

No Vets Left Behind

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Diane Siddons, Quilt Challenge chairman for Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild, looks over the 2024 Challenge quilt entries at the Guild's December meeting. The theme of this year's challenge was "No Vets Left Behind". The quilts will be gifted to any veteran under hospice care or presently residing in a nursing home, who has never received a Quilt of Valor. Contact Diane Siddons at famtracer@yahoo.com if you know of a veteran meeting that criteria.

Guild members voted for the best three quilts. First place was won by Cindy Albright, second place by Sharon Crozier, and third place by Peggy Moody. These challenge quilt winners will be displayed at the Guild's quilt show to be held October 24 and 25, 2025 in the educational building at the Baxter County Fairgrounds.

The Guild's annual quilt challenge began in 1988 by then president Florence Malany. What is a quilt challenge and its purpose? A quilt challenge is an organized event to spark the quilter's creativity to interpret the challenge theme and rules. Some Challenges are about color or a certain group of fabrics. Others may focus on a certain technique or tool. Challenges can be for one quilt block or a whole quilt.

The purpose of a quilt challenge is to stretch the quilter's abilities and comfort zone by using new techniques, new colors, and new tools to stimulate creativity. Challenge participation connects with a vibrant community and sharpens ones skills. The finished project showcases the quilter's talent and gives a fresh sense of achievement.



