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Program Notes – Sally Burrup, Jan
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Property – Angie Hefner

Quilt Arkansas 2019 - cancelled

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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.*

Dear AQG members,

We had a great meeting in April. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting two of our members, Carol Hurt and April Layher.

We have several events coming up so don't forget to sign up to get your spot. The Santa rag quilt in June looks like a fun project! Fall AWOL is on the calendar as is the Judy Niemeyer workshop being led by Judy Bowers.

I hope all of you managed to stay warm during the recent cold snap. I was visiting my parents in Missouri and was glad I brought a hoodie and rain jacket with me. I wish I had taken gloves and a parka as the temperature was pretty cold especially when the snow was falling!! YES!! Snow on April 15!!! Where is spring?? Hope it shows up soon! See you at the next gathering!

Judy Stewart, President

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!

REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!



AQG Board Meeting: Thursday May 10, 2018, 6 p.m., Whole Hog Cafe, 2516 Cantrell, Little Rock, AR 72202. **AQG Meeting:** French Seam, May 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

AQG PROGRAMS

May - Karen French of The French Seam

June - Old St Nick Rag Quilt Workshop by Joyce Watson and Program by Sue Womack

July – Garage Sale!

August - HAM Quilts

Programs

Karen French from French Seam will be our guest speaker for May. If you would like to request an item from her Bernina shop for her to bring let me know. cbarszc@gmail.com

June 9 and 10th is Old St. Nick two day workshop with Joyce Watson. A few spots are open for the class.

Program for June 11 will be Sue Womack. How to Make a Tee Shirt Quilt and Why You Don't Want To. You won't want to miss this Sue Original program.

July is Yard Sale. Guidelines will be in future newsletter.

Cindy B

AQG Guild Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

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

Minutes: Marilyn Wheeler moved to approve the March minutes as published and Susi Olson seconded the motion. The vote was passed to accept minutes as published.

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

Income: \$ 1,555.75 (\$745.00 AWOL, \$150.00 membership, \$ 5.00 newsletter, \$44.00 fundraising, \$610.00 workshop {\$450.00 March and \$160.00 June}, \$1.75 interest).

Expenses: \$ 4,979.72 (\$4,208.38 AWOL {\$3,777.75 spring and \$430.63 fall deposit}, \$42.42 fundraising, \$37.92 newsletter, \$300.00 programs, \$391.00 workshop {\$325.00 March and \$66.00 June}).

There have been some revisions to treasure report(s). Treasure report has been posted on-line.

The CD of \$10,000 matures on 4/15/18 and Sarah CD matures 9/10/18. There was discussion at the last board meeting regarding moving some money from checking into the CD that matures in April. The board voted and decided that the CD that is currently \$10,000 be reinvested when it matures on 4/15/18 with an additional \$5,000 from the checking account making the CD total \$15,000. This will be reinvested by the end of the month.

Committee Reports:

AWOL: Leah Sample, Eddie and Melissa Landreth, Jim Gatling, Sally Burrup, Chairs. Leah Sample thanked everyone that participated in the Spring AWOL held at C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H center in Ferndale on March 16-18, 2018. They were able to 'break even.' The food at the 4-H center was better than experienced at the last event held last fall. They will chair the Fall AWOL that will be held at C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H center in Ferndale on October 12-14, 2018. Registration will begin in May. They will be asking for donations for door prizes for the upcoming Fall AWOL. Judy Stewart also took the time to thank the committee for their generosity. There were many great door prizes donated from the committee.

The 3rd Saturday sit and sew will be held April 21, 2018. Leah Sample will not be there but the room will be open. Be sure to arrive by noon if you plan to attend.

Challenges: Sherri Dodds, Chair. Sherri is collecting 'ugly fat quarters' for the upcoming challenge. She encouraged everyone to bring 100% cotton 'ugly fat quarters' in order to participate. Members can bring 'ugly fat quarters' in May as well in order to participate in the challenge. Members will 'exchange' an ugly fat quarter and create an 11 ½ " unfinished *disappearing ugly block* which will be due in June. She reminded everyone that a fat quarter measures 18" x 22". Further details regarding this challenge will be on the AQG website and in the newsletter.

Community Service: Meg Cullum, Chair shared that she will be collecting quilts to be donated to Brookdale, a senior living community in Conway. There are over 80 residents that are wheelchair bound. Therefore lap size quilts will be needed. Quilt sizes range from 36x36 to 50x50. Population of the senior living community consists of women, men, and some veterans. She has about 8-10 pre-cut quilt kits with her tonight, first come first

served. She is asking for fabric donations of background fabric such as white, off white, tan, cream, grey colored fabric. She plans to utilize background fabric with the quilt kits. A community service project link can be found on the AQG website. Links to free patterns for those that want to donate a quilt utilizing charm squares or fat quarters can be found on the AQG website as well. Several quilts have been donated thus far. Anyone that donates will be given a ticket, and there will be a drawing at the end of the year for a prize. Any remaining donation quilts from juvenile fabric unsuitable for an adult are welcome and can be donated to The Call foster care program.

Fundraising: Chair needed. Judy Stewart shared to contact her if anyone was interested in purchasing a name tag. Sherry Williams, membership chair will also be collecting money for name tags which are \$12.00 each. License plates with AQG logo are also available to purchase.

Hostess: Cynthia Quick and Meg Cullum, Chairs. Cynthia Quick shared that there were 62 members present this evening. We extend our welcome to our 6 guests with us tonight as well- Renee' Zermatten, Luana Bracy, Brigita Gardner, Linda Gidley, Winifred Stamps, Sharon Wise. Two guests joined tonight. Door prize winners this evening: Jenny Shumate, Alicia Bell, Eddie Landreth, Bo Mittelstaedt, and Sue Womack. The winners of the fat quarter monthly exchange tonight were Donna Toombs, Luana Bracey, Sally Martens. Cynthia also reminded members to bring a blue fat quarter for the May fat quarter exchange, and there will be more details in the newsletter. She also reminded members to visit the 'freebie' table.

Membership: Sherry Williams, Chair welcomed two new members that joined tonight.

Newsletter: Jackie Bibbs, Chair. The deadline for the newsletter is the Monday after the guild meeting, 4/16/18.

Programs & Workshops: Cindy Barszczewski and Sue Womack, Co-Chairs. Carol Hurt and Pam Brown, Assistants (2017). Cindy Barszczewski announced there is still a need for a chair/committee to take over programs and workshops. The program tonight consists of meet your members: Carol Hurt and April Layher. Future programs and workshops scheduled for 2018 are

as followed: Karen French from French Seam in May, AQG yard sale in July, Antique Quilts in August, Round Robin Demos in October, and Judy Bowers in November. We will have our Christmas party in December.

Sue Womack shared there will be a 'St Nick Rag Santa Claus' workshop by a local teacher Joyce Watson in June, June 9-10, 2018. The workshop will be held at the Southwest Baptist campus and will cost \$40.00 which includes the pattern. Judy Bowers will teach a Judy Niemeyer workshop in November. She reminded members that they are taking registrations for future upcoming workshops so be sure to get signed up. If anyone is interested in participating in 'meet your members' in the future please contact Sue Womack or Cindy Barszczewski. There is a need for members to help with the yard sale in July as well, please let Cindy Barszczewski or Sue Womack if you can help. Judy Stewart also shared she has asked a few members tonight to consider chairing programs/workshops.

Property: Angie Heifner, Chair.

Judy Stewart shared that the board voted at the last month's meeting to purchase a new storage cabinet to store quilt racks and property. The cabinet has been purchased and Cindy Barszczewski helped Judy Stewart put the cabinet together today. This will be stored in the storage closet at the community center. If anyone has any property that belongs to the guild, please contact Angie Heifner. Judy Stewart also shared that the speaker portion of the sound system was discovered missing after the March meeting. Cloie Morgan brought a microphone to use tonight. There has been discussion about replacing this.

Public Relations/Advertising: Mei Travis, Chair: No report.

Quilt Show/Exhibit, Mary Jane Beard and Judy Young, Chairs:

Judy Young announced the Quilt Exhibit will be held at the Terry Library in Little Rock from October 9-December 10, 2018. In order to participate, forms need to be completed and turned in to the committee by September 10, 2018. See Mary Jane Beard or Judy Young for a form. They will plan to have a micro mini quilt display. They are welcome to suggestions in regards to a collection to display at the library, the collection needs to be 'art of quilting' related.

Website: Jackie Bibbs and Meg Cullum, Chairs. A link to community service project has been added to the AQG website.

Sunshine: Pat Crawford Chair:

Five cards were sent out from the Guild. Get well soon cards were sent to Pam Brown and Sharon Weinsinger. A Thinking of you card was sent to Jan Partain. A sympathy card was sent to Jackie Bibbs. A thank you card was sent to Barbara Sample.

Old Business:

Alicia Bell, former community service chair shared a thank you note from a foster family who received a donation quilt:

To The AR Quilters Guild,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt we were given at the Hope Conference in Little Rock. We took the quilt to our foster daughter and her first reaction was, "It's so beautiful." She has slept under that quilt every night since then. Thank you for using your gift and sharing it with the foster children of Arkansas. May God bless you.

Sincerely, David and Eileen Moore.

New Business:

There is fabric for sale tonight which consists of fabric from Geanine Ott's estate sale. The money will be put toward an applique award.

Judy Stewart announced a notice sent to the Guild: The Arts Center of Grand Prairie is excited to host the final division of the 61st Grand Prairie Festival of the Arts. Interested participants are asked to bring their works to be checked in April 7th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm and April 9th from 10:00am-6:00pm. All entries will be received at the Arts Center of Grand Prairie located at 108 West 12th Street Stuttgart, Arkansas. Work will be displayed thru the month of April at the center.

Old State House Museum is pleased to announce its latest exhibit "A Piece of My Soul: Quilts by Black Arkansans." The exhibit will open to the public on April 27th. Flyers are available at the meeting tonight and additional information can be found at the web address:

<http://www.oldstatehouse.com/rotating-exhibits/a-piece-of-my-soul>.

SHOW and TELL

Sue Womack shared *Good Intentions*. She tried a new twister ruler suggested by a friend. She shared that it did not work too well, so she has pinwheels. She will plan to donate the quilt.

Susi Olson shared *inspirational placemats* she made for her sister in California.

Debbie Lewis shared *T-shirt/memory quilt*. A fellow swim mom asked her to make this quilt for her daughter using T-shirts and photos. This will be a bed runner.

Meg Cullum shared *Down the Rabbit Hole Pillow*, a paper-pieced pillow from a book "New York Beauties and Flying Geese." She started this project at a class with Northwest AR Modern Quilt Guild in October. This has been autographed and she is also working on a quilt to match.

Sally Martens shared two quilts. First, *Monstera Leaf*, a small donation quilt quilted using rulers from a class that she took. Second, *Red White & Blue*, a donation quilt made from left over blocks from a Quilt of Valor. She also shared that it is nice to include a note with a Quilt of Valor donation. She received a thank you note from a US Navy Vietnam Veteran, Vaughn.

Wanda Cockrell Shared two quilts. First *Chop Sticks*, a bright 'hippy looking' quilt. Second, *Bright & Bold*, a paper-pieced one block wall hanging that she constructed at the Hayes Center.

Lois Hall shared two *String Quilt* tops that she completed at AWOL. She is looking for someone to quilt the tops for her.

Linda Gidley, Sherry Williams' sister from Memphis, shared *3D bowties* quilt.

Sherry Williams shared *Attic Window*. She took Alina Polta's Attic Window class at Quilt AR 2017.

Phillis Westerfield shared a quilt that she purchased at Geanine Ott's estate sale.

Jim Gatling shared two quilts, *Halloween Quilt* made of scraps. Quilted by Eddie Landreth. Second, another quilt constructed of scraps quilted by Leah Sample.

Sally Saunders shared "A Piece of My Soul: Quilts by Black Arkansans" quilt exhibit that will be held at the Old State House Museum. The exhibit will open to the public on April 27, 2018.

See new business section in the newsletter.

Llewellyn Webster shared a *Dresden plate* that she found on the table. Her brother-in-law sent 20+ blocks, *International Girl Quilt* to her that matched the Dresden plate fabric. She also shared a quilt that included black and white fabric.

I wanted to remind everyone that participates in Show and Tell to please complete a Show and Tell slip with a description of your item(s). Thank you.

PROGRAM:

Program Meet your Members presented by Carol Hurt and April Layher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Cholie Morgan motioned to adjourn and Pat Crawford seconded. The vote passed to adjourn.

Alicia Bell
Secretary



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team:
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PROGRAM NOTES

The program was provided by Carol Hurt and April Layher. Carol started our program but sharing that she had outlined her ideas in a document on her PC and lost all her notes with a new PC! She also shared "Ode to My Wife, the Quilter" a hilarious poem about how much we can neglect when quilting captures our interest. It was something we could all relate to. Carol's mother and grandmother were quilters and used whatever fabric they had available. Carol's first quilt was made using strips from a tablecloth. Her mother hand-quilted it using the popular Baptist Fan design.

The first quilt she completed by herself was done during the years 1994 – 1997. It was pieced houses and the back of the quilt was stunning.

Carol's daughter got married and was fond of the country-looking styles of the time and Carol made her a quilt of pieced hearts. She started hand-quilting it. Three months into the project, her daughter changed her mind about the quilt. AND, Carol got a longarm of her own. Carol had the quilt half done with hand-quilting and un-quilted it in order to complete the whole thing on her longarm! It is custom quilted and a real beauty.

Carol has been involved with the Nature Center quilting projects sponsored by the Nature Center in Pine Bluff. She showed us a sampler quilt with a custom designed block with a purple Iris flower. Judy Tipton-Rush designed the block originally for a wall hanging for Carol's sister Iris. It turned out so pretty that she incorporated it into the sampler quilt. One of the quilts was for a recipe fund-raiser. Each block in the quilt represents a recipe.

Carol also showed other projects that were a quilt-as-you-go, another sampler she made using applique techniques, a log cabin quilt in bright colors.

She then showed a quilt made with a Twister tool and yelled out, "Hey, Sue! This is what a Twister is supposed to look like!". Evidently, Sue Womack's quilt didn't end up as desired.....

Carol showed a quilt that she completed after a guild-sponsored Donna Lynn Thomas workshop last year. It was beautiful! She said the most fun part of this project was choosing all the colors to use in the quilt.

For a different technique, Carol used her fabric stash to cover a sweatshirt and make an attractive jacket. There were many oohs and aahs while she was exclaiming, "NEVER AGAIN!"

Her final items were Monrovia bells. These are made from fabric-covered card stock. Carol showed several different motifs from simple to fancy and then fancier. She also brought some samples that she had made from Christmas cards. They were all darling and could be used on wreaths or Christmas trees.

Our program then continued with April Layher showing quilts that she has made over the years. April is a California girl whose grandfather lived in Amish country. Summer trips to visit him brought about her interest in quilting.

April and her husband have a combined family of 6 children, 6 foster girls from Ghana, and 24 grandchildren. April has given away most of her quilts but still had several stunners to show us.

Her first item was a quilt block that her grandma made that she has framed and on display in her sewing room. An early quilt was made using

squares from clothes. As expected, there were many types of fabric incorporated in the quilt, including polyester!

She then showed a quilt made by her Aunt Polly that is a Grandmother's Flower Garden made with small hexagon pieces – all cut, sewn, and quilted by hand. It is exquisite.

April's 1st quilt is called her Louisiana Hurricane Quilt. It was made from fabric scraps and she cut all the pieces using templates she made herself – during a hurricane in Louisiana.

April's career was as a Biologist for the AR Game and Fish. She was in charge of programs at the Nature Center in Pine Bluff and for her first program decided to do a block of the month. She even provided the fabric to the participants!

The second program was called A Trip Down the Arkansas River. Both quilts were darling and had examples of flowers, plants and wildlife.

The next quilt was done while April was quilting with the Girl Gang at the old Blossom's shop. It was a Jan Patek pattern in primitive pique. April indicated that the process was stressful at times. The quilt turned out beautifully and she calls it Sunshine on My Shoulders. It is all needle-turn applique and she used very different colors from the usual Jan Patek designs. Debbie Haley quilted the quilt.

April showed a darling Halloween quilt from a pattern by Blackbird Designs. It incorporated her favorite color of purple and used both piecing and applique in the quilt.

April also does wool applique.

April finished her presentation with a lovely tribute to our late guild member, Geannine Ott. Geannine was a champion in the quilting world. April indicated that Geannine provided much inspiration for her forage into applique. She was an inspiration for us all!

Thank you Carol and April for a wonderful program!

Sally Burrup, Program Scribe



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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 18-21, 2018	AQS Quilt show in Paducah, Kentucky; http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/spring-paducah/
April 21, 2018	AQG Sit & Sew at Baptist Health SW Complex 8a-4p
April 26, 2016	"A Piece of My Soul" new exhibit opening reception at Old Statehouse 6-8pm
May 18-20, 2018	Cabin Fever Quilting Retreat at Heifer: www.DavesRetreats.com
Jun 9-10, 2018	AQG Santa Rag quilt workshop with Joyce Watson; \$40 includes pattern; Baptist SW Complex; contact Sue Womack or Cynthia Barszczewski with questions or registration
Oct 9 – Dec 11, 18	AQG Quilt Exhibit at Terry Library
Oct 12 -14, 2018	FALL AWOL retreat at C. A. Vines 4-H Center

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Karen	Alexander	May	8
Debbie	Haley	May	13
Pamela	Brown	May	17
Carrie	Weindorf	May	20
Carol	Johnson	May	23
Lavern	Schaap	May	28
Brenda	Wall	May	28

May Fat Quarter color:

White, Ivory or Cream

Bring one as your entry. You might take home a stack!

Community Service

So far this year AQG has received 10 quilts to donate to Brookdale. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Remember, at the end of the year, a random ticket (received with donation) will be drawn for a prize.

Precut quilt kits will be available at guild meetings. Some free patterns have been posted on the guild website on the community service page. Quilts should be between 36 and 55 inches square (it is okay if they are slightly larger on the long side of a rectangular quilt).

We need your help! If you would like to de-stash your fabric, community service is currently in need of neutral fabrics to use in kit making. Fabrics should be white, beige/ tan/cream, gray, or black. They can be solids, prints or batiks. We take as small as a fat quarter or several yards if you have it.



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Welcome to our newest members:

Luana Bracy

Brigita Gardner

Winifred Stamps

We're glad you're in the guild!

AD RATES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Size	1 month	3 consecutive months	1 Year
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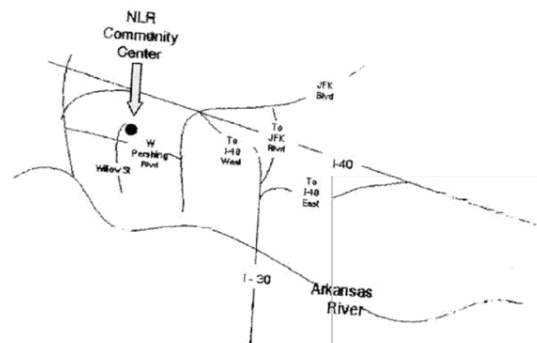
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**DEADLINE FOR
JUNE NEWSLETTER**

May 21, 2018

NLR Community Center:



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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