



October 2024 Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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President's Corner

Change is Hard....

I was cleaning out a neighbor's house recently. They had just moved further south, closer to where family was for them. It was a bittersweet day. You see, not too long ago, I had become friends with Suzanne, the wife. I found out (quite by mistake) that she was a quilter! Imagine my sheer joy when she invited me to check out her studio, and she had 3 sewing machines, an embroidery machine, *and* a long arm, as well. I was like a kid on Christmas morning looking at all of her fancy (and very expensive) equipment, just gushing over all the shiny toys....

And then they told me they were moving. I was crushed. I had just gotten to know her, had almost convinced her to join the guild, and then POOF! The "FOR SALE" sign went up, and three days later they had their home sold. Well, so much for that...



While I was vacuuming her old studio, I heard the familiar noise of a pin getting sucked up into the vacuum. We've all heard it; the high-pitched, alarming rattle. Quite the racket! When I reached down to retrieve it from the vacuum cleaner, there were three more pins and those goofy-looking bent safety pins were on the floor, as well. (If you're a quilter, you know exactly what they're for.) All I could do was smile, shed a quick tear, and move on. I felt like I had just lost my favorite teddy bear.

And then, up the driveway, came the new owners. They were dropping off a vehicle and a trailer full of belongings before they headed into town to close on the house. We exchanged

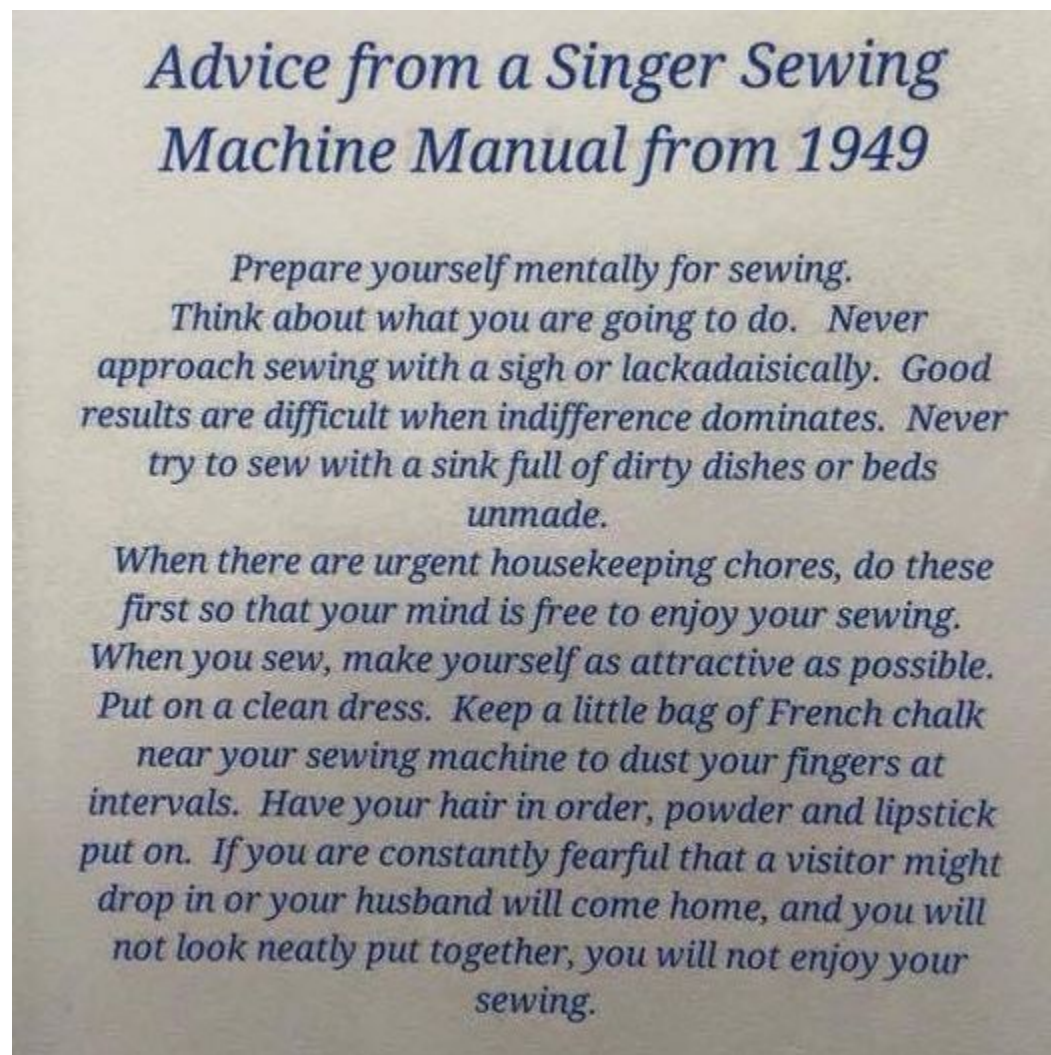
pleasantries, phone numbers, and I let them know I was almost done with the cleaning. They seemed like very nice people, and I'm sure the neighborhood will welcome them quickly.

As I walked down the driveway towards my car to load up all my cleaning supplies, I happened to see a familiar sight in the back of their vehicle. It was a sewing machine! Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! I could feel the corners of my mouth lifting..... Game changer; a new friend that loves to sew!

I'll give'em a couple weeks to get settled. Maybe. If I can wait that long to go and make a new sewing buddy...

Moral of the story: Change is hard, but sometimes good things are right around the corner.

Angie Lindberg



Shared by Margie Dotson

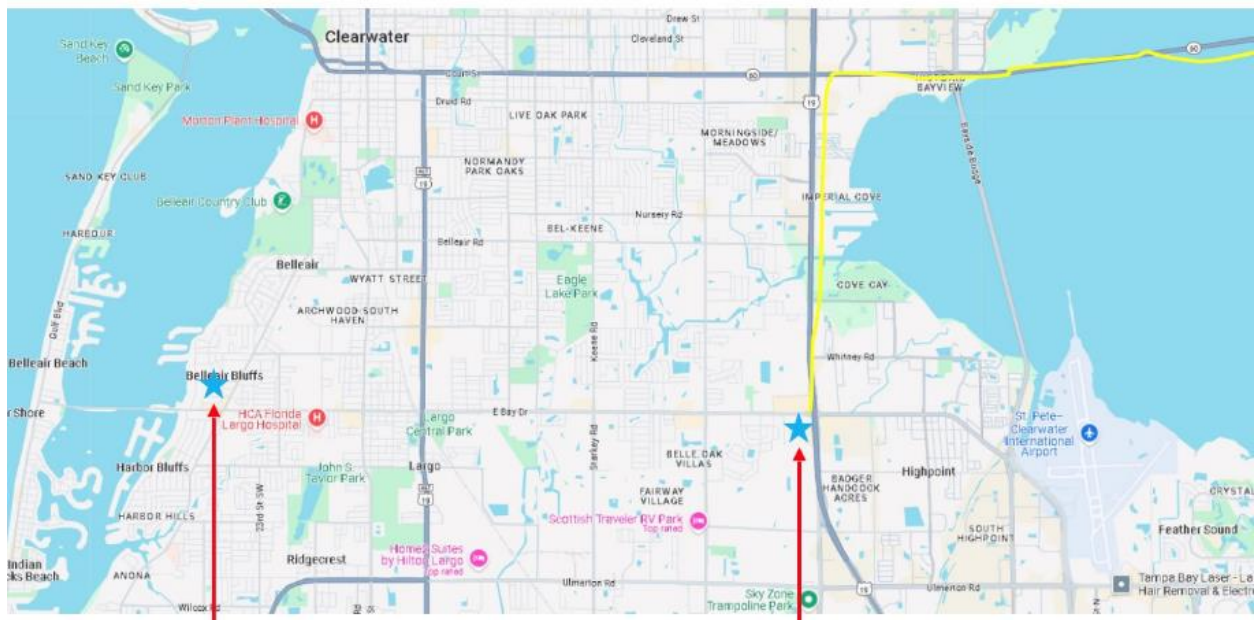
Speaking of Which!

Margie Dotson and her family have come through Hurricane Milton safely, although there seems to be some damage to homes and cars. These maps show locations of her home and those of her daughters. The whole family congregated at Maurena's house, and some shingles were torn off the roof of her home. There may be some damage to the home she and Melanie share, and there is minimal damage to Michelle's house.

Wish us well! We sure need a miracle. We discovered a while ago that there will be 10 more people and 4 dogs going to Maurena's, too! I SURE hope we can get back to our house soon. We will be taking our cats, too, and Maurena has one.

It's not going to be a fun time!

Hugs,
Margie



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!!

December Brunch

Members are invited to brunch provided by the guild after the December guild meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the hospitality table when you enter the November meeting. The hospitality team needs an accurate number of those who plan to attend so that food can be ordered. If you plan to attend but are not at the November meeting, please call Darlene Landrum by the end of the month (491-7617).

In addition to a delicious meal with friends, we will have an ugly sweater contest with prizes awarded to the winners. Remember to sign up if you plan to attend.

2025 Retreat

Registration is open for the 2025 retreat in Branson on March 24-27. Registration will open to non-members at the November guild meeting, so be sure to secure your place at the retreat! You can find the registration form on the Hill n Hollow website. A limited number of forms will be available at guild meetings, but please print the form at home if you can. The committee is busy with preparations and plans to provide a good time for all! You can also buy a retreat t shirt if you want one for \$15.

Fundraiser Event – November 7th

Hello fellow guild members and Happy Hotumn!

I want to draw your attention to something that is really important and has been overlooked and misunderstood by some of our members. Back at our March 8th Guild meeting we approved the selling of tickets to a Twin Lakes Playhouse Production as an additional fundraiser. That meant WE would sell the tickets. This is an opportunity that the Playhouse gives to non-profit organizations to raise money.

We get to sell tickets for one of the most desirable productions ever... "The Christmas Story". This is set to happen on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm. The Playhouse seats 100 people. Tickets are \$16 each. We get to keep all the proceeds with the exception of a very small portion (\$150 or so). I hate math but I can do this math.... $100 \times 16 = \$1,600$ (minus the small portion) THAT IS A HUGE FUNDRAISER \$\$\$\$\$\$ for one night.

If you thought to yourself, "Well, I can't make an evening show so I'm out". Guess what? You can still help. We voted in March to sell tickets. So, let's SELL TICKETS. Sell them to your family, friends, neighbors. Hey, you can even buy a ticket and gift it to someone!!

My quilting sisters and brothers, we need your help to make this a successful fundraiser. It doesn't get any easier than this. Call Angie directly to get tickets. We have a short time frame before the production date of November 7th. We need YOU to help us SELL OUT that night to

benefit OUR GUILD. It is estimated that this production will sell out every other night it's put on. Let's take advantage of OUR NIGHT.

I am counting on you to do your part PLEASE. We only had about 34 tickets sell at our October Guild Meeting. If everyone does their part, we can sell all 100 tickets! COME ON TEAM HILL 'N HOLLOW!!! I know we can do it!

Encouraging you with an attitude of gratitude,

Rosita Forster

Get Ready for 2025 Classes!

Great plans are in store for 2025 Members Teaching Members classes, so stay tuned for future announcements.

We will start in January with the Edyta Sitar's Valley Ranch quilt as the basis for a quilt-along and beginner class. This class is free for guild members, although you must buy the pattern. Basic instruction will come to you twice a month through a computer link to Edyta's videos. I will host a chance for you to ask questions, solve problems or bring your sewing machine to quilt with others after each guild meeting February through August. (You can work on your own projects during this time if you'd rather.)

You can register for the class starting in December and pay \$20 for the pattern; Edyta has offered a discount for a group purchase that will pay for shipping charges. Or you can download and print your own copy directly from Edyta's website (laundrybasketquilts.com) for \$20.

In-person sessions will begin with an optional meeting in February for brand new quilters in which I will discuss fabric, threads, needles and tools. I (or a substitute) will be at the church after each guild meeting from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. if people show up. If no one shows by 1:30, I'll be heading home.

More classes will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact me at 870-421-5369 or vkauth816@gmail.com.

Classified ad

Help! I took my AccuCut Go! fabric cutter to our last community quilt kit cutting session. I loaned my Go! Cube cutting dies (I think they are for 8" blocks) to someone who wanted to try them out. I have forgotten who borrowed the cube, and I'd like to have it back. If you have it, please let me know. Vicki Kauth, 870-421-5369 or vkauth816@gmail.com.

Vicki

Raffle Quilt News

Ladies I am so excited!! We are very close to meeting our budget goal for 2024. You have stepped up and done a terrific job. Vicki Kauth has a 2-day event scheduled for October 25 and 26 where she will be selling tickets. As of now we have 3 events scheduled for November.

If you have not turned in your set of tickets, please do so at the November meeting. We need your help to meet our goal.

Remember the top ticket seller wins a \$200 gift certificate. And right now we are running a very close race. So if you are a high ticket seller you may want to think about selling a few more tickets. Also don't forget those selling \$100 worth of tickets or setting up a venue to sell tickets gets to toss a pie in President Angie's face during the December guild meeting.

Several small quilted items were turned in to sell at the Stone Creek Christmas bash while we are there with the raffle quilt. I was not given all the names of those contributing but a big thanks to all!

SELL those tickets!!

Carolyn Bisbee
Raffle Quilt Chair

Communications

Warm fall weather is joyful. That said, we are coming up on the holidays and November's meeting hosts our Garage Sale. This coming new year we will see leadership with Randy Bolen stepping into the Presidency. Last meeting, we saw new members volunteering to be on next year's board. This is exciting. President Angie has led us with her humor and encouragement to help each other as we learn new skills.

The Ozark Regional Arts Council has asked Hill 'N Hollow Quilters to show our quilts again. This year, we created an exhibit to show the community why joining a guild can offer classes and programs to sharpen one's quilting skills. Begin thinking about what show theme we might exhibit next year and share your ideas with me.

Peggy Moody Communications Chair

Members Bio – Steve Landrum

Steve Landrum is a native Floridian who moved to Calico Rock, Arkansas via Texas. Steve has two children, a son and daughter. Steve built several homes for his families. He worked for McDonald-Douglas for 20 years out of Melbourne, AR until the company moved away. Steve

met Darlene at a party, and they have been married over 20 years. Steve has a close relation with Darlene's 2 daughters to her first marriage and their 2 grandchildren.

Steve is a very curious and creative person. He started sewing when he was 12. He repaired his brother's clothing. He is self-taught in all of his artistic endeavors. He worked for a stain glass company briefly in Horseshoe Bend before taking off on his own. He entered shows for 8 years, and recently participated in the Art Odyssey with Darlene. After seeing a quilt at the Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Show in 2004, he made his first 4 patch quilt. Over the past 20 years, he continues to make quilts for others. He tried hand-quilting but prefers machine quilting so he can keep up with all the designs in his head inspired by the shows he attends with Darlene, who is a quilt judge.



He joined Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild in 2018. He's been an active member helping with Hospitality duties, as well as hanging quilts for our quilt shows and exhibits at the Sheid. Two years ago, he joined Randy Bolen and Mike Breton at our annual retreat breaking the all-female tradition. He enjoys promoting his original work and being teased for his goofy humor by fellow guild members.

Steve has a list of quilts he'd like to make in the future. Every show he attends with Darlene sparks his designing mind. He loves to play with rescue blocks, like recent Dresden blocks given to him by a fellow quilter. He adds to them to make them original tops. He quilts all his tops often using a wavy yardstick he carved. He is designing a new challenge for 8 Mod Squad members. Keep watching Steve as he plays with fabric and stain glass.

Submitted by Peggy Moody

HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES - October 11, 2024

Attendees: 56 Members and 1 Guest

President Angie Lindberg welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There were no birthdays this month, but anniversaries were recognized and applauded.

September Guild Minutes - Motion made by Darlene Landrum to approve the minutes, seconded by Randy Bolen. **Motion passed.**

August and September Treasurer's Reports – There were no questions or concerns. Reports filed for audit.

Announcements

- Shadow News - Marion Bogden's husband passed away.
- Past member Dee Rennolds is having a fabric downsizing sale today and tomorrow. Her address is 124 Highridge Circle in Midway.
- Calico Cutups Event on October 28 at 6:30pm. See flyer in the back of the room. Peggy Moody mentioned you can find info on our website (Regional Events Tab).
- November Meeting Members garage sale next month (sewing-related items only). Please sign up with Jonna Butler to reserve a table as there are only 10 tables available.

2025 Leadership Update

Positions still open:

Officers: Secretary and Vice-President

Committee Chairs: Audit, Communications, Education, Raffle Quilt

Communications Sub-Committee Chairs: Newsletter, Audio/Visual, Publicity, Website, Social Media

Education Sub-Committee Chairs: Programs and Quilt Challenge

Positions filled:

We are excited to announce the following members have volunteered to serve:

Clara Ziegler, President-Elect

Marcia Doyle, Treasurer

We have a potential Quilt Show Chair - Marion Bogden

2024 Raffle Quilt – To date we have reached approximately \$4,000 of our \$5,000 goal. We still have the Stonecreek Ranch event November 22-23 so please sign up to help. There are two members taking the quilt to other county events to sell tickets.

IMPORTANT Fundraiser – The Twin Lakes Playhouse Tickets are available for sale. The night of our fundraiser is Thursday, November 7th, which is the day before our next Guild Meeting.

Angie announced that she is in the play! If you need additional tickets after today, please call Angie directly as soon as possible. In addition, the Playhouse has given us permission to sell Raffle Quilt Tickets at the Sunday November 10th event during intermission. Carolyn Bisbee will be there at 1:30 pm to set up. She needs one helper so if you're available, please contact Carolyn directly. It would be greatly appreciated!

Missouri Star Trip – Arlene Myslinski reminded everyone there are no charter buses available in our local area and due to costs, any future trips will be called “Field Trips”. She will not be attending next week’s trip. Randy and Mona Bolen are going and are the contacts with information. A street map is available on the Education table, but Arlene can email it if requested. Meet here in the church parking lot to caravan together.

2025 Retreat – Darlene Landrum and Sandy Butler are Co-Chairing the retreat set for March 24-27 in Branson. Ginger Alexander has registration forms and T-Shirt order forms. Reminder that next month the retreat will be opened to non-members.

Hospitality – Darlene Landrum announced that at our December meeting we will be having a Christmas Brunch and there will be a signup sheet available next month for those planning to attend; we need a head count for quantity of food. We will also be having an “ugly sweater” contest with a prize for the winner.

2025 Workshop – Darlene also announced that there is a half-sheet form for next year at the Education table with Jonna. Please fill out and submit to indicate preferences on virtual, etc.

Member Teaching Members (MTMs) Classes – Vicki Kauth will be presenting the survey results next month. The last 2024 MTM class is Mosaic Quilts by Darlene Landrum on Tuesday, November 12th, an all-day class at \$20. Darlene will bring all the scraps and canvases. Attendees bring sewing machines, etc. Darlene will email attendees with information. Sign up in the Community Room if you want to attend. Half-day classes are \$10, Full-day classes are \$20. You must be a member to attend MTM classes.

2025 Preview:

Beginner Class/Quilt-Along

Edyta Sitar’s Valley Ranch Quilt

Free for guild members

Participants must buy pattern

In-person support after guild meetings

Registration begins in January

Vicki shared the Proportional Wheel Scale a great tool for help with the “math” part of quilting. You can find it at a quilt store, art supply stores and even at some printers.

Angie joked, “Where do cow farts come from? The Dairy Air!”

The October program featured Theresa Ward from Always Quilting. She shared an inspiring program “A New Look for String Quilting.” String quilts have been around for a very long time.

This has always been a very good method to use up scraps of fabric. Different forms of foundation used in the past included newspaper and muslin, used dryer sheets, interfacing, paper and now 20-inch-wide foundation fabric. Members were very impressed with how traditional blocks could be made with string "fabric." For photos, see our website Home page and the Photo tab for even more photos.

Break

Dianne Siddons asked everyone entering the Challenge to please bring their entries by next month's meeting in November. The December meeting gets very busy and we want to have plenty of time to set up the entries for judging, viewing and winner reveal at the December meeting.

Community Quilt Parade included only 7 quilts but all very nice.

Show and Tell included beautiful quilts, Made and Found blocks and Donna Perrin's MTM class participants' projects. Sharon Crozier shared an antique quilt that she was asked to quilt. She was impressed with the fact that it still had paper in it and that some of the very small blocks had multiple fabrics.

Winners: Door Prizes: Joyce Evans and Connie Randall. 50/50 Brenda Gipson won \$20

Angie joked, "Where do bad rainbows go? To prism. It's a light sentence but gives them something to reflect on."

Adjournment: Motion by Connie Randall and seconded by Donna Armstrong. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Rosita Forster for Carol Lewis, Secretary