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Hill 'N Hollow Newsletter

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From the desk of Randy,

Since our last meeting I have been communicated with by several individuals over concerns about the open positions and the committees. I am glad to say that we now have a volunteer to be Treasurer. We also have two other people showing interest in splitting the Secretary's position. We will need to vote on this at our next meeting, which is a good thing. We still need to have some people step up for Communications, Education, and a few special committees.

For those that may not know, my wife Mona went through surgery and is making a fantastic recovery. As of now, she is done with going through physical therapy and has Doctor permission to drive and operate heavy equipment (her sewing machines, LOL).

Good to her words, Vicki was here after last meeting to help people work on the blocks for the Valley Ranch Quilt. Several people attended and even though most didn't need a lot of help on the blocks, it was still fun to get together.

Even though we just got home from the retreat, we are already working on next year's retreat. Put it on your calendar, 23 – 26 March 2026. The reason I am telling everyone now is because it is so much fun being harassed and enjoying everyone at this event. One more retreat and I should have my quilt completed, which wouldn't happen if I did not have several people push me. We had a great Retreat Committee and met people that are not in our guild, and they are looking forward to next year already.

All I can say in closing is to all those people stepping up to service in our guild, Thank You. It takes a village to make this work, and it is working. Thanks again.

Blessings, Randy

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April Program

Colleen Billen from Crescent, Oklahoma will be showcasing one of her Narrative Quilts entitled "Jason's Euclid". A Study of Good Design. Colleen has always considered herself a visionary. This unique perspective became clear in her quilting journey, which started in 2012. It was then that she began to notice the profound connections between the quilts she created and the individuals for whom they were made. Since then, she has crafted over 35 "Narrative Quilts," each telling a profound story of what a good design embodies, through the eyes of the Creator and Designer.

Thank You!!!!

A big thank you to Clara Zeigler, Jackie Cochran, Jan Pomeranke, Mary Giesy, Sue Schaufler, Vicki Kauth for the program presentation. From the pictures it looked like there was a lot of interest. Great job, gals!!!! Appreciate your participation.

I also want to give a shout out to Laura Norman, Peggy Moody, and Darlene Landrum who have volunteered to this date to make shoofly blocks for the May Program. We really appreciate your help.

Carol Lewis
Program Chairman

Retreat 2025

Attendees from across the state attended this year's retreat. We had quilters from Mt View, Jonesboro, Salem, Calico Rock, and Horseshoe Bend. Darlene Landrum and Sandy Butler coordinated the annual event, along with Randy and Mona Bolen, Clara Ziegler, Jackie Cochren, Ginger Alexander, Frieda Mauthe and Peggy Moody. Mona created the games and prizes for the winners. The event was inspiring as it is each year.



Jonna's granddaughter, Sharyn



The committee



The whole group with their retreat T-shirts

MTM News

Three more classes will round out the Members Teaching Members lineup for 2025.

Darlene Landrum will teach us how to make the cute and practical Mondo Bag on Tuesday, April 29. Cost for this full-day class is \$20. You must purchase the pattern, which includes the printed fusible interfacing that is key to making this bag, and there is homework to complete prior to class. The pattern is available on amazon.com for about \$22. That class is coming right up, so don't delay in signing up and ordering your pattern!



Mondo Bag | Tuesday, April 9

Vicky Williamson will teach us tips and tricks in handling Minky and Cuddle fabrics while making a cute wrap in her Quilted Hug class on Tuesday, May 20. These fabrics make great quilt backs, especially for baby quilts, but it's a little tricky to work with. Again, cost for this full-day class is \$20. No pattern is required.



Quilted Hug | Tuesday, May 20

Steve Landrum will round out the schedule with his Convergence Quilt class on Thursday, July 17. This quilt features two or more fabrics cut into strips, sewn together and cut again to yield an amazing harmonic pattern. Again, cost for this full-day class is \$20. No pattern is required.

All of these classes run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are scheduled for The Christian Church of Mountain Home (where the guild meets). They all require sewing machines.

Finally, don't forget our Valley Ranch Quilt-Along coaching sessions beginning at 1 p.m. after the guild meeting. Come work on this fun quilt or just come to sew with your friends.

Questions? Contact me at 870-421-5369.
Vicki Kauth

June 2025 Workshop: A Walk in the Park

- Membership price: \$40; non-members: \$50
- Thursday, June 12
- Jill Finley presenting her applique prep method
- Both hand and machine applique techniques



Quilt Show

The 2025 quilt show will be held at the Baxter County Fairgrounds on October 24 and 25. The Hill n Hollow Quilt Guild will partner with the Country Quilters Guild of Salem to present the show, and plans are underway with the show committee.

More information will be provided soon, so now is the time to start planning which quilts you want to enter in the show.

Community Quilts

While I was away, the Community Quilts co-chair distributed quilts to Hospice House and the hospital nursery. Thank you Katie Risk!



Additional quilts were donated to The Gamma House, the hospital nursery, and finally the CALL which is the foster children organization. All were thrilled! 😊



Something to Consider

I can never remember the exact words of our guild mission, but a big part of it is sharing the art and craft of quilting. I LOVE sharing the quilt pox with others.

I've been quilting for more than 25 years now. It occupies my time and gives me an identity now that I no longer have a job to define me. Yes, I am an unapologetic enthusiast, and I welcome chances to share my enthusiasm, joy and love of quilting.

I enjoy sharing tips and tricks I've picked up along the way. I love showing others how they can combine techniques to express themselves. I try hard to challenge others to learn, experiment, and even abandon techniques they don't enjoy (after they've given them a fair trial, of course). I especially love teaching beginners and opening their eyes to freedom of expression and steps they can take to reduce frustration and increase their own joy in our shared craft.

I also love sharing my work with others through quilt shows. I am competitive by nature and want to have my quilts recognized. But I recognize those "scary" judges' comments are part of the learning process. I know my quilts have flaws, but I am seeking help to improve.

Judges try hard to be objective, but everyone has favorite colors, techniques and other biases that are tough to overcome.

Remember, those comments are ONE PERSON'S opinion on a particular day. I used to console myself after a disappointing horse show that "sometimes the judge just doesn't like your horse." It happens. But those comments might reveal some strengths you didn't know you had.

I make quilts that make me happy. I encourage others to do the same, to share the things they know and to bring joy to everyone they meet.

Vicki Kauth

2025 Hill 'n Hollow Challenge

- Theme: Your favorite childhood book (or theirs!)
- Rules: Not many! Any size works.
- Due Date: September Guild meeting



HILL 'N HOLLOW QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Friday March 14, 2014

President Randy Bolen called the meeting to order at 9:30. Forty-three members and one guest attended the meeting. Rita Bergstrom announced we have 67 members.

Minutes — Motion to accept made by Vicki Kauth, seconded by Anna Hickman and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report — Filed for audit. Donna Armstrong has agreed to chair the Audit Committee.

Vicki Kauth introduced the remaining Members Teaching Members classes for 2025. Open to guild members only, the full-day classes are:

- Mondo Bag, taught by Darlene Landrum on Tuesday, April 29.
- Quilted Hug, taught by Vicky Williamson on Tuesday, May 20.
- Convergence quilt, taught by Steve Landrum on Thursday, July 17

Fee for each of these classes is \$20, and a pattern is required for the first one. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Christian Church of Mountain Home. Vicki also reminded members that there will be free sessions after every guild meeting through August from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help those who are working on the Valley Ranch Quilt-Along or who just want to sew and chat with their friends.

Darlene Landrum opened registration for the Jill Finley workshop to be held Thursday, June 12. Fee for the workshop is \$40 per person, and Jill's pattern is required. The pattern is available from jilllillystudio.com for \$14 plus \$5 shipping. Darlene urged everyone to consult Jill's website for more information.

Darlene also talked about the Branson guild retreat, reminding attendees they could unload their stuff beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 24. Members who wish to participate in the many games planned should bring fat quarters. She also reported that Quilted Cow has many discounts for retreat attendees.

Randy reminded everyone we still have openings for guild officers and board members: Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Chair.

Vice President Clara Ziegler reported that Country Quilters in Salem has enthusiastically embraced cosponsoring the Oct. 24-26 2025 Quilt Show. Sarah Gleghorn from Country Quilters will cochair the event (in a later development, Sandy Butler agreed to fill that role for Hill 'N Hollow). Each guild will contribute \$2,000 in seed money for the show and will split any profit or loss. Half of the show committee meetings will be in Salem, and Randy will distribute quilt show leadership binders no later than the next guild meeting.

Ginger Alexander urges participation in the 2025 Guild Challenge, which is due at the September guild meeting. The theme is "your favorite children's book."

The program was "Quilters College," in which MaryAnn Giesey, Jan Pomeranke, Clara Ziegler, Jackie Cochran, Vicki Kauth and Sue Schaufler demonstrated virus techniques, a special ruler and a project.

The parade of Community Quilts and Show & Tell display followed the program.

Randy Bolen and Emily Duncan won the door prizes (fat quarters), and Donna Armstrong won the 50/50 drawing.

Sharon Crozier took the 2025 Raffle Quilt home to bind in time for the April Guild meeting.

Ginger Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marge Schill. all members voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Kauth