

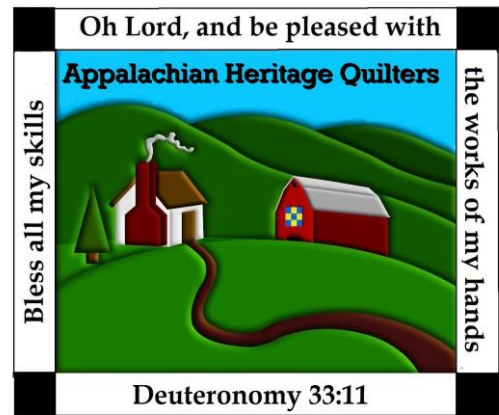
# Appalachian Heritage Quilters

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## *Presidents Note -*

The signs of Spring are all around - Trees starting to bud, robins, more daylight and warming temperatures! The winter weather has caused us to cancel both our November and February meetings. I'm hopeful that it is behind us and we can continue with our meetings and programs.

We have a couple of topics to discuss:

- Planned auction and how the proceeds can be used to meet the members' wishes
- Fall retreat options

At our March meeting, Lynn Veith will be presenting how to prepare your quilt top for long arming. Whether you send your quilt out or quilt it yourself, Lynn will have tips that will produce great results.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Audrey

Bring one or more "Fat Quarters" to our meeting and you will be eligible to win a stack of Fat Quarters.  
Each meeting someone will choose a theme or color fabric for our next meeting.

### **MARCH MEETING, FAT QUARTER DRAWING "STARS"**

**JANUARY WINNER'S WERE: Portia Sams, Linda Lewis, Judy Martyak, Audrey Pantas**

**Remember a fat quarter is a fabric cut 18" x 22".**

**V.P. Programs – Liana Thompson**

**All meetings are at Crossroads Christian Church in the sanctuary.**

All **Sit & Sews** will be held at the Crossroads Christian Church.

For **Weather** Delays, Cancelations, & Rescheduling, we will be posting on emails, Facebook, & website.

**Calendar**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** - AHQ Guild meeting, 6:00 pm at Crossroads Christian Church in the Sanctuary.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** - AHQ Guild meeting, 6:00 pm at Crossroads Christian Church in the Sanctuary.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

Hi Everyone,

I am so ready for Spring!

Join us on March 27<sup>th</sup> for our very own Lynn Veith, who will teach us how to prepare a quilt for a longarmer as well as other tips and tricks.

I will also have a sign-up sheet for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Jackie Smith will teach a class for those interested to learn about quilting on their domestic machine. There is a \$10 cost and a supply list. The class will be on Saturday from 10-4pm

The supply list was sent with last month's newsletter, and I will have copies at the sign up table Thursday.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Liana

**Treasurer's Report**  
**February 2025**

	Beginning Balance	\$7,148.86
Income	Membership/donation	0
	Interest/dividend	.54
Expenses	Boutique pay out	21.00
	Blue Host.com	203.88
	Ending Balance	\$6,924.52



**March**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Maddox
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Laurie Blayney
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Kirk
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Chrissy Lawson
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Martha Theobald
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Judy Bellamy
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Linda Lewis
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Renee Pitts

**April**

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Jody Kaczmarek
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Lynn Veith

## **AHQ Auction!**

The program for AHQ's April 17 meeting will be an auction - both live and silent! The Guild will discuss ideas and vote on how to allocate the auction proceeds to an AHQ event such as a bus trip or special event at the March meeting. Money will also be donated to our charity. We have an auctioneer coming to auction off our top 10-12 items and the remaining items donated will then be included in a silent auction. AHQ held this type of auction several times in the past and it has always been a fun night for the guild.

Start planning now by -

Looking around your sewing rooms for items you don't want or use anymore.

Create something you think would be a fun item to auction - a quilt, a table runner or wall hanging, etc.

Services you can donate - quilting a quilt, doing bindings, helping organize a sewing room, piecing a top

Create a basket of items. Ex. - several fat quarters and a book with fat quarter patterns, etc.

Collect items you have that are left over from the fall Boutique

Food items - bakery or canned

## **Chaplain Notes**

Fellow Quilters,

Please know that you may send prayer concerns to me at any time of the month by email at [tnquiltinglady@gmail.com](mailto:tnquiltinglady@gmail.com) or text at 423-737-0530. I will also accept them prior to the monthly meeting at the check-in table.

Blessings,

Lisa Kleven

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Betty Briscall on the passing of her mother.

Lisa Klevin on the passing of her father-in-law

## **Mountain Quiltfest/Pigeon Forge Guild challenge**

Please see the attached invitation for details on this year's challenge.

## **TRI CITY GUILD CONSORTIUM (TCGC) NEWS**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 am. "Quilting Outside the Box" with Alice Ridge at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Workshop following @ 12:20, \$20.00 members, \$25.00 guests.

**Quilt at Gray Library**  
**March**  
**"School Bus Children's Squares"**  
Top Made by: Patsy Bevins  
Quilted by: Hannah Dean of Nickelsville, VA



Patsy drove a school bus for 26 years. In 2014 she asked the Pre-K teachers for coloring book pages that were school related. She traced the patterns on fabric. Children on her bus colored and signed them with fabric markers. The blocks are in order of the school year.

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January Meeting Minutes

- Audrey Pantas opened the meeting.
- Six guests were introduced:
  1. Lisa Plaute
  2. Katie Sanders
  3. Theresa Sulak
  4. Dawn Jannell
  5. Janice Cleworth (sp?)
  6. Matha Theobald
- Lisa Klevin shared a devotional.
- October's meeting minutes were approved; motion made by Donna Flynn, seconded by Lisa Klevin.
  
- Fran Tafer gave the Treasurer's report: now online with Eastman Credit Union; Fran Tafer has a square. She shared something about dues being \$12.50 and something regarding Shelly Kelly and Vicky Lowe before I took over minutes.
  
- Audrey Pantas shared information about upcoming events:
  1. Sit-n-Sews (1/18/2025, 1/23/2025, 2/06/2025); 10:00 - 4:00 in the downstairs room at Crossroads Christian Church
  2. There is a Gathering of the Guilds, organized by the Consortium at Highlands Church of Christ January 24 & 25. There will be a free (\$5.00 fee for non-members) Trunk Show, first, by Alice Ridge at 10:00, followed by a workshop which will be at a cost of \$20.00 for members/\$25.00 for guests. There is a link on the website for signing up.
  
- Vicky Lowe presented a display of pictures of quilts that were donated for charity in August, September and October. She shared a thank you note that was given. Also, Vicky made mention of a request for I.D. bag covers, showed one to AHQ and will make a pattern to follow, so AHQ can fill the request.
- Jessica Steedman announced that she is willing to do the Quilt Show again. She also made mention of needing more rods, etc. for the Show and will be pricing those items.
  
- Audrey Pantas informed AHQ that \$200 was donated to Crossroads Christian Church for use of facilities and suggested that it be increased to \$400. This passed, with a motion made by Angie Harris and a second by ?.
  
- Lynn Veith discussed the opportunity quilt:
  1. All but binding needs to be done by July Retreat.

2. All Quilt Show attendees get a ticket for drawing.
3. Made by AHQ volunteers, "Grandmother's Flower Garden"
4. To be given away at Quilt Show in November

- Robin Noel conducted the Fat Quarter Drawing. Four sets were given, respectively, to Portia Sams, Linda Lewis, Judy Martyak and Audrey Pantas. "Stars" is February's theme.

- Liana Thompson, Programs, let AHQ know that Jackie Smith, who was previously scheduled, had to move her class to March 22nd. It is \$10.00 to participate. Also, Lynn Veith will be doing the program at the February meeting on how to prepare a quilt for a long-armed, get a better result, etc.

- The Show and Tell was next. Several shared their UFOs that were due for the UFO Challenge.

#### **2024 - 2025 OFFICERS**

President – Audrey Pantas  
V.P. Programs – Liana Thompson  
V.P. Quilt Show – Jessica Steedman  
Treasurer – Fran Tafer  
Recording Secretary – Angela Cummings  
Chaplain – Lisa Kleven  
Corresponding Secretary – Donna Flynn

#### **CHAIR-MEMBERS**

Charity Coordinator – Vicky Lowe  
Sit & Sew – Lynn Veith, Connie Carr, Laurie Blayney  
Membership – Paulette Bruggeman, Sharon Copas, Robin Noel  
Fall Retreat – Cindy Mingin-Merrick  
Drive-In Retreat – Jessica Stedman  
Quilt Challenge – Lynn Veith, Zoe Sibley  
T-Shirt Coordinator – Portia Sams  
Website Coordinator – Janet Henne  
Tri-Cities Guild Consortium: Zoe Sibley

*A special Thank You to each member for their service to the guild!*