

Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter
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Don't Forget: No Pins Needles or Gum are allowed in the Family Life Center.
Be courteous - Turn Off your cell phones during the meeting.

Day Meeting: Dec. 9, Potluck Lunch, Christmas Show & Tell

Night Meeting: Dec. 13, More Garage Sale & Bring Snack Items to Share

Fat Quarter drawing: Christmas Theme

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Articles are due on the 19th of the month.
Send articles to the newsletter editor, Sharon Crozier at
scrozier@centurytel.net

FAT QUARTER FOR DECEMBER

The Fat Quarter theme for December is Christmas.
Don't forget to bring those 'What was I thinking' fat quarters.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Since we will be having our Christmas Potluck no special program is planned. This month bring something that you made for Christmas for Show and Tell.

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has celebrated their birthday by bringing goodies for the rest of us! I think there's something wrong with that! But we think it is a good plan and will continue to have the birthday girls bring goodies to the guild meeting on your birthday month. Thank you for all you do to make our meetings fun.
Don't forget the meeting in Dec. is pot luck. Come, eat and have a good time.

Linda Shute

HOSPITALITY

Christmas is pot luck and hope you will all participate and bring something that everyone wants a recipe for. The drinks will be provided

as last year and we will have some plates for desserts but the main dinner is bring-your-own place-setting (plate and dinnerware). Napkins will also be provided. See you then and hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving.

We are almost at the end of the year and would like to Thank all of you for your bright and sunny faces each month. Hope that we made your day a little better as you have made ours. Linda and Pat did excellent jobs on their missions of Hospitality. I really think having the birthday people bringing the goodies worked out real well and don't think anybody was left out from the sugar fixes. HA, HA!

Beverly Spaulding

NEWSLETTER TREASURE HUNT

Starting with the January Newsletter, there will be a word, a symbol or picture hidden somewhere in the Newsletter. Find the item and then register to win a prize. To play here's what you need to do:

Newsletter Treasure Hunt Rules

1. Find the item in the Newsletter
2. Send an email to hillnhollowquilters@gmail.com with the article name, page # and your full name in the body of your email.
3. Names will be drawn at the next day meeting.
4. You must be present to win.

These rules will be posted on the website.
Have fun!

Sharon Crozier, Newsletter Editor

WANTED: A FEW GOOD WOMEN (OR MEN)

Thanks so much for your vote of confidence at the last guild meeting. I hope to make 2012 a good year for the guild and, perhaps, restore some of the enthusiasm we seem to have lost. We will be continuing some of the things we've done in the past few years like the fat quarter drawing, gizmo-of-the-month and night meeting Lotto Blocks (with a twist). And I'm looking for YOUR ideas for ways we can make the meetings more interesting and fun.

I hope you will e-mail me with your ideas, especially if you are willing to put in a little work to make those ideas happen! My e-mail address is vpkauth@suddenlink.net. And I hope you will remember that all guild members are welcome at meetings of the Board of Directors. We meet at 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Sunday School Classroom D, Redeemer Lutheran Church (except for workshop weeks, when we will meet the first Wednesday of the month).

The wonderful women who will be joining me in the effort to keep your guild vibrant are listed below. As you will notice, we still need some help.

The easier of the two jobs is Show & Tell Chairman. This person recruits others to help hold up the quilts during the day meetings while members talk about them. You will need to recruit some help at each meeting so each end of the quilt is held. That's it, although I would like to see us put the show & tell quilts on the tables near the door so people can see them "up close and personal" before the meeting starts.

We also really need three people who are about the future of the guild to help in the search for 2013 officers. You will find the Nominating Committee job easier if you know a fair number of guild members, but anyone can fill this very important job.

Linda Jirka, as president-elect, will be guild president in 2013. But she will need a new treasurer because Marlene Gwaltney will be "retiring" from that job. The Nominating Committee also identifies strong candidates for the jobs of vice president/night liaison, secretary and president-elect.

It's an important job and one I hope you will consider. Please contact me if you are interested.

Last but not least, we could use a quilt show committee chair for the 2013 Quilt Show. There will be few duties in 2012, but you'll be able to hit the ground running on planning and execution next year if you step up now. We've already reserved dates with the Baxter County Fairgrounds: Oct. 24-16, 2013!

Looking forward to 2012, Vicki Kauth

2012 Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild
Officers & Committee Chairs

Officers:

President - Vicki Kauth
President-Elect - Linda Jirka
Vice President/Nigh Liaison - Marge Schill
Treasurer - Marlene Gwaltney
Secretary - Shirley Hamilton

Board of Directors (Officers & Standing Com Chairs):

Mary Carlson, ZoeAnn Gruber, Marlene Gwaltney, Shirley Hamilton,
Terri Itzig, Linda Jirka, Vicki Kauth, JoAnn Moore, Marilyn Schaub,
Marge Schill, Mary Spilman, Connie Randall

Standing Committees

Audit:

Chair - Terri Itzig
Member - Judy Faust
Member - Dianne Doughty

Communications:

Chairman - Mary Carlson
Website - Mary Carlson

Newsletter - Sharon Crozier
Historian - Connie Martin
Photographer - Margie Dotson
Audio-Visual Backup - Linda Jirka
Sunshine & Shadow - Judy Jensen
Publicity - Carol Lewis

Community Quilts:

Chairman - Marilyn Schaub

2013 Quilt Show:

Chair -

Education:

Chairman - ZoeAnn Gruber
Classes - Kathy McClellan
Programs - Diana Arian
Library - Bonnie Marr/Norma Rollinger
2012 Workshops - Sue Rogers
2013 Workshops - Donna Bohaty
Bus Trips - Stephanie Reubin
Challenge - Betty Pulver

Hospitality:

Chairman - Mary Spilman
Greet/Sign-In: Barb Jaeger
Door Prizes - Annie Wagar
Refreshments - Linda Shute
New Member Hostess - Gail Hunger

Membership:

Co-Chairs - Connie Randall /Celine Kingsland

Raffle/Opportunity Quilt:

Chair - JoAnn Moore
Tickets - Sandy Seitz /Laura Norman
2013 Quilt Production - Maureen Forster

Growth & Development:

Chairman - Linda Jirka
Member -Jan Lawson
Member - Pat Stripeik
Member - Mary Hazel
Member - Mary Carlson

Nominating Committee:

Chairman -
Member -
Member -

Special Committees:

President's Quilt - Carmen Tesch
Scissors/AQS Books - Carolyn Adkins
Gizmo of the Month - Margie Dotson

Fat Quarter Drawing - Barb Tennison
Show & Tell -
Tax-Exempt - Carol Lewis

HOUSTON TRIP

Thirty-eight Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild members and friends attended the 2011 International Quilt Festival at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas, November 3-6, 2011.

CHECK IT OUT!

Turning Twenty and Turning Twenty Just Got Better by Tricia Cribbs are our two newest books. If you have 20 fat quarters and five hours you can make a Turning Twenty quilt. In the Turning Twenty Just Got Better there are five additional patterns based on the same basic idea with just 20 fat quarters. These are fast and fun to do. They make great donation quilts. Check them out.

Bonnie Marr, Librarian

SUNSHINE & SHADOW

Longtime member Barbara Koenig passed away quietly in her sleep November 14.

RETIRING FROM BUS COMPANY

As you all know, I'm giving up my post as Bus Trip Coordinator. I have enjoyed working with all of you and will help the new coordinator and her assistant in any way I can to make her experience joyful. Keep thinking of places you would like to go and things you would like to see. New people bring new ideas. In the meantime, I'm sure you can think about the Springfield show in Sept. Quilt Congress this coming year is in Harrison and I'm sure the majority of people can drive this one.

Once again thanks to all. (I'll be able to devote my time to next year's quilt for the raffle.) The top is done and we are working on the back; then on to Mary Ann Giesy for quilting. Hope to show this quilt to you by March?

Bonita

FOR SALE

Janome Quilting Table -- \$15
For Models 6019QC, 6125QC and 6260QC
It is 9 5/8" front-to-back and 17 3/4" at its longest point.
Margie Dotson
870-405-5706 after noon or piglady117@yahoo.com

2011 WORKSHOPS

Workshops have been scheduled for 2012 and offer a variety of interesting topics. In April we will get to experience 2 very different workshops from Rose Hughes, Double-Quilt Appliqué and What's on Top! Embellishment 1. Dates for these workshops are April 11th and 12th. Her lecture is entitled "Color It Bold! Great Color-Without Fear". You can visit her website: rosehughes.com for more information about her, the workshops and lecture.

In October Karen Combs will be teaching 3 workshops: 1) Combing Through Your Scraps, Oct. 10th, 2) Patchwork Illusions, Oct. 11th and 3) Sweet Hearts, a half day workshop on Oct. 12th after our guild meeting. Her lecture is entitled "You Bought That Where?" and will be presented at the Oct. 12th guild meeting. Karen's website is karencombs.com. Please visit the website for more information on the workshops and lecture.

The full day workshops are \$45 for guild members, \$50 for non-guild members, and the one half day workshop will be \$25 for guild members, \$30 for non-guild members. The Friday lecture will be \$5 for guests.

Sue Rogers, Workshop Chairperson

WANTED - QUILTER

I met a lady recently who has a wedding ring quilt she'd like to have hand-quilted. If anyone is interested, please call Margie Dotson at 870-405-5706 (after noon) or e-mail piglady117@yahoo.com.

COUNTRY STORE - BIG SUCCESS

The Country Store had another really big year at the quilt show. Our members outdid themselves in creating beautiful handmade items to sell to the public. The compliments and appreciation of the merchandise were constant as proven by the cash register. We sold \$6600 worth of merchandise and our members were rewarded with nice checks for all their hard work. You know you have succeeded when the outside vendors invited to the show are themselves shopping in the Country Store!

The Country Store is provided as a service for our members and gives them another avenue to showcase and sell their handiwork. The benefit of paying by credit card has been added in the last two shows with 33% of our sales this year paid for by credit card. We feel this is a great boost to sales.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and run the store this year. With your help we showcased our group of talented quilters and gave the community an opportunity to buy "made in America"!

Marlene Gwaltney & Jinny Truzinski
Country Store Chairmen

COMMUNITY QUILTS

In November we had 4 baby quilts, 3 twin quilts, and 4 military quilts turned in. Twelve baby quilts were delivered to the Women's center at Baxter hospital, one twin quilt to Serenity, and two twin quilts to Hospice. Early in December eight military quilts will be delivered to the Veteran's clinic in Little Rock.

It has been an enjoyable and rewarding year for me as the Community Quilts Chair. I could not have done it without the help of many of the members who volunteered when there was something that needed to be done. Barb Magnuson filled in for me when I was out of town as well as doing all of the night meetings. Her husband has saved the guild postage expense by delivering the military quilts to the Veteran's clinic in Little Rock. Mary Hazel took home the quilts that were turned in without labels and sewed them on, and a number of members sewed binding on quilts when we needed to have it done. Others have helped in different ways and everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

One of the fun things we did throughout the past year was 'auctioning' the kits and seeing how different the quilts looked that were made from the same kit. Thanks to all of you who played along. These quilts contributed to our year to date total of 252 quilts.

Please continue to support the guild's mission to provide quilts for the community, and Marilyn Schaub who will be taking on the duties of Community Quilts Chair for 2012.

Carmen Tesch, Community Quilts Chair

2011 QUILT SHOW REVIEW

Due to the efforts of over 100 Guild volunteers, many visitors and members reported that the 2011 quilt show was, "the best ever." Plus, we even made some money which can be reinvested in black drapes and metal stand bases for the 2013 show. Here are some facts:

- We had a 20% increase in attendance to 1,200, with the furthest coming from Anchorage, Alaska.
- We had a 50% increase in admission fees equaling approximately \$6,000 resulting from a \$1 per person increase from \$4 to \$5 this year and 200 more paying visitors.

"Thank You" goes to:

- The committee members who donated hundreds of hours to the project over the past year. I was so impressed with their dedication, skill, creativity, and hard work.

- The over 100 volunteers. Many visitors commented on how friendly and helpful the Guild members were. (Please pick up your incentive pin at the next meetings if you worked over 4 hours).
- The husbands and significant others who helped with set-up, take-down, and the photo CD: Ferris Magnuson, John Thomas, Rickey Gwaltney, Bob Moore, Lenny Jaeger, Larry Lisman, Jerry Marr, Norman Scott, Jay Smith and Mike Jirka.
- All those bringing items to sell in the Country Store, which brought in more money than ever before.
- Those who donated beautiful works to the Silent Auction.
- The ribbon topper makers, special award ribbon makers, and Annie Wagar for making all of the special award plaques.
- The members who provided the very popular demonstrations during the show.
- And last, but certainly not least, the many exhibitors who shared their beautiful quilted works for members and the public to view.

Photo CDs are available for those who purchased one. See Linda Jirka at the next meetings if you haven't picked up yours. We have more Photo CDs for sale for \$10.00 each.

Linda Jirka, Quilt Show Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
Nov 11, 2011

President Annie Wagar called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. We had 98 members present, and 7 guests (Elaine Hulstein, P.J. Sherrell, Irene Seaton, Debbie Hurst, Sarah Hopkins, and Lois Reed). There were no additions or corrections to the October 14th minutes and the Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Hospitality, Bev Spaulding led the drawing of 3 Door Prizes which were won by: Debbie Ann Giesy, and Kathy Dostal.

The 2012 Nominating Committee presented the nominees for next year's Board of Directors. They are: Vicki Kauth (President), President Elect Linda Jirka, Marge Schill and Pat Barry (Night Liaison/AVP), Marlene Gwaltney (Treasurer), and Shirley Hamilton (Secretary). No one responded to the call for additional nominations. The members unanimously voted in the new Board Members.

Gizmo of the Month: Sharry Neumann announced the winners for this month's Gizmo (Thread Snips) were Eileen Burg and Pat Stripeik.

Several people gave announcements during the meeting:

- Annie Wagar began with some much deserved thank you's to the many people who volunteered at the Quilt Show and there were many complimentary comments regarding the show that were shared. Annie called up Dorthy Patterson and Anieta England to receive an award and an incentive check for their Quilting Workmanship on their entry at this year's Baxter County Fair.

- Margie Dotson (2012 Opportunity Quilt) announced that she needs volunteers to sell Quilt raffle tickets at Wal-Mart on Wednesday, November 16th.

- Barb Magnuson asked if there were any members interested in participating in a Civil War Small Group. If you didn't have an opportunity to respond during the meeting, please contact Barb Magnuson.

- Sandra Steely and Jo Ann Moore announced that an Appliqué Small Group has started and meets every 4th Monday of the Month at the Library.

- Jan Hickman (2012 Opportunity Tickets Sales) reminded everyone that the winner for the 2011 Quilt will be drawn at the December day meeting. It is imperative that any remaining tickets and any monies not yet turned in must be turned in no later that first thing before the December meeting begins.

- Delisa Wagar reminded us of the quilting displays at the Library. The President's snowman blocks have been on display for a month. And in November there will be many miniature and small quilt-related projects that will be displayed for the entire month.

An extended break was called to provide members to shop the many quilt-related items brought in by members for annual Quilting Garage sale that was part of November's meeting.

After the meeting reconvened, the rest of the 2012 Board and Committee members were introduced to the membership.

Linda Jirka, Chairperson for the 2011 Quilt Show committees, spoke giving thanks and appreciation for over 100 volunteers who were involved in the setup, show functions and the teardown of the quilt show. The Country Store was the most successful one to date.

The attendance was the largest we have had to date and many thanks were given to Carol Lewis for providing many public announcements regarding the show this year. She also encouraged us to begin creating our Silent Auction and Country Store entries for the 2013 Quilt Show.

Fat Quarters: Barb Tennison announced the winner for this month fat quarter drawing was Marlene Gwaltney. And the What Was I Thinking fat quarter was won by Marilyn Rizzardo.

Community Quilts (Carmen Tesch):

- Displayed 2 quilts produced in response to last month's jelly roll quilt challenge.

- She announced that she had some bags of loose fiberfill available to anyone who could use it.
- She also reminded everyone that has turned in a Community Quilt this year has had their name put into a special drawing that will be held during the December meeting. The prize was donated to us by Don Porretto.

The presentation this month was given by many of our members who went on the Houston Bus Trip. They gave descriptions of the show and their favorite recollections experienced on their trip.

Some final announcements were given:

- December is the annual Christmas party. Please bring a dish to pass.
- There will be a Christmas Show and Tell during the meeting.
- Don Porretto will be here and will have a 10% discount on any items you purchase during the meeting.
- There was also a Moment of Silence held in memory and thanks for all of our Military Veterans.

During the Show and Tell segment, 8 members presented items. They were: Carmen Tesch, Mary Hazel, Sarah Hopkins, Bonnie Landis, Carolyn Adkins, Delisa Wagar, Joyce Pavol and Sue Herron.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. and the next day-meeting will be Friday, Dec. 9th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
 Zoe Ann Gruber
 Guild Secretary

NIGHT NOTES
 NOV. 8, 2011

Twenty members signed in for the meeting. Dorothy Burnett came as a guest of Connie Martin. We hope she'll come join us as a member next year.

Happy Birthday to Delisa Wagar (11/18) and Marilyn Rizzardo (11/26).
 Happy Anniversary to Delisa and Larry (11/5) and Marilyn Schaub (11/20)

Ten Lotto Blocks were won by Vicki Kauth. The December Lotto Block directions will be on the web site.

Vicki Kauth showed us a memory book and how to make. It was a really neat idea, especially when one of our quilting friends moves away.

Fat quarters were won by Pat Barry. FQ for December is Christmas.

The Name Tag Drawing was won by Sharon Crozier. The door prizes were won by Marilyn Schaub and Delisa Wagar.

Barb Magnuson brought in two finished UFO's and Jan Ernst brought in one. Bring your completed items (signed in from January through June) and pick something from the "goody" bag. Next month is "IT." If those remaining signed in UFO's aren't finished, someone who has finished their item(s) will win all the remaining goodies.

Those who have things signed in for UFO's but haven't signed in as finished are:

- Kathy Martin - Spinning Star Quilt
- Annie Wagar - Fuzzy Witch
- Annie Wagar - Copper and Aqua Blocks
- Connie Randall - Rainbow Log Cabin
- Barb Skeffington - Batik Buckeye Beauty

We sure didn't have many UFO's signed in this year!

Mary Ann Coonley, Margie Dotson and Barb Magnuson brought show 'n tell to share with us.

Hope I haven't missed anyone. If I have, I hope you'll forgive me.

Since it was such a nasty evening and so few were able to come to our November meeting, we'll have rummage sale again at the December meeting. And, don't forget... bring hors-d'oeuvres and/or desserts, etc. No dieting that night! Also, send me your phrases about quilting so I can write a little left-right story. (Something like... "I know I left it right there, just to the right of the left-over orange fabric." "It's the right color.") Bring an extra fat quarter of your choosing... anything goes.

The December meeting will be my last meeting as Night Liaison/VP and I'm hoping we'll have a big crowd. It's been a great deal of fun and a little work. However, I'm looking forward to loafing next year. I really appreciate all the help given to make the meetings fun.

Take Care, Margie

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Calico Cut_Ups Quilt Show; April 13-14, 2012; Bella Vista Assembly of God, 1771 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR

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