

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.

That's the first one down! Happy to have made it through the first meeting as the Guild President. Thanks to everyone for being helpful!

We need help putting all of this together and it truly takes a village to get the Guild all arranged!!! Thank you to all of you that have signed up to be an officer or chair a committee. BUT.... we still need more help!

Chairs are needed for the following committees:

Fundraising - come up with a few items/events to help out the Guild coffers!

Newsletter - We need someone to be a backup editor with Jackie. She needs someone to help proof read the articles and produce the newsletter.

Program Notes - Two people are needed here so they can trade off each month. Just take notes during the program and submit it to the Newsletter editor.

There are two big committees that need leadership. I'm hoping that we can get 3 to 4 people to work on the Program committee. Having multiple people would make this job much more manageable.

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

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday Feb 8, 2018, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202. A**QG Meeting:** Violette Media from Stitchery in Cabot Monday, Feb 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

(President's letter ...Continued) Programs are already booked through August so you'll have plenty time to plan. The second big committee is the 2019 Quilt Arkansas. This QA would be completely in your hands. Change the format, new date, new venue, plan as you'd like. Interested???

PLEASE search your heart and schedule to see if you can fit one of these committees in. We have 126 names on the roster and hopefully we can find 6-10 people from there to help out the Guild!

We have so much to offer in this Guild! Check the calendar of events elsewhere in the newsletter for information on Sit n sews, quilt shows, AWOL retreat, Jim Gatling class, Katie Fowler workshop and monthly programs! There is something for everyone!

Hope you all have a good month! Judy Stewart

AQG Spring PROGRAMS

February – Violet Medina from Stitchery Sewist will present and vend

March - Program & Workshop by Jim Gatling

April – Shellie Blake from Bedwarmer

A note about PROGRAMS

This month the program will be presented by Violet Medina from Stitchery Sewist Shop in Cabot. She will be vending.

March 12th we will have a Jim Gatling workshop starting at 10 am Monday in the regular meeting room. The workshop will be taking your scraps and orphan blocks and making wonderful quilts. If you've ever been to one of Jim's classes then you know you are in for a treat. Jim will present a program for guild Monday evening.

Sue and I are ready to turn over our schedule to another member. I am planning a move soon and Sue's stack of hats is way too tall this next year.

Cindy Barszczewski

AQG Guild Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

The Guild meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Judy Stewart.

Minutes: Leah Sample moved to approve the December minutes as published and Jenny Shumate seconded the motion. The vote was passed to accept minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Jane Beard provided a report regarding December's finances.

Expenses: \$ 667.33

Income: Actual \$ 1,701.77 which included funds deposited from the following designated funds: Sarah Ziegenbein Memorial (\$50.00), Sharon Heidingsfelder (\$50.00), Quilt AR (\$1,500), and Quilt Show 'Viewer's Choice' Award (\$100.00).

Mary Jane also stated that the membership deposit was not reflected on the report.

She also reminded members that the 2018 budget can be found on the AQG website in the members only section. The password to the members only section can be found on the back of your membership card.

Committee Reports:

AWOL: Leah Sample, Eddie and Melissa Landreth, Jim Gatling, Sally Burrup, Chairs. Leah shared that Spring AWOL will be held at C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H center in Ferndale on March 16-18, 2018. This is a 3 day retreat to sit and sew on projects. Total of 26 have registered for the event, and they will continue to take registrations until the deadline. March 1, 2018 is the deadline for registration and all remaining balances in order to attend AWOL. More information about AWOL can be found in the newsletter, and they will have registration forms tonight if interested. Registration forms can also be found on the AQG website as well. Leah shared that AWOL event could accommodate approximately 35 attendees. She also asked for any donations that they could use for door prizes at AWOL.

Leah also announced that the January sit and sew at the southwest campus will change to the second Saturday of the month which is this coming Saturday, 1/13/18. This change only affects the month of January. Monthly sit and sew will then resume to the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair stated that the January BOM which consisted of a blue and white block, pattern of your choice with a winter theme yielded 3 blocks. Donna Toombs won.

February BOM will be a heart themed block. Sherri showed an example and this could be a heart sewn onto a block or any type of heart themed fabric. Details

and instructions will be provided in the newsletter. For the March challenge she will be collecting 100% cotton 'ugly fat quarters.' She will provide further details regarding this upcoming challenge.

She shared her concern regarding low participation in the challenges therefore she strongly encouraged members to participate in future challenges.

Community Service: Meg Cullum, Chair shared that she contacted Brookdale, a senior living community in Conway that houses 86 individuals. Meg spoke with Elisha Lewis, who is in charge of programs at Brookdale. She believes there would be interest in residents receiving quilts, as they have never had a similar program at this facility in the past. She would like a flyer to place in their resident newsletter announcing the program and a sign-up list for residents. Meg plans to make the flyer and email it to E. Lewis. In addition, she wondered if some of the members from the Guild would like to sew and socialize with some of the residents. Meg announced we could set this up with E. Lewis if members are interested.

There are residents that are wheelchair bound as well as bed bound. Therefore lap size and larger quilts will most likely be needed. If the list of residents requesting quilts from Brookdale is exhausted during the year, Meg will contact other senior living facilities to inquire about the same program for them.

Any remaining donation quilts from 2017 that would be unsuitable for adults (if they have juvenile fabric) can still be donated to The Call.

Fundraising: No report, chair needed.

Hostess: Cynthia Quick and Meg Cullum, Chairs. Cynthia shared that there were 50 members present this evening. We extend our welcome to our four guests with us tonight as well- Darlene Stewart, Denise Maxam, Billy and Charlotte Wilchman. Door prize winners this evening: Joan Beard, Pam Brown, Wanda Cockrell, Sally Saunders. Cynthia also reminded members to bring a pink or red fat quarter for the February fat quarter exchange. She encouraged members to participate in the fat quarter exchange challenge in order to be entered to win a prize. She also reminded members to visit the 'freebie' table and shared that there were a few quilt tops that were donated.

Membership: Sherry Williams, Chair shared that 18 renewals were collected this evening. She also reminded members to pay their dues by March. If dues are not paid by March, the member will be dropped.

Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczewski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hurt and Pam Brown, Assistants (2017). Cindy Barszczewski shared that the program tonight would consist of a video by P. Allen Smith's Garden Home, "Follow the Cotton." Next month Violet Medina from Stitchery Sewist Shop in Cabot will give a program. Jim Gatling will be presenting a workshop on scrappy quilts in March before the guild meeting followed by a program that evening. Future programs and workshops scheduled for 2018 are as followed: Shelly Blake from the Bed-Warmer Quilt and Sew in April, Karen French from French Seam in May, Katie Fowler in June, and Judy Bowers in November. Katie Fowler will be providing a painting on fabrics workshop. We will have the AQG yard sale in July. In April 2019 we will welcome Judy Beasly to give a program on "The Scrappy Farmer".

She reminded members that they are taking registrations for future upcoming workshops.

She also reminded members that someone is needed to volunteer to take over programs, 2018.

Old Business: President Judy Stewart wanted to thank the program chairs for the great Christmas party/program in December. Judy also shared committee needs for 2018 listed below.

AWOL Fall Retreat

Fundraising

Newsletter

Programs

Program Note taker

Quilt Arkansas 2019

Property- Angie Heifner volunteered

Photographer- Susi Olson volunteered

Please contact Judy Stewart if you are interested in volunteering in 2018. We need your help!

Judy Stewart wanted to thank Alina Polta for her leadership as former AQG president. She will be greatly missed, she is relocating soon.

Cynthia Quick shared that there were two videos (Moses and Jona) for members to borrow if interested in viewing.

New Business:

President Judy Stewart asked members to congratulate Pam Brown who is celebrating her wedding anniversary with us tonight.

Sue Womack shared Pine Bluff is hosting a quilt show on February 9 and 10th. Flyers with more information about the quilt show will be available on the hostess table. They are also welcoming entries.

Liz Simpson shared that her Knot would like to sell fabric that was donated to them. The fabric consists of remaining fabric that did not sell at Geannine Ott's estate sale. Liz expressed how much Geannine meant to her, her fellow Knot members, and the quilting community. All money raised from the fabric sold will be set aside to create a fund for 'Best use of Applique award.' The fabric sale will be scheduled for the upcoming March AQG meeting.

SHOW and TELL

Carrie Weindorf brought *At Sea*. This quilt is a gift for her grandson. She was inspired after a whale watching cruise with her grandson who is fascinated with whales.

Alina Polta shared two quilts. First, *Quilt of Valor* which was a sample of one of the Quilt of Volar quilts that was created from donated blocks from the block drive. Second, *Frederick the Snowman*, which was made from a snowman quilt kit. Her 11 year old son named the quilt, and Alina quilted her own quilt. She also shared that everyone should visit, the 'Honey Hole' in White Hall, AR.

Cynthia Quick brought *Triple Irish Chain.* She shared she was proud of learning how to do her own long arm quilting.

Marilyn Wheeler brought *Black and White*. She made this quilt for her sister Brynda. This is both a Christmas and birthday gift, her birthday is today.

Wanda Cockrell brought *Dreaming*. She shared even though the quilt pattern is "Dreaming," she thought "Nightmare" would be a much better suited name! Quilted by Pam Wells. Wanda also brought a 3 pocket bag she made.

Pam Brown brought *Whispers*. She took a class from Raya Salomaa at Quilt Arkansas in 2017. She shared her version of Whispers of Lapland. The instructor used a black background where Pam opted for a light colored background.

Melissa Landreth shared a quilt with non-traditional Christmas colors. She fell in love with non-traditional Christmas colors and bought a layer cake with no pat-

tern in mind. Leah Sample gave her the idea of doing a disappearing four patch. Quilted by Eddie Landreth. **Donna Toombs brought** *Log Cabins for Aunt Freda*. Donna shared that her Aunt Freda made these blocks in the 1970s. Her aunt hand-quilted each block and said she forgot what it was supposed to be. She gave Donna 28 blocks, each quilted. Donna joined 12 blocks

Martha Fewell shared a pink polka dot purse she made from the demo today before the guild meeting.

to make 2 quilts and plans to give these to her Aunt

Freda tomorrow for her 96th birthday!

Judy Bowers brought *My 2 Baby Sisters Placemat*. This is a brand new patter that arrived in her mailbox this past Saturday. She pulled some fabrics from her stash to create this fun, easy, quick Judy Niemeyer paper pieced project.

Alicia Bell brought three quilts. First, Eclipse of Triangles which she started in 2013 or 2014. This was her second guilt to create. The pattern was called Sunshine and Shade, and she used a lot of scraps that she and her mother had on hand. She chose a flying geese border and shared the frustrations of having to recreate the entire border because the initial fabric chosen could not be found. She completed the guilt in 2017. Second, Stargazing. She took Judy Rickard's Carpenter Star class at Quilt Arkansas in 2015. This was a fun pattern. In fact she made a quilt using the same pattern for her husband's grandmother's 88th birthday last year. Third, Whoot Owls. This quilt is made of flannel and is a gift for a friend who had a baby girl. She needed something quick and easy therefore she chose the disappearing nine patch pattern. All three quilts were quilted by her mother, Louise Hicks.

Jenny Shumate had a 'Tell.' Jenny shared she visited University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She visited their museum of quilts for international studies and special exhibits.

PROGRAM:

Documentary "Follow the Cotton." Video by P. Allen Smith's Garden Home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Alicia Bell

2018 AQG DUES are DUE!

Please remember to pay \$25 to Sherry Williams by March meeting to remain on the active roster. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 2258, NLR AR 72115

DO-MO: 3D Bow Tie Block Feb 12, 2018

I will be demonstrating how to make the 3D bowtie block using one five inch square. No sewing machine required to make this block.

It's all hand sewing, faster then making a yo yo and much more exciting.

I was taught how to make these by the Yo Yo Ladies of Paducah. They took the Paducah Quilt Show by storm demoing this technique some years ago. (if anyone is considering moving to Paducah it would be worth it if only to be a member of the Yo Yo Ladies)

Maybe there are some guild members that were at this show and saw the Ladies making these in the front lobby of the Convention Center. As I sit by one of the Yo Yos making dozens of these blocks, she told me how this block came about.

One day at the Quilt Museum a visitor was talking to one of the volunteers of the museum gift shop. She told her about a baby quilt she was making using 3D blocks and doing it by hand. As she was explaining it to her the volunteer was so interested she got a charm square and threaded needle and the visitor showed her how to do it and left. The volunteer did not get her name or where she was from.

She showed the Yo Yo Ladies the block and they promptly all made baby quilts which were on display. The Ladies had no written instructions so they sat at their table every show day and demoed the making of the block.

One vendor told me she was vending close to the Ladies and sold out of every charm pack she had to those that wanted to make the block while watching the demo.

If you like easy hand sewing then you will love the 3D Bow Tie.

Supplies to make one at Open Sew Day before the meeting:

1 five inch square per block (30's fabric makes it extra darling)

Hand sewing needle and thread.

Cindy B



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Meeting
SNACK
team:
Members
with names
beginning
with
A - B

January 2018 Program "Follow the Cotton"

P. Allen Smith was the presenter at our first program of the year – by way of a video from his *Garden Style* television show. The topic, "Cotton All Around," showed the trail cotton travels from start to finish, to become a product that touches every aspect of our lives.

The video showed cotton farmers and the elaborate machinery that has replaced earlier intensive manual labor. Mechanized balers clean the lint and trash from the cotton before it goes to the gin for further processing. Another change is the computerization of the Memphis Cotton Exchange from the early days when a guy on a tall ladder rolled around a huge floor-to-ceiling chalk board posting trades.

From all-American denim for jeans to cottonseed for cattle food to cottonseed oil for people food, cotton is truly a part of our lives.

Allen added some craft ideas to his history lesson, showing how to make herb sachet cotton pouches, as well as garden totes out of old t-shirts.

The best part of the presentation was a segment on our own Arkansas Quilters Guild, featuring Donna Toombs, Cloie Morgan, Debbie Spinks, and Mary Jane Beard. They told how quilting is not a dying art, but an art form that just uses fabric in place of paint, and how quilts also tell stories.

If you'd like to watch, it's episode 1705 from Season 17, originally shown in February 2017. When I googled it, I see you can watch via TV Guide or MovieTone if you have a subscription. I didn't register, so I don't know about fees.

Or you can watch via youtube for \$.99. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBY2s_tvOvw&or ef=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3F v%3DvBY2s_tvOvw&has_verified=1

One note about the Youtube purchase: once you purchase for the \$0.99, it always available for you on YouTube.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Partain, Program Scribe

Challenges

Greeting fellow AQG Members!

In January we did a blue and white challenge block. Besides my own block, there were only two other blocks turned in. Ladies, ladies ladies, (and gentlemen), what must I do to entice you to participate in our challenges? (Yes, I am being a little mellow dramatic here). Seriously though, do you want to quit having monthly or periodic challenges?

For all our BOM challenges, you can have one chance, per block you bring in, to win all the blocks. Make one block you get one chance. Make ten blocks you get ten chances!!! Some of you don't want to win any of the blocks, and that is ok too. Just help me fill up the display board with blocks, ok?:)

The block-of-the-month is such a fun way to hone your skills. You can try a new block style. You can use up scraps. You can win all the blocks and have an almost instant quilt top. I've been given lots of excuses as to why you don't give it a try. The main excuse has been, "I don't have time and my sewing room is such a mess already!" I can promise you that if you make just one block for the BOM challenges, you WILL have a sense of accomplishment! Fabric therapy is priceless! Please join in the fun and make a block (or two) this month.

FEBRUARY - "Love the Hearts"

In February we are going with a heart theme for our block-of-the-month. Please make one (or more) blocks that are 9.5" unfinished. Use any pattern you desire. You can applique it, piece it, paper-piece it, embroider it, or just bring a square of fabric with hearts on it. How much more simple can it be??? I am personally making SIX blocks for this challenge. The winner of all the blocks will have a great start to a loving heart themed quilt. Make it for yourself, or make it for a donation quilt, or share with someone and teach him or her how to make a quilt. The possibilities are endless!

SPECIAL ADD-ON CHALLENGE: Also at the February meeting, bring a fat quarter of your ugliest fabric to the meeting. Please don't bring poor quality cheap thin fabric, just ugly COTTON fabric. If you can't get to the February meeting, don't worry; you can still participate in March.

Till February, happy sewing y'all!
Sherri Dodds, Challenge Committee Chairman

Meeting Photos?

If you have taken photos at prior meetings which are not on our website gallery, please contact Meg Cullum to share and post them.

NEWSLETTER BLUES

I will need a backup editor to take over the newsletter while I'll be on vacation June and July of this summer.

The duties include gathering the updates from officers and committee chairs, formatting the 8-page newsletter with the new content, printing a master and copying it on 11X17 paper at an office supply store, folding, stamping, addressing and mailing the 20 or so paper copies and sending the softcopy version to the website administrator.

When I first started in this position 10 or 11 years ago, these duties were shared among 3 members: two working via email to format and proof-read, and one to do the "leg" work of buying stamps, copying pages and mailing the print edition.

If you would like to help in any phase with this production, the entire guild would appreciate having a newsletter and I would LOVE to have the help!

Jackie Bibbs jbibbs@yahoo.com

AD RATES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Size	1 month	3 months	1 Year
1/8 page (w 3.5" x	h 2") \$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 90.00
1/4 page (w 3.5" x	h 4.5") 20.00	50.00	180.00
1/2 page (w 7.25" x	k h 4.5") 40.00	100.00	360.00
full page (w 7.25" x	k h 9.5") 80.00	200.00	720.00

All ads must be camera ready and fit the size requirement. The Newsletter Editor reserves the right to refuse ads that are not camera ready, do not fit the size requirement, or do not meet professional standards. All ads must be received no later than the second Thursday of the month; any ads received after that date will be included in the next month's publication.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 9-10, 2018	Pine Bluff Quilt Show, PB Convention Center: no entry fee, no judging, no admission cost!
Feb 12, 2018	AQG Meeting, preceded by Sit & Sew & "DO-MO" of 3D BOW TIE block
Feb 17, 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 12, 2018	Jim Gatling's scrap workshop and AQG meeting program
Mar 16-18, 2018	AWOL weekend retreat/sit n sew at C. A. Vines 4H Center
	Calico Cutups Quilt Guild "Blessed are the Piece Makers" Quilt Show at Bella Vista, AR, \$7
Apr 13-14, 2018	admission; see calicocutups.com for more information
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

FEBRUARY FQ color is PINK/RED!

To participate in the meeting's fat quarter drawing, bring a red or pink fat quarter as your entry. The more entries you submit, the more chances you have to win a stack of fat quarters!



9" Heart and UGLY fabric

February Challenge Block:
9" finished HEART –themed block
And bring a fat quarter of the ugliest fabric you have!

February BIRTHDAYS

Becky	Butler	February	13
Wanda	Colclough	February	26
Sammy	e Harrill	February	19
Debbie	Lewis	February	17
Riley	Middaugh	February	20
Mary	Peck	February	17
Wilma	Richter	February	21
Deanna	a Taber	February	22
Sherry	Williams	February	21

ATTENTION: Please note that the AQG email address has changed to: arkansasquiltquild@qmail.com
This email will be monitored by the guild president and used to manage the AQG website administration and content.





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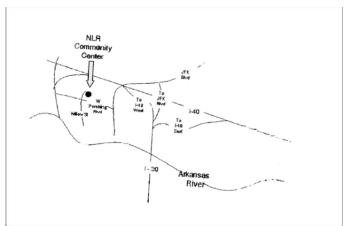
DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER February 19, 2018





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.