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Spirit of Generosity  
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Hill 'N Hollow Quilters volunteered to demonstrate hand quilting at the Baxter County Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration at the Rapp's Barrens Settlement at Cooper Park in Mountain Home on Saturday Sept 9th in the old school house. Donna Perrin and



Peggy Moody (pictured at frame) sat at the large frame preserved by the Baxter County Historical Society. From past to present, women sat together at these large frames to work on bed quilts sharing stories and teaching sons and daughters the skills of sewing. Dressed in period costumes, pictured left to right, Margie Schill, Diane Siddons and seated Jonna Butler who spent the day hand-piecing and hand quilting.

“What most heartened me was the wee ones who paid attention to how the needle goes into the top layer through the batting and backing to the receiving finger that determines the thread length. Maybe the art of quilting has a new generation.” Peggy Moody said.

Volunteerism is a central part of Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild. Over 6000 quilts have been made and donated to 10 different community organizations. During the pandemic, guild members made and donated over 1500 masks and surgical caps to Baxter Regional Hospital and area senior centers. As the guild prepares for our biennial quilt show “Autumn in the Ozarks” on Oct 13 and 14 at the Baxter County Fairgrounds, it takes volunteer work to



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plan, set up, run and take down. On display will be past and present guild challenges. This year's challenge "World in a Bag" members made creative bags that will be donated to Into The Light organization that helps children being trafficked. Over 250 quilts will be shown, and the community will determine the winners by Viewer's Choice. Vendors, food trucks, and games will make this event a family affair. Come see volunteerism in practice. For more information, visit [hillnhollowquilters.com](http://hillnhollowquilters.com).