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Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Love is in the air!!

I fell in love every year of elementary school with the cutest boy in my class. When Valentine's Day would roll around, we'd all bring in our homemade card boxes made from an old shoe box, construction paper, glitter and plenty of Elmer's Glue, along with whatever cute stickers and miscellaneous crafty items we could find. When I did not receive a card from my secret love in 4th grade, my soul was crushed. I went home and cried. I mean, I poured out my soul onto that 2" x 3" card, professing my undying love to someone who didn't even know I existed. Childhood memories are hard to relive sometimes.....

Fast forward to today -- these days, my love usually manifests itself into making someone a quilt. I have far too many people on my "Quilt List," but I have high hopes I'll finish that list someday. Here's a question for ya; have you ever decided NOT to make a quilt for someone because you just knew they weren't going to love that quilt with as much love as you put into making it? Have you ever seen a quilt you made for a loved one used as a dog bed? (Audible gasp.) You walk away, swearing they'll never get another quilt again.... And it's then you realize; *you've just put conditions on love.*



Unconditional love, in contrast, is a profound force that transcends judgement and rules. It is a beautiful sentiment that embraces flaws and fosters an environment where individuals can be their authentic selves, without fear of abandonment or criticism. Unconditional love has no boundaries, allowing support despite adversity.

My challenge for you this month; find that person that you've subconsciously attached conditions to and just love them in a way that makes your heart full. Expect nothing in return.

"Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time." -Maya Angelou

Angela Lindberg

HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD - GUILD MEETING MINUTES - January 12, 2024

Attendees: 26

President Angie Lindberg called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Welcome: All attendees were welcomed by Angie.

Due to the inclement weather, members were cautioned to stay as long, or leave as early as need be, for individual personal safety. No agenda was available due to technical difficulties. A special thank you to Rosita Forster and Peggy Moody for assistance in the Tech Department, and to Diana Arian for manning the Help Desk.

In the spirit of *Fun, Friendship, and Growth*, the Joke of the Day was: What do you call a gathering of quilters? (Answer: A BLOCK PARTY!)

New Members/Guests: There was 1 guest who became a New Member.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 1 birthday (Donna Mullaney), 1 anniversary (Loretta Zortman, #33).

Approval of December Minutes: Motion: by Mona Bolen to approve the minutes, seconded by Rita Bergstrom. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: No discussion. Filed for audit.

Announcements:

1. Reminder to renew memberships, due by January 15, 2024, cost of \$25.
2. Bylaw Committee Meeting on January 19, 2024, at the Library. The aim is to finish this by mid-February. Please see Peggy Moody, Rosita Forster, or Jonna Butler for more information.
3. Regarding the "Free Table", please remember to take home any books, fabric, or other items brought that have not been re-homed by the end of the meeting.
4. Sadly, Laura Norman's husband, Bud Spencer, passed away January 1, 2024. Our sympathies were expressed to her in a card sent out on behalf of the guild.

Guild Positions:

1. Secretary: Still needs to be filled. (Loretta Zortman has volunteered to be temporary secretary through March.)
2. New Hospitality Chair: Darlene Landrum.
3. President Elect: Still needs to be filled. (This is a 2-year commitment.)
4. Raffle Quilt Production Committee for 2025: Still needs to be filled.

Raffle Quilt: This year's raffle quilt will be presented in March.

The 2024 Quilt Retreat: Branson, March 4-7, cost is \$130. Forty-four people have signed up. There is a 50-person maximum. Lodging accommodation information for AmericInn can be found on our website.

Fundraising Committee: A new fundraising committee will be forming to brainstorm additional ways to bring in more funds (bake sales, benefit night at Twin Lakes Playhouse, etc.). Please see Angie Lindberg or Carol Lewis for more information.

Potential Opportunity: The Ozark Regional Arts Counsel contacted Peggy Moody about having another show this year on the ASUMH campus at the Sheid. If we do this, we will need a committee. Peggy will be the contact person. There are no specifics available yet.

Challenge Quilt: There are 6 ideas for challenge quilt options available in the January newsletter. This was tabled for next meeting.

New Education Chair: Jonna Butler informed the guild of the first homeschool quilt group class which started yesterday, January 11, 2024. This class will run for 13-weeks from 1-3pm, at the River Church. Yesterday, there were nine students from 6 to 14 years old. More volunteers are needed. A request was made for more donated fabric, scraps, thread, batting, and neckties. Peggy Moody inquired about possibly putting their syllabus on our website.

Members Teaching Members: Jonna Butler is taking signups for February and March.

Raffle Quilt Committee: Carol Bisbee and Patti Kratz have formed this committee already, and it has been decided to be selective regarding venues this year (which is why fundraising ideas are needed).

Program: Darlene Landrum presented an interesting and informative program titled, "Seeing Through the Quilt Judge's Eyes," describing how a certified judge navigates the task of judging quilts, i.e., assessing general appearances, elements of design (like color, value, balance, rhythm), workmanship, consistency of piecing, sashings, stitches, points, etc. Darlene offered

reasons why entering a quilt into a show or county fair could be a fun experience where you learn your strengths/weaknesses, get a boost in confidence, and gain artistic encouragement.

Break: 10:36 – 10:45 a.m.

Every Quilt Tells a Story: Donna Perrin and Judith Ericksen shared their stories and showed their beautiful quilts.

Community Quilts Parade: Six quilts were shown on parade.

Show & Tell: Peggy Moody, Ginger Alexander, and Stephanie Ruben showed their works.

Winners: \$11.50 was won by Peggy Moody in the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes of fat quarters were won by Donna Armstrong and Donna Perrin.

Adjourn: Motion: by Randy Bolin and seconded by Joyce Linhoff. **Approved.** Adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m., at Christian Church of Mountain Home.

Loretta Zortman, Temporary Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

One of my roles as Chair of Communications for the Board and guild is to get information out to members. This includes when a member has lost family or has something joyful to celebrate. We call this Sunshine and Shadow. Barb Patrick is our coordinator in this area. You may send notices to her directly (bcpatrick@suddenlink.net) or to me (Peggy) or to Angie (President). If you know of a member who hasn't attended for several consecutive months, we'd also like to send an encouraging message. Let's keep an eye on each other's wellness.

In March, I will change our website's Members Only password. For now, the current one works. If you need that reminder, please let me know.

Peggy Moody, Chair Communications

MEMBER NEWS

Darlene Landrum is among 13 artists from the Arkansas/Louisiana Region of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) featured in a Regional Showcase at the Acansa Gallery in North Little

Rock. The Exhibition Theme, Share the Love, shows works that illustrate the theme of love, kindness, and sharing as a way to shake off divisions in our world.

The exhibition includes 56 art quilts. Each 12"x12" quilt illustrates the theme, and artists have incorporated a wide variety of mediums in their works. The show also includes a Giving Tree of Hearts from which visitors may choose a quilted heart to take home or to place out in the world for others to find.

Acansa Gallery is located at 413 Main Street, North Little Rock. It is open to the public Monday-Friday 9:30-3:30.



EDUCATION

The Education part of the guild is exploding!!!! We have some amazing programs coming our way this year as well as the Challenge, Members Teaching Members classes and workshops, and Bus trips too. The retreat is coming up in March and I'm really looking forward to that.

There will be sign-up sheets at every guild meeting so don't miss out on the fun, and speaking of fun, our Community Outreach program, giving back to the people of Mountain Home area is really taking off.

Right now, we are providing Quilts for Kiddo's. This is a 13 week class teaching our future generation the art of quilting and sewing.

We hope to grow and go into other parts of the community.

Thank you all for your caring and support on this new idea for our Education and fulfilling our mission.

Jonna

MAKE YOUR GUILD NAME TAG & MORE – Vicki Kauth

If you are new to Hill 'N Hollow and need to make a guild name tag, come join us on Feb. 20, 1 to 5 p.m. at The Christian Church of Mountain Home (where the monthly guild meetings are held). You will learn the fusible applique technique while completing your name tag. There is a supply list and work to do before the class, and you will need a sewing machine.

If you are brand new to quilting or just need a refresher, you may want to "Start at the Very Beginning" on Thursday, March 21, same time and place. We'll talk about fabric and color

choices, quilting tools and how to read patterns. There is no supply list and you won't need to bring a sewing machine.

You can register for these classes at the guild meetings or by contacting Jonna Butler at jonnakaybloodworth@yahoo.com.

INTERESTED IN FREE MOTION QUILTING? – Vicki Kauth

Many of you know that I have attended the Empty Spools Quilt Retreat in California. One of my Empty Spools instructors, Jenny Lyon, will be teaching a number of classes at the American Quilters Society quilt show in Branson. I highly recommend her classes on free motion quilting using a domestic machine. They range from a full-day class ("Yes, You CAN Free Motion Quilt", 8:30 to 4:30 Wednesday, March 13, \$125 for non-AQS members) to a couple of half-day classes teaching specific techniques (\$70 for non-AQS members).

I took the four-day version of "Yes, You CAN Free Motion Quilt" and found her to be excellent, approachable, humorous and just plain fun. She uses lecture, demo and "plactice" (play+practice) to start you on your free motion journey.



Margie Dotson shared

this. I think we can all relate!!!!

FUND RAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Over the past 40 years, Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild has used its yearly raffle quilt to raise the additional funds necessary for the Guild to complete its mission. These quilts are beautiful! The Guild has produced a monthly newsletter, provided quilt-related programs at its monthly meetings, scheduled at least one workshop each year by a national or area professional quilter, offered quilting classes, and produces a biennial quilt show. The Guild provides batting, and when available, fabric and/or kits to members for making community quilts.

Every Guild activity, event, or project requires members to participate, direct, and manage that activity, event, or project. Because it has become difficult to find members willing to help set up, take down, and to sell raffle tickets at venues, we are investigating other possible fundraisers.

We need your help to find and recommend a fundraiser the membership will support.

Would you like to be on the fundraiser committee?

Would you like to have a different fundraiser?

Do you have a suggestion for a different fundraiser?

What type of fundraiser would you support?

Contact Carol Lewis, Chairman Fundraising Committee, lewiscarol312@gmail.com

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Here is the latest photo of quilt donations to the Hospital nursery.

Community Quilt Kits

Get ready everyone. We will be having a kit making get together soon. We can come together to cut fabric, put together kits, eat and have a great day chatting. Will let you all know in plenty of time to "Save the Date"
Thanks again for all you do!

Sandy Beasley



CHALLENGE QUILT 2024 – No Quilter Left Behind

In last month's newsletter, I listed the Challenge Quilt suggestions that had been turned in. Since I couldn't get to the January meeting, the chance to vote and get started has been postponed to the February 9th meeting.

Since the last newsletter, I received a FANTASTIC suggestion from Sandy Beasley that I am really enthusiastic about! It fits right in to suggestion #2 on the list AND after looking over the past years of Challenges, it seems that when it is to support a local need, there is much greater participation by our members.

Suggestion #7: No Veteran Left Behind

There are a lot of veterans in nursing homes and hospice care in our area, who have never received a Quilt of Valor and may never receive one in their lifetime. The suggestion is that we make Patriotic Quilts to be given to these local veterans in honor of their service to our country. They can be lap quilts with hand pockets (suggestion #2), Snuggle Quilts to wrap around shoulders or twin size for hospital beds. They will be judged and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive awards. All quilts then be donated to local veterans who have never received a Quilt of Valor.

Look over the list in last month's newsletter, think hard on what will get you motivated to join in the Challenge and be ready to vote February 9th.

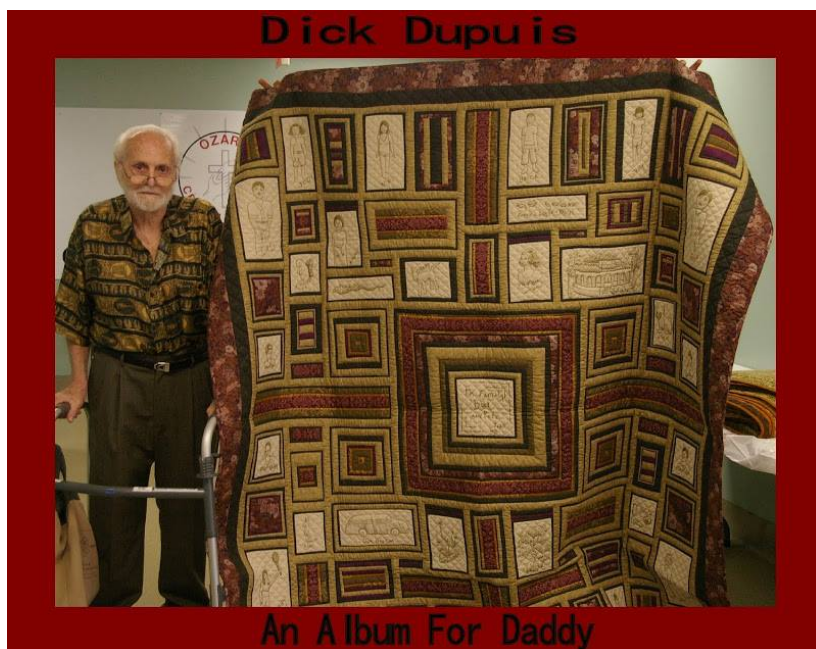
Thanks!
Diane Siddons

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

My Whole Life Has Been Charmed.

Dick was born 1930 in the southern-most Cajun swamps of Louisiana. They spoke Creole French there and still do. He was the oldest and cared for his 3 sisters due to maternal health.

As early as age 7, he expressed interest in fashion in catalogs and by 12, started hand-stitching alterations with family clothes. By 16, he got his first treadle sewing machine and got



permission to take Home Economics by the other student's parents. Imagine the gender norms working against him but overcame them. He loved the 20 years spent there.

In 1950, as a corpsman, his Creole/French language skills led him to interpret for Haitian sailors while in the US Navy in Korea. He may have been the only sailor carrying a sewing machine in his duffle bag! Fellow sailors asked him to alter their uniforms, and when they found out his talents, wives requested dresses. Due to his small stature, his commanders thought he would do well dealing with psychiatric cases, and true to his upbringing, was assigned to nursery duties.

After his navy service, he enrolled in the Berkeley School of Arts and Crafts. In 1956 he met his wife JoAnne. After a fascinating courtship, got married and moved to Pasadena, California. His love story is a must hear. Ask him! He and his wife had 5 children. After he lost his wife, he adopted 3 more. They came into his life when his kids brought them home. Because of his large house and heart, he took them in. His family consists of 4 boys and 4 girls, all married. He is blessed with 18 grand kids and 9 great grands.

For 15 years, he designed for large clothing companies. He designed both daytime and evening clothing, as well as freelanceing designer hand bags and shoes. He made custom hats for private clients. "Jack Bryan Designs By Du Puis" were designed in the 1960s and 1970s and are still being sold in vintage shops over the internet today.



After he retired in 1999, he moved to Yellville, Arkansas where his sisters lived. He started quilting in 2014 with a group in Yellville. And in 2015 joined Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild. Until recently, he had been the only male quilter. Now we have 4 men quilting with us.

Dick considers himself "charmed." No matter what he wanted to do, he found a way. No matter what interest, assignment in his career, or partner in life, he found a way to create and be happy. He has always felt comfortable doing whatever he found interesting. "There is no sex in the arts. I am a cook, I crochet, knit, paint, pottery, porcelain dolls, sew, and now I quilt. I also do woodworking, tile work, wallpaper, garden, and housework. There is no sex to all of these."

He urged any guy to try quilting. because it is creative, relaxing, and the finished product is so rewarding. Quilting will find you.

Peggy Moody and Dick Du Puis



QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL SEW DAY

As a member of Quilts of Valor Mountain Home, I'd like to invite everyone to come by Remember Me Quilt Shop on our annual SEW-day. On February 3rd, we will gather, as we always do on the first Saturday of February, to make Quilts of Valor® as part of the national SEW Day.

I would also like to invite you to join our group. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Remember Me, at 10 am. We have a short meeting, turn in any quilts that are complete and even bring our machines and sew if we like the rest of the day.

It is very rewarding and sometimes touching to make and give our quilts to local veterans that have been touched by war. So, if you are interested come to our meeting or check out the QOV national organization at QOVF.org.

Sharon Crozier

FOR SELL

I have a friend who is wanting to sell her Gammill "Premier" Quilting Machine Model DC-18-8. If you are interested, please contact Joyce at 509-840-2054 for more information.

Thank you and happy quilting!
Rosita Forster