

Hill N Hollow Quilters Guild 40th Anniversary Our Forty Years 1984 – 2023

A quilt exhibit by members of Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild will be held at The Sheid at ASU during the month of August, 2023. “Our 40 years 1984-2023” features beginner, intermediate, and award winning quilts. A reception will be held August 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Guild’s mission is to preserve, promote, share and teach the art of quilting. Starting in 1984 with the Guild's first president, Phyllis Speer, to the current 2023 president, Rosita Forster, the Guild has grown from 20 to 100 members, including four male members. Guild members have produced 40 fundraising raffle quilts to help fund its charitable and educational activities.

Over the past 40 years, Guild members have generously donated their time and talents to provide quilts and other items to local, area, and world wide causes and organizations, some of which are listed here:

- More than 6,500 quilts have been donated to various local organizations.
- During the pandemic, more than 1,300 masks and caps were made and donated to the Baxter Regional Hospital and care facilities.
- Donating quilts to the Joplin and Oklahoma tornado victims.
- Pouches were made for the animal victims of the Australian fires.
- A quilt donation to the Anchor project for the benefit of the 9/11 victims.
- Whimsical Foundations (decorated bras) and Think Outside the Boxers (decorated men's Boxer shorts) auctioned for the benefit of the Peitz Cancer Support House.
- Aprons for Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.
- Book Bags for Literacy Council
- The current year's challenge, “World in a Bag” will be displayed at the 2023 Autumn in the Ozarks quilt show in October before being donated to Into the Light

organization which fights child trafficking.

Over the past 40 years, the Guild has made it possible for members to learn the art of quilt making. Members have taught quilt making techniques to other members and members have learned new methods and techniques from area and national professional quilters via the various educational opportunities provided by the Guild as follows:

- Monthly Guild meeting Programs
- Periodic workshops conducted by professional quilters
- Quilting classes taught by Guild members
- Quilt challenges to help members work outside their comfort zone
- Periodically hosting a conference of area quilt guilds with speakers and quilting workshops.
- 25 quilt shows have been produced to show members' finished quilts to the community and in most instances to have their work judged. The Autumn in the Ozarks Quilt Show will be held October 13 & 14, 2023 in the Educational Building at the Baxter County Fairgrounds.

For more information on the Sheid Exhibit and the fall show, visit www.hillnhollowquilters.com.