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# OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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## *President's Message*

Dear Quilters:

I don't know how to start this except to say I have not had a very good month. I had three doctor appointments this last week and get a break for a week and then start over May 2nd. But I have a lot to be thankful for, at least I'm upright and above ground.

We had a great meeting Monday night and Gwen Rogers did an excellent job with her string quilt program.

I'm so excited about all of our new members and that they have already jumped in and are volunteering to do things to make our guild a fun and happy bunch.

Please remember our friend and member Jane Hammonds as she has surgery on her spine May 11. She covets our prayers.

We need volunteers to work our booth at Third Thursday in downtown Benton. We need two volunteers each time and we will supply everything you need and help you with all the information.

We also still have some empty program slots that need to be filled as many talented members as we have I know some of you will step up and fill those slots.

Please remember to pray for the people of Ukraine and remember to do random acts of kindness.

Until next time Happy Quilting,  
Sondra

### **2022 OFFICERS**

President: Sondra Curtis  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Sharon Vanover  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Amy Snodgrass  
Secretary: Jerri Psuka  
(Backup: Debbie Wright)  
Treasurer: Pat Wade

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

#### **Workshops:**

*Professional:* Cheri Johnson

*5:30:* Guild Members

*Librarian:* Myrna Yandell

*Fund raising:*

*Name Tags:* Joyce Opitz

*Door prizes:* Cely Slover

*Membership:* Toni Shockey

*Programs:*

*Website:* Eddie Landreth

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:* Judy Huggins

*Charity Quilts:* Sidney Morris

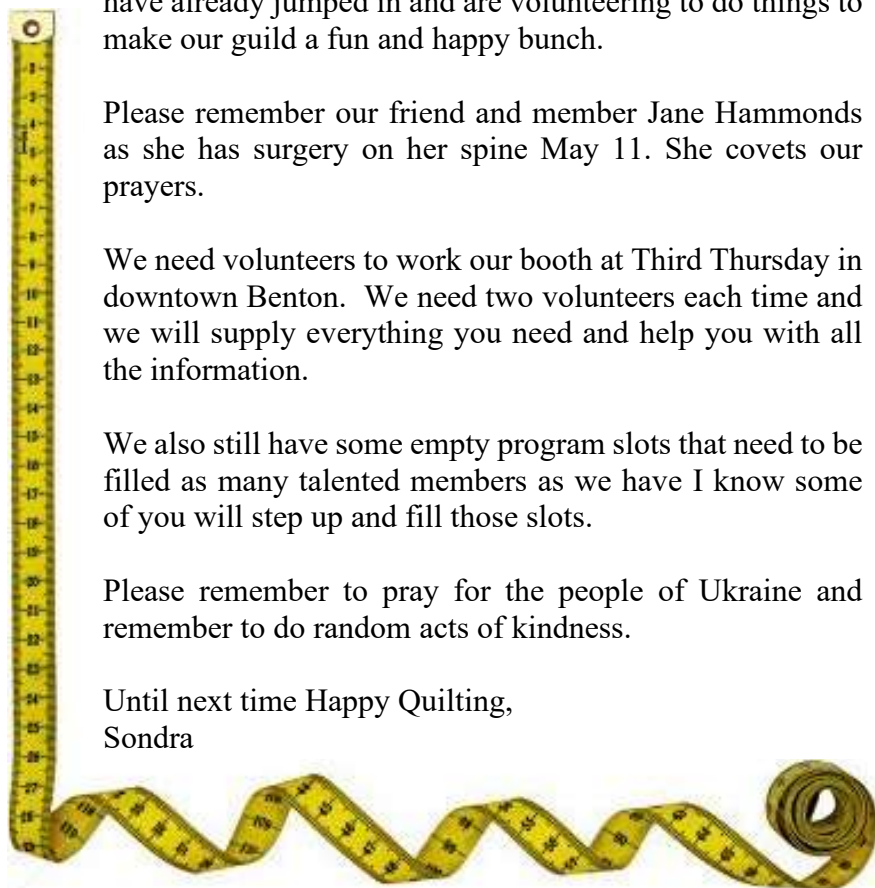
*Sunshine:* Judy Anderson

*Newsletter:* Eddie Landreth

*Hostess:* Twyla Moore

*Publicity:* Debbie Susky

*Quiltmania:* Pat Wade,  
Jane Hammonds,  
Ola Bramlett,  
Sheila Bird



## May Calendar of Events

		Event
4	Wed	First Wednesday at Calvary Church
8	Sun	<b>Mother's Day</b>
12	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
16	Mon	Guild meeting at Calvary Church. 5:30
20	Fri	Due date for articles for the newsletter to be sent to the editor.
25	Wed	QOV meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Johnston's Home Center.
26	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away.
28	Sat	Applique and whatever you want to work on at Sidney's Studio.
30	Mon	<b>Memorial Day</b>

### ~ May Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Kim Morris	7
Joyce Opitz	12
Brenda Wall	28

### ~ Programs ~

#### May program:

Three of our newest members will be sharing a little bit about themselves and showing some of their work. We look forward to getting better acquainted with them!

### ~ Quilting Article ~

Frank Fellone from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette came to QuiltMania, took pictures, and interviewed some of our members. His article will be in the paper on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pat Wade

### ~ Library Report ~

**Library Report:** This month's selection for review is Marsha McCloskey's Quick Classic Quilts, which covers four-patches to feathered stars. I didn't realize that our library does not contain any of McCloskey's books, so a big "thanks" to Valarie Nichols for donating this book. Though this book was printed back in 1996, it is full of information which we quilters use even today as we make our quilted projects. Marsha pays tribute to tradition and practicality in her choices of patterns, color, and design. In this particular book, she uses templates to make classic patterns such as Four-Patch, Nine-Patch, Buckeye Beauty, Burgoyne Surrounded, Storm at Sea, and her famous Feathered Star Medallion and Radiant Star. I took a class on color from the author back in the 90's, and I found her to be very knowledgeable and enjoyable. If you would like to take a look at some of Marsha's projects, let me know; I'll be happy to help you CHECK IT OUT.

Myrna Yandell  
Librarian

### ~ Upcoming Quilt Shows ~

**NWA Modern Quilt Guild-** April 8-9, Southside Church of Christ Gym, 919 Dixieland Rd, Rogers, AR. Info at [nwamqg.blogspot.com](http://nwamqg.blogspot.com)

**Airing of the Quilts-** May 5-7 2022, Bell Park, Greenwood, AR. Info at Crooked Quilts Facebook page

**Hot Springs Village Quilt Show-** Sept 23-24, 2022, Benton Event Center, Benton, AR. Info at [HSVquiltguild.org](http://HSVquiltguild.org)

**Quilt Congress-** Oct 19 & 20, 2022. Baxter Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR 72653. For info. [jenniembride@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniembride@hotmail.com)

## ~ Extra Notes from April Meeting ~

If interested in string quilting, an online search will reveal all kinds of information. I hope you've been inspired to create a string quilt. If you need "strings" call me or go to Sidney's on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month.

For anyone interested in the pattern for the tulip block you can find a good tutorial here:

<http://www.quilteddelights.com/2019/03/all-about-strings-blog-hop-spring.html>

Cluck Cluck Sew has a really good tutorial on creating heart blocks including a chart of fabric requirements for various sizes ranging from 4" to 10" square. (To get the pattern click on the link in her blog post.)

<https://cluckclucksew.com/2015/01/making-heart-blocks-in-multiple-sizes.html>

An excellent tutorial for the chicken made from wrapped clothesline can be found here:

<https://susies-scraps.com/2016/03/24/end-day-quilters-chooky-basket-tutorial/>

I used her technique to create the bunny.

Gwen Rogers

## ~ 5:30 Workshop ~

We finished up the two block StairCase to the Stars in April. Please bring your top and show it at the 5:30 workshop.

Unless you suggest something that you would like taught at the 5:30 workshop, Pat and I will be demoing simple scrap quilt patterns. We will not always have the printed patterns.

Fay Poe

## ~ March Meeting Minutes ~ March 22, 2022

### 5:30 Workshop

#### Guild Quilt Challenge – Fay Poe

There are only 2 blocks to this quilt. The 2<sup>nd</sup> block has a star and flying geese. Next month Faye will explain how to put the quilt together. Notes about flying geese – Fay over sizes the pieces by ¼" sews together and then cuts down to the required size. She does like the Deb Tucker Wing ruler.

Next meeting will finish up this quilt, if anyone has something they would like to suggest we do for the 5:30 workshop, let Fay know.

#### Guild Meeting Minutes -

The March 2022 meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Sharon Vanover called the meeting to order with 27 members in attendance and 2 guests, Melody Parsley and Barbie Small.

#### Minutes from prior meeting

February minutes were distributed with the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - look for it as an attachment with the newsletter email.

#### Committee Reports

Membership Report – Toni Shockley - A new membership list will be distributed this week by Eddie, please note the number of members is less than it has been.

Sunshine – Judy Anderson - Sympathy card sent to Jean Corley and Jerri Puska. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 or email hape2sew@gmail.com.

Library Report – Myrna Yandell - Nothing new to report. If you have a particular book or subject of interest, contact Myrna.

Daytime Stitchers – Laura Todd - Daytime Stitchers will meet next Monday, March 28, at 9:30 AM. Program at 10. Buttermilk Basin has a free

block of the month that is a wall hanging with the word JOY, where the “O” can be changed each month. The block of the month is free, but is only available free that month, so download it. Laura has the pattern and will have kits; note this is small hand project in wool. Contact Laura Todd for more information [thequiltedchicken@gmail.com](mailto:thequiltedchicken@gmail.com).

**First Wednesday Sewing** – No update

**QuiltMania/Retreats** – Pat Wade - A QuiltMania retreat will be held April 5-7, 2022 at Ferncliff resort (just passed the Ferndale 4H center we have gone to in the past). Twenty-seven have registered to go, Pinwheel is our vendor for the event. Pat Wade provided statements to those with money outstanding and a list of items to bring. There will be an issue with power, everyone will need to bring a power strip for their use. There will be an ironing station set up.

**Charity Quilts** – Sidney Morris - Last year our guild distributed 221 quilts and 11 pet pillows to organizations helping those in need. There was an article in the *Benton Courier* about the charity quilt work of the SCQG. Monthly Sew days at Sidney’s Studio on Alcoa are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, next one is Mar 24th.

**Professional workshops** – Cheri Johnson - Saturday Sew day for March was cancelled due to ice, will try to get it rescheduled after April, since we have QuiltMania for April. The Quilting Cow is still talking to us about coming, more later.

**Arkansas Quilt Trail** – Debbie Susky - No update  
**Fundraising** – Judy ? Pat Wade provided update that some Rada cutlery was sold and there are new catalogs available.

**Benton Third Thursdays** - We are registered to have a table at the 1<sup>st</sup> Benton Third Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Got the table, a size, the raffle quilt and tickets to sell. Need volunteers – will be from 6 – 8 pm.

**2021/2022 UFO Challenge** – Judy Johnson - This is the last night for the 2021 challenge. Next month we will draw for the 2021 prizes, turn in forms for

2022, and roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> one for 2022. How it works: select 6 of your unfinished projects to complete for the year. For each one completed, you get tickets for the prizes at the end, 3 tickets for top completion, 6 tickets for complete quilt.

### Old Business

No old business.

### New Business

No new business.

### Program –

#### **Saline County Humane Society, Ann Sanders**

SCQG provides small blankets and dog beds to the Saline County Humane Society. The shelter is in Bauxite and has expanded and grown significantly during the time Ann has worked with the shelter. Some of the services provided by the shelter: low-cost clinics, spay/neuter clinics, and low-cost drive by shot clinics. The shelter has been ranked as one of the top ten, quite an accomplishment for a shelter in a town of 400. The shelter has a custom designed mobile unit that expands the capability of the shelter, like providing relief after a hurricane. It took several years to become part of the Rescue Wagon, giving the shelter the ability to place 2,000 dogs a year. Needed something for cats, now working with Petsmart program in Conway/Little Rock/Russellville/Benton stores to provide cats for their adoption program, providing an annual adoption of 600-700. Our shelter also did 5,000 spay/neuters per year, which is tremendous for the size. All these numbers were before COVID, which has changed the way some of the adoptions utilizing Rescue Wagon are handled. They lost a lot of their staff to the unemployment provided by the government. Now taking pictures of puppies, posting on ASPC website for adoption, every two weeks a load of puppies are shipped out.

Appointments for clinics are only made 30/31 days in advance, with all time slots available posted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The first drive through shot clinic will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, behind the Bauxite Post Office.

All the kennels are the size of a newspaper open, roughly 23” x 24”. This is the size of the small blankets that have been provided and work so well.

Need volunteers – spay and neuter clinics, do laundry. Not everything is handling animals, they try to fit the job to the person.

Always need: cat and dog food, money, old linens, and towels. The shelter provides supplies for those who shelter/foster dog or cat.

**Quilt Block Drawing** - Cheri Johnson - Everyone who made Basket quilt blocks were entered into the drawing for the blocks. Sharon Vanover was the winner, receiving 12 blocks. Next month’s block is the Road to Oklahoma. For the light pieces use off white. Patterns were distributed to those participating.

**Door Prizes** - Cely Slover conducted door prize activities.

**Show and Tell** – Members displayed some of their recent creations.

Meeting adjourned – See you next month at the church.

Jerri Puska, Secretary

~ **April Meeting Minutes** ~  
**April 18, 2022**

**5:30 Workshop**

**Borders & Binding – Fay Poe**

Fay presented her method for borders and binding, with a visual. While not textbook, it is a method that she has developed over her quilting years that works for her. If you would like help, please contact her.

**Guild Meeting Minutes** -

The 2022 April meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Sondra Curtis called the meeting to order with 26 members in attendance, and visitors Melody Parsley and Brenda Brown.

**Minutes from prior meeting**

March minutes were distributed last month with the newsletter. They are approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Pat verbally provided treasury report, look for it as an attachment with the newsletter email. There are members who still have bus trip money.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report** – Toni Shockley - A new membership list was distributed with the March newsletter. A few hardcopy prints were available at the meeting.

**Name Tags** – Joyce Optiz - Collecting \$1 from everyone without a name tag on, money goes to the guild. Help everyone learn other’s names, wear a name tag. If you need a name tag: provide Joyce your name printed as you want it to be on the tag and your phone number. Tags are \$7, \$9 if you want it mailed to you; otherwise, you will get it at the next guild meeting after it is received.

**Library Report** – Myrna Yandell - Nothing new to report. The library is available for your use. If you have a particular book or subject of interest, contact Myrna.

**Sunshine** – Judy Anderson - No update. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 or email [hape2sew@gmail.com](mailto:hape2sew@gmail.com). Requests for card to be sent: Joyce Watson who has had surgery. Jane Hammonds requested prayers; she will be having surgery on her spine on the morning of 5/11/22.

**Daytime Stitchers** – Laura Todd - Daytime Stitchers will meet next Monday, March 28, at 9:30 AM, big yellow house on highway 5. Program at 10, focus will be wool applique hand work, utilizing a pattern from Buttermilk Basin. Laura has the pattern and will have kits; note this is small hand project in wool. Contact Laura Todd for more information [thequiltedchicken@gmail.com](mailto:thequiltedchicken@gmail.com).

**First Wednesday Sewing** – Judy Huggins - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday will meet at the church on 5/4/2022 at

9:30, bring a sack lunch, hand work, or a machine with project.

**QuiltMania/Retreats** – Pat Wade - Our QuiltMania retreat was a great success! Ferncliff accommodations were wonderful, both for the quilting and our rooms. We had a chef preparing food for our group and it was wonderful. We have already booked next year at Ferncliff, so mark your calendar: 4/4/2023 - 4/6/2023. For next year: Barbie Small has volunteered to be responsible for door prizes. She recommends that each person attending bring a gift to be donated. Have all year to select something. Shirts – if we want shirts for 2023, need someone to volunteer to be in charge.

**Charity Quilts** – Sidney Morris - Meeting next Thursday, 4/28. Running out of storage for fabric! If you need fabric contact Sidney and she will meet you at the studio on Alcoa. Regular sew days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, meeting around 9:30.

**Professional workshops** – Cheri Johnson - Saturday Sew day scheduled for this Saturday, 4/23 at the church at 9:30. The Quilting Cow is still talking to us about coming, more later.

**Arkansas Quilt Trail** – Debbie Susky - No update

**Fundraising** – Judy Peters - No update.

**Benton Third Thursdays** - Pat Wade - We are registered to have a table at the Benton Third Thursdays, this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-8 pm is the first one for this season. It is a street festival where main street is closed to traffic, with food trucks, vendors, and entertainment for adults and children; all set up to draw folks to downtown Benton. Pat and Cheri are going to man our booth this month. Got the table, a sign, the raffle quilt and tickets to sell. Need volunteers for June, July and August – will be from 6 – 8 pm. Hoping to generate donations for the guild and spread awareness about our guild.

**2021/2022 UFO Challenge** – Judy Johnson - The number 6 UFO is due for May. Also, next month we will turn in forms and money for 2022 UFO

challenge and roll the dice identifying the 1<sup>st</sup> UFO for 2022. In June we will have a drawing for the 2021 UFO prizes. How it works: select up to 6 of your unfinished projects to complete for the year, make the largest or most complicated #6. Forms are available.

**Programs** – Gwen Rogers - At the January meeting, a list of possible programs was collected. We need volunteers to review this list and set a date for when they will provide one of these programs. Sondra has been trying to handle this in addition to being President, we all need to step up and help! Our guild has some very talented quilters who have a lot of knowledge to share.

**SCQG BOM** – Cheri Johnson - Each month a BOM is selected, members are asked to make blocks. At the next meeting, everyone brings their blocks and turns them for the drawing. One block = 1 ticket. Out of the tickets, 1 person is the lucky winner of all the blocks. Sharon Vanover won 12 blocks in March and presented the quilt top she assembled with them. This month's winner is Judy Johnson, winning 22 blocks! Next month's block is Double Four Patch, patterns are available.

**Door Prizes** - Cely Slover conducted door prize activities.

### Old Business

No old business.

### New Business

Hot Springs Village Quilt Guild will be having a quilt show Sept. 23 & 24 at the Benton Event Center. They are asking for additional quilt entries. The quilt judging will be completed at the Balboa Baptist Church, then they will be taken to the BEC and set up for the show. The show will include vendors and a mini quilt auction. Non-members have a fee of \$20 per entry and are limited to one entry per category. For more information, please contact Deb Border.

**Program** –

**String Quilting – Gwen Rogers**

Gwen felt she was always drawn to color and scrappy quilting, string quilting allows you to use almost all of your fabric, wasting very little. Generally, she limits her strips to 1” when building fabric to be cut into shapes or sewing the strips on foundation fabric. For the foundation fabric she recommends using very thin/light weight poly cotton fabric. She brought a beautiful collection of her work to display.

She also wraps cotton clothes line with strings that are less than an inch, utilizing a glue stick at the beginning and ending of the strips to hold them. This covered rope is then utilized to make various items. In her collection were a chicken, rabbit and rug made by zigzagging the wrapped line together to form shapes. Some bowls made by Judy Huggins were also displayed. She mentioned that 2 pieces of fabric could be twisted until it becomes twine.

In her sewing room, Gwen has her fabric organized by color.

**Show and Tell** – Members displayed some of their recent creations.

Meeting adjourned – See you next month at the church.

Jerri Puska, Secretary

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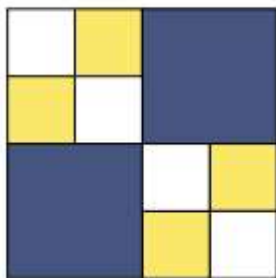
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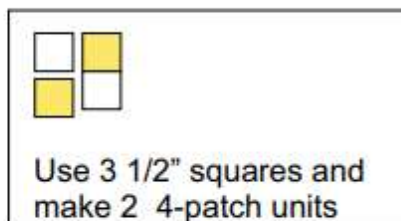
Cutting:

Background: 4 - 3 1/2" squares (Go die 55006) OR  
1- 3 1/2" X 14 1/4" strip.

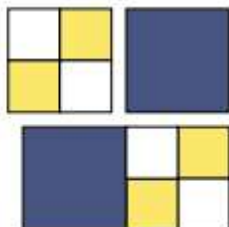
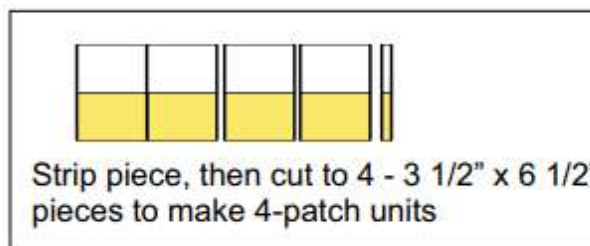
Fabric A: 4 - 3 1/2" squares (Go die 55006) OR 1- 3 1/2"  
X 14 1/4" strip

Fabric B: 2 - 6 1/2" squares (Go die 55000)

Make 2 - four patch units using 3 1/2" squares of background and fabric A. OR Strip piece using 3 1/2" X 14 1/4" strips.



**OR**



Assemble block as shown using 4-patch units and 6 1/2" fabric B squares to  
make a 12 1/2" block (to finish 12")



Suggested setting for 20 blocks.  
Rotate every other block as shown.  
Four across and five down.  
Finishes 48 x 60.

## Saline County Quilters' Guild

### 2022 Membership



**Dues \$20.00**

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#### Reminders:

- The membership list will be sent out with the newsletter following the February meeting. A few hard copies will be available at the March meeting.
- No additional funds are due if you joined the Guild in October, November, December 2021.

Membership form and payment may be mailed to:

Toni Shockey  
219 Cynthia Circle  
Hot Springs, AR 71913

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