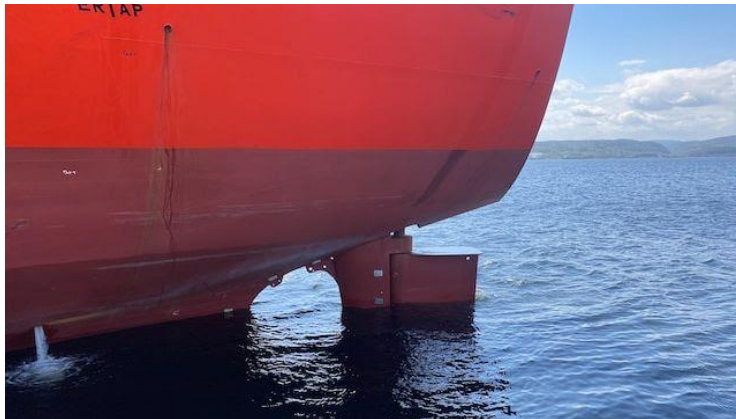


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President's Corner



Ever have trouble with your words? I don't mean pronouncing them. I mean, pronouncing them too much! On average, our mouths open 700 times a day (and some a lot more!) There's a Proverb that cautioned about how we steward our words, "The tongue has the power of life and death..." The tongue is likened to a fire spark or the rudder of a large ship. The tongue is small but powerful. Words can build up or destroy. It can start a miracle, or it can stop one.

Let's "be quick to hear and slow to speak..." I'm not always the slowest to speak. I am finding that if I am just 10% more patient ...

to wait for an explanation
to understand a point
to be a touch kinder

I would instantly have 50% fewer enemies, make 70% fewer mistakes, and gain 100% more friends!

Let's captain our "rudder" better and steward our words in a way that builds up rather than destroys. How often do we hope for favorable results without ever factoring in the requirements that lead up to those favorable results?

Highlighting what I need to hear this season, I share it with you.

Rosita Forster

Newsletter

I try to get the newsletter ready for editing by my supercomputer savvy co-chair, Sharon Crozier, no later than the 25th of each month, so that the newsletter is edited, sent to Peggy Moody and made available for everyone to read before the 1st of the month. Remember, the newsletters highlight the past month's activities and reminding us about the upcoming activities. Some months the newsletter is huge and sometimes it isn't. We try for 10-12 pages. When I don't get the articles in a timely fashion, I don't want to hold up the newsletter because there are usually at least one or two time sensitive things that need to get out ASAP. Please help us by getting your articles and news items to me no later than the 23rd of each month. I will do my best to make sure that everything that is time sensitive or of the utmost importance is included. Cartoons, other news, recipes, etc., will continue to be used when there is space.

Thank you all!
Diane Siddons

Sad News

Barbara Ferguson, a long-time former Guild member has died. Conner Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Quilt Show News

Special Display Help Needed

Plans are afoot for several special displays at the quilt show, and we need your help to make them happen.

Our first special display will be a "Memories" section, honoring the two active guild members who have died since our last show. Rosita Forster will work with her family to collect some of Maureen Forster's quilts.

But we need to find some of JoAnn Moore's work for the display. We have reached out to JoAnn's husband using her last known contact information, but there has been no response so far. So, if you have some of JoAnn's work — finished pieces, quilt blocks, embroidery or what have you — please "enter" it in the show.

Another special display will highlight two benefits of guild membership: our Members-Teaching-Members (MTM) classes and workshops with national and regional teachers. We are seeking completed projects or quilt tops from any of these educational opportunities.

Our final special display will consist of some Community Quilts. Sandy Beasley will hang on to some of the fancier quilts for use in the display until after the show.

If you are willing to share any of these items for the show, please fill out an entry form with a picture of the item and submit it just like you would a regular entry. They will not count against the 15-entry limit and they may be more than four years old. The entry form and picture will help us ensure your items are returned. Please contact me with questions.

Vicki Kauth

Please Sign Up for the Quilt Show

I don't know how the other committees fared with sign-ups at the August guild meeting, but I can say that we need more folks to help hang quilts at the show! Steve Landrum has a plan for hanging the quilts without ladders.

Remember: Many hands make light work, so please raise your hand for this and other functions needed to make our show as lovely and successful as it has been in the past.

Vicki Kauth

Quilt Appraisals

Have you forgotten? Would like to have a full schedule of appraisals for Alice McElwain at the quilt show in October. Please call Elaine Byng at 870-431-8581 and schedule as soon as possible for a time of your choice. An appraisal is \$50.00, or you could just have a consultation for \$20.00. Also, have your pre-appraisal form filled out and ready. Thank you.

Elaine Byng, Coordinator for appraisals

Quilt Show Committee Minutes Aug. 3, 2023

Present: Jonna Butler, Randy Bolen, Carolyn Bisbee, Peggy Moody, Wanda Kelley, Diane Siddons, Donna Perrin, Rosita Forster, Vicki Kauth

Jonna announced to the committee that Carolyn will be co-chair and work beside her to "learn the ropes." If the guild board approves, she will be the 2025 show chair.

Carol Lewis sent a report to Jonna: We have 8 vendors for a total of \$1,920 in booth fees. She has sent revised vendor floor plans to Randy and Vicki. She has developed a complimentary ticket to be sent to the two people who showed up at Quilt Congress thinking it was the quilt show and is working with Diane on sending them to the individuals.

Committee members discussed complimentary tickets for the food truck vendors and decided that they, too, are vendors and should receive identification as such so they can see the show and use the restrooms without charge. She will complete our portion of the Arkansas Special Event Sales Tax forms and give them to the food trucks for them to complete. She requested that the following decision the committee made in June be restated in these minutes: "Quilts displayed in the 2023 show may also be entered in the 2025 show if their owners want them to be judged. Jonna will make sure this is prominently displayed in the Quilt Show Chair's notebook, so the next show committee is aware of this commitment."

Diana Arian also sent a report: YLI Thread has been sold and, so far, has not responded to her attempts to learn whether they will have a booth staffed by guild members as in previous shows. Rosita suggested we contact other thread vendors like Superior Threads and FilTec to see if they might be interested in vending. Jonna will check to see if Carol has contacted them. Randy gave a brief report on the Fiber Art Boutique in Mona Bolen's absence: Guild members have signed up for 10 tables so far, and she has distributed about 800 sales tags.

Rosita reported there are a lot of plastic grocery bags in the storage locker for use during the show. Angie Lindberg also sent a report: We have enough door prizes to draw winners each hour. The committee discussed whether we would have "goodie bags" for attendees. No, but we plan to put the measuring tapes and needle reference cards left over from Quilt Congress in baskets near the entrance for whoever wants them Vicki reported: She provided sign-up sheets for specific time slots for Jonna to have at the guild meeting. She sent an email to JoAnn Moore's husband asking if he still had any of JoAnn's quilts to be displayed alongside some of Maureen Forster's quilts in a "Memories" display. Because we have no idea whether the email address is still good or if Bob is still in the area, we will pursue Plan B, which is to ask guild members if they have any of JoAnn's quilts or any of her work purchased at the estate sale. She will prepare an eBlast. In addition, we will scan pictures from past quilt shows and perhaps have photographs of some of her quilts to display. She also plans displays of Members-Teaching-Members and workshop projects and community quilts. She sent one eBlast already and will prepare a second stating these items will not count toward the 15-quilt entry limit and may be more than four years old. Sandy Beasley has agreed to hold out some of the nicer community quilts for display at the show. If we do a trial set-up of the fixtures, she will ask Steve Landrum to demonstrate his new plan for hanging quilts without using ladders. She will develop a procedure for the quilt hangers to follow. She will forward her data needs to Sharon Crozier in the next two weeks. She and Donna agreed that Donna will give her the entry forms when Sharon has completed data entry so Vicki can copy the pictures. Vicki will then get the forms to Donna. This should aid in making a pleasing display.

Rosita reported: The raffle quilt will be displayed in its assigned spot. She was concerned that staffing the raffle quilt booth might create shortages in other areas. Vicki recommended multiple reminders to members regarding the time slot commitments they have made since many do not keep records. Carolyn said her guild provided a card to each member listing their work commitment schedule for the whole show. The committee agreed this is a great idea; the card will be prepared and given to members as they report to the show the first time. Diane Siddons will have sign-in sheets for all workers to confirm their presence.

Donna reported: We have 84 entries to date. Peggy suggested we draft an item for the Baxter Bulletin soliciting entries from quilters who are not guild members. Vicki will draft an item for the "Community Briefs" column and send it to Peggy and Donna for approval before sending it out.

Diane reported: She has washed all the white gloves. Although some fell apart, we have 13 pairs for floor walkers. There is ½ box of plastic gloves. She will purchase another box for visitors' use. All visitors will receive a plastic glove, "Find That Quilt" game sheet, Viewers' Choice ballot and golf pencil. Guild members will also receive a Members' Choice ballot. Diane will collect and tally them. Vicki will develop the ballots. She also found hostess ribbons and plastic name tag holders. Jonna said she thinks Carol offered to prepare name tags for hostesses; Jonna will confirm with her. Diane plans to have bookmarks and other information about the guild available.

Wanda reported: She has 15 volunteers for turn in. Marge Schill will coordinate handling art quilts, which need special attention because they are sometimes fragile (Vicki will also ask one individual to coordinate art quilts during hanging and tear down). Turn-in will put a special tag on art quilts so all know they need careful handling. Turn-in will occur in the vendor area near the building entrance. Turn back will be at the entrance to the main display room. She plans to give turn-back priority to the first and second place winners for Viewers' Choice and Members' Choice. She expressed concern about the

overlap of turn in, turn back and delivery and pick up of Fiber Art Boutique items. She will work with Mona to address this. She asked whether there will be a waiver as in previous years regarding the sale of quilts through the Fiber Art Boutique. The waiver stated that the quilt seller would allow the buyer to take the quilt at the end of the show without waiting for a check to clear. (Vicki has looked through her files and could not find the waiver. Mona, Donna and Jonna should page through their notebooks to see if a copy found its way into their notebooks.) If the seller is not comfortable with this, he or she will need to coordinate with the buyer to arrange delivery. In any event, this procedure needs to be worked out and the form recreated if necessary. Mona will have a list of quilts for sale and their prices. Those for sale will be indicated along with price on the hang tag. Mona should probably collect contact information for buyers and let sellers know if a quilt has sold and whether this will be an issue. Randy reported: He really needs the updated inventory of fixtures and drapes. He will supply frozen lasagna, salad and garlic bread for anyone working on setup day, requesting reimbursement for the expense. He will work on arranging a dry run on setting up the fixtures after Aug. 22.

Peggy reported: The library display is up. The display at The Sheid goes up Monday, Aug. 7. She continues to post teasers on Facebook. Jonna will have the key to the storage locker while Rosita is in Italy. Respectfully submitted Vicki Kauth

Aug. 21, 2023, Quilt Show Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Jonna Butler, Carolyn Bisbee, Diane Siddons, Carol Lewis, Vicki Kauth, Peggy Moody, Donna Perrin, Diana Arikan, Rosita Forster, Angie Lindberg, Randy Bolen and Sharon Crozier

Please take special note of underlined items in these minutes. Your action is needed.

Committee reports

Jonna reported that backup ribbon tops have been completed and she and Carolyn will complete the ribbons. She is retaining the library room reserved for Sept. 28 in case any committees need it.

Randy has scheduled a dry run on erecting the fixtures and installing the drapes for 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at the guild's storage locker. Vicki will ask Steve Landrum to attend and demonstrate his new system for hanging quilts without using ladders. Jonna will have the key to the storage locker after that event until Rosita's return from Italy.

Randy will schedule a meeting of the Fixtures Committee in Vicki's basement to re-box the drapes according hanging bays at the show.

All committee members: Please contact Randy soon with your requirements at the show for tables and chairs.

Angie has received donations of more than 50 door prizes. Every visitor will receive a raffle ticket to enter the door prize drawings, and she plans to save the larger prizes for games (name that quilt, identify the quilt block and guess how many spools are in this jar). She plans a sandwich board on which to post the winners. She, MaryJo Smith and Kim Wallace will staff the games table. They will count

responses to the games and the votes for viewers' and members' choice quilts. Angie plans a meeting of the Games Committee right after the September guild meeting.

Diana has received no response from any thread vendor — nor has Carol — regarding a potential booth at the show. This appears to be a dead issue.

Carol reported that Bob of Bob's Shop has broken his collar bone and will be unable to attend the show. She reports that Joyce Havener may be interested in selling fabric left from her shop and displaying vintage buttons in hopes of starting a local button collectors club. Carol has offered her a discounted rate (variable depending on whether she sells fabric or not) to fill the now-vacant space. She also talked with Joyce about other vendors' attitude toward competitors selling clearance fabric at the show. If Joyce takes the space at the discounted rate, Carol proposes we do not refund the vendor fee to Bob since we did not replace the lost revenue. If another vendor takes the space at full price, we will provide a refund to Bob. Sharon suggested Carol contact "Just Jennifer" regarding a booth since Jennifer has a shop now.

Carol said her experience with Quilt Congress and this show indicates a need to rethink the whole subject of vendor booths. The rise of the internet, quilt shop migration to it and the closure of many shops make it very difficult to attract vendors.

Sharon will send sample hang tags for the quilts for review by the committee chairs.

All committee members: Please contact Sharon soon to let her know what reports regarding the show entries you will need.

Mona says only seven Fiber Arts Boutique tables have been reserved so far. One person wishes to display quilts for sale behind her table, which the committee agreed we can accommodate. She has 4 volunteers to date and hopes to recruit specific individuals to serve as cashier. She plans at least two people to process payments, one to run the cash register and one to bag purchases. Diana recommended adding a third person to track the merchant numbers of purchased items to make it easier and more accurate to track amounts due each seller and sales tax. Jonna said the Bentonville quilt guild processed purchases at a table away from the check-out line to minimize distraction and increase accuracy.

There was quite a discussion regarding volunteer sign-ups. Carol suggested that each committee chair sit with his/her sign-up sheets at the September guild meeting so members could see with whom they will be working. Vicki suggested resurrecting Carol's excellent presentation from the 2019 show on volunteer duties for the September guild meeting so new members understand volunteer duties.

Donna reported she has received more than 125 registrations to date. She needs more confirmation slips, and asked if she could approach a printer other than That Print Shop. That Print Shop has been unresponsive to her attempts to contact them. In addition, she believes their prices are higher than those of other print shops. She will explore alternatives.

Diane will retain the challenge bags after the September guild meeting and will bring them to the quilt show.

Rosita reported she has only two volunteers and said she plans to staff the raffle quilt table with “floaters.” Carolyn suggested a sign-up sheet for floaters. She also recommended we make sure we have cell phone numbers for all volunteers. Vicki said cell phone reception during the last show was poor and she had to resort to Wi-Fi calling during the show to ensure she received calls.

Carolyn handed out updated volunteer sign-up sheets and noted many people who originally volunteered to help with various tasks have not committed to a time slot. She encouraged the committee chairs to contact uncommitted volunteers to lock in time slots.

Peggy reported that she and Merrilyn Scott will contact other guilds and send a potential flyer to guilds and quilt shops to seek non-member quilt entries and to publicize the show. Merrilyn is updating the lists of each. Peggy is working now to finalize paid ads for the show; she hopes to make print ads consistent in style with our flyers. She will seek guild help at the September meeting to get flyers posted around town.

Miscellaneous

Jonna said she will ask guild Treasurer Celine Kingsland to come to the next committee meeting to discuss cash boxes, and she will retrieve the Hospitality cash box for Dianne at the storage locker meeting on Aug. 28. Carol said at previous shows, the treasurer met with each person who has a cash box to discuss their change needs (how many dollar bills, etc.). The treasurer then visited each cash box a couple of times per day during the show to collect accumulated cash and determine additional change needs. Somebody reminded us all that most people these days use a lot of \$20 bills because that’s what ATMs distribute.

Darlene Landrum is looking for additional volunteers to do demonstrations. She hopes to provide one every hour. Carol told the committee about a guild member who demonstrated construction of a “jelly roll race” quilt throughout a previous show. Visitors were fascinated. Vicki suggested we set up a sewing station and available guild members could staff this demo as the mood strikes.

Carolyn will prepare name tags for all show volunteers to ensure visitors know who to approach with questions.

Vicki suggested moving the next show to September to minimize schedule conflicts with other events (especially Turkey Trot).

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Jonna’s house (2234 Hwy 126 N, Gassville). The following meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at Vicki’s house (1473 Robinson Point Rd., Mountain Home).

Important discussion topic: How are we going to award the ribbons? It needs to be a We all love our guild, and we are excited to make suggestions and ask questions. But it’s important for us all, when we do, to remember that those who have stepped into leadership roles are doing their best to lead the club fairly and in such a way that it welcomes and benefits all members. They want to hear your ideas and concerns, but sometimes these are presented in a way that can be hurtful.

A Plea: Stop and Think

When raising concerns, asking questions, or presenting new ideas, please take a few minutes to think about how to present them in a way that is kind. Remember that your words, your facial expressions, and your body language can hurt people even when you don't intend them to do so. You don't have to walk on eggshells but be aware of how you present yourself. Let's all work to make sure leadership is not harder than it needs to be.

And here's a reminder for leaders as well: Truly listen when guild members and visitors present ideas and concerns and ask questions. Reflect carefully, and always provide a response.

Remember, Hill 'N Hollow is a community of quilters. We need one another and we enjoy coming together. Let's make it our mission to make life better for other quilters and, in the process, make it better for ourselves.

Vicki Kauth
big deal.

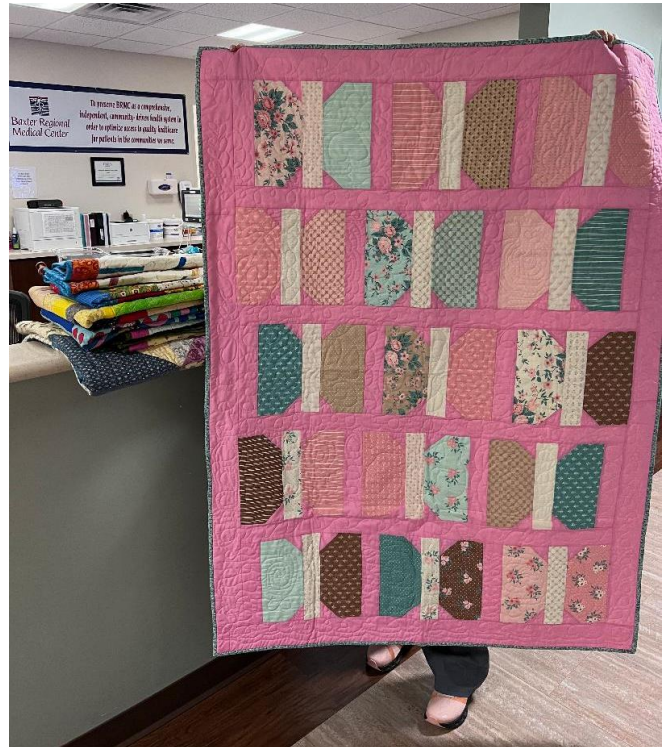
Communications

August has been a big month for our 40th anniversary! We have two wonderful displays--one at the Baxter Library and the other at the ASU Sheid gallery. My helpers for both events were awesome. Warm thanks to Katie Risk, Merrilyn Scott, Carolyn Bisbee, Mary Jo Smith, Jodi McCray, Donna Perrin, Vicki Kauth, Darlene and Steve Landrum. If you haven't stopped by these events, you have until the end of the month. Our quilters' talent really shines. In September, I'll need everyone's help distributing bookmarks and flyers for the October show. Huzzah!

Peggy Moody, Chair Communications

Community Quilts News – Sandy Beasley

Latest delivery to the hospital nursery. As you can see the nurse this time was camera shy!!



16 pillowcases made by Suzanne McFarland that she asked to go to The Call.

Quilts to Into the Light.



And more to Alpha House!



Member's Thanking Members



Many thanks to all for the July birthday celebration!

- Carol Lewis

"Our 40 Years" Exhibit

Library Helpers—Mary Jo Smith, Peggy Moody, Carolyn Bisbee, Merrilyn Scott and Katie Risk. At the ASU Sheid Gallery (Aug. 7-Sept. 1, M-F 5); Also don't miss our month long display case at the Baxter Co Library (Aug 1-31).



Sheid Exhibit helpers: Katie Risk, Peggy Moody, Jodi McCray, Darlene Landrum, Vicki Kauth, Mary Jo Smith and Steve Landrum.

Member News: A Book Review

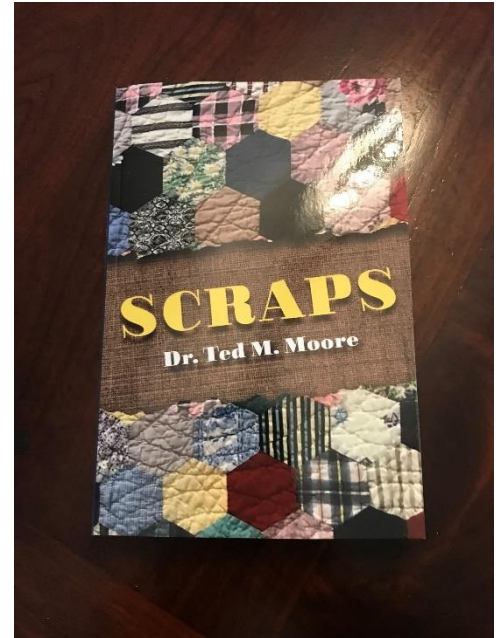
Dr. Ted Moore, of Dallas, Texas, contacted several members to consider his book, "Scraps". I called Dr. Moore and had a wonderful conversation with him about his book. He wrote the book in memory of his mother and the Hope quilt she made for his father while he was flying a B-17 bomber over Nazi Germany, and she was pregnant with Dr. Moore. He generously sent me an advance copy to read. review and use as a door prize at our quilt show. It is a novel, but it is filled with well researched historic facts and covers several generations of one family.

It starts at the end of the Civil War in Arkansas while a young mother is making a scrap quilt for her husband who is a soldier. The quilt is loving passed down, from generation to generation and used to comfort family members in times of joy, sorrow, new beginnings, and sad endings though to World War II.

For someone, like me, who loves history and genealogy, it was very hard to put down. I will say that none of the history is sugar coated, or overlooked, which is how history should be.

"Scraps" will be available through Amazon in September.

Diane Siddons



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