



November 2023 Newsletter

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President's Corner

A Time for the Giving of Thanks



I want to encourage you to take some time to sit quietly during this Thanksgiving holiday to let your hearts and minds be filled with thankfulness. Reflect and look for tiny treasures and little pleasures that have been strategically placed and planted along the way. There is an element of mystery in the idea of giving thanks regardless of your feelings or your circumstances. Thankfulness opens your heart and mind as if a light has been switched on, even if you are still in the same place with the same set of circumstances. Thankfulness opens the door for joy to enter. So let the light of thankfulness brighten your day. When our mind is occupied with thanksgiving, we don't have time for worrying or complaining. There is so much to be thankful for; family and friends both near and far and the many blessings bestowed on us by God.

May your holiday be filled with the warmth of joy that comes from the giving of thanks,

Rosita Forster

Quilt Show Committee

Thanks to all our volunteers. Many hands made for a great show!!!

Quilt Show Volunteers - Dates of October 11,12,13,14 and 16, 2023

Jonna Butler	Diane Siddons	Barb Jaeger
Terry Butler	Carol Lewis	Brenda Gipson
Carolyn Bisbee	Diana Arikan	Arlene Myslinski
Lyndell Bisbee	Gail Lunn	Marge Schill
Vicki Kauth	Janeth Lawson	Sandy Butler
Mona Bolen	Gail Hillyard	Rita Bergstrom
Randy Bolen	Donna Bohaty	Celine Kingsland
Donna Perrin	Ann Maus	Cindy Albright
Tony Perrin	Katie King Risk	Ginger Alexander
Angie Lindberg	Mike Risk	Loretta Zortman
Wanda Kelley	Sandy Beasley	Judith Ericksen
Peggy Moody	Jodi McCray	Betty Siebrandt
Frieda Mauthe	Mary Jo Smith	Virginia Cornett
Ralf Mauthe	Donna Mullaney	Eileen Burg
Rosita Forster	Kim Wallace	Joyce Evans
Steve Landrum	Mike Breton	Barb Patrick
Darlene Landrum	Linda Langseth	Ann Wilson
Barb Skeffington	Elaine Byng	Brenda Tamashiro
Sharon Crozier	Jan Pomeranke	Mary Spilman
Clara Ziegler	Patricia Kupillas	Joyce Linhoff
Suzanne McFarland	Patti Kratz	Karen Wendling
Connie Martin	Merrilyn Scott	

Be on the lookout for these people, if you find them send them my way. I have their pins from the quilt show. - Jonna

Barb Jaeger	Sandy Bailey
Marge Schill	Katie King Risk
Sandy Butler	Mike Risk
Loretta Zortman	Janeth Lawson
Joyce Evans	Donna Mullaney
Barb Patrick	Joyce Linhoff
Ann Wilson	Merrilyn Scott
Mike Breton	

Communications

Reviewing and updating my Quilt Show PR book for 2025, I made a spreadsheet of the visitors' comments. They were impressed complementing the talent in our guild and the generous welcome they received from the quilt show staff. The committee with Jonna Butler at the helm, Carolyn Bisbee as mentee and Vicki Kauth as mentor worked tirelessly on the details to make the show fun. Visitors love the games (though thought the Find That Quilt to be too challenging in black and white), loved the "Did You Know" tidbits, and loved the prices from vendors and our Fabric Arts Boutique. I look forward to how we will shape our next show!

Donna Perrin and I photographed and organized all the quilts and have compiled them on a thumb drive. At the December meeting, you may sign up and pay for a copy like you did the 40th Anniversary Pins. At the recommendation of the Board, the thumb drives will be 10.00.

Peggy Moody Chair Communications

Thank You

A hearty thanks to everyone that volunteered to participate in the presentation, "What was I Thinking?". Without your help, this couldn't have happened. I'm sorry I can't call you by name; it was all a blur from my viewpoint. All I know is that there was a team of cheerful faces doing a LOT of hard work.

My heart goes out to you.

Mary Spilman



I got this personal e-mail and wanted to share with everyone!! – Diane Siddons

Hi Diane,

We connected with Sandy and got all the beautiful bags! I'm glad you enjoyed the presentation and we are so grateful that the talented ladies rose to the challenge! Those bags will be a blessing to the survivors, most of whom don't have anyone in their life to make them something like that. We are grateful to have all of you on the team to end child sex trafficking and bring hope to survivors in our community! Please extend our gratitude to the group. Jo Lisa Blossom



Delivery of Challenge Bags, pillowcases, and quilts to Into the Light. I am sure they will be very appreciated. Thank you all who participated in this cause.



December Meeting

Looking forward to the December meeting! What fun to chat with past presidents and to see their president's quilts and other quilts that have been made over the Guild's 40 years.

Look for the President's Quilt display on the far side of the meeting room. Go talk with them. See what happened during their presidency year.

Carol Lewis

Shadow

Mary Bouras, a long time Guild member passed away November 23rd. Mary served in several capacities during her membership in the Guild and she made a large number of community quilts. She was Community Quilts Chairman and she may have held other jobs I don't remember. She was very friendly with a sweet smile. Carol Lewis

New Member Bio – Suzette Maier

I grew up in Maumee, Ohio which is a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. I am an only child. My father was my greatest influence and hero. I married and have one son, Jim White. When our son was eight, we began shooting target archery. I won three NFAA Indoor Nationals, Ladies Open Division, in 1982, 1983 and 1984. I have enjoyed many crafts over the years. Quilling, making hand-sewn and painted Christmas ornaments, and cross stitch. I also made porcelain dolls which included cleaning the greenware and painting faces using oil paint.

I went to my first quilt class in 1993 at the Quilt Foundry in Maumee, Ohio. As a perfectionist, I get frustrated and have many UFOs. My favorite is doing both wool appliqué and embroidery. I belonged to the Gathering of Quilters in Toledo, founded in 1982, and the Ann Arbor Quilt guild in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I sewed with four friends every month until moving to Arkansas in 2012. I miss sewing with a small group of friends.



I joined Hill N Hollow around 2013. I went as Sue Herron's guest and joined that day. I have sold tickets for the raffle quilt over the years. My profound deafness impacted my volunteering. I have taken a guild class but it was too difficult to hear and follow. I attended several sew-ins. I wanted to be with people but was isolated by deafness. Hearing aids didn't help with word comprehension.

I have avoided large groups for many years. My favorite thing to do has been to read books because it takes me places that I don't need hearing to enjoy. I've read 120 books this year. My hearing loss began after German measles and ear infections in the 50's.

My recent Cochlear Implant surgery and activation has been life changing. I went to the quilt show the day after activation, was walking and stopped dead in an aisle. I realized I was hearing raffle tickets numbers being announced over the PA. I clearly heard every single number! I was able to speak with Rosita and Sharon Crozier. A couple weeks ago, a huge sound froze me in my chair. I knew it wasn't the dishwasher or washing machine. I glanced out the window and it was raining! I was hearing rain on the roof of my house. Every time I go somewhere, I am having "first time" moments. I am so grateful and amazed at my new world.

Submitted by Suzette Maier

Pictured is Suzette and her entry in the 2019 "Every Quilt Tells A Story" Exhibit at the Sheid Gallery.

HILL N HOLLOW GUILD MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM

II. IN ATTENDANCE: 61 guild members and 7 guests

III. PRE-MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

A) Vote for 2024 Officer Nominees-If there are any nominations from the floor, please present written consents now.

B) Members Garage Sale-President Forster indicated that the garage sale tables were located in the back of the auditorium.

C) RSVP for December Lunch-Sign in sheets were distributed during the guild meeting

D) 2023 Raffle Quilt-Drawing to be held December 8th at the guild meeting.

- E) 2023 Quilt Show Pin-\$12.00 per pin. If interested see Judith or Rita.
- F) 2024 Branson Retreat Registration-\$130.00 per person, retreat is March 4th-7th, deadline to sign up January 2, 2024.
- G) 40th Anniversary Pin Order and Purchase
- H) Help Desk-President Forster reminded guild members to take advantage of the Help Desk run by Vicki Kauth.

IV. WELCOME:

- A) President Forster welcomed guild members to the meeting. She recognized guests that were in attendance. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. President Forster made special mention of Mary Ann Geisy who used to be a quilt guild member, moved out of the area and has now returned to the Twin Lakes area and is returning to the guild. Fabric birthday cupcakes were handed out to November birthday members.
- B) President Forster stated that she received a card along with a \$100.00 donation to the Hill N Hollow Quilt Guild in Betty Pulver's memory from the Mallard Point Homeowners Association.
- C) President Forster stated that during the quilt show a gentlemen came up to her asking for assistance. His wife had recently passed away and he was hoping that the guild or one of its members could help him sell her quilting items. President Forster stated that she encouraged him to seek out local estate sale companies in town, but stated to him that she would mention it at our guild meeting to see if anyone was interested in helping him out of the "goodness of their hearts". President Forster stated that if anyone is interested, she has his name and phone number.

V. BUSINESS REPORTS:

APPROVAL-

August 2023 Hill N Hollow Minutes

- A. Diane Siddons moved to approve minutes. Mona Bolen 2nd the motion.
- C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

September 2023 Hill N Hollow Minutes

- A. Diane Siddons moved to approve minutes. Mona Bolen 2nd the motion.
- C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

Treasurer's Reports

- A. President Forster indicated that the Treasurer's Reports for the months of September and October will be submitted to audit.

VI. WHAT'S WHAT:

A) **Baxter Co Quilt Show Report:** Jonna Butler, Quilt Show Chairman, reported that the quilt show was a success! There were 571 paid visitors to the two days show and that guild made money on this community event. There were 61 volunteers that made the quilt show a success (see attached list). Jonna thanked everyone that contributed to the success of the quilt show. She also stated that Carolyn Bisbee is taking the position of Quilt Show Chairman for the scheduled quilt show in 2025.

B) **Raffle Quilt Sales to Date/Holiday Gifts at Stone Creek:** President Forster stated that raffle quilt sales to date are \$2,980.00. The last raffle ticket selling is at Stone Creek for the Holiday Gifts event happening on the 17th and 18th. This event is occurring in conjunction with an event at the Baxter County Fairgrounds for the Craft Sale on November 17th and 18th. Jonna Butler won the most tickets sold in September 2023 for the raffle quilt. In October Jodi McCray won for the most tickets sold.

C) **Retreat 2024:** 25-30 people have signed up so far with a maximum of 50. If interested, need to get registered. There is a short meeting after the guild meeting for committee members.

D) **Hospitality Expenditure Request:** President Forster stated that Board Members approved and recommended an increase of \$500.00 for a total of \$700.00 to help cover the December luncheon.

A. Darlene Landrum moved to approve holiday expenditure request. Sue Herron 2nd the motion.

C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

D. Signup sheet for members that were interested in attending was passed around during the guild meeting.

E) **Vote for 2024 Officer Nominees:** Requested written nominees from guild members – none presented. Officer nominees: Carolyn Bisbee in 2024 will be Vice President, Celine Kingsland will remain as Treasurer with Secretary and President Elect positions remains open.

A. Patti Kratz moved to approve positions already filled. Dianne Petty 2nd the motion.

C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

F) **Standing Rules Revision Proposals:** President Forster stated to the guild members that the board approved these revisions and that it was being presented to the guild members. She stated that the Standing Rules Revision will be emailed to all guild members for their review so that it can be approved at the December guild meeting. President Forster also stated that the By-Laws will be the responsibility of the incoming Officers in 2024.

G) **Gift Giveaway**: Angie Lindberg announced that members could enter into the drawing if they wore their name tag to the meeting. This was a left-over gift that no one claimed from the Fun and Games Committee during the quilt show.

VII. **PROGRAM- "WHAT WAS I THINKING" BY MARY SPILMAN**: Mary Spilman shared her quilting journey and her love of scrap quilts. Her main message was that quilting is a learning experience "there are no bad UFO's", learn to accept constructive criticism because you will LEARN, and ask for HELP.

EVERY QUILT HAS A STORY PRESENTATION: Ginger Alexander presented her elephant memory quilt from silk fabrics that she bought while visiting Thailand. Ginger stated that every time she looks at this quilt it brings back wonderful memories.

VII. **BREAK**:

10:55 AM-11:17 AM

VIII. **Show and Tell**:

A) There were 8 members that shared their quilts during Show and Tell.

VIII. **Community Quilt Parade**:

A) Twenty-eight community quilts were tuned in. However, an abbreviated Community Quilt Parade happened because some of these quilts were already packed up and had left the building.

X. **Gift Giveaway, Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing**:

A) Gift Giveaway Drawing by Angie Lindberg-won by Carolyn Bisbee.

B) Door prizes were won by Gail Hillyard and Dianne Petty.

C) The 50/50 prize in the amount of \$24.00 was won by Ticket Number #837 Karen Wendling.

XI. **Reminder-Make and Take Lollipop Class**: This class will happen immediately after the quilt guild meeting today.

XII. **ADJOURN**:

A. Randy Bolen made a motion to adjourn. Brenda Gipson 2nd, motion carried.

C. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Submitted by Kim Wallace, Acting Secretary

Holiday Eating Tips – shared by Margie Dotson

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly, it's rare. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So, drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert, Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

Remember this motto to live by:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate and wine in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "Woo Hoo! What A Ride!" Merry Christmas!!! Hunter S. Thompson is said to be the original author.

A great idea shared by Margie



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Denise Harling · 4 days ago · 🌐

Now in our local library we have decorated a tree with warm bobble hats. They are available to anyone in need. After Christmas any that are left will be given to the homeless charities in the area.

Request

Marion Bogdens, who came to our quilt show and attended the last meeting AND will join our guild in January, is asking for empty plastic peanut butter jars and empty plastic thread cones (see picture). She is in need of them for her next fabric adventure.....

She will attend our December meeting, so if you have any of these items to give to her, please bring them!!



2023 Quilt Challenge

Suggestions have included putting together teams to produce a quilt. Names of members wanting to participate would be placed in a bowl and drawn to form the teams. This would help to include new members who haven't made a lot of connections in our guild yet.

Another suggestion was that there would be a challenge for beginners and a challenge for seasoned participants. The rules for the beginners who have never entered a Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild challenge and the rules would be simpler than for a seasoned entry.

No one has suggested a theme, so if I don't get some, you will be stuck with what I dream up!!! Please turn in suggestions to me at the December meeting. I'll ask for a vote at the January meeting so we can all get busy!!!

Diane Siddons, Challenge Quilt Chair