



Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild



President's Corner

Welcome to Hot and Toasty July. It's a good thing that this month's program was "Christmas in July". We needed a reminder that cooler weather will eventually arrive. At our meeting, we were joking about cooking food on the dashboard of our cars. Well, you know **MUST** research everything. There are quite a few recipes on the computer for dashboard cooking... just Google it. Of course, there is one important caution to cooking on the dashboard. **Do not bake cookies or heat food on a dashboard when the car is in motion.** Is it just me or should stupid be painful?

Quilt Congress will soon be upon us. Thank you to all the members who have sent in their reservations and have volunteered to help make the Congress a success. We are still in need of more vendors and attendees. Please pass the word to friends and family. Carol Lewis has supplied members with fabric "fliers" which need to be dropped off at local shops and businesses, etc.

This morning, as I sat writing the first two paragraphs of this President's Corner letter, Jodi called to inform me of the passing of my Dear Friend Maureen. I will miss her very much. I am truly Blessed to have had such an amazing friend and to have been allowed to play even a tiny part in her life. She had a servant's heart and there was never any doubt about her devotion to her Christian beliefs.

Like Maureen, may we always have a smile on our face and love in our hearts,

Ann Wilson



What to Know

Board Meeting 8/3 at 1:00 pm
 General Meeting 8/12 at 9:30 am



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The full calendar of programs and classes are listed on the website at www.hillnhollowquilters.com/ As changes inevitably occur, check there regularly to get the latest data.



Articles are due on the 19th of the month. Send articles to the newsletter editor, Diane Siddons, at: famtracer@yahoo.com.



Quilt Congress

Workshops:

Candyce Grisham's *Modern Dresden* has filled with 3 on a wait list.

There are still openings as follows:

Featherweight Collage Workshop with Ann Wilson

No-Sew Folded Fabric Ornament with Diana Arian

Choose Your Own Adventure with Ginger Alexander

Cloth Fliers Advertising Quilt Congress

If you did not pick up your fusible flier information at the July meeting, I will have it at the August meeting. You will have them just in time to distribute to your friends or businesses you frequent about the end of August. Thanks so much for your help.

Quilt Congress History

The first Quilt Congress I attended was in Eureka Springs in about 1991 or 1992. It was held in a small conference room in the Crescent Hotel and there might have been 40 people attending. We had a lovely buffet lunch and Patricia Eaton was the main speaker.

The first Quilt Congress hosted by Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild I attended was in 1994. It was held in Bull Shoals at a resort no longer in existence. Here is a picture of the Hill 'N Hollow members attending. A wonderful lunch was served, and Jaynette Huff was the principal speaker.



Harrison was the site of at least 2 Congresses I have attended. One was held at a church, and the last one was held in what used to be a bank building. A couple of different workshops were available, and I attended one by Elsie Campbell. It was a little different way of paper foundation piecing a table runner project.

I have attended quite a few that were held in Northwest Arkansas. One I remember we chartered a bus. I believe it was hosted by Bella Vista. We also took a bus to Eureka Springs one year. I remember well the 2011 Congress held in Fort Smith because I won a quilt! Jan Patek was the main speaker.

Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild hosted in 1999. It was held at the local Elks Club, and it was the first time we had a few vendors. Linda Siebert of Remember Me Quilt Shop and the owner of Quilts & Quilts in Branson were the speakers. We had a sit-down lunch served to us and because the club was having some issues finding help we had to stop the reservations at 140 people because they weren't sure they could accommodate more.

We also chartered a bus to take us to Little Rock in 2007. I can see the main speaker but can't come up with her name. I'm thinking that may have been the beginning of Congress Challenge quilts. It was a big hit with a lot of participating quilts.

2008 was co-hosted by Hill 'N Hollow and Salem Country Quilts. It was held at the Twin Lakes Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Mary Ellen Hopkins was the main speaker. We had a tremendous participation that year and a lot of laughs with Mary Ellen. Maureen Forster's trunk show was a big hit on Friday evening.

In 2009 we were given a bag of scraps for a challenge at the 2010 Quilt Congress held in Rogers. The scraps were from a designer and consisted of pieces of knitted fabrics plus about any other type of fabric you could name. It was a fun project, and our own Bonnie Marr won the competition with a 1st place ribbon

Again in 2014, Hill 'N Hollow and Salem Country Quilters co-hosted. Again, we had really wonderful participation. Not quite as much attendance as in 2008, but about 280 attended. There were workshops, vendors, a lot of raffle quilts – it all went really well.

In 2020, Quilt Congress had to be canceled because of Covid and again in 2021 there were not enough registrations for it to be held. Registrations have been slow coming in this year – it is like starting all over again. We think it is best to cut our expenses where we can, to be able to hold Quilt Congress in October so this activity will continue for the benefit of Guild Members in Northwest Arkansas.

You, our members, can be a great help to the Planning Committee by registering to attend as soon as you can and by pitching in to man the various jobs during the Congress:

Setup	Sell raffle tickets on our raffle quilt
Help at the registration table	Sell raffle tickets on the raffle baskets
Help at the Silent Auction	Sell YLI Thread
Saturday Morning Food	Sign up as requested by that committee
Cloth fliers	Finish and pass out about the middle to end of August to your friends and/or businesses you frequent.

Carol Lewis

Saturday Morning Coffee & Sweets

The Saturday morning food is one of the Quilt Congress items to be handled by Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the August and September meetings for members to help in the following ways:

1. Sign up to bring muffins, cookies, or sweet breads such as banana, pumpkin, cinnamon bread, etc. It would be good to have some sugar-free and gluten-free snacks. Please mark your item if it is one of those.
2. Sign up to bring fruit such as bananas, apples, and oranges. These items can be delivered to the fairgrounds on Thursday, October 13, between 10 & 11 am or on Friday, October 14, between 8 – 9 am.
3. Sign up to help in the kitchen on Saturday morning.

Please be sure to see me at the August meeting to sign up.

Shirley Hamilton

Hospitality

I should have written a note sooner so I could remember things! Thirty-seven members attended the July meeting. Sandy Ezell won \$19.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes were won by Gail Lunn and Cindy Albright.

I turned over the Hospitality supplies to Rosita Forster but will continue to be at the entry table at meetings as long as possible.

Communications

I am happy to announce that not only do we have a new Editor for the Newsletter to take over after Margie moves, but we have two. Dianne Siddons will co-chair with Sharon Crozier. Thank you both for your generous time and gifts. Dianne created a newsletter for her family's geneology. Sharon said she did the guild newsletter back when they were mailed to members! Before digital! I look forward to their creations.

Peggy Moody, Communications Chair

Membership

A big "welcome aboard" to the following new members in June and July:

Jonna Butler	Gassville, AR
Judith Ericksen	Mountain Home
Donna Perrin	Mountain Home
Jan Pomeranke	Mountain Home
Gina Richardson	Mobile, Alabama

We have a total of 92 members.

Please check the membership list on the website to be sure I have all your information correct.

New member, Donna Perrin, has been sewing since childhood. She has been quilting for about 25 years, but on a regular basis since her retirement in 2016. As long as she can remember she has loved fabric and color. Quilt shops and shows are an endless source of inspiration for her.

Carol Lewis, Membership Chair

Batesville Fun Run on July 12 to Marshall's Dry Goods and lunch after was a blast!

We had a group of 8 rolling out of Mountain Home at 9:30 am, eager to get on the road. One nice aspect of the carpooling idea was obviously having people get to join the trip without having to drive. Another was having the time during the journey to get to know each other and chat away. Once we'd arrived, it was "grab a shopping cart and GO!"

Let me tell you what. I had to walk around with a "deer-in-the-headlights" look for a few minutes because this place is HUGE. And there's fabric EVERYWHERE. But after the initial shock, pleasant as it was, I headed over to the batiks. That's right, baby, you read that correctly. Spent most of the hour and a half there trying to make decisions. **SO MANY CHOICES.** Everyone doing their thing. What an organized group. I had to pay attention, or I'd be the last one at the register with the rest of the group waiting on me. I kept wanting to go back and look some more but Maureen reminded me, "we can always come back". Okay, thanks for bringing me back to earth. Oh, heaven's sake, that was an AWESOME place!

Well, we headed over to Natalie's for lunch and had just the best time chit-chatting as we sat around the big table. Reminded me of family. Warm fuzzy feelings, here.

On our way home we stopped in Cave City for some of their famous watermelon. I didn't get to taste any, though. So, I'll have to go back and get some more because the ones I brought home were promptly put through the masher for watermelon wine. Hubby's got hobbies, too!

We're planning another outing for late August to a different destination. I'll be sure to make multiple announcements. Looking forward to the next "Fun Run".

I mean, come on now. How fun is buying (or fondling) fabric and having some lunch afterwards? Tons!! See you next time.

Rosita Forster

MTM Classes

August 3rd, 9A-1P is "Quilting Techniques for strip Quilts" Taught by Barb Jaeger

September 6th, 9A-1P is "Collage Techniques" taught by Ann Wilson

The classes will be held at the Christian Church in Mountain Home.

These are the last two classes of the year.

Linda Lanseth

Aloha Mae'ole Maureen

We lost a dear friend this month. Maureen Forster walked among friends shining a light that inspired me to be a better person. She always gave time to share her gifts and skills to her quilting community. As guild secretary, she captured the essence of rambling discussions in our Board Minutes and could shut down contention in the smartest, kindest manner with a simple clarification question. I loved that about her!

At her Memorial yesterday, daughter Loretta gave words that described her. Loving, funny, talented in many creative endeavors. Generosity was also mentioned. That is my closest description from our mentor and friendship. She once met me "halfway" at the church to teach me techniques for the Arkansas Crossroad quilt. She shared short-cut tips and encouragement. I cherish that one-on-one time with her. In Applique' Addicts, she shared stories of her mum and how to bury the ends of strands so not to have lumpy project tops.

But I will most remember my South Pacific sista. We shared Hawaiiana from our days living in the islands. I cherish a gift she gave me—a Herb Kane painting (poster) of a Tutu (grandma) teaching her granddaughter quilting. The white-haired Tutu will forever be Maureen to me. When Maureen's sister spoke at the Memorial, I burst into tears knowing I would never hear that lilt of speech again from my friend.



Time will soothe, but never replace. Aloha Mae'ole (eternal love) my sista. Your light shines on in all who remember you.

Peggy Moody

There is a young lady who inquired if there was anyone in the guild who would be able to work on a baby quilt. The seams are starting to come out (fraying). Could it be fixed?

Her name is Shelby Soltysiak and her contact number is 636-439-0015 if anyone is interested in reaching out to her. She also showed some interest in learning how to quilt.

Rosita Forster

HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD
GUILD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2022

ATTENDEES: 39

Announcements: President Ann Wilson announced Part Two of our Library Silent Auction. A picture of Margie Dotson's kitty was shown, and it needs a new home prior to Margie's move to Florida. Any polyester fabric available would be appreciated for a "Quillows" project to benefit military personnel. Please give to Ann Wilson.

President Ann Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. and welcomed everyone

Secretary's Minutes: Motion: by Charity Beckley and seconded by Margie Dotson to approve minutes of June 10, 2022, meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi McCray went over the June Treasurer's Report which is posted online. She mentioned the increase for the P.O. Box rental to \$156. Report will be filed for audit.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: were recognized and applauded. Sue Schaufler was not at the meeting, and she has the cupcakes. July birthday cupcakes will be presented at the next guild meeting.

New Members/Guests: There were 4 new members and 1 guest

Library: Roxine Burch of Library Liquidation Committee announced this is Part Two of the Silent Auction and encouraged participation. She explained the auction procedure for the day.

Meeting Venue Recommendation – President-Elect Rosita Forster recommended Guild Meetings be held at Christian Church of Mountain Home for 6 months beginning September with the August meeting held at the Food Bank. Investigations for other potential venue locations would continue as necessary. Questions were made and answered. **Motion:** by Randy Bolen and seconded by Marge Schill to approve the recommendation. Approved.

2023 Board/Chair Positions Update: Rosita Forster shared the Secretary position is still open. Also needed are Chairs for Education, 2023 Quilt Show, and Raffle Quilt. There are several committee members positions open and sign-up sheets are available.

Batesville Fun Run: Rosita Forster invited all interested in going to Marshall's Dry Goods and Lunch on Tuesday, July 12 be sure to sign-up on available sheet. The details of Marshall's Dry Goods were explained by Vicki Kauth as this was going to be Rosita's first time to "Fabric Disneyland".

Quilt Congress: Ann Wilson encouraged members that plan to attend, TO PLEASE REGISTER NOW. If anyone needs an evening ride on Friday October 14, sign-up on available sheets. Donna Mullaney stated bed size quilts for the Bed-Turning are needed by September Guild Meeting.

Audit: Charity Beckley announced 1st Quarter 2022 has been approved. Audit committee to meet on July 27 for 2nd Quarter review.

Communication/Newsletter – Peggy Moody requested Quilt Congress information be shared on Facebook to help with publicity and increase the number of registrants. Peggy announced Diane Siddons will take over the Newsletter Editor position.

Community Quilts: Charity Beckley shared members are recommended to make at least one (1) quilt per year. Review of the point system: 1 point for quilt top, 1 point for quilting, 1 point for binding. (If you send out and pay someone to quilt it, you get that point. If someone else does the quilting or binding for you for free, they

get the point). Minimum size 30" x 40". Serenity House has need for twin, full or queen sizes. Remember to label. Kit making day to be determined. Information is available on the website.

Education – Ann Wilson reminded everyone of the upcoming Member Teaching Members classes and the available sign-up sheets. Information on the website under 2022 Guild Classes.

Day-Camp Option Availability: Rosita Forster presented the possibility for a 5 weekday (Monday-Friday) day-camp at Resurrection Church if there was enough interest. Dates had to be prior to September 1st, a maximum of 20 persons with \$10/per person per day. She and Roxine Burch would organize. Sign-up sheet available.

Hospitality: Margie Dotson is having a BIG SALE at her home sometime the week of July 17, prior to moving to Florida. She will also be posting on Mountain Home Yard Sale online and Facebook MarketPlace. Rosita Forster will take over as co-chair.

Membership: Carol Lewis reported membership is 92.

Raffle Quilt: Patti Kratz announced the June ticket sale winner is Jodi McCray who sold \$120. Total sales to date at \$2,468. Our goal is \$4,000

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sale Venues: Volunteer sign-up sheets available for Farmers Market (outdoors). Baxter County Fair and StoneCreek Ranch both indoors and air-conditioned.

BREAK – SILENT AUCTION

Program: "Christmas in July" presentation organized by Carol Lewis (see attached copy of participants and projects)

Community Quilt Parade

Show and Tell

Door Prizes: Sandy Ezell, Dick Dupuis' caregiver, won \$19.50 in the 50/50. Gail Lunn and Cindy Albright won the door prizes.

Silent Auction Closed

Motion: by Ginger Alexander and seconded by Barb Jaeger to adjourn the meeting. Approved. Adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 12, 2022, 9:30 A.M. AT THE FOOD BANK

Rosita Forster for Maureen Forster, Secretary

What's up, Doc!

8/3/2022	"Quilting Techniques for strip Quilts" Taught by Barb Jaeger 9 am – 1 pm at the Christian Church in Mountain Home
8/17-20/2022	AQS Show – Grand Rapids, MI
9/14-17/2022	AQS Show – Des Moines, IA
9/17/2022	Show & Shop – Stone Creek Ranch
10/14-15	Quilt Congress – Baxter County Fair Grounds (Locations for classes will be on the HNH website and future newsletters.)
3/6-9/2022	HNH Retreat 2023 – AmericInn – Branson, MO

If you know of something you think would interest other members, please let the newsletter editor know. Any suggestions will be welcome and considered.

Don't forget, this is my last newsletter, Diane Siddons (famtracer@yahoo.com), and Sharon Crozier (scrozier@centurytel.net) are taking over as editors.

Advertising



Drop leaf table -- \$60.00



Quilt frame on stand -- \$35.00

Contact: Dianne Doughty -- 870-404-6162 -- ddianne6@gmail.com

I have many, many quilt books and cookbooks, if anyone is interested. I also have many, many old and newer quilt magazine. I haven't had a chance to go through my sewing/quilting things yet.

I'm still looking for a new home for my kitty, Evie. She needs a quiet home and will need someone with patience as she's a one-person kitty and can be feisty with strangers. I won't go into detail here but if anyone is interested, we can talk.

