrow zigzag stitch – not a satin stitch. Or they can be hand stitched with a silk or fine cotton 50 weight thread and a #10 or #11 long applique needle that bends to your finger.

The Apliquick method improves dexterity and is good for arthritic hands. The micro serrated scissors grip the fabric, improve accuracy and prevent hand fatigue. Because of its longer drying time, the glue allows more working time. Overall, Apliquick increases speed and improves appearance.

Jane had several samples, including table runners. She then sold the products with a 20% discount.

For more information, check out

<https://apliquick.com/shop/?lang=en>.

There are several YouTube demonstrations, such as https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B4kh1L_dbg.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Partain, Program Scribe

Katie Fowler – Coming in 2018!

It's not too early to start getting excited about our featured out-of-state teacher for 2018! Katie Fowler from the Denver area will be our guest in June. Go see her lectures and workshops at this site:

<http://katiefowler.net/classes-and-lectures.html>.

The photos showcase her creativity here:

<http://katiefowler.net/quilts-art-and-art-quilts.html>. This will be a great event for the

guild members next year! June (and Katie!) will be here before we know it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 AQQ Meeting with program by Catherine Redford.
- September 16 AQQ Sit & Sew at BH Southwest Campus, 8 -5.
- Oct 12 - AQQ 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
- Dec 11, 2017 International Quilt Festival in Houston; www.quilts.com
- Nov 2-5, 2017 Dave's winter retreat; see www.davesretreats.com/QuiltingRetreats
- 2018**
- June 9-10, 2018 Katie Fowler's workshops for AQQ: <http://katiefowler.net/index.html>



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Robin Tyler	September	2
Donna Clements	September	11
Ginny Watson	September	12
Nancy Casey	September	14
Lauren Hill	September	15
Marilyn Weaver	September	18
Mary Jane Beard	September	19
Peggy House	September	21
Donna Toombs	September	22
Janell Barkley	September	23
Phillis Westerfield	September	25
Patricia Crawford	September	28
Sally Martens	September	28
Sue Womack	September	29
Desiree Gipson	September	30

Welcome New Members!

Susan Kadlubar
Connie Lee



Leachele's Sampler

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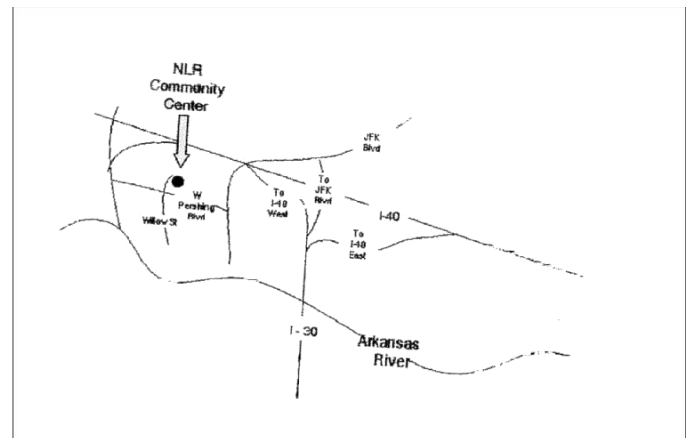
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AQG Meeting
NLR Community Center
2700 Willow Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas



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.



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