



President's Corner

Laughter Really is the Best Medicine.....

An actual phone call I had with my mother in 2015. I'll never forget it as long as I live.

But first, a bit of context. My Dad's career was 100% travel, all over the world. He could be gone 2-3 weeks at a time, and then come home long enough to wash his laundry, mow the lawn, and give Mom yet another kiss goodbye. Mom adapted. She wasn't much for being social, so she was perfectly content to spend her retirement in her sewing room (which is now MY sewing room) with her machine, her wine, her music, and her Bible.

Mom: "Hello?"

Me: Hey Mama, whatcha doin'?"

Mom: Well, I started a new hobby. It's really fun!"

Me: "Oh yeah, what's keeping you busy lately?"

Mom: "I've been hookin'. I'm a hooker now."

Me:

Mom: "Hello? Are you there?"

Me: "Yeah, I'm here. Uh.... *What did you say you're doing now?!*"

Mom: "I'm a hooker. Dad is excited I've found something new to occupy my time while he's gone. It can sure get expensive, though. I had to buy a few new tools, AND learn how to perfect my stripping technique, too."

Me: (not daring to say a word, as I am too afraid to know what in the heck is going to come out of her mouth.)

Mom: What's new with you?"

Me: "Well, I just wanted to let you know about my new job, but we can talk about that later. *Please explain "hookin' and stripping, mom."*

Mom: "Sure. I'm trying out rug hooking and making sure I am cutting my wool strips correctly. That's how we talk about it in the class I'm taking; hookin' and strippin'!"

Me: (long pause, then maniacal laughter)



Mom: (also laughing) "What did you think I was talking about?!"

Me: "Oh, Mama.... You had me going, there. I was seriously concerned for your mental health for a minute."

Mom: "Life's no fun if you can't find a reason to laugh every day. Had you going, didn't I?"

Me: "Yes. Yes you did. I'm glad to hear you're having fun. Dad's working?"

Mom: "I think he's in Argentina. Then Brazil. Then home for a whole week and gone again. When you coming down for a visit?"

Me; "Soon, Mama. Soon. I got a new job as a Safety Director for a school bus company! I'm so excited, but nervous, too."

Mom: "You'll do great! Just tell everyone your Mom's a hooker and a stripper!"

Me: (laughing 'til the tears rolled down my legs) "Thanks, Mom. Love you."

Mom: "Love you more. Be a good doobie."

I sure do miss her silly, easy-going nature. And her ability to turn any conversation into a "girls-gone-wild" adventure. 'Her laughter was infectious and her smile could melt your heart. Til we meet again, sweet Mama. I have no doubt that those angels have their hands full with you....

Angie

1. WANTED: A dressmaker's bust form (with stand) to BORROW for a couple of months. Picture included for context. Please contact me if you can help out. Angie @ scrapyardquilts47@yahoo.com or 612-202-7759.

2. A request has been made to have a quilt made from WWII uniforms. If you can help, please call Mike Wahl @ 479-466-2672. Let's do our best to show our community what we have to offer!

Angie

2024 Raffle Quilt

Congratulations to Mary Jo Smith for winning the 2024 Baxter County Fair's Best Workmanship Award!! And congratulations to many of our guild members who entered the fair and won awards. There was a great showing from Hill 'N Hollow.

The members have continuously been turning in their packet of raffle tickets sold and we are grateful for your hard work. A big thank you to all of those who worked the Baxter County Fair, Cindy Albright for selling tickets at the Jonesboro guild, Frieda Mauthe and Katie Risk for selling tickets at their church event and Carol Lewis for selling tickets at the Military Sisters luncheon,



and to those who worked the Art-Expo in Gassville. Also, a thank you to Joyce Linhoff for donating items for us to sell at the fair.

We still have a few openings for the Holiday Gifts event at Stone Creek Ranch on November 22 and 24. The signup sheet will be available at our October meeting.

Vicki Kauth has scheduled showings of the quilt at Nimble Thimble and at the MOKA meeting during the month of October. Please let me know if you would like to have the quilt to take to an event at your church or a social event. Several of the churches will be having fall festivals and this would be a great opportunity to show our quilt. For those of you who cannot handle the quilt hanger, you can just show the quilt without hanging.

If you have any small quilts, wall hangings, table runners or quilted gifts you would like to donate, please bring to the raffle quilt table during October and November guild meetings. We will display these for sale at the Stone Creek Ranch event in November. Those attending the event will be looking for Christmas gifts.

Carolyn Bisbee
Raffle Quilt Chair

Communications

September is my birthday month and the beginning of fall. I love the changing seasons where we finally get some cooling temps and relief from humidity. As Randy Bolen reached out for members to step up for leadership at the September guild meeting and as I have been asking for members interested and willing to help with Communications positions, we are hearing crickets. Barb Patrick is moving to be near daughters, so I have an opening for Sunshine and Shadow which sends out cards to members who are experiencing celebrations and loss. If any member would help me with this, I'd greatly appreciate it. If you love Facebook and are active with social media, I'd love your help there as well. Let's find a way to keep our guild active and a fun place for learning.

Peggy Moody, Chair Communications

Community Quilts

The first photo is of quilt donations to "Into the Light". I received a lovely thank you note from them, which I will try to read at the next Guild meeting. The other photo is the latest quilts taken to the hospital nursery. The nurses always love to look at the quilts when I deliver them. They ohhh and ahhh every time!
Thank you all. The quilts are beautiful. We had 24 quilts turned in at the September meeting. Just awesome!!

Sandy Beasley
Community Quilts Chair



2025 Retreat

Registration is open for the 2025 Hill n Hollow Retreat in Branson! You can print the registration form from the Retreat tab on the Hill n Hollow website, and either give your completed form to Ginger Alexander at the guild meeting or mail it to the address shown on the form. The \$130 cost for the retreat includes use of the large retreat room and dinner each night. Rooms must be reserved separately.

New this year is the option to buy a retreat t shirt for \$15.

Registration will be open to non-members beginning at the November guild meeting.

The committee is busy with plans and preparations and will do all they can to make sure you have a great retreat experience. If you have questions, contact co-chairs Darlene Landrum and Sandy Butler.

Quilt Challenge

If you have your quilts for the 2025 Challenge completed, you may turn them in to me at the October and November meetings. Be sure to attach your name to the quilt so I will know whose is who's. I will be set up in one of the back offices before the December meeting starts to accept any quilts to be included in the judging. Diane Siddons, Challenge Chair

Last chance at MTM 2024!

Are you throwing away your itsy bitsy scraps or donating them for dog beds? Darlene Landrum will show you how to use them to make cool wall hangings in the last 2024 Members Teaching Members (MTM) class, Mosaic Quilts. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at The Christian Church of Mountain Home. Cost of the class is \$20 per person.

Darlene is bringing a base fabric with the design drawn on it, batting and canvas, and she hopes you'll use a lot of her scraps! You will need to bring:

- Sewing machine that can lower or cover feed dogs
 - Darning foot (free motion foot)
 - Thread to match fabrics
 - Bobbins to match fabrics
 - Scissors
 - Marking tools- one light and one dark
 - All the usual sewing supplies in case you want them
- Sign up at the next guild meeting or contact Vicki Kauth.

Member Bio – Vicky Williamson

Vicky was raised in Mountain Home. She met her husband here and went to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She's been married 40 years and has a son and daughter who both have 2 children. These grandchildren are 9, 7, 5, and 3 years old—years she is most familiar with because she taught kindergarten for 17 years! Her love of the Natural State includes boating on the lakes. Fourteen years ago, she started a machine embroidery and appliqué' hobby that expanded into a home business. She claimed to have more Minky fabric than cotton in her studio! She officially retired this past summer. She has been active on the Baxter County Fair board for 14 years.

Vicky learned to sew from her grandmother at age 9. When her children where young, she sewed clothing for them, especially fabric designer dresses. She received a double wedding ring

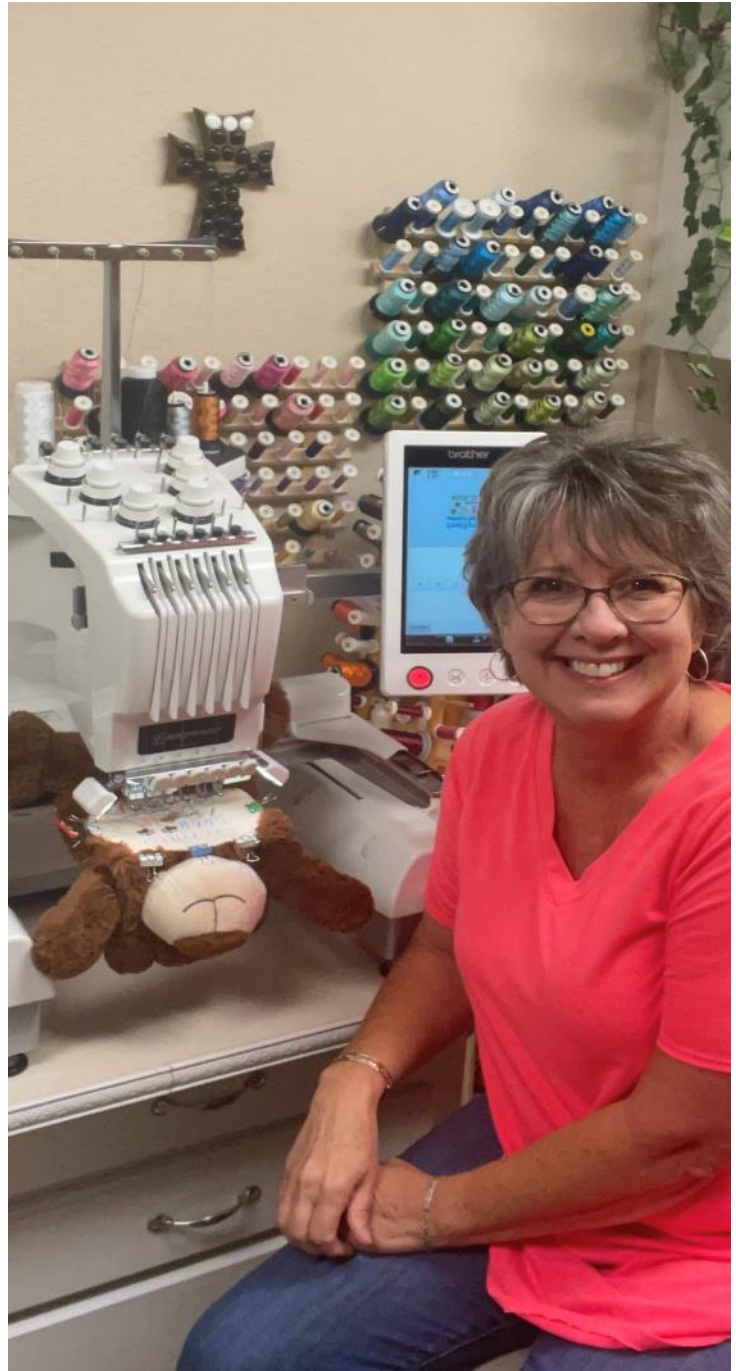
quilt for her wedding from her grandmother and was inspired to learn to quilt. Five years ago, she started learning to piece blocks, taking beginner classes. She has helped Jonna with home school classes and currently is participating in the Made and Found classes after guild meetings.

Vicky joined Hill 'N Hollow Quilters in 2019 right before Covid hit and meetings stopped. She rejoined in 2021. She knew about the guild through her Baxter County Fair work. She felt reluctant about joining because of the high caliber of quilts entered into the show by guild members. She knew several members who encouraged her to join and grow. Vicky shares her quilts humbly at meetings and entered a baby quilt into the Sheid Exhibit last July. She volunteered helping to hang that show. She takes classes and the home machine quilting workshop to improve her skills.

Vicky's goals for the future is to share leadership with Darlene in Hospitality. She has been approached to take on other leadership roles like Chairing Education, the Quilt Show and even being President. She wants to learn more how the guild works and meet more members before she would step up for more leadership positions. Her main love is her work with the Fair and being with her precious grandchildren.

Balancing those loves with participation in the guild is important. Her creative goals are to learn paper piecing, making a postage stamp quilt, and developing her home machine quilting. We are lucky to have her in our guild. Her bubbly spirit and curiosity are contagious.

Peggy Moody





November's meeting will include our member's garage sale. Sign up at the October meeting to reserve a table.

Guild Membership Meeting Minutes September 13, 2024

Attendees: 50 Members and 2 Guests

President Angela Lindberg called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Birthdays & Anniversaries: Anniversaries were acknowledged and celebrated. Members celebrating September birthdays received fat quarter cupcakes.

August Minutes: Kim Wallace motioned to approve the minutes, Mona Bolen seconded.
Motion Passed

August Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Celine Kingsland, has been on vacation, so August and September's report will be presented at the October Guild meeting.

Baxter County Fair Award: Guild member Mary Jo Smith received the Best Workmanship Award provided by the Guild at this year's fair. Her lovely quilt was displayed and she was presented with the money award for \$25.00.

Missouri Star Trip: Arlene Myslinski reminded members to make their hotel reservations with Days Inn, Cameron, MO by today, September 14 for the carpooling trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company. Also, be sure to sign up with her if you will be going, as the restaurant needs at least 15 people for the Buffet at McCorkle's restaurant. If the buffet does not happen, you can still eat at McCorkle's as a normal patron. Arlene will be unable to make the trip due to health issues.

Members Teaching Members: Vicki Kauth requested members' help in determining what subjects they would like to have taught or subjects they would like to teach and if a Beginner class is needed for 2025. Completing the MTM survey will be very helpful in that regard. The following MTM classes are available for sign ups: Tuesday September 17—Hand Piecing & Hand Quilting. Half Day at \$10. Donna Perrin, Instructor Tuesday November 12—Mosaic Quilts. Full Day at \$20. Darlene Landrum, Instructor.

Raffle Quilt Fundraiser: Carolyn Bisbee reported \$601 in raffle ticket sales and \$85 from the sale of donated quilted items at the Baxter County Fair where the booth fee was \$236. The Art Expo resulted in \$117 in raffle ticket sales. To date ticket sales by members are \$2,289 and \$1,293 from events. 58 members have not returned tickets or money for raffle tickets. Turkey Trot has been canceled, because of the lack of members to sign up to help with the booth. Please remember to sign up to help sell tickets at Stone Creek Ranch, November 22-23. If members have small quilted items to donate, we will be glad to have them available for sale at Stone Creek Ranch. Members have scheduled the following venues for selling raffle tickets: September 18 —Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Frieda Mauthe; October 9 Country Quilters Quilt Guild – Salem—Carol Lewis; October 25 -26 MOKA Meeting—Vicki Kauth

Randy Bolen, President-elect: Randy spoke to the members about the need for volunteers to administer the organizations affairs and to produce a quilt show in 2025. If those volunteers do not come forward, there will be no Quilt Show or Guild. He then asked Peggy Moody, Communications Chair and Jonna Butler, Education Chair to give a description of the workings of their committees

Program: Judy Mahaney of Remember Me Quilt Shop demonstrated specialty rulers to make the Cat's Cradle block and the Kitty Corner Block.

Break

Every Quilt Tells a Story: Mona Bolen showed a grandmother's flower garden made by her grandmother entitled Mona's Rose Garden, along with matching pillows. Rosita Forster showed a quilt she made for her bed. Maureen Forster, her Mother-in-law who was going to help her explained that two charm packs was not enough fabric, so Rosita acquired a panel and a little more fabric for her quilt, wrapped in Maureen's love.

Parade of Community Quilts: 20 quilts and 4 Bug Pillows for donation were shown.

Show and Tell: About another 20 beautiful quilts. Betty Siebrandt encouraged members to enter quilts in the Baxter County Fair, as it helps the fair financially.

Winners: Door Prizes: Joyce Evans and Suzanne McFarland; 50/50—Frieda Mauthe

Adjournment: Motion by Jonna Butler, seconded by Elaine Byng. Motion Passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Carol Lewis, Secretary