

# Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild

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Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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## *From the desk of Randy,*

A quilting guild is an organization of people who share an interest in quilting, which is the art of sewing together multiple layers of fabric to create a quilt. The primary purpose of a quilting guild is to provide a forum for quilters to meet, socialize, and exchange ideas and techniques related to quilting.

The reason I am inserting this definition is because I want you all to know what you mean to me. From Sharon, who taught me how to make my first block, to the newest members of our guild, no matter how long you have been quilting. I just got back three hours ago from California and am bursting at the seams because of the looks on the faces of my grandchildren when they received their quilts that I made. Truth be known, I couldn't have done this without the help and encouragement from you all. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would like to publicly apologize to those I may have offended, agitated and aggravated by not responding to emails while I was away. It is not that I think any less of you or that you are not important to me and the guild, it is just that my focus was on that short period of time to spend with 8 grandbabies who are growing up way too fast, family, and friends that are getting old and passing. I didn't want to let those moments pass into history with regrets because I was distracted. Again, my apologies.

This is not a guild of and for a few, but for all us quilters. Please help us be a warm and welcoming group that supports each other by our words and deeds.

Blessings, Randy

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## Upcoming Guild Programs

February 14, 2025

*Special Demonstration 8:45-9:30 am  
Sandy Beasley "Everything to know  
about Community Quilts"*

Easy Baby Quilt patterns will be demonstrated by Sandy, Clara Zeigler, Jackie Cochran, EmilyDuncan, Gail Lunn, Frieda Mathe.

March 14, 2025

Quilt College - Guild members will be demonstrating different techniques and rulers. See how many of these you would like to try.

Wanted

A paper-piecing pro to teach a half-day class as part of the Members Teaching Members (MTM) program.

If you are interested, please contact Vicki Kauth.  
870-421-5369  
vkauth816@gmail.com

### Retreat Information

Just a reminder that the 2025 Hill 'n Hollow retreat in Branson, MO will be March 24-27. Information is available on the website or from retreat co-chairs Darlene Landrum and Sandy Butler.

The deadline for ordering a retreat t-shirt is the February 14 guild meeting. This is also the deadline to register for the retreat.

There are still a few slots available, so be sure to get your registration in by the February guild meeting! Contact Ginger Alexander to register.

### Valley Ranch Quilt-Along

We're kicking off the quilt-along this month! The first informal meetup is happening after February's guild meeting from 1 to 4 p.m.

February's gathering will feature a special discussion for new quilters, covering the basics—fabrics, tools, and how to tackle a pattern with confidence. Bring your questions, your projects, your sewing machine (or handwork) and join in the fun! Whether you need help, want to chat, or simply want to work alongside friends, this is your time.

P.S. If no one's there by 1:30, I'm packing up and heading home!



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## 📣 2025 Hill n' Hollow Challenge: Get your creativity going! 📣

The challenge for 2025 is.... "Your Favorite children's book"

Think nursery rhymes, Nancy Drew mysteries, Dr. Seuss sillies, Shel Silverstein wonders, or those beloved Golden Books that still make you smile.

What do you remember as a child? What was your child's favorite bedtime story? What do you read over and over to your Grands?

When you read this. what popped into your head first? That is probably the one you should pick to describe in a quilt.

### Details:

- Theme: Your favorite childhood book (or theirs!)
- Rules: Not many! Any size works.
- Due Date: TBD (plenty of time to let your imagination run wild).

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## June 2025 Workshop: A Walk in the Park



Jill Finley will teach a workshop on her A Walk in the Park pattern on Thursday, June 12. She will feature her applique prep method and teach both hand and machine applique techniques, allowing each student to work on the method they prefer. Cost for the workshop will be \$40 for Hill 'n Hollow Guild members. Registration will begin at the March guild meeting. Registration for non-members will be \$50 and will open at the May meeting

*Jill Finley is the owner and designer behind Jillily Studio. She has been designing quilt patterns for over 15 years and currently designs and sells quilt fabric, patterns, kits and notions. Her quilt designs show off her fresh style using high contrast fabrics and usually have a bit of applique to soften and finish each design.*

*Jill is a Master Designer for Aurifil Threads and is also a BERNINA Ambassador. Her designs have been featured in several magazines including American Patchwork and Quilting, Quilter's Home and McCall's Quilting. She stays busy traveling and teaching about her quilt designs and applique methods. Jill designs fabric with Riley Blake designs. Creating fabric collections for quilting has been one of Jill's favorite projects.*

*Jill loves to spend time with her family; eating, reading, gardening, sewing, cooking, and learning. She and her husband Randy live in Alpine, Utah and are the parents of seven children and fourteen grandchildren.*

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## Community Quilts

Hi there, Happy New Year everyone since we didn't get to see each other in January again!

If you remember, we had Deb Rees from the Visually Blind Persons come to speak to our guild a couple months ago.

I was able to give her quilts for the visually blind, and I also gave her one of our "Leave No Veteran Behind" quilts from last year's challenge to distribute to a veteran in a nursing home. She will send pictures as she distributes them. Deb and her husband are very active members of the Bull Shoals VFW. They do a lot for the local veterans. (See photos.) Hope to see you in February!

Sandy Beasley





# Harriet

I hope everyone is staying warm and getting lots of quilt making accomplished! These cold days have certainly made it easy for me to stay in and work on a fun quilting project!

I just wanted to take a minute to remind everyone about “Harriet”, our guild’s suggestion box. Harriet is located at the back of the auditorium at each monthly guild meeting. Forms are provided for you to fill out and sign. Please sign your suggestion so we will know who to contact if further information is needed or to give you credit for an awesome idea.

Suggestions will be shared at the next board meeting, and you will be notified of any action that will be taken on your suggestion. Harriet is just one way you can convey to the board your thoughts about changes you would like to see in the guild. Maybe you have an idea for something new that we could all learn, maybe you have a way to improve something in the guild or maybe you just want to say how much you appreciate the programs that are available to all members. It is every guild member’s responsibility to let the guild leadership know what you want out of the guild. This guild belongs to the entire membership! Let your voice be heard.

Submitted by  
Clara Zeigler, President-Elect

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## Classifieds / Interesting Events

Hi friends! I am looking to add a client or 2 to my housecleaning schedule. Looking for local addresses (Mountain Home in town, or anywhere between there and Flippin/Yellville.) If you are in need of an occasional cleaner, or know someone who might be, please call me at my NEW number. Thanks!

Angie Lindberg  
612-900-8360

**Tomorrow's Heirlooms XIX QUILT Show**  
Q.U.I.L.T. Guild of NWA



www.quiltguildnwa.com

**April 4th & 5th, 2025**  
Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 4pm

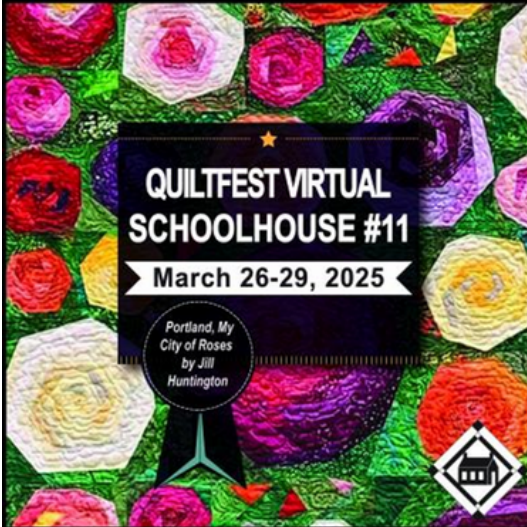
**Benton County Fairgrounds**  
7640 SW Regional Airport Blvd, Bentonville, AR

**Special Events:**  
Small Quilt Auction - Saturday at 1pm  
Raffle Quilt Drawing - Saturday at 3pm

**Admission:**  
\$10 (19 & over), \$5 (13 to 18), Free (12 & under)

Hundreds of quilts, bed turning, vendor mall, guild store, quilt appraisals, raffle quilt, food

Coral Constellation Raffle Quilt



**QUILTFEST VIRTUAL SCHOOLHOUSE #11**  
March 26-29, 2025

Portland, My City of Roses  
by Jill Huntington