## 1984 – 2023 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild

In the spring of 1983, Phyllis Speer and Paula Vines first met at Mountain View during the Ozark Folk Center Quilt Show, and the decision was made to organize a quilters guild in Mountain Home. In October of that year, an organizational meeting was attended by eight women and officers were elected with Phyllis as President.

The first official meeting was held on January 6, 1984 at the Presbyterian Church with 29 interested quilters attending.

After the initial meeting in January of 1984, these energetic and enthusiastic quilters jumped right in to the following activities:

- Produced a newsletter to members called "The Howl".
- Participated in a quilt block design contest won by Flo Malaney.
- Beginning quilting classes were offered and taught by Paula Vines.
- Offered the Guild's first workshop by Geri Wechter on Applique and Trapunto.
- Paula Vines presented a program about quilting to the members of the Coterie Cub
- Members produced the first fundraising quilt, which was a log cabin with a barn-raising setting.
- The Guild's major service project was to produce a quilt show to educate the community about the art of quilting. The show was held October 5, 6, and 7, 1984, at the historic Casey House located on the Baxter County Fairgrounds
- Flo Malaney's wall hanging won Best of Show, which she sold to a show visitor.



Phyllis Speer & Paula Vines hand quilting the Guild's first fundraising quilt.



Guild's first fundraising quilt - 1984

Casey House where quilt shows were held 1984 - 1990

1984 Best of Show