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Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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### ***President's Corner***

#### **Spring is coming ..... right??**

Living in Minnesota for most of my life, I'm used to spring taking its sweet time to make an appearance. It wasn't uncommon to get 12" of snow in April (*at one time!*). Nothing says "Never mind about spring coming on time" quite like an April snowstorm in Minnesota.... There aren't nearly as many lilacs here in Arkansas, but I vividly remember the scent of the lilacs blooming in late May. I'd cut a bunch of purple and white blooms, arrange them in a mason jar to enjoy on the window ledge of my 1896 farmhouse. We had 3 acres of beautiful woods surrounding us, and from my living room window I could see any number of deer, fox, squirrels, hawks, owls, and even the occasional bunny. I always enjoyed trying to identify what critter may be wandering about based on their tracks in the snow.



This will be my 4th year in Razorback country. Seeing snow here actually makes me kind of giddy, knowing it will all be melted away in a matter of hours. I don't even think we brought our shovel with us when we moved. We figured the young man who bought our house would need it more than us....

The arrival of spring brings with it a sense of renewal and rejuvenation. The sight of blossoming flowers, the warmth of the sun on your skin, and a gentle breeze carrying the sweet scent of fresh blooms can invigorate the senses and evoke feelings of joy and happiness. With longer days and brighter skies ahead, spring offers a welcome opportunity to leave behind the dreariness of winter and embrace the vibrancy of life, filling us with a sense of optimism and hope for the future.

"Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful." — Jim Carrey

Angie Lindberg

### ***A CALL FOR OFFICERS!!***

**Did you know that Arkansas state law requires non-profit organizations to have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer?** According to Arkansas Code, Title 4, Subtitle 3, Chapter 33, Subchapter 8, Part D, 4-33-840:

*(a) Unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws, a corporation shall have a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as are appointed by the board.*

*(b) The bylaws or the board shall delegate to one (1) of the officer's responsibility for preparing minutes of the directors' and members' meetings and for authenticating records of the corporation.*

*(c) The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one (1) office in a corporation.*

In a nutshell, what this means is that the State of Arkansas can (*if they wanted to*) dissolve our corporation (*yes, we are a corporation*) if we do not meet the required number of officers to exist.

Without a President-Elect in place **ASAP** to take the office of President for 2025, we may not be around to share our talents with each other. Our current **temporary** secretary can only commit to fulfilling the role until the end of our March meeting. *That's one more meeting. So, by the time you read this, we may be on the verge of being out of compliance with state law.*

Does that scare you? That's a lot of quilts we won't be able to share with each other (and our community) unless we all do our part to share in the responsibilities of belonging to a non-profit corporation. I really enjoy being part of a talented group of quilters, and I am honored to be your current president. It's easy to take a "wait and see" approach to fill vacancies. (*"I'll just wait and see what happens and I'll help out at the last minute if they really need me...."*) BUT it takes courage and grit to step right into a leadership role with eyes wide open without hesitation.

I'm going to be making my phone calls (again) to you, within the next several weeks. Please, if you love this guild as much as I do, consider helping us by being our secretary (taking notes during meetings) or our future President (this takes some work, but it's not insurmountable. AND, the sooner you commit, the longer you have to train into the position. Heck, my time as President-Elect was a whole year of just observing and asking questions.

Thank you,  
Angie Lindberg, President, HNH



Your life is like a quilt  
And everybody weaves their share  
Some weave huge great tapestries  
And some weave tiny squares  
Some squares bring you laughter  
And some will bring you tears  
Some are stitched and sewn by those  
Who are no longer here  
In places there are threads  
From people choosing not to stay  
And every time you touch these threads  
It brings back all the pain  
But every little thread  
That weaves its joy and pain and fun  
Has stitched a quilt together  
Of the person you've become  
And every little tiny part  
Has slowly taught you how  
To weave your contribution  
Into the blanket you have now  
So I know there are squares that comfort you  
And some that you dislike  
But without them all you wouldn't have  
This patchwork of your life

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Becky Hemsley 2020 - Image created with Bing  
'Patchwork' is from the book Talking to the Wild

## ***Communications***

March is the month for our new website password change. I do not publish it here in the public domain but will send it out as an eblast after the March 8th meeting. The reason we wait is that with winter weather challenges, many members opt not to travel to meetings, and do not renew their membership on Jan 15. By March, most have. I will send out the password for the Members Only section based on that UPDATED membership list.

I'm still looking for any members who like to write brief articles for our newspapers. The public relations posts could be as easy as a guild event photo with a caption. If you have an interest, please let me know.

Peggy Moody Communications Chair

## ***Attention fans of Sit 'N Sew:***

Do you enjoy our Sit 'N Sew program previously offered by the guild? **We are in need of a volunteer to head up this lively group!** This is a great time for all, with opportunities to learn new skills, complete make-and-take projects, or just come hang out with the group while working on your own project. Traditionally, this has been held on the third Tuesday of the month, but there is some flexibility in choosing another schedule and/or venue. Please consider stepping into this well-loved guild opportunity. Please contact [scrapyardquilts47@yahoo.com](mailto:scrapyardquilts47@yahoo.com) if you're interested in leading this group. Thank you!

## ***HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2024***

**Attendees:** 52

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

**Welcome:** All attendees were welcomed by Angie. In the spirit of *Fun, Friendship, and Growth* (and in tribute to Toby Keith), we played a game of Red Solo Cup with the winner, Vicki Williams, taking home a prize of fabric and a Purple Thang.

**Guests:** 4

**New Members:** 1

**Birthdays:** Fabric cupcakes were given to birthday celebrants for February.

**Anniversaries:** Recognized and applauded.

**Approval of January Minutes: Motion:** Joyce Linhoff requested a wording alteration: that Bylaws Committee be changed to Standing Rules Committee. **Motion:** Cindy Albright to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane Siddons. **Approved.**

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

**Announcements:**

1. Reminder to renew memberships, pay dues of \$25.
2. Standing Rules revisions are being completed.
3. Budget is in process and will be presented as soon as possible before next meeting.
4. Regarding the "Free Table", please remember to take home items left behind.
5. The Suggestion Box is located in the back of the room, and all suggestions are welcome.
6. Betty Pulver sadly passed away. An April service is planned. Watch emails for details.

**Education:** Jonna Butler, Education Chair, requested more donations of brightly colored fabrics for the Quilts for Kids homeschool quilt group classes.

**Potential Opportunity:** The Ozark Regional Arts Counsel and ASUMH want us back this year. Peggy Moody said we need to act soon if we are going to commit to do this, figure out a theme, and get on their calendar -- or non-commit.

**Guild Leadership Positions:**

1. President Elect still needs to be filled. (This is a 2-year commitment.)
2. Secretary still needs to be filled. (Loretta Zortman has volunteered to be temporary secretary through March.)
3. Sit and Sew chairperson is still needed for meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Raffle Quilt:** This year's raffle quilt will be presented next month at March's meeting. The raffle license has been obtained. Tickets will be forthcoming.

**Searcy Quilt Show:** Bonnie Landis requested quilts for the upcoming Searcy Quilt Show and displayed their 104"x104" raffle quilt, "Eclipse." Due to the upcoming eclipse on April 8th, this will be a two-day show, April 5-6. Darlene Landrum and Vicki Kauth will be judges. Bonnie is willing to pick up any quilts entered from our guild for ease of transport. The show will be held at the Civic Center, 515 Zack Road, Marshall, Arkansas.

**2025 Raffle Quilt:** A committee has been formed. Production will commence shortly. Details are forthcoming.

**2024 Quilt Retreat:** Branson, March 4-7, cost is \$130. Shirley Hamilton and Stephanie Ruben had signed up but cannot attend, so any replacement attendees are welcome. There are still a few spots available besides. All information regarding the retreat can be found on our website.

**2024 Challenge:** Diane Siddons described various submitted ideas for challenge quilt options. A raising-of-hands vote was taken on each. The majority idea won: No Veterans Left Behind. This patriotic theme to servicemen/women will be similar to Quilts of Valor™ (which is trademarked, and we shall not infringe upon). Ours will be patriotic in design, fabric, and theme, made in any size including lap size and wheelchair-size – and then donated. It was mentioned that donated quilts will not be able to be entered into the 2025 quilt show, so perhaps the top 3 can be held back temporarily for the show prior to donation. Specific guidelines will be decided upon and published soon.

**Challenge Quilt Trunk Show:** Next meeting in March, so please bring yours.

**Members Teaching Members:** Vicki Kauth spoke about the importance of MTM and how our membership has a wealth of quilting knowledge and virtual treasure trove of skills, which is important to share. February 20<sup>th</sup> will be a beginner's class to make Hill 'N Hollow nametags. The March meeting will be a Basic Beginner class, the April meeting will be a Squares & Rectangles class to make a placemat from start to finish, and future classes will include needle-turn applique, paper piecing, bags, wool applique, hand quilting, hand piecing, and mosaics.

**Fundraising Committee:** A new fundraising committee was formed: Angela Lindberg, Donna Perrin, and Carol Lewis. Suggestions on how to keep our guild profitable are welcome.

**Break:** 10:38 to 10:52 a.m.

**Program:** Peggy Moody gave a slide show presentation on Indigenous Quilting. She shared knowledge from her travels with her sister, Dana, in regard to Australian, Southwest, Native American, Hawaiian and other aboriginal nomadic tribes' quilts. These displayed the origins and stories of the people, reflecting their values in design, color, and pattern. Evidence of ancestral stories, crafts, cultural customs, and traditions were represented in these quilts. Peggy's Morning Glory quilt was on display.

**Every Quilt Tells a Story:** Patti Kratz and Connie Martin shared their stories and showed their quilts.

**Show & Tell:** Six members showed their quilts.

**Community Quilts Parade:** Five quilts were shown on parade.

**Membership:** 1 new member. (A friendly reminder by Vicki Kauth that all members are highly encouraged to make 1 community quilt per year and buy/sell \$20-worth of raffle tickets per year.)

**Winners: Door Prizes:** Emily Duncan and Barb Magnuson won fabric bundles door prizes.

**50/50:** Barb Magnuson won \$17.00.

**Adjourn: Motion:** by Joyce Linhoff and seconded by Randy Bolen. **Approved.** Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m., at Christian Church of Mountain Home.

Loretta Zortman, Temporary Secretary

### ***Guild Slates 'Challenging' Program***

Challenge quilts will be on display at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 8, at the regular meeting of Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild. The meeting will be held at The Christian Church of Mountain Home, 1365 Eastside Ct., Mountain Home. The guild sponsors a challenge each year to encourage members to reach beyond their quilting comfort zones and tap into their own creativity to make something new. The March 8 meetings will showcase examples of challenge quilts from previous years as well as outlining the 2024 challenge. All quilters and the general public are welcome. – Vicki Kauth

### ***Challenge Quilt 2024 – No Veteran Left Behind***

I want to thank everyone for participating in voting on our 2024 Challenge Quilt suggestions. By a show of hands, the theme will be **No Veteran Left Behind**. This is a challenge that will, once again, be a charity challenge, as was our challenge last year for Into the Light. Here are the rules:

1. Quilts for the 2024 Challenge are to be patriotic in theme and color.
2. They can be lap size for veterans that are wheelchair bound. They can be quilted capes to be worn around the shoulders. They can be twin size to fit a hospital bed.
3. They can include pockets or a built-in sleeve to help keep hands warm.
4. They must be quilted and bound before submission. If quilting and/or binding is done by a different person, that will be considered as a group project and should be so noted on the entry form for the challenge. These quilts will be eligible for judging and if chosen, the award is to be shared by the group.
5. The entries will be judged (date to be determined, but probably our November or December meeting).
6. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners that will retain their quilt ownership until after our 2025 quilt show, at which time they will go to Community Quilt Committee for distribution.
7. All other submitted quilts will go to Community Quilt Committee after judging for distribution to area veterans who are either on hospice care at home, or in local nursing homes, that have never received a Quilt of Valor.



If you know of any local veterans who would be eligible for one of these quilts (which I'm sure will be spectacular!!), please submit names so that they will be on the list for the Community Quilt Committee for distribution. I was also informed at our last meeting, if you know of a veteran who has not received a Quilt of Valor and you wish to have them considered, please go to their website for information.

Diane Siddons, Challenge Quilt Chair

### ***It's Not Too Late!***

In fact, it's essential for the class to take place. There are still lots of openings in the Members-Teaching-Members (MTM) class "Let's Start at the Very Beginning." If you are new to quilting or overwhelmed by the sheer number of tools available at your local quilt shop . . . If you are confused by thread choices or have no idea how to select fabric for a quilt . . . If a pattern looks like gibberish (WOF?) . . . This is the class for you. I'll tell you what I use and why and try to do some demonstrations, and I hope for lively discussion as you share your choices and experiences. The half-day class is \$10 and runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at The Christian Church of Mountain Home, 1365 Eastside Ct., Mountain Home. There is no supply list, and you will not need to bring a sewing machine.

That's not true of April's class. You WILL need your sewing machine as we construct a simple large pieced and quilted placemat from start to finish using squares and rectangles of fabric. We'll cover accurate cutting, sewing pieces together using a scant quarter-inch seam, pressing carefully, layering the "quilt sandwich," using a domestic sewing machine walking foot to quilt it and binding it. Whew! THINK we can get it all done in one day. You'll get fabric requirements for three more placemats in case you want a set of four. The full day "Beginning Quilting: Squares & Rectangle class costs \$20 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Christian Church of Mountain Home. The supply list is available when you sign up. To sign up for either of these classes, contact Vicki Kauth at [vkauth816@gmail.com](mailto:vkauth816@gmail.com) or (870) 421-5369 or stop to see her at the next quilt meeting. Your spot will be guaranteed when you have paid the class fee.





Shared by Margie Dotson

### **What's Happening!**

March 4-7, Hill N Hollow Retreat, Branson, MO

March 8, Guild Meeting, Featuring Diane Siddens – Challenge Quilt Trunk Show

March 13-16, AQS Quilt Show, Branson, MO

March 23, Heartland Quilt Network, Lenexa KS

April 5-6, Searcy County Open Quilt Show

April 5-6, MOKA Quilt Study Group, Wichita, KS

## ***Meet a Member: Diane Siddons***



I spent most of my life in Tampa, FL, although I've lived in other states too. I have two grown children, two grown stepchildren, and 6 grandchildren. They are all scattered around the county and Canada.

My husband, my true soul mate, Wayne, and I have been married since 2002. In August of 2008, we moved to Pineville, Arkansas, from urban Tampa to a 40 acres farm where we have our studio. My husband does custom leatherwork.

I worked as an administration assistant for 24 years at the Tampa Museum of Art, a major non-profit. When we moved to Arkansas, I worked for 10 years for the Arkansas Department of Corrections in Human Resources.

My passion, as evident in my email handle, Famtracer, has been genealogy. I not only searched family trees for my family but did so as a business. I taught genealogy at Hillsborough County Junior College, and the Tampa History Museum before there were on-line genealogy resources. I probably spends as much time on genealogy research as I do with sewing, quilting, and gardening.

My mom taught me to embroider and crochet before I turned 10 years of age. I even won awards at the Florida State Fair for crochet. I learned to sew in high school and when I turned 16, my father bought me my first sewing machine. I not only sewed my clothing, but also my children's clothing. I have taught my mom, son and granddaughters to sew, and my son shares an interest in quilting as well.

In 2019 after I retired, I joined Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild to learn more quilting skills and be around others that shared my interests. Margie Dotson, who was coordinating both the Challenges and the Newsletter, asked me to volunteer for those positions when she moved to Florida. I feel honored trying to fill her shoes.

I have enjoyed learning at Hill 'n Hollow meetings and seeing all the beautiful quilts that have truly inspired me. I absolutely love working on Community Quilts.

My goal is to keep on learning more, improving my skills and being more helpful to the community. My personal motto is "Mending the World, One Stitch at a Time."

**Place an Ad:**

If you are a member of Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild, you can place your personal ad at no cost. If you are placing an ad for someone else, here is the price list. Contact Diane Siddons, [famtracer@yahoo.com](mailto:famtracer@yahoo.com) to place your ad. All ads must be paid by check made payable to Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild. All ads and payments can be turned in to me either at a general meeting or mailed to me at PO Box 107, Pineville, AR 72566 by the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the next newsletter. This form and information will be made available on the website.

Diane Siddons, Newsletter Editor

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