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President's Corner

A Basket of Scraps = Progress!

Happy 2024! It's always exciting starting a new year, isn't it? We begin the year with a clean slate, and vow to follow through on our resolutions and promises of self-improvement. I'm gonna "Get stuff done" in 2024! And, if you're me, January 3rd rolls around and I'm back to my old ways.... (Insert exasperated sigh here).

Recently, I tasked myself with cleaning up my studio (I like referring to my sewing space as my "studio." It gives it a certain "uppity" vibe, as if I actually do super-important stuff in there. It's little more than a loft above our garage, but it's my happy place). I was separating my fabric scraps from my batting scraps, and it very quickly became monotonous, and I was desperately trying to find *any* excuse to move on to something else. And then my subconscious said "Change your attitude." (I simultaneously hate it and love it when the universe speaks to me like a 5-year-old.) As I reached into my basket of scraps, I looked at the handful I had just scooped up and recognized pieces from previous quilts I had completed. Nostalgia overtook me, and I smiled. Not because I was "getting stuff done," but because I saw progress in my hands. I was holding on to pieces of the past, past accomplishments, past memories, and past disasters. I realized how far I had come from the beginning of a journey until now. I remembered quilts made from these scraps I held, and wondered about those I had gifted away to friends and family.



Progress isn't about always succeeding. Progress is about moving forward with the lessons and skills we have gained along the way. Progress is about perseverance in the face of uncertainty.

I hope 2024 gives you a year of fun, friendship, and growth. I wish you all the opportunity to try something new, be bold in the face of challenges, and feel comfortable questioning the status-quo. Happy quilting, friends!

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West

Angie Lindberg, 2024 President

A Wrap Up Message – Rosita Forster

It has been a year filled with learning and growing opportunities where we have faced many challenges together. And through hours of dedication and determination by many, we have had an amazing year. It has also been a year of loss....Betty Pulver and Mary Bouras to name just two, who will be missed along with others who have moved away or moved on due to life circumstances.

As we face the prospects of a new year together with new enthusiasm, new ideas and anticipation of fun-filled times, I want to share some encouraging words.



Remember, that to move an object at rest it requires new action, new momentum. To begin that momentum, you must concentrate all your strength into moving it just a few inches. That's physics. So, with an object at rest, and with new momentum, you must concentrate the power into a smaller space to get things moving—that's the law of new momentum. Change means new action, new motion, and new momentum; you must concentrate as much power and energy, as much decision, thought, focus, and resolve, into the smallest of motions. The bigger the change, the greater the concentration of power needed. That's why, when dealing with change, it is wisdom to take first one small step, but to put everything into it, and then the next step and the next. Apply the law of change, and the power to take the first step, and you'll get the ball rolling...What is the change, the new course? Focus your energy into the first step and apply the law of new momentum. The Book of Mysteries, Jonathan Cahn

During this holiday season, may we remember the greatest action of change through concentrated power that came in a first step...simply wrapped in swaddling clothes yet filled with all of God's goodness, love, and hope: JESUS. May you be flooded with His Light this Christmas bringing you joy, peace and comfort.

"In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness; and the darkness cannot put it out." John 1:4-5

Rosita Forster, 2023 President

HILL N HOLLOW GUILD MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2023

WELCOME TO OUR MEET & GREET PAST PRESIDENTS PROGRAM & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 AM

II. IN ATTENDANCE: 62 guild members and 3 guests including Past Presidents

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A) 40th Anniversary Pin Order Pickup: Pins are still available for members that are interested. Cost-\$12.00 per pin.
- B) Past Presidents' Display Tables and Quilts: Displays have been set up for members to view.
- C) 2023 Raffle Quilt Drawing Today, December 8, 2023: President Forster stated that raffle quilt sales total \$3,485.00 for 2023. The winning number will be drawn today after the Standing Rules segment.
- D) 2024 Branson Retreat Registration: March 4-7th in Branson, Missouri.

IV. RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

- A) President Forster welcomed guild members to the meeting. She recognized guests that were in attendance. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. There were three guild members who were celebrating anniversaries this month. Eileen Burg and her husband have been married for 58 years this month, Connie Martin and her husband are celebrating their 48th anniversary, and Stephanie Reubin and her husband are celebrating 53 years of marriage! Congratulations to all!

V. BUSINESS REPORTS:

APPROVAL-

November 2023 Hill N Hollow Minutes

***It was noted in the November 2023 Guild Meeting Minutes that a clerical error was made in reference to Quilt Pins and 40th Anniversary Pins. If you volunteered at the Quilt Show, these pins were free to volunteers. However, if a guild member wishes to purchase a 40th Anniversary Pin, the cost is \$12.00 per pin.

- A) Carol Lewis moved to approve revised minutes.
- B) Donna Bohaty 2nd the motion.
- C) There being no further discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A) There being no discussion, President Forster indicated that the Treasurer's Report for the month of November will be submitted to audit.

STANDING RULES REVISIONS:

- A) President Forster stated that the Revision Committee has been working diligently on revising the Standing Rules. Unfortunately, this committee had a late start in updating the rules due to other pressing guild matters. President Forster read to the guild members at the December 8th meeting concerns that some members have regarding the proposed revisions. President Forster stated the committee recommends the Standing Rules Revisions be tabled until 2024 (January or February) under incoming President Angie Lindberg.
- B) Patti Kratz moved to approve tabling Standing Rules until early 2024.
- C) Gail Hillyard 2nd the motion.
- D) There being no further discussion, Standing Rules tabled until 2024.

VI. RAFFLE QUILT DRAWING-PATTI KRATZ:

- A) Jodi McCray sold the most raffle quilt tickets in 2023 totaling 275 tickets. Honorable Mention went to Rosita Forster and Connie Martin with over 100 tickets sold each.
- B) During the December 2023 Quilt Guild Meeting, Patti Kratz drew the winning number for the beautiful raffle quilt. Jeanette Drummond of Flippin, AR was the lucky winner!

VII. PROGRAM- "THE GUILD'S BEGINNING-PHYLLIS SPEER, 1ST PRESIDENT OF THE GUILD:

- A) Phyllis Speer, the first President of the Hill N Hollow Quilt Guild spoke about her background and the founding of the quilt guild in 1984. The first quilt show was held at the historic Casey House located at the Baxter County Fairgrounds. She shared an amusing story that she stayed overnight at the Casey House and slept on an IRON BED because they were concerned about leaving the quilts unattended. Well, she kind of slept!

VIII. INTERESTING FACTS NARRATION-PRESIDENT ROSITA FORSTER:

- A) President Forster stated that Carol Lewis shared with her some interesting facts to share about the guild.
- B) The first guild newsletter in 1984 was called "The Howl".
- C) The first Opportunity Quilt Raffle was in 1984 and the quilt was the Log Cabin Barn Raising pattern.
- D) The first quilt show was in October 1984 at the Casey House. In November of that year the historic Casey House was destroyed by a tornado.
- E) In 1986, a quilt made from the 1985 Opportunity Quilt's extra blocks was made and donated to the Historical Society to support the restoration of the Casey House.
- F) In 1988, the Guild Challenge was initiated by Flo Mahoney. The popular "bra challenge" was in 2009, proceeds going to Peitz Cancer House.
- G) In 2001, The Anchor Project Quilt constructed a red, white and blue theme quilt in honor of the 9/11 national tragedy. Annie Wagar won the auction.
- H) In 2005, Tom Hrezo became the first male member of the Hill N Hollow Quilt Guild. In 2023, there are now four male quilters in our guild!
- I) There have been three members of the guild that have been two term Presidents. These ladies are: Paula Vines, Annie Wagar, and Ann Wilson.

IX. ONE MINI-VERSION OF “EVERY QUILT HAS A STORY”:

- A) Darlene Landrum brought her firsthand quilted Christmas quilt to share with guild members. She shared that while this quilt was made many years ago, it is still her favorite Christmas quilt.

X. LEADERSHIP TRANSFER TO ANGIE LINDBERG:

- A) President Forster transferred leadership to incoming President Angie Lindberg. A gavel and crown were presented to Angie Lindberg. Angie thanked her and spoke about the new year focusing on the theme of “Fun, Friendship, and Growth”. Incoming President Lindberg also reminded and encouraged quilt guild members to step into leadership positions either individually or in teams. She stated that President-Elect and Secretary for 2024 still need to be filled.

XI. SHOW AND TELL:

- A) Nine guild members shared their quilts. There were many Christmas themed quilts. Stephanie Reubin also shared her beautiful “Underground Railroad” quilt.

XII. COMMUNITY QUILT PARADE:

- A) Ten Community Quilts were shown.

XIII. CHRISTMAS JINGLE BELLS:

- A) Angie Lindberg stated that she heard “bells”. A special guest appeared which was Santa Terry Butler. Santa presented outgoing President Rosita Forster with the “Presidential” quilt.

XIII. DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 DRAWING:

- A) Santa picked the door prize numbers. Connie Martin and Emily Duncan won.
- B) 50/50 Drawing was won by Gail Hillyard. She won \$22.50

XV. PAST PRESIDENTS:

- A) The Past Presidents stood for a group picture and introduced themselves indicating the year that they were President of the guild.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT:

- A) Holiday Luncheon

XVII. ADJOURN:

- A) Vicki Kauth made a motion to adjourn. Randy Bolen 2nd, motion carried.
- B) Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am. ***Interested guild members stayed to enjoy the luncheon.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Kim Wallace, Acting Secretar

Member Bio

I moved to Arkansas from Minneapolis in June 2020, right in the midst of the pandemic. My honey and I sold our home and everything we own to come be near to my Dad. I have 2 grown sons that are Military Veterans, and I have 3 bonus kids, along with 5 grandkids, most living in Minnesota and a straggler out in Maryland.

I have a long work history in the restaurant industry. I wore many hats, ranging from waitressing and bartending, all the way up to management. I especially loved this work because I GOT PAID TO SCHMOOZE WITH PEOPLE, what could be better? Most recently, I was a school bus driver/trainer, which led to a Safety Director position, which put me on one of 2 lists: Either A) I was the person the drivers would avoid like the plague because it was time for their annual safety evaluation, or B) I was the office favorite because it was time for raises and awards to be handed out. Either way, I was destined to upset a few people and make a few people's day, so Guild President seems like a good fit, am I right? (Too soon?)



I have a B.S. in Business Administration, although I always thought of the "B.S." as an acronym for something completely different.....(and much funnier).

I began my quilting journey late in 2018. My mother introduced me to this addicting hobby just months before she passed away. So I am mostly self-taught, with a voracious appetite to learn new skills constantly, which usually ends up in a lot of UFO's... Apparently I didn't learn much from the pandemic except that it's OK to leave things unfinished. Until I started sewing my first stitches, I could sew on a button, barely. And that was with needle and thread; I'd never even used a sewing machine until 2018. I am inspired by what I comically refer to as "My Next Quilt."

I remember my mother being a member for a short time several years ago, so I used my trusty Google machine and found the guild in 2021. I came to my first meeting, felt very overwhelmed amongst quilters with vastly superior skills, but I knew if I wanted to become a better quilter, I'd need to hang around others who could share their knowledge with me.

As far as leadership, I stepped up because I was wooed. If you couldn't already tell, one of my "non-negotiables" in life is laughter. I laugh at myself more times in a day than I can count. The theme for 2024 is "Fun, Friendship, and Growth." Whatever that means to you, I hope you are able to manifest it into your lives, and if I can be a small part of making that happen, I'm happy. Here's to 2024!

Currently I am struggling my way through paper-piecing. I am attempting this quilting style because I am fascinated with how sharp and crisp these projects look, and I'm all about that kind of precision. If nothing else, it gives me just one more opportunity to laugh and laugh and laugh....

Angie Lindberg

Communications

December is often the time to reflect on accomplishments and appreciate what we have learned, then plan for how to make next year even better. We came back after 4 years of interruption to have our quilt show again. Remembering all the PR contacts and strategies was my challenge. I learned I cannot do that big job without helpers for 2025--so don't be surprised to see me ask for your talents. My goals for 2024 are to update our data contact lists and get my elves ready. Truly we have an amazing history, as was shared by our first president, Phyllis Spears at the December Presidents Program. And we continue to Rock On. Here's hoping your goals for 2024 include new challenging projects to stretch your creativity. Can't wait to see them shared at guild!

Peggy Moody

EDUCATION

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday. I am so very excited for the New Year. Here is why. I'm looking forward to new faces, new classes, new programs and new beginnings. The education part of the guild has a lot going on in 2024. There will be fun learning programs taught by guild members as well as those that will travel to teach us. Monthly Every Quilt has a Story—sign up with Jonna Butler.

The Challenge this year will be headed up by Diane Siddons and she will talk to you all at the January guild meeting for a vote on what the Challenge will be.

Our retreat is March 4-7 in Branson MO. I know that Patti and Frieda have been work hard to make it fun and make lots of memories. So don't miss out on this one.

Members Teaching Members classes with beginners' classes teaching techniques & projects headed up by Vicki Kauth.

We will have Workshops and I know that Darlene Landrum is working hard on getting them lined up. Arlene Myslinski is planning a fun bus trip for us all. Stay tuned for details on that.

How to protect our fabric scissors.



And if that wasn't enough, we are adding classes for kiddos, called "Passing the Art Down". This is a pilot program to pass down the love of quilting and sewing. This is an "All-Volunteer" program. Your payment is the smiles and the thank you. We have classes lined up starting January 11th going for 10 weeks taking a 2 week break and back for 5 weeks. You will be able to see what they have learned at our May meeting. If you would like to help or have an old sewing machine you would like to donate, please see me. We are going to approach the Salvation Army to look at this program for their summer camp program too.

So come join the fun and the joy of learning something new.

Jonna Butler

Sunshine and Shadows

Longtime guild member Marlene Gwaltney died in Sedona, AZ, on Nov. 14, 2023, after a short illness. Although not a member in recent years, she was a guild member for many years and served in several board positions, including treasurer and program chair. She will be missed.

Challenge Quilt 2024 – No Quilter Left Behind

I chose the theme "No Quilter Left Behind" because of the suggestions I've received AND the fact that our guild has new members as well as members who have never joined in on a Challenge, or feel their skills aren't good enough for a Challenge. Here is a list of the suggestions:

1. We would divide into teams and do a round robin quilt. Each person on the team would design the center focus and theme. Each person on the team would add to it. Each team can meet to discuss what's next or sew together. Each person can pick and provide the fabrics they would want in their quilt. Since each person on the team would end up with a quilt, there is really no way to pick one winner, therefore, the best from each team would qualify to be in the 2025 quilt show.
2. We do lap size quilts with a pocket in the front (to keep hands warm) to be donated to a local nursing home. There would be an actual vote for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners to be awarded prizes. All quilts would be donated through our Community Quilt Program.
3. 24" quilts (either 2D or 3D) to portray the theme "Conversations". It could portray conversations between friends, or opponents, between ideas, between colors or techniques: the sky's the limit. Viewing, voting and awarding of prizes for the best. The 1st place winner would qualify for entry in the 2025 quilt show.

4. There would be two challenges – one for advanced quilters, the other for beginners. This would include voting and prizes awarded in both groups.
5. Everyone who is interested in being part of the 2024 Challenge, would submit their name on a slip of paper, names would be drawn to form teams who could meet, or zoom meet, sew together or separately to complete one quilt per team. This would be a great way to get new members involved as well as teach skills to each other. The winning team would be able to submit their quilt to the 2025 quilt show.
6. One advanced quilter can pick intermediate and beginners to do a quilt, as a team, and put together the quilt from start to finish (quilting and binding done by team members). Each quilt would qualify to be voted on and the winning team would qualify to submit their quilt to the 2025 quilt show.

Give these suggestions serious thought and be ready to vote at the January meeting so that the Challenge quilts can begin.

Diane Siddons

Community Quilts



Merry Christmas everyone!

Had a large drop of quilts to several organizations for Christmas. I went to the hospital nursery twice, to Serenity House, and to Gamma House. Quilts at the hospital were accepted by Barb (no last name) and then by Desiree Underwood. Elizabeth Carter accepted the quilts at Serenity House. The two girls at Gamma House didn't give their names. As always, the quilts are met with great excitement and joy. Thanks for all your good work, members!!



New Year and all the fun we can have. May you all have wonderful Holidays and a healthy and happy New Year.

Sandy Beasley



Meadows Creative Quilt Block Challenge (submitted by Rosita Forster)

Do you have a creative quilt block you want to share? Cut with hope. Stitch with grace. Quilt with dreams. Bind with laughter. Share with love.

Entry Rules:

- The Creative Block Challenge is open to all who would like to participate.
- There is no entry fee. You may enter up to 3 blocks.
- Entered quilt blocks may be your favorite block pattern.
- Blocks must be 12 1/2 by 12 1/2 machine stitched, and must not be quilted.
- Blocks should be 100% cotton fabric; solids and prints; combinations are accepted.

- To submit your block, please print your name, phone number or email address and the name of your block design on a 3x5 piece of paper and mail to: Hazel Meadows P.O. Box 44884 Columbus, Ohio 43204.
- The entry deadline is January 31, 2024.
- The winners will be announced on February 28, 2024.
- The winners will be notified by phone or email.
- The winners will be chosen by quilt judges based on creativeness, color coordination and the block design.
- Blocks entered will become the property of Meadows Creative Quilts, the quilt blocks will be assembled into finished quilts and donated to charity.
- **Prizes**—First Prize: JoAnn’s Store \$100 gift card; Second Prize: Hobby Lobby \$50 gift card; Third Prize: Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns Book; and Firth Prize: Fabric Bundles