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Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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President's Corner

April Showers bring May Flowers!

Sometimes the showers are a bit more than a sprinkling of rain. They can be full-blown "frog drowners" with gusting winds and dark skies. When it settles down, we get to enjoy nature's beauty. It does remind us that even through difficult times, flora and fauna show up to brighten the days. Life is that way.

I have come to realize that quilts can be that way. You start a project that just goes easily, is lovely to work on and quickly finished. At other times each stitch seems to be a downright struggle. Pieces you thought went together just don't seem to flow, thread gets tangled or jammed up in the sewing machine. You must set it aside for a while. And just as a new day begins, that quilt gets carefully pieced, the thread stitches come together, and it is completed. A calm feeling of satisfaction, a quiet sense of beauty created. I read this quote from a novel titled, *The Quilters Apprentice*. *"Just as the darker sections of a quilt can enhance the brighter ones, the mistakes of the past can strengthen understanding and lead the way to new beginnings."*

May we as a quilting guild be stitched together in friendship, full of gentle wisdom and genuine humility.

Rosita Forster

Hill 'N Hollow Guild Minutes - April 14, 2023

The Guild Meeting started at 9:30 a.m. by President Rosita Forster recognizing visitors. Birthdays and Anniversaries acknowledged. Birthday members received fabric cupcakes.

March Guild Minutes- Rosita reminded everyone that the March minutes were in the Newsletter for members to review. There were no questions or comments. Motion to approve March Minutes made by Dianne Siddons. Seconded by Jonna Butler. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Rosita shared that the Treasurer Report is on the website for review and that Celine could provide a hard copy if needed. There were no questions or comments. The Treasurer Report will be filed for Audit.

New Website Password –

Community Quilt Contract with Ditsy Fish Clarification – The Contract is in the March Newsletter and on the Website under Community Quilts. The extra monies collected will be used by the Guild to purchase batting for Community Quilts. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Beasley.

Members Teaching Members – Linda Langseth was at table handling questions, signups, and payments. Several classes are being offered.

May 11th Workshop – The table was also set up and available to sign up for this workshop. There are a few spots still open.

Quilters Mingle – It is set for June 16th at the Library. Please look at Website for details.

Quilt Show Committee Meeting – On May 12th after the Guild Meeting. They will be meeting at the storage facility after a lunch break.

Help Desk – Vicki Kauth presented an idea at the Board Meeting, and it was approved. A table will be set up starting at our May Guild Meeting for anyone with questions about their quilting, tools, supplies etc. Vicki Kauth will be at the table for the May meeting to offer help prior to the meeting, during the break and for a bit after the meeting. If you are available and interested to work at the help desk, please check in with Vicki.

Special Committee – A committee has been formed to update the Standing Rules and By-Laws. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please see Rosita.

2023 Raffle Quilt Presentation – Cindy Albright shared that this year's raffle quilt was pieced and quilted by members of the Mod Squad whose focus is on MODERN QUILTS. The quilt showed use of asymmetrical design, improvisational piecing, and open or "negative" space to show the beautiful quilting design. This quilt also has curved edges making a "quilt coverlet" and uses bold colors. Modern quilts are very popular among the younger generation. The quilt was on display and is truly beautiful, reflecting the talent of this group. Member ticket packets are available for pickup from Patti Kratz. There will be prizes for those that sell the most raffle tickets. Sell those tickets!!! You can sign up to help at the venue at Cotter Trout Festival on May 6. Please look for signup sheets or see Rosita.

Retreat 2024 – We need a Chair or Co-Chairs for the 2024 Retreat. If you are interested, please see Rosita right away. Our last Retreat was great thanks to Ginger, Cindy and the rest of the committee who helped with our 2023 Retreat.

Program "Every Quilt Has a Story" trunk show – Sharon Crozier

Sharon shared many of her beautiful quilts and projects from over the years with their heartwarming stories of her life, the quilt guild, and family/friends. One story told was of a quilt

her mom had in a garage sale and Sharon pulled it out to keep for herself. Sharon did not recognize any of the names but only the name of her grandmother. She then decided to make herself a friendship quilt. Beautiful projects were shown, a testimony of how she grew into a very skilled quilter. Sharon talked about the importance of making and saving your quilt stories.

Show and Tell—Several of our very talented quilters showed their work and told their stories. Lots of beautiful work to encourage us along.

Parade of Community Quilts – There were quite a few community quilts donated this month. We needed several volunteers to walk and display them. Just beautiful work donated to bring comfort and warmth to others.

Door Prizes - Kay Lisiecki, and Frieda Mauthe were the lucky winners this month.

50/50 Drawing - Dianne Petty won \$32.

Members present – 55 Guests - 2

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Peggy Moody and Seconded by Eileen Burg
Time was 11:33 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by
Vicki Bynum

Help is Here!

Do you have a quilting project that's kicking your butt? Can't figure something out? Pieces not fitting together easily? Bring it to the "Help Desk" at the next guild meeting, and we'll see if we can't figure it out. The Help Desk will be in the entry room at the church.

I'll have a small cutting mat, scissors, a couple of rulers and a rotary cutter on hand. I'll be available as soon as I KNOW the audio-visual system is working for the meeting — about an hour before the guild meeting starts — during the break and one-half hour after the meeting. If I can't help, I'll try to find someone who can.

If you are an experienced quilter and would like to help with the Help Desk, please let me know at vkauth816@gmail.com. It would be nice to know the desk is covered if I can't make it to a meeting.

Vicki Kauth

Quilters' Mingle, 1-3pm - June 16, 2023

Baxter County Library, Knox Rooms A & B, 300 Makers Space & Small Conference Room B.

Come and bring a friend. Stop by and support your Guild. Check out what the Guild has to offer YOU!

Enjoy the Displays, Demonstrations, and Refreshments! Lot of great Door Prizes
R.S.V.P. By May 31 to Carol Lewis - 870-425-1105 or lewiscarol312@gmail.com

RAFFLE QUILT TICKET BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2023 Raffle Quilt has been revealed and it's a real beauty with modern color and design, a real eye-catcher! We have reserved a booth at Big Springs Park on Saturday, May 6th for the 21st Annual Cotter Trout Festival. This is a well-attended event with lots of vendors, fun activities, and live music. Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift to help with our Guild's BIG fundraiser.

- Booth Setup will be at 7:30am and must be ready by 8am. The festival starts at 9am. We need at least 2 volunteers per shift. The shifts are as follows and we ask you arrive at least 10 minutes before your shift to make it easier for everyone:
7:30-10am 10am-12pm 12pm-2pm 2pm-4:30pm
- Booth Teardown will happen at the end of the event and is included in the last shift.

Come join us by signing up to volunteer as we begin our fundraising venture and enjoy a great time at the Cotter Trout Festival!

Rosita Forster rositaforster7@gmail.com or Frieda Mauthe friedaralf@gmail.com

Machine Quilting Group Meets Monthly

If you actually quilt your quilts or would like to, there's a machine quilting group that may interest you. The group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Remember Me Quilt Shop, 201 N. College, Mountain Home. Cost is \$3 per meeting.

This informal group of quilters machine quilts their creation using a long-arm, mid-arm, sit-down or domestic machine. Skill levels range from beginner to professionals who quilt for others. We seek to learn from and encourage each other on our machine quilting journeys.

Each meeting includes a program or video and a lot of discussion and laughter. Show and tell always includes a discussion of accomplishments, challenges and "I'll never do that again!" For the most part, the group selects the topic for the next meeting and a member of the group puts together a program or finds a video that addresses the topic.

For more information, please contact Sharon Crozier, smcrozier42@gmail.com

Communications

Radio ads for the quilt show have been created along with time reserved the first week of October to get the public excited to attend. Show flyers will be picked up this week, and I will have them and bookmarks at the next guild meeting for your help passing them out. Keep sharing our Facebook news about the show to your friends.

Peggy Moody

Donations Requested!!

As we prepare for our upcoming quilt show in October, the Fun & Games committee is looking to the guild for donations to use as prizes. Please consider donating the following types of items: Fabric (anything will do, especially fat quarters if you have them), notions (preferably in new or like new condition), patterns, kits, small, finished products, baskets (to create a gift basket), and even children's crafty items (we will be doing some kids' games, as well.) Please bring your donated items to Angie Lindberg at guild meetings, or to Kim Wallace or Mary Jo Smith. We will continue to take donations through the September guild meeting. These could be items you were planning on putting on the "FREE" table, etc. Anything unused will be put aside for future events. If you have any questions about what to donate, please email me @ scrapyardquilts47@yahoo.com or call 612-202-7759.

Thanks, Angie. Fun & Games Committee Chair

New Registered Agent Search

Currently, Connie Randall holds the position of "Registered Agent", but she has expressed the desire to have someone else take on the responsibility. Therefore, the Board is looking to name another member for this position. The specifics can be found in the Standing Rules under Section L but here's a quick summary:

We are looking for someone interested in taking this position for 3-5 years. The Registered Agent will annually file the Arkansas Non-Profit Annual Report by August 1 with the Office of the Secretary of State, updating the names and addresses of Guild Officers. This can be done online using the Secretary of State web address www.sos.arkansas.gov. The Registered Agent also accepts all legal notifications for the Guild such as service of process in connection with a lawsuit, etc.

For consideration, please contact any Board member if you are interested.
On behalf of the Board, Rosita Forster

Quilt Trail

Time for a Quilt Trail update: I'm pleased to report that we now have 37 beautiful painted quilt blocks on the Baxter County Quilt Trail with at least 3 more in the planning stage right now. I want to say again how much I appreciate the Guild's continued sponsorship of this trail which helps to pay for the brochures and other expenses to promote these trails. There are now 21 official quilt trails across the state and brochures are distributed at all welcome centers, chamber offices and various businesses.

Also, if you haven't heard yet, we are in the process of developing a Quilt Trail along the White River. The White River Trail is very unique in that the blocks will be viewed only from the river and may be placed on a home, boat dock, resort or even free standing on property along the river. Thanks to Wanda Kelley and her enthusiastic group at Redbud area South of Gassville, we now have two blocks completed and ready to put in place with several more in process. As you are aware, the White River covers a lot of territory, and I will be helping with the development stage in Baxter and Marion Counties. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please contact me for further information.

Virginia Cornett, Coordinator, Baxter County Quilt Trail, 870-421-5299, jvcorn@yahoo.com



New Member

Rita Bergstom moved with her family from Germany to the US in 1981 looking to strike it rich by opening a restaurant. Before that, she was a clerk at the German post office and was able to take a leave of absence. Her husband had made his apprenticeship in cooking and was ready to have his own restaurant. After 3 years in Arizona, he became ill with cancer, and they were forced to go back to Germany because Rita was able to get her old job back and therefore supporting her family



Six months later, they decided to try it again and opened a new restaurant in Colorado.

They had a successful business until her husband died after 13 years. She then had to run the restaurant on her own, learning through trial and error how to cook their well-known dishes. She met her current husband during these struggles, and with his help, they continued operating the business for another 10 years. Her mother and sister immigrated also and settled close by. The Restaurant was exhausting and forced them to retire. When her customers heard the business was closing, they asked for her recipes. This gave her the idea of writing them down and publishing a cookbook.

Having worked all her life, she wanted to try a new creative endeavor to fill her time. She encouraged her sister to join her, and they both quickly fell in love with it. After her sister became ill needing oxygen, her doctor encouraged her to move to a lower altitude. At that time, her mother had passed, and Rita suggested Arkansas where her former family was living. While finding a house for her sister, she found one for herself and decided then to also move. Sadly, 6 months after arriving from Colorado, her sister also passed. Despite her losses, she and her husband decided to stay and make Arkansas their new home.

We welcome her delightful spirit and are grateful, she volunteered to help our Board as Co-Chair of our Membership Committee with Judith Ericksen.

Submitted by Peggy Moody

Make and Take

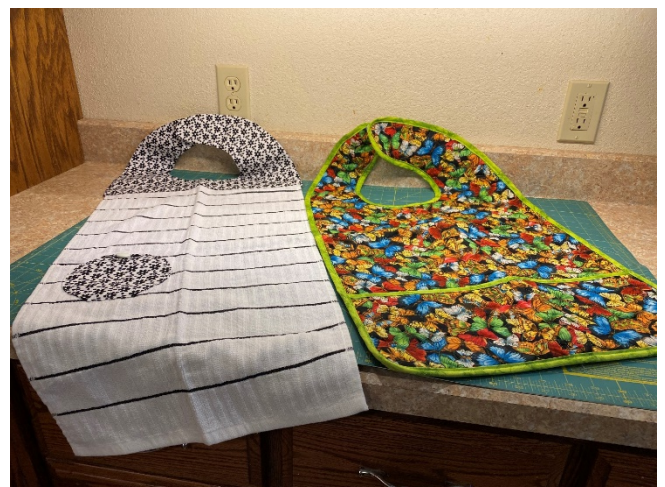
Come join other members of our guild for our *Make and Take* classes! Classes are free and the company is excellent. We will meet at the church after our monthly meetings in those months when there is a vacancy.

Make and take is designed to be easy, fun, and teachable. Patterns or directions will be provided for each class as well as a supply list. We plan to schedule several classes that do not require a sewing machine. Join with some of your friends and bring lunch or go out for lunch. Most classes will be scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m.

Not interested in that month's *Make and Take*? Then bring something else to work on or just join with others for some extra socializing.

Hopefully we will take this opportunity to learn new techniques and strengthen our guild through bonds of friendship.

Picture #1 is of the aprons made by Connie Randall.





Picture #2 Sweet Treat Bag - Shabby Fabrics,
Cutie Pie Pouch - Lazy Girl Designs,
Lollipop Christmas ornaments - Sharon Crozier.

Picture #3 is Prairie Point Ornaments - Youtube



instructions.

Thanks,
Ann Wilson

Classes

Resizing Blocks, The Math-less Method

Many times, when you are playing with blocks, you want a different size than what is offered in a pattern. If you have a large block design and you resize it to two smaller sizes, then arrange them in a quilt top, you have a more interesting design. Or you want to make a smaller version of a large quilt top design, how do you resize it?

Using some simple tools, a calculator, and some graph paper, you will learn a simple method of resizing blocks. You will learn a calculation to resize your block and receive a worksheet on which you can record your newly sized block measurements. After taking this class, you'll be pro at resizing blocks.

The class will be July 14, 1 - 3 pm after the guild meeting.

Sharon Crozier

Road Trip!

Here is an opportunity for a bus trip to Kansas City Regional Festival in June. A few seats are left. I don't know details of actual dates or price. If you are interested, click on their FB page or contact Linda Loomis (below contact) for more info. - Peggy Moody

HOP ON THE BUS! ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS IN ARKANSAS AREA.

The Hot Springs Village Quilt Guild has planned a fun filled 3-Day trip to the Kansas City Regional Festival in June. They have a few seats available on their Bus. You can join the fun and make new quilting friends!

In addition to a full day at the Festival - you will make Shop Stops in Lamar and Quilts, Quilts, and More in Branson, MO. PLUS there's an optional, exclusive Laura Heine Workshop at your Hotel in Kansas City.

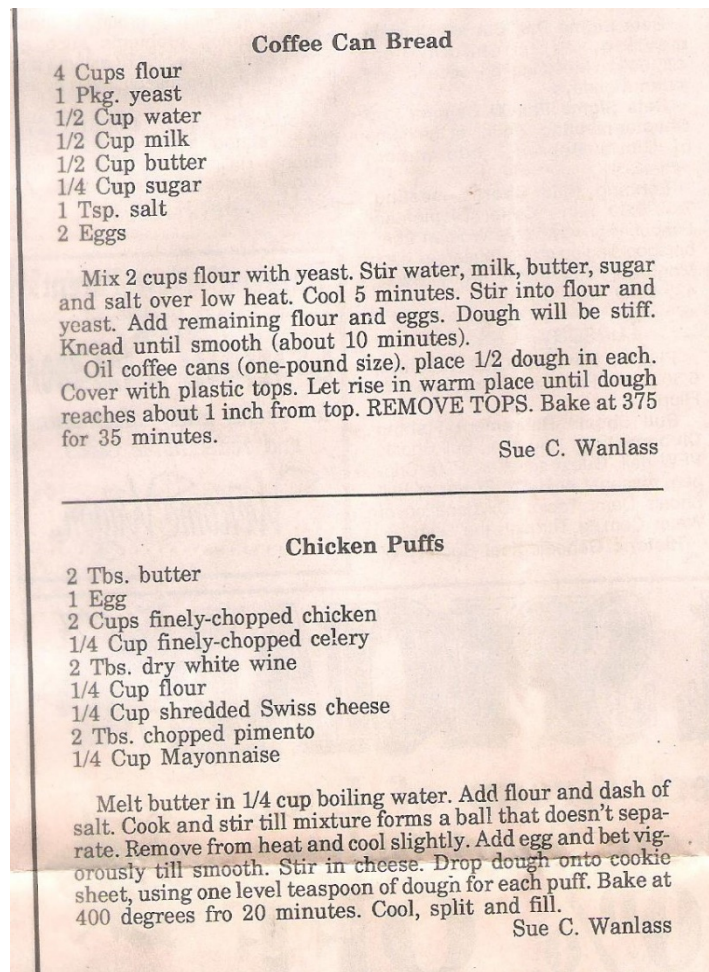
For details, please contact Pat at yrttep@aol.com – be sure to put “BUS TRIP” in the subject line of your email. Act now before the seats are gone!

The 2023 Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival is quickly being recognized with other national quilt shows/festivals! It's filled with everything quilters can dream of. There's a Vendor Exhibit Hall with 122 top industry vendors bringing innovative quilting products, filling 280 booths. Judged quilts, special collections and more.

Visit us on our website and Facebook pages today! Check out all the details online at: www.KCRQF.com It's all there: a list of the vendors, special collections to see, classes to attend and more. Our Facebook pages feature the latest from instructors, projects, free Demonstrations, and tips right up to and during the festival.

Respectfully, **Lynda Loomis**, Tour Group Coordinator. 816-853-8343. www.kcrqf.com

More Recipes from the Past



From Loretta Zortman

Note to self: Painter's tape (even in large quantities) does not last overnight when securing flannel to a wall.

