

JUNE



2026

NEWSLETTER



CLARA'S CORNER



Hello everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful summer!

This morning I was watching Ricky Tims at the Crystal Bridges art museum. His show was centered around the America 250 exhibit and the quilts included in that exhibit. Art takes on many forms, from everyday utilitarian to extravagant breath-taking pieces. Quilting is art just as much as painting, drawing or sculpting. As quilt artists, and we are truly artists, we can create beauty, bold statements, thoughtfulness, excitement and serenity. Everyone calls my studio "The happy place" because I'm a happier person when I spend time out there. I can go out there and be transformed for a little while. I can listen to good music, dream, create and even make mistakes, but mistakes are okay, as long as we learn from them and keep growing. I use my time out there to reflect and meditate on improving my art and improving me. I believe that through art we grow. So, open your heart and your mind to spread your artist wings and let your quilt making take you to your "happy place".

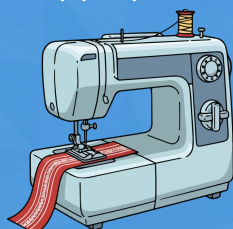
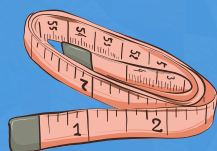
Hill 'n Hollow members have played such a big role in helping me to grow as a quilter and I will be forever grateful for every minute you spent helping me to improve and try new things. You all are the best!

Due to unforeseen issues, we were unable to publish our newsletter last month. It is our goal to publish the newsletter on time every month. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, July 10th at the Library!

EDUCATION

Members Teaching Members Class Schedule:

July 23	9 am - 4 pm	Wearable Art Pin	Teacher: Darlene Landrum
August 13	9 am - 1 pm	Mitered Borders	Teacher: Vicki Kauth
September 10	9 am - 4 pm	Tiny Paper Piecing	Teacher: Ginger Alexander
October 19	9 am - 4 pm	Wool Applique	Teacher: Mary Jo Smith





COMMUNICATION



We're excited to share that our Facebook page has grown to **945 followers** and is still climbing—thank you all for your support!

Facebook is a great way to stay connected and keep up with everything happening in our guild, so please be sure to follow our page if you haven't already.

If you'd like to review the **Treasurer's Report** or past **Meeting Minutes**, they're always available on our website. A big thank-you to Peggy Moody for keeping everything updated and full of helpful "all the things" you need to know.

We also have a few committee needs and would love some helping hands:

- Greeters
- Fat Quarter Drawing

If you're willing to help, please see Jennifer Alpe at the next guild meeting.

2026 OFFICERS

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| • President: | Clara Zeigler |
| • President Elect: | Donna Armstrong |
| • Secretary: | Mona Bolen |
| • Treasurer: | Shirlene Cotenias |

2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| • Audit Committee: | Kathy Martin |
| • Communications Committee: | Jennifer Alpe |
| • Membership Committee: | Sue Herron |
| • Community Quilts Committee: | Sandy Beasley |
| • Education Committee: | Sandy Butler |
| • Hospitality Committee: | Vicky Williamson |
| • Raffle Quilt Committee: | Jennifer Alpe |
| • 2027 Quilt Show Committee: | VACANT |

We are so grateful for all the ways our members help keep the guild running smoothly. Since our guild is volunteer-led, every contribution truly makes a difference—no matter how big or small.

Whether you're helping at meetings, selling raffle tickets, or lending a hand at events, your time and support help keep our guild active, welcoming, and strong.

Thank you for being such an important part of what makes Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild such a wonderful community. We appreciate you!



"If It Flies"



GUILD CHALLENGE

We hope you're taking all those creative ideas fluttering around in your imagination and bringing them to life in fabric!

We can't wait to see the incredible projects you create and to celebrate everyone's creativity together. Be sure to spread the word and encourage your quilting friends to join in the fun!

A helpful suggestion: Please attach a card to your entry with the name of your quilt. This will help fellow guild members better understand your vision and the inspiration behind your creation.

17 Remember: Entries are due at the October Guild Meeting!

Thank you for embracing this challenge with such enthusiasm and creativity. Fun projects like this are one of the many things that make the Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild such a special place to learn, share, and be inspired.

 Happy quilting, and have a wonderful 4th of July! Ginger Alexander



COMMUNITY QUILTS

These are some of the Community quilts that were donated to the Southern Meadows Assisted Living Facility and the Baxter Hospital baby nursery in Mountain Home during the month of June.



Join the Fun at Our Next Guild Meeting!

As you walk through the doors at our next guild meeting, be sure to take part in all the fun activities waiting for you! **BRING CASH!!!**

50/50 Drawing

Don't miss your chance to win! Half of the proceeds go to one lucky winner, while the other half is donated to the Baxter County Library—a wonderful way to support our community while having a little fun.

Door Prize Drawing

Be sure to enter for our always-popular door prize drawing. The prizes are thoughtfully chosen and are sure to delight any quilting or sewing enthusiast!

Wear Your Official Hill 'N Hollow Name Tag

Members who wear their official Hill 'N Hollow name tag can enter their name into the special year-end drawing each month. The more meetings you attend with your name tag, the more chances you'll have to win!

Fat Quarter Drawing

Don't forget to bring a Fat Quarter for our monthly drawing. Last month we had three huge bundles to give away! **The theme for our July Guild Meeting is GREEN**, so look through your stash and bring your favorite green Fat Quarter to share.

We look forward to seeing everyone for another fun-filled morning of friendship, inspiration, and quilting!

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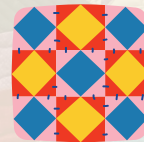


FAT QUARTER WINNERS

JUNE GUILD MEETING WINNERS



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



RAFFLE QUILT

Hello, Fellow Quilters! Sometimes events don't go as planned, but we're looking ahead to even more opportunities!

Due to the information the Hill 'N Hollow Quilt Guild received regarding the cancellation of the fireworks at the Mountain Home Red, White & Blue Festival, we made the difficult decision to withdraw from the event and cancel our booth reservation.

Later that day, we learned through a Facebook announcement that the fireworks had been reinstated. By that time, our volunteers had already been notified of the cancellation, and it was no longer possible to reorganize and participate in the festival.

While we were disappointed not to be a part of this year's event, we sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding and support.

Our next **Raffle Ticket Venue Event** is already on the calendar:

📍 Harps East (Highway 62)

📅 Friday, July 17

🕒 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Several of you have already volunteered—thank you so much! Your willingness to give your time is greatly appreciated. At our guild meeting on Friday, July 10, I'll pass around the sign-up sheet again so everyone can confirm their shifts and we can fill any remaining openings.

So far, we've turned in **\$833.00 in raffle ticket sales**. Our current **expenses total \$1,086.48**, which means we still have a little ground to make up. While we had hoped the festival would help us get ahead, we know there are plenty of opportunities still to come, and together we can make this raffle a great success!

We'll take a short break from scheduled venue events during August while many members enjoy vacations and family time. Then we'll kick things into high gear this fall, beginning with one of our biggest events of the year:

📅 Baxter County Fair - September 16–19

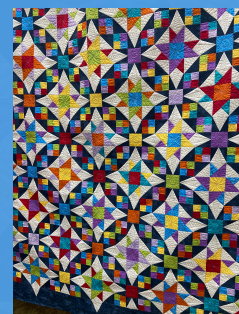
This will be a four-day indoor event, and we'll need lots of volunteers to help make it a success. Please mark your calendars now—we'd love to have as many members as possible participate!

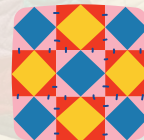
If you still have raffle tickets checked out, now is a great time to sell them and turn them in. And don't stop there—we hope you'll come back for more! Every ticket sold helps support our Community Quilts program and the many meaningful projects our guild provides throughout the community.

Need more tickets? Just send me a text at 918-232-1472, and I'll be happy to meet you at a convenient location to get more into your hands.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm, generosity, and continued support. Together, we'll make this raffle a wonderful success!

Wishing you and your families a safe, fun, and happy Fourth of July! 🇺🇸 ❤️ - Jennifer Alpe





OUR DARLING HARRIET

💡 Have a great idea for the guild? Don't keep it to yourself—share it with Harriet!



Harriet, our guild's suggestion box, is waiting to hear from you at every monthly meeting. You'll find her on the left side of the Knox Rooms, along with suggestion forms ready for your thoughts, ideas, compliments, and recommendations.

Whether you have:

- ✦ An idea for a new program or workshop
- ✦ A suggestion to improve something in the guild
- ✦ A fun activity you'd like to see us try
- ✦ Words of appreciation for the wonderful programs and volunteers that make our guild special - we want to hear from you!

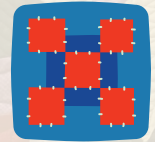
Please remember to sign your suggestion so we can contact you if we need more information and so we can give credit where credit is due for your great ideas. Every suggestion is reviewed and shared at the next Board meeting, and you'll be notified of any action taken.

Harriet is one of the many ways you can help shape the future of our guild. After all, this guild belongs to all of us! Your ideas, creativity, and feedback help make our guild stronger, more welcoming, and more inspiring for everyone.

📌 So the next time you attend a meeting, stop by and visit Harriet. Let your voice be heard—we can't wait to hear what you have to say! - Donna Armstong

JUNE MEETING PICTURES





QUILTER'S SALE



Coming Soon!

Watch for upcoming dates and times.

BIG SALE

Browse a wonderful selection of quilting treasures, including:

- Fabric
- Books
- Rulers
- Patterns
- Thread
- Kits
- And much more!

Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just getting started, you'll find plenty of quilting goodies priced to fit your budget.

Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on supplies and discover new treasures for your next project!

Hosted by Carol Lewis

Hill N' Hollow Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes June 12, 2026

President Clara Zeigler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed 44 members and seven visitors.

Attendance: Clara recognized five birthdays and four anniversaries.

Approval of May minutes: Tammy Marts moved to approve the minutes, Kim Wallace seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: There were no questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report and it was filed for audit.

Election of officers: Jennifer Alpe nominated Donna Armstrong to the position of president-elect and the motion was seconded by Ginger Alexander. Donna was elected unanimously.

Education:

Darlene Landrum explained Members Teaching Members classes and announced the following class dates:

Wearable art pins with Darlene, July 23, \$10

Tiny paper piecing with Ginger Alexander, Sept. 10, \$10

Wool appliqué Christmas tree with Mary Jo Smith, Oct. 19, \$10

Mitered borders with Vicki Kauth, August 13, \$5

Clara announced the guild will sponsor a beginner class beginning in September. It will cover the basics, provide one-on-one help and will have sewing machines available for those who haven't got a sewing machine. More news will come on this.

Vicki urged members to complete the survey on workshops, explaining there will be no guild workshops unless more than half the members present completed the survey by the end of the meeting. (Note: Vicki received 41 responses.)

Ginger explained this year's challenge, urging members to make a quilt representing the theme "If it flies." Deadline for entries is the October meeting, and members may submit up to two entries. She asked those entering the challenge to think of a name for their quilt(s) and include a card to help others understand how each quilt mirrors the theme. Entries will be returned to their owners, and Ginger urged everyone to enter their challenge quilts in the 2027 quilt show.

Sandy Butler explained her duties as Education Chair, explaining that she knew about many of the tasks that come under Education but was surprised by others. They include programs, workshops, Members Teaching Members, bus trips, community education, retreat, challenges, the Harrison EHC workshops, an Education budget and attending board meetings. She points out the chair is not expected to make all of this stuff happen. The key, she confided, is to make sure you have subcommittee chairs that are good to work with.



Communications:

Jennifer Alpe announced she needs greeters for the guild meetings to check people in and tell newcomers about all the fun things we do as a guild.

She announced we currently have 936 followers on Facebook and we need more content to interest them. She needs some more member spotlight volunteers as well more information regarding quilting doings in the area.

We need a newsletter editor and someone to coordinate the monthly fat quarter drawing.

Jennifer explained our raffle quilt, pointing out that each member is expected to sell at least four booklets of 20 tickets in this, our only fundraiser for 2026. She urged people to be sure to turn in ticket stubs and the money to go with them in the blue envelope distributed with the tickets, placing them in the improved red mailbox.

She urged members to volunteer for raffle quilt ticket sales venues, pointing out it's a great way to get to know other guild members. Coming venues include the Red, White and Blue Festival At ASU-Mountain Home on Saturday, June 27. Shifts are 9:30 a.m. -finish for set-up, 3-5:30 p.m., 5:30 to 8 and 8 to 10. We will also be selling tickets inside Harps East (old Harps at Rt. 62 East and Cardinal) on Friday, July 17. Shifts are 10:30 to 1. 1 to 3:30 and 3:30 to 6. We will be inside near the bathrooms.

Announcements:

Peggy Moody reported that guild member Mike Breton is moving to California to be near his granddaughter.

Sandy Beasley explained our community quilts program and asked for volunteers to quilt and bind community quilts.

Clara reported the board has approved the guild's joining the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. Dues are \$150, and will aid in our community outreach by listing us in the chamber directory, providing a link to Hill 'N Hollow on their website, including an "Investors Spotlight" write-up on the guild and listing meetings and other guild events on their website, among other benefits. Since their Facebook site has more than 15,000 followers, it will help us promote the guild and its activities. She urged members to sign up for the chamber's weekly newsletter to learn what's happening in the community.

Break

Program:

Pam Fry of Salem Country Quilters Guild showed variety of small items she makes for sale, including jar openers, plastic bag storage sleeves, chapstick holders, wrist pin cushions, tissue holders, travel trash bags and hanging kitchen towels. She gets many ideas from Pinterest and Etsy, and finds tutorials on YouTube (she said Christine Home Affairs and Tara Reed have great tutorials on YouTube. She used scraps from making pin cushions for the Hill 'N Hollow retreat to make a quilt featuring "potato chip" blocks, which she donated to community quilts (look for the blocks on YouTube).

Her trunk show featured her hand-quilted masterpieces. Her first quilt was a double wedding ring featuring fabrics from her family. She also showed a hand-embroidered quilt incorporating black and white fabrics and the double wedding ring quilt that won Best Hand Quilting at our 2025 Autumn in the Ozarks quilt show.

Pam demonstrated hand quilting, providing tips for all. She prefers to quilt with a hoop that spans an entire quilt block but is not too large, basting the layers together so they won't shift when she wrestles it around, and she wants some slack to accommodate the rocking motion used in stitching. Her favorite markers include blue water-soluble markers by Mark-B-Gone (be careful with exposure to heat and sunlight, which will set the color), a hera marker or pounce pad (which she demonstrated). She marks only one block at a time and does not mark when she quilts $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from seams.

She prefers John James and Mary Arden needles, using a size 8 or 9 for quilts with a lot of seams and size 9 and 10 for quilts with fewer seams. She also uses a thimble with deep dimples and a finger cot on her index finger to aid in pulling the needle through. "Don't be stingy with your needles; you cannot sew a straight line with a bent needle," she cautioned. She also advised stroking the needle tip through your hair to lubricate it if it's hard to start in the fabric.

Pam demonstrated the rocking motion used in hand quilting. She uses a quilter's knot and buries it in the batting along the line to be quilted about 1" from the beginning of the line, quilting over the thread tail. If your first stitch tends to be uneven, she suggested starting with a backstitch. And then she ends with a couple of quilter's knots buried in the batting. She also demonstrated traveling through the batting to get from one quilting line to another.

Community Quilts:

The parade showcased eight quilts.

Show & Tell:

Nine quilters showed their work.

Winners:

Connie Martin and Kathy Kitchens won fat quarters. Next month's color is green. You get your name in the hat for each fat quarter you bring.

Brenda Gipson won a project bag and row and block markers, and Kim Wallace won a project bag and Clover clips as door prizes.

Vicki Kauth won \$14.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Remember your name will go in a drawing if you wear your name tag to guild meetings.

Adjourn: Peggy Moody moved to adjourn the meeting, Sue Schaufler seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Vicki Kauth