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Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

Merry Christmas to All!



'Tis the season to deck the halls (and possibly our sewing rooms) with a little too much fabric! As we juggle holiday baking, gift wrapping, and sneaking in time at the sewing machine, let's take a moment to appreciate the magic we create; in our quilts, and in our lives. This year, your projects have amazed, inspired, and occasionally made me wonder how you find the time to sleep! I can only imagine the brilliance 2025 will bring as the guild continues to sew, laugh, and grow together.

So, whether you're stitching stockings, tackling UFO's, or simply trying to find where you stashed your holiday fabric, know that I'm grateful for every one of you. May your bobbins stay full, your seams be straight, and your holidays be filled with joy and creativity!

Happy Holidays,
Angie

Education

Wow what a year, learning new things to relearning some old techniques. We had MTM classes that were fanatic. The Workshop was amazing. Our outreach programs were so much fun, I am sad they are over.

For me, personally, it been great! Oh, it's had its ups and downs from hospital stay to a new Great Granddaughter.

Leaving the Ed Chair is bitter sweet. It was fun planning all the programs and seeing you all be inspired, serving all of you with leadership and a smile. But all good things must come to an end sometime. So, as I turn in my binder I will say see you later.

Jonna Butler, Education Chair

Programs

In November our guild program was Debbie Rees with VIP (Visually Impaired Persons). She has asked me to inform the guild there is a need for donated quilts. If you wish to do this, here is her contact info.

Debbie Rees
870-613-3957

Valley Ranch Quilt-Along Registration Opens in December

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced quilter, I hope you are giving some thought to participating in the Valley Ranch Quilt-Along/Beginner Class. This first Members Teaching Members (MTM) class is perfect for beginning quilters because it covers all the steps needed to create this beautiful quilt as well as making others in the future. It's also a great tune-up for experienced quilters.

Best of all, it's free for members who purchase the pattern! The pattern price is the same \$20 whether you purchase the pattern through the guild or on your own through the Laundry Basket Quilts website. See me for more details.

I will order patterns after the January guild meeting, but you must register and hand over your \$20 before the end of that meeting. You may join in the fun at a later date, but you will have to acquire your own pattern.

If you register, you will receive an internet link to Edyta Sitar's excellent instructional videos twice a month. I will have an introductory session after the February guild meeting to discuss tools, supplies, cutting, reading a pattern and more. Then starting in March, I'll host a free session starting at 1 p.m. after each guild meeting for anyone who has questions or problems with this or other quilts or who just wants to bring a machine to sew with their friends. Sessions will be held at The Christian Church of Mountain Home (where the guild meetings are). If no one shows up by 1:30, I'll assume no one is coming and head home. Otherwise I'll be available until 4.

The links will start with easier blocks and progress through more advanced construction techniques rather than starting with Block 1. This is to build skills in those who have little or no experience with quilting or who are self-taught.

Edyta offers kits and for the quilt in two colorways through her website, or you can select your own colors. My fabric choices are shown below. You can see I've chosen to stay pretty close to Edyta's color selections, but my fabrics are less muted than hers . . . And they may change when I actually get construction started. I think the light blue and light turquoise are questionable! I just pulled fabric out of my stash.

Please contact me at vkauth816@gmail.com or 870-421-5369 with questions.

More MTM classes will be announced soon.



Communications

Every day is a time to be grateful, but we have a holiday reminding us that no matter how you celebrate, with family or friends, giving to others is meaningful. Giving to others is a trademark of our guild with hundreds of Community quilts this year donated to 10 agencies as well as our Challenge where No Vet will be Left Behind. Feel Joy.

We are members of the Heartland Quilt Network. Their newsletters can be found on the website under Members Only (password protected). Any member can go to their website to explore what our sister guilds are doing.

Here is our guild's User Name-- HnHQiltGuild (no spaces and use capital letters). I have sent the Password to you in an eblast, as entry to their site is for Members Only and the Newsletter is public on our website. Enjoy and be inspired.

Peggy Moody

2025 Program Committee

The Program Committee is diligently working to have programs outline for 2025 very soon. We hope to have confirmed programs for January, February & March 2025 for the December newsletter. If any member has a suggestion for a program topic, please let any member of the committee know and we will do our best to accommodate that topic in our plans. 2025 Program Committee:

Clara Zeigler, Jackie Cochran, Carol Lewis

Member Bio – Clara Zeigler

Clara moved to Salem, Arkansas with her parents in October 1975. She is married to her husband, Randy, and they have a daughter, Tera, and son-in-law, Corey. She and her

husband live on their farm in Eastern Fulton County with their dog, Rosie. She retired five years ago from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Clara first started sewing clothing when she was 11 years old. She made a shirt from polyester scraps; it was definitely a shirt of many colors! She started quilting a little in her late twenties and got serious about it when her daughter left for college.



Clara joined Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild in April, 2023. She is also a member of Salem Quilt Guild along with Sandy Butler and Jackie Cochran.

Clara went to our Retreat in 2023. She absolutely loved it! She did not get to attend the 2024 retreat, but is volunteering on the Retreat Committee for 2025 and loving to help with it! She is also helping with the Programs Committee for 2025. Initially she rejected serving in a board position, but after thinking about it all weekend she decided that if she enjoyed this guild and wanted to see it continue to thrive and grow that she needed to do her part. She texted Cindy Albright on Monday morning and told her she would like to serve in the position of President-Elect. She has already enjoyed going to a Board meeting and Audit Committee meeting. She knows this position will be a challenge, but also knows that she is surrounded by wonderful guild members that are always ready to help. As a reminder, she will serve 2 years—in 2025 as President-Elect, and as President in 2026. Whoo hoo.

In her spare time from participating in two guilds and now leadership to our guild, she would like to make a Judy Niemeyer quilt. She has numerous other projects that she would like to complete.

Her goals as president are to continue to make this the best guild it can be and to support growing and retaining guild membership. She is, and will continue to be, available to help in any way. She thanks all who are supporting her in this endeavor. Her motto: "Be the joy in someone's life today!" Amen sister!

Submitted by Peggy Moody

Community Opportunities

There is a new group forming called the M&Ms (Mini Maureens) that plans to start meeting once a month in 2025 for quilting, sewing, etc. Location and day of the week to be determined. If you are interested, please email Jonna at jonnakaybloodworth@yahoo.com to get on the contact list.

Looking forward to starting a fun and friendly gathering! Jonna Butler

And in Addition

Our outreach sewing classes that were held at the Salvation Army Campus during the summer and early fall have ended, but so many people expressed an interest, that Jonna and I have been asked by Major Robbins, at the Salvation Army, to start up The Sewing Seeds Ministry. We will be meeting once a month. Anyone who is interested in sewing, quilting, crochet, etc., friendship and fun, is welcome to come join us. This is a totally free program!

The first gathering will be January 18, 2025 from 10am-4pm. Bring a bag lunch and whatever projects you are interested in. There are plenty of electrical plugs for sewing machines too.

Contact me, Diane Siddons, at famtracer@yahoo.com for more info.



From Margie Dotson

HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES – November 8, 2024

Attendees: 51 Members and 4 Guests

President Angie Lindberg welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. She reported that the Twin Lakes Playhouse Fundraiser last night raised approximately \$1100 to \$1200 for the guild – an easy and profitable fundraiser! Sandy Beasley stood and said the play was fantastic followed by applauding recognition by those that attended. In total 86 tickets were sold with Rosita selling 26. Angie shared she is playing the part of schoolteacher Miss Shields. If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets to see A Christmas Story at the Playhouse, go to twinlakesplayhouse.org

Members celebrating November birthdays received a fat quarter cupcake. Anniversaries were recognized and applauded.

October Guild Minutes - Motion made by Carolyn Bisbee to approve the minutes, seconded by Dianne Siddons. **Motion passed.**

October Treasurer's Report – With no questions or concerns, report filed for audit.

Announcements

- Membership Dues next year are \$40 and due by January 15
- Members' Garage Sale tables are set up along the back of the main meeting room
- Please sign up for the December brunch for head count on food quantity
- Darlene Landrum asked for members to fill out 2025 workshop surveys. Retreat is open to non-members starting today. Registration forms go to Ginger Alexander. Form includes T-Shirt order. See Ginger Alexander for a picture of T-Shirt.
- Turn in finished Challenge Quilts to Diane Siddons today. Please turn in all remaining entries at the December meeting for voting. These quilts will be given to veterans in hospice care and nursing homes. Top 3 winners will be held for Quilt Show 2025

President-Elect Randy Bolen brought up submitted Harriett suggestions:

- Have Guild Zoom meetings for those unable to attend
- We make veteran quilts every 6 months or more often for distribution to local veterans. These quilts to be called Americana Quilts or Veteran Quilts

Randy stated there are still 2025 officer positions open as well as many committee chair and sub-committee chair positions. Without officers we have no Guild and without Committee Chairs we will be unable to meet the needs of the membership. Please consider stepping up to fill a position. You can do a double team with another member.

Jill Randel (new member) has stepped up to do the Newsletter and Ginger Alexander will be taking on the Challenge Quilt position. Peggy Moody will continue doing the Website and Historian duties, Internal Emails and Social Media (along with Carol Lewis). Marion Bogden will be our 2025 Quilt Show Chair.

Positions still open:

Officers: Secretary and Vice-President

Committee Chairs: Audit, Communications, Education, Raffle Quilt

Communications Sub-Committee Chairs: Publicity, External Email Communications

Rosita mentioned that the Audio/Visual position is pending the church board's decision on a new system to be installed and if we will need to pay a fee for a trained church staff member to run the system for our meetings.

Education Sub-Committee Chairs: Guild Meeting Programs

Raffle Quilt Sub-Committee Chairs: Venues, Donations

VOTE OF 2025 OFFICERS: President Angie called for officer floor nominations and with none presented, she called up nominees Clara Ziegler, President-Elect and Marcia Doyle, Treasurer. Angie requested a motion to approve these two officer nominees. Motion made by Vicki Kauth and seconded by Cindy Albright. **Motion passed.**

The November program featured Debbie Rees from Blind and Veteran Services, and their logo is "Improving Lives Together". Debbie was accompanied by Darlene Mills, and they are both Board Members of V.I.P. Visually Impaired Persons, Inc. primarily a support group. This incorporated 501(c) non-profit was founded on June 26, 1991, by Darlene Peterson, a Mountain Home resident who lost her sight as a young lady. The founder made it so that the President and Vice-President positions were to always be visually impaired persons. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are sighted and obviously good with numbers. Their President, Tom Jones is their usual speaker was unable to make it today. Debbie provided a brochure handout (a copy of which is included with these minutes). Most of their 50 supported members are elderly ages 50-90 who have lost their sight over time due to illnesses, i.e. macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataract surgery. They do have one 30-year-old member. Their organization provides support by preparing members on how to get around their homes and life while they still have sight. When possible, they also provide support with assistive technology gadgets, i.e. push-button verbal time indicators, bubble bump pads placed on washing machine buttons, cell phone locations, magnifying screens, signature assistive devices. They are now on Facebook which will help with public exposure. HOW TO HELP? Provide rides to meetings, outings etc. Financial support comes primarily from donations. Darlene Mills shared that they need help through fundraising donations and asked if we would be willing to donate quilts for them to raffle; possible donate "feel good touching quilts" with textured and shaped appliqués for their members. Darlene answered several questions and was given the suggestion to contact the Christian Clinic here in Mountain Home for magnifying gadgets, etc. since they have an ophthalmology department.

Break

Every Quilt has a story presenter Vicky Williamson was unable to attend today and will present her quilt at another time.

Community Quilt Parade displayed 12 lovely quilts

Show and Tell included beautiful quilts, the last of the Made and Found blocks for the year and Donna Perrin's Barn Quilt made by Teresa Sell of Wooden Quilts Creations.

Winners: Door Prizes: Jodi McCray and Mona Bolen. 50/50 Randy Bolen won \$17

Darlene Landrum announced a quick retreat meeting after adjournment.

Adjournment: Motion by Anna Hickman and seconded by Diane Siddons. Motion passed.
Adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Rosita Forster for Carol Lewis, Secretary