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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!

One more month left in 2017! This year has really flown by for me. This is usually the time of year I look back and stress about all the things I did not get done. But this year I am trying to look back and think about all the things I DID get accomplished! This year I have tried to “Live in the Moment”. Sometimes we tend to be put so many expectations on ourselves. Sometimes good enough REALLY is GOOD ENOUGH! :) So take the time to enjoy the simple things and give yourselves a break and a giant pat on the back for all you do get done!

I have really enjoyed being your President the last 2 years. I have made some amazing quilting friends and I will always cherish those friendships. I do not know right now if my family will be moving for sure or not, but if we do it won't be until after the Holidays. If we do move, I will miss you all terribly. This is a wonderful guild to be part of!

Happy Holidays and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!
Alina Polta

December MEETING PARTY SNACKS



Members with last name starting with A-M Savory
N-Z Sweet.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday Dec 7, 2017, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe,
2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202. **AQG Meeting:** Monday, Dec 11,
2017 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow,
North Little Rock, Arkansas.



Challenge Committee

Sherri Dodds

There are no challenges scheduled for the rest of this year.

I would love feedback from the membership letting me know what your favorite challenge was. Even if you didn't actually do one, but wanted to, tell me!

Let me know if you'd like a specific challenge next year.

I can always use new ideas. (contact me via email - sewangelic@sbcglobal.net)

The January challenge will be our first block of the month for the new year. Make the block pattern of your choice using blues and whites for a winter theme. Blocks should be 12.5" square. Bring your block to the January meeting and enter to win all the blocks!

Meeting Day Sit N Sew

Judy Stewart will be the hostess for the December meeting day sit n sew. Join her at the Community Center starting at 10am to work on your projects. She will have a charity quilt packet if you'd like to work on one of those instead. We will sew until it's time for the meeting to set up. Bring your machine or just some hand work!

If you are willing to be hostess for the sit n sew one month, please contact Judy or Mary Jane Beard. It's easy! Show up at 10, turn on the lights and just make sure someone is always in the room! That's it! Thanks!!

AQG 2018

Thanks to everyone that voted to approve the slate of officers for the 2018 guild year. I know they will all work hard for the Guild. I hope I can live up to your expectations as President. I truly appreciate your vote of confidence as I know I have big shoes to fill!

A new year means we will be seeking new help to fill some of our Guild positions in order to keep things interesting and running smoothly. Please look over the list of openings carefully. I'm sure you can find a place to help. Send me an email

(jstewartmedia@yahoo.com) or stop me at the next meeting to let me know where you want to help.

Advertising and Public Relations – Mei Travis

AWOL Spring 2018 Retreat – Leah Sample, Eddie and Melissa Landreth

AWOL Fall 2018 Retreat – OPEN

Challenges – Sherri Dodds

Community Service – Meg Cullum

Demonstrations & Vendors – Cindy Barszczewski

Fundraising – OPEN

Hostess – Cynthia Quick and Meg Cullum

Library Quilt Show 2018 – Judy Young and Mary Jane Beard

Newsletter – Jackie Bibbs

Photographer/Meetings – OPEN **NEED TWO PEOPLE

Programs – OPEN

Program Note taker - OPEN *** NEED TWO PEOPLE

Property – OPEN

Quilt Arkansas 2019 – OPEN

Social Media – Shannon Young

Sunshine – Pat Crawford

Website – Jackie Bibbs and Meg Cullum

Again, PLEASE find a spot to help out! We do have Board meetings the week prior to the meeting night. It works out great if Committee chairs can be in attendance to keep us all apprised of your work, but I realize you have a life and might not always make it. I look forward to working with everyone next year!!

Judy Stewart, President-Elect

DECEMBER PARTY

This party is to thank all the members for all the goodness devoted to the guild this last year: a thank you for contributing to the free table, sewing for community service, shopping at the yard sale, and donating time and energy to guild activities. There will be gifts to win. Each member will receive 50 tickets. You decide how many chances you want to put in for each gift. The gifts are new, quality items. One ticket will be drawn for each gift. All non-members and guests will have a ticket for a chance to win a visitor prize.

We need food for the party too so if your last name begins with

A – M: please bring *savory treats*.

N- Z: please bring *sweet treats*.

We will have a pincushion exchange. Bring a pincushion wrapped or bagged. Bring one take one. You may bring more than one.

It has been a fun year for us on the program committee and we have had lots of support for our program and workshop roles.

Merry Christmas!

Cynthia Barszczewski & Sue Womack

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January – P. Allen Smith's documentary on cotton

March – Jim Gatling's workshop

June – Katie Fowler's workshop

Arkansas Quilters Guild Meeting Monday, November 13, 2017

The Guild Board meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Alina Polta.

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

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Mary Jane Beard provided a report regarding October's finances to all members for their review.

Expenses \$480.06

Income \$691.00

During the November Guild Board meeting the 2018 budget was scheduled for discussion and the new members had been encouraged to attend. Treasurer Mary Jane Beard provided an initial budget proposal handout which was discussed and modified before the Board voted to approve. This budget is available on the AQG website under the Members Only section.

Committee Reports

Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair said that there will be no further challenges during 2017. Feedback from the membership is requested regarding possible challenges for 2018. Sherri displayed two items that were left after the Guild meeting last month and stated that, if not claimed, they would become donation items.

Community Service: Alicia Bell, Chair, said that a total of 74 quilts have been donated during 2017. Alicia stated that she will be attaching the special labels to a couple of the completed quilts. She reminded the members that completed quilts are due in December. There will be a drawing for a prize during the December meeting among all those who have donated to *The Call*. Alicia has some batting available.

Membership: Judy Stewart, Chair, shared that Guild dues (\$25/year) are now due and announced that the guild is requesting an extra \$5 per year for printed and mailed copies of the AQG newsletter; the extra charge is not mandatory but would be appreciated if offered. When the dues are paid, each member will be given a card with the password for the guild website as this password will change in January.

Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczewski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hart and Pam Brown, Assistants. Ms. Barszczewski said that during the December Guild Christmas party there will be a play presented, a dime social, and even a pincushion exchange for those who wish to participate. The pincushions are to be wrapped and can be home-made or purchased. The newsletter lists the snacks that members are to bring according to the alphabet (first letter of your last name). There are multiple bookings

scheduled during 2018, to include presentations by Katie Fowler and Judy Bower. Sue shared that Jim Gatling will be presenting a surprise workshop in March—and Jim agreed the topic is still a surprise to him as well!

Fundraising: Boneta Hollis, Chair, shared that she has some batting available. She stated that she enjoyed working this position but may be moving so a new volunteer for Fundraising Chair is needed.

Quilt Show: Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs. Mary Jane informed the Guild that the Terry Library is posting pictures of the quilts, one each day, on their Facebook site. Voting for the Viewers' Choice Awards will make the decision for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The voting for Creativity and for the Best Use of Color are restricted to AQG members only and must be done on-line and include information about the quilt(s) selected, the name of the quilt maker, and the e-mail address of the person voting. Pictures are posted on the AQG website of all the quilts entered in the show so that members can vote even if they are unable to attend the show in person. Voting starts Tuesday, November 14, and ends on December 1st. The show ends December 12th. Mary Jane displayed the prize winner's ribbons that were created by Frances Wade. Some of the money for the ribbons and the prize winners' awards came from Sharon Heidingsfelder (Creativity) and Sarah Ziegenbein (Best Use of Color). Alina Polta will be creating the prize ribbons for the miniatures competition. Cloie Morgan presented a class during the show that was well received and she received an applause from the Guild for this.

Mary Jane reminded everyone that there is a sit and sew held in this meeting room every Monday before the Guild meeting.

AWOL: Leah Sample, Eddie and Melissa Landreth, Chairs. Spring AWOL is scheduled for March 16, 17, and 18, 2018, at Ferndale. Registration opened last month and payments are acceptable but the final payment is due on March 1st. Leah reminded the Guild members that the Sit and Sew is still being held on the South West Campus.

Sunshine: Pat Crawford, Chair. Members were asked to please let Pat know if they learn of anyone who might benefit from receiving a card from the Guild.

Hostess: Sherry Williams and Heather Danridge, Co-Chairs. Sherry stated that there were 62 members present this evening as well as two guests: Mina Collins and Carolyn Tyson. There were three winners of the fat quarter fabric exchange. Door prizes were awarded to Eva Harrison, Joan Beard, and Debra Gordon.

Website: Alina Polta, Chair, shared that she is planning

to move out of state next month and Jackie

Bibbs and Meg Cullum volunteered to attend a training session with her to learn about working with the website.

Old business: No old business items were mentioned.

New business: Judy Stewart will be the President of the AQG for 2018. She listed the new Board members as well as stating that she would appreciate it members considered helping by volunteering for the positions that are still to be filled.

Still open positions include:

- AWOL Fall 2018
- Fundraising
- Photographers—would like 2 people
- Programs—would like 2-3 people
- Secretary for the program section of the Guild meetings
- Property
- Quilt Arkansas 2019

Shannon Young has agreed to be the Social Media Liaison Chair and she will be listed, as such, in the AQG newsletter.

SHOW and TELL

Cynthia Quick brought two quilts on which she did the long arm quilting—one a panel of horses and the other a churn dash pattern in deep colors.

Sally Martens brought her half clam shell *Licorice and Caramel*. She wrote that she wanted to try the half clam shell template and worked on this for months and decided to finally get it done. She got really tired of cutting out the half clamshells and sewing them together---never again! She also completed the 6 month paper bag challenge but was unable to show it last month. She put the black and white colored quilt together at the quilting retreat. Her third quilt was Whirligigs. She bought the green and tan colored squares at a quilt yard sale and trimmed them. She then assembled them in to a donation quilt.

Jan Partain displayed Kaffe Fassett Crazy (KFC). She had a layer cake of KF fabrics however, 'nothing went together'. The result was a crazy quilt done as a quilt as you go.

Marilyn Weaver brought her green and white *Christmas Wreath* which she then quilted on an embroidery machine. It is to go to the female music director of Balloon Festival held every October.

Jaymie Crisel made her first baby quilt that was also her first time to use minky material. The *Deer quilt* was a panel of some deer done in a window pattern.

Robin Tyler showed a quilt done of pink flowers with yellow centers on a white background with printed

sashing. There were flowers around the outer edge

that decreased in the number of petals as you looked around the edges—as if one petal was continually falling off. Robin wrote that when she was a child, her mother made her a pink dress of dotted swiss material. When her grandmother died in 2012, some of her belongings were sent to Robin. She ended up with a repurposed chest and inside the chest she found some of the fabric left over from making that pink dress. Robin used the fabric to make the petals of the flowers on *Momma's Flowers*. It was quilted by Eddie Landreth and given to Robin's mother for her birthday last September.

Judy Bowers brought *Fall Poinsettia*. She said it was a new Quiltworks pattern done in fall colors. *Waterwheel* was a beginning paper-piecing pattern done in three shades of red and three shades of white material. Judy plans to teach it soon.

The **Why Knot** group consists of **Carol Hurt, Sue Womack, Pam Brown, and Cindy Barszczewski**. These ladies created *Suzanne's Wild Horses* wall hanging as a gift for Suzanne, a fellow quilter who will be moving away soon.

Sheila Simpson is a member of the Piece maker's Knot along with **Pat Crawford, Barbara Middleton, Karen Alexander, Judy Rickard, Frances Wade, and Cynthia Quick**. Each month a member presented a different method for making ½ square triangles which were then used to create pinwheels. Sheila completed the quilt by doing the quilting and the binding. It will be used as a donation quilt. Sheila also brought *Hungry*, a quilt made for the music director at her church. He and his wife are expecting their first child in December. The hungry little caterpillar was featured on the quilt.

Jim Gatling had a 'Tell'. He was returned four completed quilts this evening and will be showing them in March as part of his workshop. He was given a quilt made with red flannel and homespun material that a lady made for her daughter, Jim's god-daughter. Unfortunately, the colors ran very badly. Jim wanted to remind everyone how important it is to be aware when using strong, deep colors to set the colors.

Alina Polta brought a spritzer bottle that she learned about while at the quilt show in Houston. It emits a mist which decreases the fear of colors running. She also recommends prewashing strong colors.

\$25 AQG dues for 2018 are due!

VOTE on the quilt exhibit at our website!

2018 AQG BUDGET Proposal

Please review the Proposed 2018 budget in preparation for approving it next meeting.

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

Income 2018 Budget

Advertising	\$500.00
AWOL	\$10,000.00
DONATION	
From Savings	\$2,000.00
Fundraising	\$2,000.00
Interest \$10.00	\$10.00
Membership	\$3,100.00
Newsletter	
Quilt Arkansas	\$1,500.00
Workshop \$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP	
Travel	
Quilt Show/ Exhibit	
Total Income	Actual 2018 Budget \$21,110.00

Expenses

2018 Budget

Administration	\$200.00
AWOL	\$10,000.00
Challenges	\$50.00
Community Service	\$230.00
Demos	\$30.00
Door Prizes	\$250.00
Fund Raising	\$800.00
Membership	\$50.00
New Equipment	\$100.00
Newsletter	\$600.00
Programs	\$2,800.00
Quilt Arkansas 2019	\$1,500.00
Quilt Show/ Exhibit 2018	\$150.00
Rent	\$1,000.00
Tax Preparation	\$150.00
Web Hosting	\$250.00
Workshop	\$2,800.00
Sunshine Committee	\$150.00
Total Expenses	2018 Budget \$21,110.00

SPRING FLING AWOL!!!

Join fellow members at the March Retreat!

AWOL (Arkansas Women on the Loose + guys, too) is held at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale, Arkansas. AWOL is 3 days away from home where you can sew and quilt to your heart's content with lots of other quilters! Bring yourself, your sense of humor, your supplies and plan on spending a relaxing weekend away. We usually have a few mini-demos but plan on spending the time working on what you want. It's a great time to start a new project, finish a few of those old projects and get ideas and insight from other quilters. Any level of quilter is invited. You can select the whole shebang, one night or just the day option. Payments may be made in installments. Meals and 24-hour beverage service are included with your registration.

We have three work rooms starting at 9:00am Friday morning. If you've attended one of our past AWOL or Quilt Arkansas events, you know that these rooms are great!

Registration fee for each package includes beverage service, mandatory facility fees, and insurance. To reserve your spot, send at least a \$25 deposit along with your registration form (this applies toward your total due).

See the website for pricing details and the registration form.

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year! Membership dues are being collected for the 2018 year. The cost of dues has remained at \$25.00 again this year for those members receiving the newsletter via email. There is an additional \$5.00 voluntary contribution for those members that receive the newsletter via US Postal Service to help defray postage costs. Please bring your dues to the December meeting. You can also mail your dues to our post office box if you prefer (P. O. Box 2258, North Little Rock AR 72115).

Don't forget to pick up your membership card when you pay the dues. It will have the new password (effective Jan. 1, 2018) for the Members Only section of the website. Thanks!!

November 2017 Program

Longarm Quilters

Cindy Barszczewski moderated a panel of AQG longarmers: Eddie Landreth, Leah Sample, Alina Polta, Carol Hurt, and Debbie Haley. Their comments were especially interesting to those of us who quilt by check.

Their workspaces are in spare bedrooms, commandeered dining rooms and specially designed workshops. Longarm machines were Gammills, a Nolting, and a Handiquilter.

They bought their machines for various reasons, such as not enjoying quilting on a DSM, which is like shoving a paper under a pencil instead of holding the pencil to write. Leah intended hers to be her retirement plan. Alina's husband wrote out a business plan for her, with target dates for paying it off.

Prices ranged from \$10,000 to \$14,000, and the companies have good trade-up programs. The best way to shop is at national quilt shows, where different machines can be road-tested, since each one has a different feel, and what works for one person may not for another. There are good deals to be had, such as four-year, no-interest payments. Company technicians come to your house to set them up and get you started.

The panel said they basically service their machines, with Google and YouTube answering most questions. Alina's salesman is on speed dial and she sends him pictures and audios so he can see and hear what's happening. Pinwheels is now a Handiquilter dealer and provides service.

They said it's really necessary to have lots of customers to be able to pay for the machine, plus to learn how to use the machine competently and to work with different patterns and styles. It's very intimidating to get started, but they all said they learned and gained confidence with each quilt. If anyone is interested, they should not put it off, but just do it. You can give discounts to customers at first till you develop your skills.

Sometimes they've refused to take a quilt, like one done with chicken scratch embroidery, and lots with borders that weren't sewn on properly. But in general, the quilting can only be as good as the piecing. It's important for customers to iron their tops and backings. Guidance from customers is appreciated, such as not wanting heart designs or daisies for guy quilts.

Leah demonstrated how it's better to piece backing horizontally instead of vertically to keep the quilt taut on the frame. Wide backing is preferred, a ½" seam allowance, small stitches, no selvages (which shrink differently and are hard on needles), and at least four extra inches all around, which is necessary to load the quilt on the machine.

Batting preferences were Hobbs 80/20 and Warm and Natural, generally cotton, but also cotton and wool. Threads used were Glide and King Tut; Debbie likes variegated thread, but no one likes monofilaments. It can be a problem to have different color threads on the top and bottom. Most used stitch regulators, although Eddie doesn't.

Alina showed several tools: compression gloves, a spray bottle that mists just the right amount of water, a brush to get chalk out, a seam ripper, a flashlight to look under the quilt, a flexible drafting tool from Harbor Freight that marks feathers, and a framed piece of plexiglass that she puts over the quilt to audition designs with dry erase markers. She uses a tall saddle stool pneumatic chair, and her weighted Body Right back brace is a lifesaver.

They agreed that stitch in the ditch is the hardest thing to do, and rulers are awkward to use. Thread tension causes the most problems, and sometimes just a speck of lint can affect tension.

Prices depend of the complexity of the design, whether overall pantographs or custom work is used, and how many stops and starts there are – from \$.015 per square inch to \$02.-\$.03 per square inch, up to \$.05 for heirloom pieces.

A lot of us mere mortals who were in the audience are just happy to know we have so many capable longarmers to prettify our work – even though we must face that sometimes it's not possible to "quilt it out."

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Partain, Program Scribe



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

12/1-3/17 Dave's Winter Quilting Retreat at Heifer: www.DavesRetreats.com
 12/11/17 AQG December Meeting: Party
 12/12/17 Terry Library quilt takedown

2018

Jan 15, 2018 AQG Meeting
 Jan 20, 2018 AQG Sit & Sew at Baptist Hospital SW
 Feb 23-25, 2018 Cabin Fever Quilting Retreat at Heifer: www.DavesRetreats.com
 Mar 1 2018 AWOL balance due
 Mar 16-18, 2018 AWOL weekend retreat/sit n sew at C. A. Vines 4H Center
 May 18-20, 2018 Cabin Fever Quilting Retreat at Heifer: www.DavesRetreats.com
 June 9-10, 2018 Katie Fowler's workshops for AQG: www.katiefowler.net

December BIRTHDAYS

Cloie	Morgan	December 4
Sharon	Weinsinger	December 6
Lois	Hall	December 13
Gloria	Killeen	December 18
Eva	Harrison	December 21
Sally	Saunders	December 21
Beverly	Phillips	December 28

Community Service

A total of 75 quilts has been donated; remaining quilts were collected at the November meeting. If you have not turned in your quilt kit, please turn in completed kits next month at the meeting. All completed quilts for the Call (foster children) are due next month at the December meeting. We will also have the final drawing for a gift. Anyone who has donated a quilt or time has been entered to win. Thanks to everyone that has donated a quilt or your time and effort toward our community service project this year! It has been greatly appreciated!

See you all next month!

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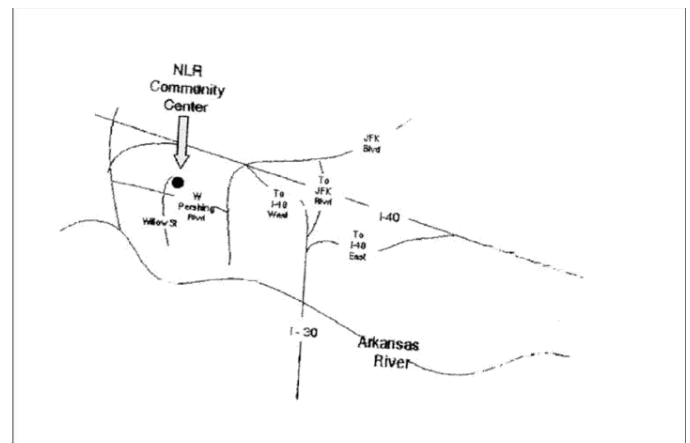
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AQG Meeting
NLR Community Center
2700 Willow Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas



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.