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Mission Statement – *The purpose of the Arkansas Quilters Guild is to promote the appreciation of the rich heritage of the art of quilting and to enhance each member's own quilting skills and knowledge. It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations and preserve the existing quilts.*

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We had another great group at our April meeting. Everyone was “a buzzing” about the demos and looking forward to show and tell and our program. Debbie Haley gave the program on T-Shirt Quilts. Weren't they just fabulous? I had no idea tee shirts could look so good and were fairly involved. Debbie did a wonderful job of explaining her thought process and her “discoveries” along the way. She has nailed many techniques down and had quite a few tips to make perfectly memorable quilts.

Don't forget to bring your fat quarters (floral – any color) for the drawing. This feature has been a huge hit. I am looking forward to seeing some quilts made from the drawings. See you in May at our next meeting.

Blessings,

Judy Tipton Rush, President AQG

For the MAY MEETING DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- 1) Floral fat quarter for the drawing..You might get lucky!
- 2) Favorite tool for the demo survey. Yours might be the winner!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS! REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m., this month only at the home of Judy Tipton Rush, 7412 Pontiac Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

AQG Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2008, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Ginny Eckley – Fabric Painting with Threads.

DEMO REPORT

A big Thank You to Lynn Fletcher for showing us how to make beautiful smocked ornaments. Wasn't it amazing to see how your fabric choice and how you stitched it could give such different looks in the finished ornaments?

We also thought about what it takes to enter a quilt contest. Suggestions were:

1. Obtain a copy of the rules and an entry form for the show you want to enter. Follow all instructions precisely.
2. Is the show a juried show? If photographs are required, submit exactly what is requested.
3. Ensure that your quilt is clean, completely your own work, hangs straight, the batting fills the binding and has uniform stitches.
4. Label as required by contest rules.
5. Ship in a clear plastic bag inside a sturdy box.

If you have never entered a quilt show, you have an excellent opportunity for your first show to be our AQG show this fall. Entries are due September 8 through October 13.

Coming in May

Judy Tipton Rush will show us how to make the ornaments we will use to decorate this year's CARTI tree.

The second demo is again up to YOU. In March we had fun telling why we loved our books. This

AD RATES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Size	1 month	3 months
1/8 page (w 3.5" x h 2")	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
1/4 page (w 3.5" x h 4.5")	20.00	55.00
1/2 page (w 7.25" x h 4.5")	40.00	100.00
full page (w 7.25" x h 9.5")	80.00	200.00

Classified rates for AQG member personal ads – 15¢ per word

All ads must be camera ready and fit the size requirement. The Newsletter Editor reserves the right to refuse ads that are not camera ready, do not fit the size requirement, or do not meet professional standards. All ads must be received no later than the second Thursday of the month; any ads received after that date will be included in the next month's publication. Please mail your ads to Judy Young, 3319 Rocky Court, Little Rock, AR 72227-3108. If there are any questions, please call Judy at 501-228-9690.

month bring your favorite tools and gadgets so we can share ideas on using them. Of course, those that participate will be eligible for a PRIZE.

Joyce Dempsey will be our go-to quilter in the "Ask the Guild" booth. Bring her your quilting dilemmas.

Announcing a New Demo Feature

Are you an AQG member who teaches classes? Have patterns for sale? Have samples to share? Then you need to become a part of our new "Teach Me Please" series at the Pre-Meeting. Notify a member of the Demo Team to get on the schedule.

Remember to Come Early, Have Fun, Learn.
Lavern Schaap for your Demo Team



AQG UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS by Carol Ann Wilbourn and Vivian Higgs

May 2008 – Ginny Eckley. Fabric Painting with Threads: one class and lecture at meeting.

June 2008 – Judy Tipton Rush.

July 2008 – Red, White and Blue. Civil War Quilts. Marie Henry.

August 2008 – Back to School. Back to Basics.

September 2008 – Cynthia England. One class and lecture "Why Did I Buy That Ugly Fabric."

October 2008 – Carol Ann Wilbourn.

November 2008 – Jim Gatling.

December 2008 – Christmas Celebration!!

The Program Committee needs your ideas and input for future programs. Please send any program ideas to: Carol Ann Wilbourn, 501-812-4868, carolsquiltcase@aol.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 31, 2008

Assets	Mar 31, 2008	Feb 28, 2008
Twin City Bank	\$ 11,093.57	\$ 10,712.76
Twin City \$10000 CD	10,000.00	10,402.30
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 21,093.57	\$ 21,115.06
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,790.42	\$ 21,115.06
	March 2008	Year To Date
INCOME		
Advertising	\$ 0.00	\$ 270.00
AWOL Spring Retreat 08	880.00	1,165.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
From Savings	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	91.75	230.35
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Membership	450.70	1,500.70
Memorials		
Heidingsfelder	0.00	0.00
Quilts Arkansas 08	0.00	0.00
Workshops	0.00	972.50
Schamber Workshop	98.89	1,842.49
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,521.34	\$ 3,264.94
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	241.32	241.32
Membership Expense	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Expense	0.00	0.00
Program Expenses	100.00	633.89
Quilts Arkansas 07	0.00	0.00
Rent	400.00	400.00
Retreats Expense	0.00	0.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	0.00
Tomorrow'S Treasures	0.00	0.00
Web Hosting	0.00	0.00
Workshop Expenses	149.87	660.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 891.19	\$ 1,425.08
NET INCOME	\$ 630.15	\$ 1,839.86

Nancy Hicks, Treasurer
3/31/2008

MAY PROGRAMS Carol Ann Welbourn

Hello Everyone! This is a reminder!!!!!! The fabric for the "fat quarter" drawing is floral for the month of May.

GINNY ECKLEY will be our Guest Teacher and Speaker for the May Meeting. She will be teaching her class at the Community Center in North Little Rock at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Bring your class supplies and come a little early so we can begin on time. Ginny's work is beautiful, come and learn how to paint with thread on your own sewing machine. The class fee is \$45. See you there!

LIKE PUZZLES? Pamela Hall

Check out this one called Patchworkz at www.shockwave.com. It starts with a partial patchwork pattern and you have to keep adding pieces to finish the design. The levels get progressively more complicated. Level 71 challenges you with lots of little pieces (did I mention that the game is addictive). The computer usually remembers your last score, but occasionally starts you back at Level 1. I had made it all the way to Level 76 when it forgot and started me over. Try it when you're up for a game!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathryn Kohlstedt	May 6
Martha Ann Warren	May 6
Mary Lou Kosmeder	May 6
Karen Alexander	May 8
Debbie Haley	May 13
Judy Tipton Rush	May 22
Lavern Schaap	May 28

AQG KNOTS

A list of Knots, their addresses and people to contact.

Knot Necessarily Sew – Knot Necessarily Sew. Meets every Monday night except AQG meeting night.
Contact Debbie Haley, 834-1019 (home) or 835-3939 (work) for location.

Material Girls – Pam Davis, 501-825-7545

Piecemakers – 4th Monday night, 7:00 p.m. – Sarah Ziegenbein, 1023 Claycut Circle, North Little Rock, AR 72116, 501-758-1340

The New Knot – 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4-5 p.m. – Carol Ann Wilbourn's house, 5009 Fairway Avenue, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116, 501-812-4868



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Tipton-Rush, by reading our mission statement. It was moved by Wilma Richter and seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read. The motion passed. Treasurer Nancy Hicks stated that the treasurer's report will be in the newsletter.

Carol Ann Wilbourn reminded everyone of the guild-sponsored class on thread painting in May to be taught by Ginny Eckley. She encouraged everyone to take our guild-sponsored classes.

Wilma Richter had nothing to report on challenges.

Lavern Schaap, for the demo team, thanked Lynn Fletcher for her demo of smocked ornaments and Kelley Davis for serving as our expert quilter tonight. She reminded everyone to pick up a copy of "Tips on How to Enter Quilt Shows." Judy Tipton-Rush will show everyone how to make our CARTI ornaments in May. Also, Lavern urged everyone to bring their favorite quilting tool, and enter your name in a drawing. Joyce Dempsey will be our expert in May.

Wilma Richter, Quilt Arkansas co-chair with Marilyn Weaver, announced the featured teachers will be Sue Nickels, Jaynette Huff, and Barbara Oliver Hartman. She invited anyone else interested in teaching a class to please talk to her about it, and submit a proposal. Wilma also urged everyone to suggest ideas for classes. Quilt Arkansas will be September 10-12, 2009 at the Arkansas 4-H Center.

Nancy Hicks, chair of our Heroes Quilt project, stated that everyone attending the work day accomplished a great deal. She had kits for tops ready for people to take home and complete. Eight (8) quilts are ready to be quilted, and 4 more are finished. Another work day will be held in May. It was suggested that we contact the Belle Point Quilt Guild in Fort Smith and coordinate our efforts. Lynn Fletcher and Carolyn Burns showed tops they had completed for this project.

Jim Gatling shared information about quilt happenings around the state and in nearby states. He is looking into a possible bus trip to Quilt Congress for us this fall. MOKA will meet June 27-28, 2008, in Columbia, MO. The Prairie Threads quilt show will be held in Wichita, KS, this summer, and is expected to be quite large.

Judy reminded everyone that luggage tags are available for \$2 each.

The Family Motorcoach Association will meet in North Little Rock in late September. We have been invited, along with Quest, to present a program for their quilting group. Demos would probably work best. Judy will have more details for us at our May meeting.

Watch for our new web site premiering soon. We'll have lots of neat things on it that we haven't been able to have before.

Four (4) guests and 48 members attended our meeting tonight. Guests were Pat Wade, Sharon Weinsinger, Sue Choitz, and Karen DeVinsey.

Door prizes were donated by Blossom Quiltworks, Pinwheel Fabrics and others, and were won by Shannon Young, Mary Jane Beard, Carolyn Burns, Jenny Shumate, Lois Hall, Debbie Spinks, and Sue Choitz.

Fat quarters were won by Bobbie Sample and Viva Petty. Bring floral fat quarters to share in May.

Show and Tell: Toni Baker, Jan Dougherty, Nancy Hicks, Darcy Pattison, Lois Hall, Lynn Fletcher, Juanita Webster, Virginia Byrd, Jim Gatling, Julie McAdoo, Adelle Walsh, Laurie Dixon, Kathryn Kohlstadt, and Judy Tipton Rush.

Debbie Haley presented our program on T-shirt quilts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Ziegenbein, Secretary



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BPQG QUILT SHOW

The Belle Point Quilters Guild invites all to their Quilt Show on Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27th, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall located at 10203 Columbus Acres Road in Fort Smith. Cost of admission is \$3 one day or \$5 for two days.

There will be over 100 quilts to view ranging from traditional to art, bed-sized to miniature, hand-sewn, machine stitched, or a combination of the two.

The nationally known Home of the Brave Project, founded by Don Beld, will be on exhibit. The 48 x 84 inch pattern and fabrics used are reproduction civil war. These quilts were originally made by women during the civil war and autographed, giving the men a sense of home and hope. The quilts were originally utilized by the soldier to bundle food and belongings while they marched by day and for warmth at night. Fallen soldiers were buried with them. The Home of the Brave Project provides quilts for the families of fallen soldiers from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Members of the Belle Point Quilters Guild carry on the tradition by making individual blocks and piecing the quilt. Upon completion of the quilt, it is signed by the makers and given to Lula Hanson, National Coordinator for the state of Arkansas. Lula makes certain that the quilt has the memorial label, a Home of the Brave certificate, and then mails it to the Arkansas family who has lost its loved one. Jonathan Gregory described quilt recipients in his UNC thesis paper on the Project. He wrote that many times the recipients describe family members wrapping themselves in the quilts and "feeling close" to their departed loved one or to the caring persons who made the quilt.

A work station will be set up for anyone who wants to work with the BPQG to make "Cozy Quilts" for the Fort Smith Police Department and the Children's Emergency Shelter. There will be shopping available with various vendors for a plethora of gift ideas. There will also be a BPQG Boutique where Guild members will sell finished quilted items to the public.

Classes are offered by well-known quilter, pattern maker and author Cynthia LeBlanc Regone. She is known for her own quilt label "Cajun Classics" and as a featured teacher at the International Quilt Show in Houston, Texas. She offers an all-day "Regency Charm" class on Saturday, April 26th for a cost of \$35 and a half-day "No-waste Method for Canadian Geese" class on Sunday, April 27th for the cost of \$25. Contact Angela Wiggins at flossem@cox internet.com for class registration questions or call (479) 648-8844.

For more information, please contact Lula Hanson at lulajane@cox.net or call (479) 646 5852.

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AQG PROGRAM NOTES

April 14, 2008

Janell Barkley

- Her name is Debbie.
- She admits that she is quilter.
- She admits she has been addicted since October of 2001.
- She freely admits to the fact that she is still addicted.

That is the opening for the program on April 14, 2008, and Debbie Haley kept up the lighthearted manner throughout her entire program. She began by explaining there were three categories of T-Shirt quilts: Actual tee-shirts, memory (photos, charms, mementoes) and dead guy (no explanation needed for this one). She showed the different tools used when making a "successful" T-Shirt quilt and made no bones about the fact that her favorite all-time tool is her steam presser. She makes use of her design wall and arranges the T-Shirts much the same way we all do when putting a quilt together. She presented a slide presentation of some of the T-Shirt quilts she has made and a few that have been made by other quilters.

When she had completed her presentation, Jim Gatling showed us an example of how NOT to make a T-Shirt quilt using as his example one that he made not using any of the techniques that Debbie had told us about.

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AWOL – FERNDALE

What a wonderful and fun time we had for two days. There were 19 members who attended this year.

Lots of finished projects, problems solved and a lot talking going on. The mini demos were great. And we had door prizes this year, a first.

Kelley Davis won the “Sock” contest and took the “Sock Wallhanging” home for the year.

Many thanks to all who made this retreat a success.

Jim brought his sewing room but forgot his clothes!! (he survived it)

Looking forward to next year, so mark your calendars and plan on attending. We'll print the date later on in the newsletter. Look for pictures on our web site: Jim in a turban???

AWOL 2008

Just in case you missed it this year, I thought you'd enjoy a recap of this yearly event. By 1 p.m. on Friday March 21st, folks had already arrived and set up in the big room at the end of the main hall. We enjoyed an afternoon of projects, visiting and catching up. The 6 p.m. dinner bell stirred us to move to the cafeteria for a choice of fish or chicken.

The snack table in our AWOL room kept us going all evening. Door prizes were announced periodically. A late evening visit from the Blossom Babes was a nice distraction. They didn't stay, but came to deliver fabric for those of us who needed more! Susan Spray also made an appearance for a quick visit.

The projects progressed throughout Saturday as everyone worked on projects: Nancy's zoo, Sarah's heroes, Martha Ann's kaleidoscope, Penny's quilt-by-the-mile, Jackie's T-shirts, Marty's baby blocks, Carol Ann's bubbles, Sharon's strips, Lynn's X-Blocks, Jim's mumu and Indians, Pat's handwork and Mary Lou's bulls-eye, Sherri's craziness, Geannine's masterpiece, Tink's Japanese, and Judy's supervision.

Demonstrations made for a nice break in the day Saturday: Judy's Cone Ornament, Pat's wool applique, Carol Ann's racing stripe, Judy's fabric painting and Nancy's trapunto.

We sewed, laughed, learned, shared and ate. Pictures can be seen on the web site. Hope to see you there next year!

Jackie Bibbs

COME SEW!

...or press or cut or bind or...

You get the picture. The Heroes Project needs YOU! Whatever your talent!

There are quilts to be pieced, bordered, quilted and binded. The next work/sew day is May 12 (meeting day) at the meeting room. If you're not in a knot, this is the closest thing to one! Contact Nancy Hicks for details.

QUILT SHOW

Are you working on your entry? Have you even thought about it? It's not too early to plan and produce your prize winner!

The maximum size is 68" X 96" so you have a wide range of sizes to consider. Your entry must be completed since June 1, 2006. This would be a perfect reason to get out one of those UFOs you have in a box in the closet.

Entry forms will be accepted from September 8 through October 13, 2008, for the November 10, 2008 through January 12, 2009 Show.

See our web site (or last month's newsletter) for details and entry form.

COMICS QUILT

They didn't have photo-transfer to fabric or fusibles or even T-shirt quilts back in 1935, but Bernice Ellis Lunder created a marvelous “Comics Quilt” with applique and embroidery. It shows the popular comics characters of the time. Check it out at http://americanart.si.edu/interact/interactives/comic_quilt.cfm.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008

- May 11 AQC Class: "Free Motion Machine Embroidery" class with Ginny Eckley from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 20-22 Prairie Quilt Guild – Common Threads 2008 Quilt Show – at Century II Expo Hall, 225 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202, <http://www.pqgks.com/quiltshow2008.html>.
- June 20-22 FabriCamp class in Lawrence, KS on dating quilts by fabric colors and designs. See www.terrythompson.com for details. (Also, see July 18-21.)
- June 27-28 MOKA goes to Columbia, MO, for Summer Gathering. Contact Bettina Havig at 573-449-1602 or bettinaqc@socket.net for info.
- July 18-21 FabriCamp class in Lawrence, KS on dating quilts by fabric colors and designs. See www.terrythompson.com for details. (Also, see June 20-22.)

2009

- Sept. 10-12 Quilt Arkansas 2009! We'll be celebrating Mardi Gras in the fall! The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009, and goes until after lunch on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The setting will be the C.A.Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale. Our featured teachers will be Sue Nickels and Jaynette Huff. Mark your calendars now!

JJIBBLES

- ❖ It was a dark and stormy night...at Marilyn Weaver's! The recent tornados landed on her property, but thankfully, not on her house. The cleanup will "take on a life of it's own" according to Marilyn. She thanks the board for the wonderful card and hopes to return to quilting soon.
 - ❖ Update on Margaret Athey: Kelley Davis checked on Margaret to find she's battling cancer with chemo and radiation treatments. I know she would appreciate a card or call.
 - ❖ Do you celebrate Earth Day on April 22? It would be a great idea to sew some grocery totes (from your stash, of course) to use in place of paper or plastic. You'd save waste and set fashion trends in Kroger!
 - You'll find links to free patterns here: <http://www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Sewing/Features/Gourmet+Grocery+Tote+and+Bags.htm>
 - A knit pattern can be found here: <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESummer07/PATTeverlasting.html>.
 - Instructions for a crocheted filet are here: http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/158162/how_to_crochet_simple_net_grocery_tote.html.
 - ❖ Web changes are coming! Let me know if you have a personal web site you would like linked to our new site. We'll have a links page from ours to showcase members and vendors.
 - ❖ T-Shirt Quilts are such fun! Didn't Debbie do a great job showing us the ropes? What a surprise to find that these memory quilts cost \$500 or more, when commissioned! They make such a nice gift for someone special.
- Fons and Porter showcased T-shirt quilts recently; one of their suggestions was to sew blocks together with a serger. That is a perfect use for overlock stitches! Another idea was to feature photo blocks as centers for stars that float in the borders.

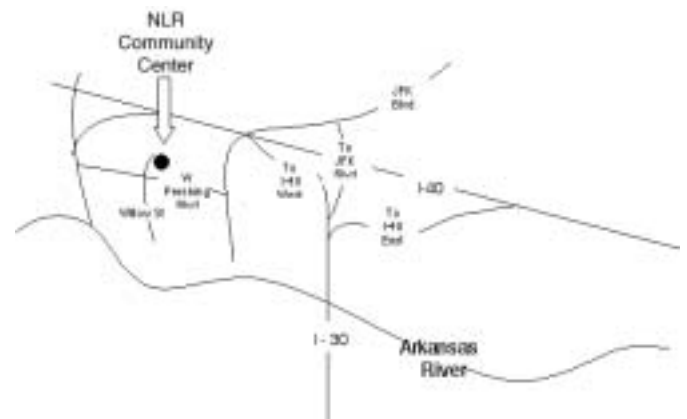
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**DEADLINE FOR
JUNE NEWSLETTER**

May 16, 2008

AQG Meeting
NLR Community Center
2700 Willow Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas



The NLRCC is located at 2700 Willow in North Little Rock which is near the I-30/I-40 interchange. Get off I-30 or I-40 at JFK. Go south to Pershing Boulevard. Turn right. Follow Pershing to Willow. It's on the right – It's on the right facing the new Patrick Hays Senior Citizen's Center.