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Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild

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President's Corner – November 2022

This is my last letter as our guild's president. As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the Memories." We certainly had some great memories and successes this past year. We have new members, a new home, an incredible raffle quilt, a sensational retreat, survived Quilt Congress and made amazing donations for the care and welfare of our community.

Thank you for all your support this past year of my presidency. I was Blessed to have been surrounded with terrific ladies and gentlemen who served in wonderful capacities as board members, committee members, and all around good friends. You have contributed enormously to the guild's success. I marvel at all the cooperation, suggestions, ideas, and fun that we had this past year.

The Holidays are here and now is the time to count our blessings. Hopefully, you are all looking forward to a happy and healthy Christmas and an exciting New Year at the guild. The new board has some fabulous programs planned for us. It is always exciting to see what our new year has to offer. Finally, I celebrate you, my quilting brothers and sisters. May the new year bring you nothing but happiness, health and many celebrations . . .

I am proud to know each of you and I Thank you so very much for all the love and hard work you put into making our guild wonderful and successful.

Stay Safe,
Ann Wilson

Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2022

President Ann Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Program: Demonstration by Judy Mahaney (Naomi Benthin and Janis Voldbakken) of Remember Me Quilt Shop, which is located at 201 N. College Street. (The program was presented first, because Judy suffered a fall off the stage during setup, resulting in an injury to her left shoulder.) The Remember Me Quilt Shop ladies gave a very interesting and informative demonstration on various triangle rulers, the Diamond Ruler, and other creative rulers, including tips using the folding mirror tool.

Short Break (10 a.m.)

Announcements: Ann inquired if there were any submittals regarding floor nominations of individuals interested in holding Officer positions for next year. None were submitted.

Ann brought specific attention to the garage sale items located on tables in the back of the room.

Welcome: All attendees were welcomed by Ann. A special Thank You was given to all those who helped at Quilt Congress. A very special Thank You was extended to all veterans and military families in honor of Veterans' Day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Celebrated with well wishes and cupcakes.

Approval of September Minutes: Motion: Mona Bolen and seconded by Patti Kratz.

Treasurer's Report: Jodi McCray discussed three months' worth of treasurer's report information. She explained the \$750 was paid back from Quilt Congress, which now makes the Income appear 'overstated'; but, we are actually 'even'. This year's quilt raffle tickets surpassed \$5,000. After discussion, filed for audit.

Presentation of nominees for 2023 Board of Directors: President-elect: Angie Lindberg; Vice President: Eileen Burg; Treasurer: Celine Kingsland; and Secretary: Open. Approved unanimously with all in favor.

Report on Quilt Congress: Carol Lewis stated, as mentioned earlier, we paid back the loan of \$750. We made \$5,700, and HNH will receive half, or \$2,850.

Old Business

Raffle Quilt: Patti Kratz reported we surpassed our goal on raffle ticket sales and deposited \$5,534. The July raffle ticket sales winner was Rosita Forster, who won a prize bundle of batiks. Connie Martin was the August/September raffle ticket sales winner, and she won a snowman kit. And Jodi McCray was the raffle ticket sales winner through October -- she won a table runner. Top Volunteer was Frieda Mauthe, who won a Santa. Top seller overall this year was Jodi McCray (\$264), who won a \$100 gift card to Remember Me Quilt Shop and a \$100 gift card to the Ditzzy Fish. Next year's quilt is at the quilters, near completed, and Patti said she will do Chair Raffle Sales again. A big Thank You to Patti for all her hard work.

20+ Year Membership Recognition: Will take place at December's meeting. Meat and cheese trays/fruit trays for Holiday luncheon, and a special cake.

Quilt Challenge: *"My Favorite Season in the Ozarks"* theme. All rules, size limits, etc., can be found on the HNH website. Diane Siddons would appreciate a helping hand for this. It was requested that you please bring your challenge items in a bag, so they can remain anonymous. **Quilts can be dropped off at Remember Me and Diane will pick them up there.** (Margie Dotson has given the pins for this already, but let Diane know if clothespins would be preferred for displaying your item.) Then a winner will be chosen.

Quilt Show 2023: Vicki Kauth petitioned for quilt show planning and help. As of this date, there is no Quilt Show Chair. Venue reservations have been made at the Baxter County Fairgrounds. In regards to planning a 2023 Quilt Show, Vicki presented a handout outlining ideas to consider in regards to lightening the workload, reducing the cost of the show, and getting more participation (IF we decide to have a 2023 show). Ideas included making it a 2-day show instead of a 3-day show; having no judge per se but rather 3 awards such as Viewers' Choice selected by show attendees, Members' Choice selected by guild members, and Best Workmanship selected only by members; limiting the number of vendors; adding a demonstration area in the center; raising ticket prices to \$7/day and \$10/both days; using food trucks; changing the Country Store to a quilt-related garage sale with rented tables and a central cashier utilizing credit cards; and division of labor for floor plans and fixtures; quilt registration, intake, photos (no CDs) and turn back; quilt hanging; admissions and floor walkers; publicity; vendors, demos and food trucks; awards and Find-That-Quilt activity.

There was discussion regarding saving money by changing from a 3-day to a 2-day event, with or without a judge. Vicki said she will come up with a compilation of options and costs for comparison next meeting.

If we move forward, future details to discuss include having 4-hour shifts versus 2-hour shifts, appraisals, how to staff the event. Darlene Landrum said we might consider charging \$5/quilt to enter, and she will coordinate getting a judge, if desired. Jodi commented on the difficulty of securing vendors. A garage sale for members would save money in lieu of having a Country Store. The table rent fees would go toward credit card fees. Sandy Beasley suggested a silent auction or basket raffle might increase funds instead of increasing admission fees. Vicki felt silent auctions do not make enough money to make it worth the effort.

Carol said \$382 was made on raffle baskets of donated items at Quilt Congress with 135 people attending. She also stated that eliminating having a judge at the quilt show would save considerable money. In comparison with the 2019 quilt show, where we had a final figure of negative-\$463, if we have no judge (which cost \$2,609) and reduce the fairgrounds rent from a 3-day stay (\$1900) to a 2-day stay, we could be looking at a much more positive cash flow of approximately +\$3,835.

Roxine Burch asked if by eliminating the Country Store, would that also be reducing the percentage of income generated by a significant amount. She suggested a name, Country Store

Mall. Suzanne McFarland asked if the cashiers will help watch (or run) the store tables, as country store volunteers used to watch them.

Attention was given to The Elephant In The Room: Do we want to have a 2023 quilt show? Diane suggested that a questionnaire be available for next meeting where members can check the boxes regarding whether a quilt show was wanted, including the various options mentioned above. Mary Hazel, a prior member, did not feel that there were enough people in our current membership to justify a quilt show. Ginger Alexander believes the interest is there such that a 2023 show would be highly desirable. Steve Landrum said he has compiled 50 quilts! Saving money by changing from a 3-day event to a 2-day event, with or without a judge was again discussed.

Members were asked to give this some thought. Sign-up sheets will be available next month, if we want to put on a show, and if so, we need to get moving. The goal would remain to focus on ways to reduce labor and reduce costs. Vicki reiterated that she will do a comparison and analysis estimate with a compilation of options for next meeting. Any brilliant ideas or helpful suggestions may be emailed to Vicki at vkauth816@gmail.com.

New Business

Responsibility Folders: Will be handed off at the December 7th Board Meeting.

Membership Committee: Standing rules proposed revision by the Membership Committee: 1) Add the paragraph: "All dues will be deposited in the year for which they are being paid. Persons may attend two monthly meetings as a guest before they will be required to either join the Guild or pay a \$5.00 charge for each meeting attended." And, 2) Change out "the Mayor" by inserting "City Clerk" so sentence reads: "Collects volunteer hours from Members and submits an annual report to the City Clerk for community credit of volunteering."

Motion: Vicki Kauth, and seconded by Charity Beckley. Approved, yes.

Retreat 2023: Ginger Alexander reported that the Branson Quilt Retreat is slated for March 6-9, 2023. The cost will be the same as last year, \$120 (\$60 down payment to reserve). Hotel room price, \$88/night. There is a max of 50 people, and registration will be opened to the public starting January 1, 2023. Signup sheets can be found online. Information will be forthcoming as to ways volunteers will be asked to help.

Committee Reports

Audit – Charity Beckley. Committee meeting will be next week.

Communication – Peggy Moody. Thanked everybody, especially Carol for her Public Relations work for Quilt Congress, others for backing up positions.

Newsletter – Diane Siddons. Asked for suggestions, articles, etc. for Newsletter. Please no PDF files. famtracer@yahoo.com

Community Quilts – Sandy Beasley. First group of quilts was given to *Into the Light*, an agency advocating for crisis intervention of sex-trafficked children in Arkansas.

Education – Eileen Burg/Roxine Burch there are positions open for Program and Member Teaching Member sub-committees.

Hospitality – Rosita Forster thanked the hospitality team for all of their help.

Number of Attendees: 65 including 5 visitors

QOV Presentation: A beautiful quilt was presented to Randy Bolen by the QOV group led by Mary Hazel. Touching words were spoken by Roxine Burch, and lovely poem read by Joan Woodard. Thank you to all veterans for their sacrifice and service.

Show and Tell: Beautiful works shown by Peggy Moody, Karen Walker (her FIRST quilt ever), Barb Jaeger, Joyce Evans, Barb Magnuson, Mona and Randy Bolen, Darlene Landrum, Vicki Kauth, and Charity Beckley.

Community Quilts: (No parade today). All community quilts were carried safely to a car before the rain arrived.

Door Prizes: Winner: Gail Lunn and Frieda Mauthe

50/50 Drawing: Frieda Mauthe, won \$31 dollars.

Motion: by Charity Beckley and seconded by Peggy Moody that we adjourn. Approved.
Adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Loretta Zortman, Temporary Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

Material Girls meet at the Bull Shoals Library Annex at 10 a.m., December 8, 2022.

December's Meeting – December 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

The program for our December 9th Guild Meeting will be a special one, indeed!

The Guild Challenge "Favorite Season in the Ozarks" will be judged and winners selected. Bring your entry in a bag where it cannot be viewed before the event. Entries can be dropped off at Remember Me Quilt Shop for Diane Siddons, who is coordinating.

We will be honoring our members who have over 20 years of membership with the guild and finally, enjoying our Holiday Luncheon. Hope to see you there!

Rosita Forster

RETREAT 2023 - March 6-9

The time is fast approaching

Your committee has been working hard to make this a great time to sew with your friends and soon-to-be friends. No better way to get to know each other in the Guild than to sew, share a meal, laugh, learn, shop and play together!

For those of you who have already signed up, remember your second payment is due at the December Guild meeting.

If you haven't signed up yet, **grab your spot** by sending in your registration form (it's on the web site!) with your payment today or bring it to the Guild meeting Dec. 9.

We'll be opening the Retreat to non-guild members on Jan. 2 ,2023.

We hope you will join in the FUN!

"Retired Chief Petty Officer Randal Bolen, of Bull Shoals, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on Veteran's Day, by the Mountain Home Quilts of Valor. In a ceremony held at the monthly meeting of Hill 'n Hollow Quilters Guild, Bolen's service in Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Gulf War, including Desert Shield and Desert Storm was recognized. He was deployed on the USS Mispillion, USS Norton Sound, and the USS Midway to Vietnam and the Middle East. He was deployed twice on the USS Camden, and the USS Joseph Strauss to the Persian Gulf, Panama, and the Indian Ocean. He served in many locations during his total of 11 deployments.

His QOV was made by Joyce. Mona, his wife, is a member of our Group. Thank you, Mr. Bolen for your service.

Mary E. Hazel, Group Leader
Mountain Home Quilts of Valor



Membership Dues:

IMPORTANT!!!!

Just a reminder! Membership dues of \$25 are to be paid by January 15, 2023 with a completed membership form, available on the website. You can mail them to Hill "N Hollow Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 1005, Mountain Home, AR 72654, or pay at the January Meeting.

Rita Bergstrom and Judith Ericksen will be the 2023 Membership Co-Chairmen. Be sure to help them out by getting those dues and membership form submitted in a timely manner.

Carol Lewis, 2022 Membership Chairman

Community Quilts

Thank you to all the members who have donated Community Quilts. I recently made our first delivery to the organization "Into the Light"

It is an organization dedicated to ending Child sex trafficking. They were very happy to receive the quilts. Please see the accompanying

photo. I also received a lovely Thank You card from them.

I also made another delivery to the Baxter Health's Women's Center nursery. I am also including a photo of that delivery. The nurses accepting

the quilts were, Mackenie Franks, RN and Rebekkah Crawford RN. They always love seeing me come with quilts and ohh and ahh over them!

Don't forget if you make the equivalent in points to five quilts for the year, you will receive a pin. I have purchased new pins this year and they

are really cute. If you haven't made any Community Quilts this year, please consider doing so. They are needed and appreciated more

than you can imagine.

Sandy Beasley

Community Quilts Chairperson





Let's meet a new guild member Jonna Butler.



She and her husband Terry are new to the Mountain Home area but not to Arkansas. Jonna is now retired from Arkansas Rehabilitation Services where she worked with people with

disabilities helping them achieve higher education, and finding jobs through the Office of the Deaf and Spinal Cord Injuries.

She is the former Ms. Wheelchair Arkansas 2008. She has been an advocate for people with disabilities as well as women with disabilities who have breast cancer. She was the first person in the state to receive the Ability Award from Governor Huckabee in 2005.

Jonna was born with Cerebral Palsy, a condition affecting her right side, due to oxygen deprivation at birth. But this really hasn't stopped her from doing what she wants. She was a teacher in Oklahoma; and now is a wife, mom, grandmother and a great grandmother.

Jonna noticed people might feel sorry for her, but says there's no need. She can do anything an able body person can do, in a different manner. She's proud that she gets the job done.

Jonna learned to embroider at age 4 from her grandmother, and to quilt by hand from her Aunt Roberta at age 5. She has been quilting for 60 years and always eager to learn new skills. All of her daughters have carried on with the craft. Even miles apart, Jonna and granddaughter Sharyn work on projects together. Jonna had her own custom embroidery and quilting business when she lived in Illinois, but now enjoys teaching others the art.

Introduce yourself to Jonna next meeting and be surprised by what you will learn about her skills and passions.

