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Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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From the desk of Randy,

I want to start by acknowledging that my note to you wasn't completed on time this month, and I appreciate your patience. As president, I hold myself to a high standard, but sometimes other priorities come first.

For those who may not know, my wife, Mona, had surgery a couple weeks ago for a herniated disc. The procedure was a success, but she is still dealing with some pain and recovery challenges. She's in physical therapy now and may need additional treatment for her hip. Naturally, this has been my main focus over the past couple of weeks.

Since our last meeting, several members have reached out with concerns about open positions and committees. I'm happy to share that we now have a volunteer for the auditor chair position, and two others have expressed interest in stepping into committee roles. This is great news, and I appreciate everyone who is stepping up to keep the Guild running smoothly.

On a very good note, Vicki brought forward her list of MTM sessions (Members Teaching Members) for the rest of the year. I am real interested in seeing how many people really want to take advantage of this, because that is why we are a Guild, to help teach others what we may take for granted. And didn't we all join the Guild to learn.

I'm going to cut this short, as I have a lot on my plate right now, but I'll do my best to stay on top of things next month. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Blessings, Randy

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Come check out the Quilt College demonstrations!

- ✓ Y-seams made easy by Sue Schaufler
- ✓ Partial seam blocks are a snap by Vicki Kauth
- ✓ What can you do with stretched blocks? Jan Pomeranke will show you.
- ✓ Clara Zeigler will show you how versatile the Mary's Triangle block can be.
- ✓ Jackie Cochran will show you the time saving Folded Corner Clipper.
- ✓ Mary Giesy will help you spice up your quilt bindings with the 2-fabric binding.

Thank You

A big thank you to Clara Zeigler, Jackie Cochran, Sandy Beasley, Frieda Mauthe, Emily Duncan, and Gail Lunn for the February program presentation. It was a great job!

Carol Lewis
Program Chairman

MTM Update

We are into Month 2 of the Valley Ranch Quilt-Along. My first two blocks are pictured below. There's still time to join in the fun (or do it on your own). You can acquire your pattern and access the videos through designer Edyta Sitar's website, laundrybasketquilts.com. The pattern is under the Shop tab, and the videos are in the blog section.

Each month I send people who sign up more detailed information regarding video access for two blocks, and I host an afternoon session starting at 1:00 p.m. on guild meeting days for those who have questions, problems or just want to sew (this or other projects) with their friends.

More classes will be announced as soon as the 2025 budget has been approved. Plans include classes on the Mondo Bag, working with Minkie and Cuddle fabrics and Convergence quilts.

Submitted by
Vicki Kauth



Harriet

I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy some of this beautiful weather!

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

Asking for member's help!

Our May program will be about quilt designing. Clara, Jackie, and I need your help to make quilt blocks for this program. They are easy shoofly blocks in various sizes. We'll give you a kit - all cut and ready to sew. The kits will be available at the March meeting, so you have two months to sew up to five blocks together. Looking forward to your help.

Carol Lewis
Program Chair

June 2025 Workshop: A Walk in the Park

Registration beginning at the March guild meeting! Cost for the workshop will be \$40 for Hill 'n Hollow Guild members.

- Thursday, June 12
- Jill Finley presenting her applique prep method



2025 Challenge: Get your creativity going!

Join us in our 2025 challenge "A beloved children 's book"

- 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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Something to consider . . .

Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild was founded back in 1984 to preserve, promote, share, and teach the art of quilting. It furnished me with a ready-made community of kindred spirits when I moved to Mountain Home more than 20 years ago. I didn't even have to look for these creative people!

I'll never forget my first meeting. I won the door prize: a fat quarter packet — free fabric! Back then, we had a lending library of quilting books, so I was able to check out three books and learn some new techniques. And the program was a revelation. Master quilter and member Betty Riggins shared her quilts with us in a trunk show . . . and she told us what was wrong with every one of them! It inspired this beginner quilter.

I learned that guild members were incredibly generous with their time and suggestions, although I often had to ask rather than waiting for people to approach me. They showed me how to do anything I asked about, and I could sign up for classes and workshops with members and nationally known instructors. They also encouraged me endlessly, welcomed my suggestions and encouraged me to pursue participation and leadership opportunities. And I've made such good friends.

Yes, things have changed along with meeting venues, technology, Covid (will we ever forget its effects?) and the aging of long-time members. But we are still dedicated to sharing our skills, encouraging others and spending time together as we pursue a hobby that makes others as well as ourselves happy. And we need to make sure that kindness and respect accompany our path forward as a group of people who sew. I hope none of you ever encounter less from me.

Submitted by
Vicki Kauth

Classifieds

Is there a member who would like to make a T-shirt quilt for a friend of mine? She is willing to pay you. If this is something you are interested in, let me know and I will give you her info.

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HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2025

Attendees: 50 Members and 2 Guests

President Randy Bolen welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Members celebrating January and February birthdays received a fat quarter cupcake and members celebrating wedding anniversaries were also recognized.

December Guild Minutes - Motion made by Mike Breton to approve the minutes, seconded by Ginger Alexander. **MOTION PASSED.**

December Treasurer's Report – There was no discussion, report was filed for audit.

Announcements

Sandy Butler – Retreat currently has 44 registered and will run March 24-27. Today is the last day to sign up. If you need additional information or details, please see Ginger Alexander. Darlene Landrum wants to meet with the Retreat Committee once more prior to the start of the March Guild meeting.

Mike Breton – Our member, Richard Du Puis is an incredible quilter, but not all know that he was a fashion designer of beautiful wedding dresses, red carpet and award-winning gowns. His life story is written in a book including many amazing pictures. Dick has been unable to attend meetings regularly due to health issues and Mike has gone to visit with him several times. Dick has graciously loaned Mike the last copy of his printed book to share with us today during break. Peggy Moody did a Bio on Dick last year in one of our Guild Newsletters.

Vicki Kauth – Workshop scheduled for June 12 by Jill Finley of Jillily Studio. This is an all-day workshop. Cost is \$14 per member plus cost of the pattern "Walk in the Park". This will include machine applique and other familiar techniques. Come learn something new. More information at the March guild meeting. Member Teaching Members (MTMs) Edyta Sitar's Valley Ranch Quilt Along is a "back to school" experience for people who have already done something like this. This is free to members just purchase the \$20 pattern. Can also purchase the pre-cut kit for \$250; scrappy option \$200 and cut yourself. This class is free every month after the guild meetings at 1:00pm. Bring your patterns, tools, etc. Start next month working on your project and have the first 2 blocks made.

Ginger Alexander – Cindy Albright and Ginger are heading up the Challenge Quilt this year with "Let Your Creativity Shine" and themed A Child's Book. You can use any book, fairytale, Golden Books, Dr. Seuss, Hardy Boys, Mark Twain, etc. There is a HUGE selection out there. Quilt may be of any size, three layers, can be pieced or appliqued. Due in the Fall, date to be determined. Hope all will join us!

2025 Leadership - President Randy shared that we still have openings for Secretary, and our existing Treasurer is stepping down in March. We need your help. Come check out what the Board is doing by joining us at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Farmers and Merchant Bank. Ask Randy for details if you would like to attend.

Quilt Show - We do not have a Chair, but we do have a location and help from the guys who will set up/tear down. President Randy asked for a vote from members if they want to have a Quilt

Show this year. The majority voted "YES". Randy presented the idea of inviting the Salem Country Quilters to team up with us for the Quilt Show. There was discussion and questions posed. We have partnered with SCQ for Quilt Congress in the past and that worked well. A contract was signed for the Quilt Congress, and a contract would be signed for the Quilt Show with costs/gains shared. This Quilt Show will be judged. Peggy Moody motioned to invite Salem Country Quilters to join our Quilt Show. Vicki Kauth seconded. **MOTION PASSED** Clara Zeigler will contact Salem Country Quilters.

Raffle Quilt – No Chair. Randy will be picking up the quilt from the quilter soon. He mentioned a letter written by Rosita recommending we put the Raffle Quilt on hold.

Audit – No Chair. Suggestions were made to outsource to a CPA on a semi-annual basis. We need transparency; if you have a recommendation, please inform the Board.

PROGRAM: SANDRA BEASLEY, "WHAT COMMUNITY QUILTS DO"

Sandy, as Chair, along with help from three other people (Katie Risk, Donna Perrin and Kathy Miller), runs this committee. She made an announcement prior to the program presentation of receiving a very large donation from an individual. This includes a lot of free magazines and books that are on the free table but will be donated to the Salvation Army once the meeting ends. There were 2 large fabric bins for members to go through to make community quilts. This is small compared to the larger amount held at Sandy, Katie and Randy's homes, but likely to be sold for batting purchases.

What Community Quilts Do - The Guild made 139 quilts last year. These quilts go to local groups such as Hospice, Hospital Nursery, The Call and Casa (foster children), Alpha House (men's shelter but may have recently closed), Visually Impaired Persons through Debbie Rees and Veterans in Bull Shoals, Into the Light, Police and Fire Departments. Quilts have also been sent throughout the US. Ten were sent to North Carolina in response to Hurricane Helene and shipping was free because the hospital collected supplies and took our quilts along. The question was asked if we would like to donate to Izzard County as well. Most members agreed and said, "Yes".

Every member has a commitment to make one community quilt a year and free to make more if they choose. All quilts should have a label, and this information is on the website. Ink is very expensive so if you need a label, let Sandy know. If you make only a quilt top, there are a couple of members who will quilt for free. But we also have a backup contract with Charity Beckley of Ditzzy Fish for quilting. Charges: \$10 for a quilt measuring 70x90 and under; anything bigger than that is \$15. Community Quilts going to Ditzzy Fish requires a check made payable to the Guild to go through our Treasurer. The Guild then cuts a check to Ditzzy Fish. Information can be found on the website showing recommendations for size, fabric cotton/polyester which is fine but 100% cotton is preferred, especially for baby quilts. There is a point system for receiving pins and this is also on the website. You can get 3 points if you make the top, quilt it and bind it. Batting can be 80/20. For example, Virginia pieced a quilt top only. She can bring it to Sandy who has people who will receive batting and back fabric and quilt it. Sometimes someone else does the binding. Every monthly meeting, there is a sign-in sheet at the Community Quilt table for drop-offs to help with tracking points.

Plans are to have more "Sew-Ins" and "Cut-Ins". If you know of anyone who wants to donate send them to Sandy as we need to purchase batting. We have plenty of fabric. There are tables along the back wall with simple patterns for community quilt ideas.

Sandy presented recognition pins to 11 recipients who had 15 points or more:

Cindy Albright 45 pts Steve Landrum 45 pts Mary Ann Giesy 30 pts
Diane Siddons 25 pts Darlene Landrum 20 pts Connie Randall 18 pts
Carolyn Bisbee 15 pts Sharon Crozier 15 pts Sandy Butler 15 pts
Ginger Alexander 15 pts Linda Langseth* 15 pts

*Sandy unknowingly called Linda several times because Linda enjoyed doing binding. Linda has not been a member for a couple of years, and yet she continued to do so!

Randy reminded members to check the tables at the back of the room during break and Carol Lewis invited them all to enter their names in a special program's door prize drawing. President Randy shared an idea presented through Harriett, "What if we just sit and sew? No meetings?" He asked the members to think about doing something like this. He will investigate a different facility for a once-a-month get-together.

Every Quilt Has a Story – Randy mentioned that we need someone to handle this part of the monthly program as it has endeared itself to members and Peggy Moody will take responsibility for signing people up to share. Randy then shared his quilt story: A quilt top that his "momma" started back in 1980. She hand-pieced part of it, then the top went to his auntie and then another lady quilted it. Four people put this together. After 45 years as a UFO, Randy got his hands on it and bound it. Lots of fond memories in this quilt and a wonderful story shared!

Peggy Moody announced that Judy Spahn is at a small shop in Yellville called the Luck Star Handmade and that her items will be taken down tomorrow, Saturday the 15th .

Community Quilt Parade displayed 10 lovely quilts.

Show and Tell provided members the opportunity to show their 7 wonderful quilts.

Door Prizes: Celine Kingsland and Bobbie Schaeffer

50/50: Donna Perrin won \$16.50

Program Door Prizes: Clara Zeigler, Vicki Williamson, Trieneke Self, Jackie Cochran and Virginia Cornett

Motion to adjourn by Anna Hickman and seconded by Pat Lovett. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 11:27 am

Rosita Forster, Temporary Secretary