

AQG 2011 President's Annual Report

The Officers for 2011 were President- Andrea Duckworth, Vice President- Hugnette Boyer, Secretary- Linda Basler, and Treasurer- Debbie Santinelli.

The guild had 105 paid members and one honorary member for the year, for a total of 106 members.

Because our membership had increased, our general meetings were becoming very cramped. One of our members found NorthStar church that welcomed our guild to use their facilities at no charge. We made the change and our members voted unanimously to hold our general meetings there.

Our programs for the year consisted of one Challenge, 4 outside speakers, a Silent Auction, 4 showcases of members work, Quilto, and our annual Christmas Block Lottery and Christmas Exchange.

The Red Top Retreat had 53 in attendance.

We sent 18 quilts to Joplin, Missouri after a tornado leveled their city.

Sixteen members designed and made a quilt that was on display at the state capital. It was then donated to the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum to be auctioned off. We had six members volunteer to be at the capital while it was on display.

We combined the Fabric Exchange and Special Projects this year. It allowed us to have 4 quilts at the end of the year. On the "off" months, we put together the Red Top Goody bags, we learned how to make folded Christmas ornaments and braided tote handles, we had a paper piecing review, and we took a trip on the Southern Quilt Trail.

BOM was a Red Work project. It was well received by the members.

This was the 1st year we had a working budget as stated in the bylaws. We ended the year with \$1080.42 under budget. We also implemented an expense reimbursement form to be used when members turned in receipts.

We amended six By Laws to reflect greater clarity and accuracy.

Community Service produced 182 neck coolers for the troops, 250 pillowcases for the Con-Kerr cancer project, and 79 quilts for the Acworth police. We had an average attendance of 24 at the 4 Community Service events.

We implemented an Inclement Weather call list since our guild meets all year round. Currently we follow the Cobb County School closure policy. Since we had two ice storms during December and January we decided it would be wise to have a call list in place when schools were closed for vacation. We never had to use it.

2012 Year End Report

President - Nancy Draheim
Vice President - Cindy Christenson/Carol Bobar
Secretary - Linda Basler
Treasurer - Jill Rench

Meeting Programs

Jan - Pat Yearwood from Stitch N Quilt, Mableton, GA presented a lecture and trunk show
Feb - Launch "Mix and Match" Challenge which is a Block, Fabric and Color Challenge
March - Susie Perrin - American Quilt Trails
April - Nancy Sapin - Sulky Thread Educator
May - Mix and Match Challenge Reveal
June - Silent Auction
July - Muriel Pfaff as Lucille Ball
August - Guild 30th Anniversary Celebration
Sept - Jean Ann Wright Trunk Show "My Quilting Journey"
Oct - Show and Tell of Heirloom Quilts and Projects from members
Nov - Reveal of UFO Challenges Show and Tell and Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec - Christmas Dinner festivities including Christmas Block Lottery, Potholder Exchange and Presentation of over quilts to the Acworth Police

Birthday Club - 17 members have signed up for the club. Every participant brings in a FQ for that months birthday participants.

Monthly Sew In - on the 3rd Thursday of each month, open sew days from 9am - 5pm

BOM - Huguette Boyer headed up the BOM which consisted of a traditional quilt with 3 different levels of difficulty. Beginner: (12) 12" strait set blocks; Intermediate: (18) 12" blocks set on point; Expert: (50) 6" blocks set on point.

Fabric Exchange - Monthly, in each quarter of the year we will exchange different theme fabrics. Q1 is (12) 10" squares of Neutrals, Q2 is (12) 10" squares of Civil War, Q3 is (14) 2.5" strips of Brights, Q4 is (14) 2.5" strips of Black on White or White on Black.

Special Projects

Jan - Disappearing 9 Patch Table runner
Feb - Twilling with Carolyn McQueen
March - Demo Day - Mug Rugs, hand quilting
April - Hobo Bag
May - AQG Nametag Class
June - Smoky Mountain Stars quilt made with Neutral and Civil War Exchange Fabrics
July - Continuation of Smoky Mtn Stars
Aug - UFO Day
Sept - Pillowcase Dresses for Dresses for Africa
Oct - Mystery Bag
Nov - Christmas Tree Napkins
Dec - None

Food Pantry - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of "Stars on the Mountain". A Hunter's Star quilt was taught. 53 Members attended. Cindy Smith and Sue McBride were the Co-Chairs.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. Members made 108 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need, 135 Neck Coolers for our Military, 140 Little Dresses for Africa, and over 400 Pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer.

Door Prizes - Each month we had at least one door prize that was funded by the previous months proceeds. Typical prizes are in the \$50 - \$75 range and might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, or notions.

Other Activities

New Website is set up - www.aqguild.org

30th Anniversary Celebration - August 7, 2012. Catered lunch, Guild Founder Annie Ruth Davis speaks, Role Call of Past Presidents, doorprizes, quilt trunk show.

UFO Challenge - Members sign a commitment form to finish their UFO's by Nov of this year. Completed UFO's will receive a Challenge Pin.

Silent Auction - In June, the Guild held a silent auction of sewing, quilting and crafting items. Many items were from the Estate of Ruth Stormark. \$2063 was raised and these proceeds will be used to pay for classes and teachers for the membership, per Ruth's request.

Change of Meeting Venue - Our membership voted to move the general meetings back to Roberts School Community Center, starting in March.

Awards -

Gold Thimbles (over 300" and self quilted) - 34

Silver Thimbles (over 300" and hired out for quilting) - 18

BOM (completed this years BOM) - 2

Blue Ribbons (small projects completed) - 210

Challenge pins (competed the Challenge) - 36

By Laws - We amended numerous By Laws to reflect greater clarity and accuracy. We created a Procedures Handbook for the Committee Chairs and Executive Committee to refer to.

Inclement Weather Procedures - Currently we follow the Cobb County School closure policy. When school is cancelled, so is the guild activity for that day.

2013 AQG Yearly Summary

President - Nancy Draheim
Vice President - Celeste Sheldt
Secretary - Bonnie Davidson
Treasurer - Jill Rench

Meeting Programs

Jan - Mary Sullivan - Lecture "Quilt As Desired"
Feb - Terry Powers Trunk Show and Launch of Americana Quilt Challenge
March - Holly Anderson Trunk Show
April - Pat Pugrant from The Bremen Jewish Museum "Women of Valor Quilts"
May - Americana Challenge Reveal
June - Diane Knott of Butterfly Threads Quilters Trunk Show
July - Christmas in July Show and Tell
August - Judy Wurm Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor, Trunk Show
Sept - Red Top Mountain Retreat, BOM, and Quarterly Quilts Show and Tell
Oct - Tammy Silvers Trunk Show
Nov - Lynn Reinhart Lecture of Color and Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec - Christmas Dinner festivities including Holiday Block Lottery, Mug Rug Exchange and Presentation of over quilts to the Acworth Police

Birthday Club - 18 members have signed up for the club. Every participant brings in a FQ for that months birthday participants.

Monthly Sew ins - on the 3rd Thursday of each month, open sew days from 9am - 5pm

BOM - None

Fabric Exchange - each quarter of the year we will exchange different theme fabrics. Q1 is (12) 10" squares of 30's, Q2 is (12) 10" squares of Red and White, Q3 is (14) 2.5" strips of Polka Dots, Q4 is (12) 10" squares of neutrals.

Quarterly Quilt - In lieu of a BOM this year, 4 quilts were made this year using the Exchanged fabrics. Q1 quilt was Summer Squares made with the Q4 2012 B&W exchange fabrics. Q2 was Party Girl Chevron quilt with 30's fabrics. Q3 was the Twirl Quilt with Red and Whites. Q4 quilt was Boxes of Color quilt or Simply Woven quilt.

Special Projects

Jan - None
Feb - Notebook covers with Debbie Chard
March - Flower Wrist Pin Cushions with Melinda Fulkerson
April - Zippered Screen Bags with Melinda Fulkerson
May - Dresden Plate Coasters with Ginny Anderson
June - Quilted Microwave Bowl Cover with Melinda Fulkerson
July - Four at a Time Placemats with Carolyn Shea
Aug - Quilt as You Go Christmas Tree Table Runner
Sept - Pillowcase Dresses for Dresses for Africa
Oct - Drawstring Ditty Bag
Nov - Kleenex Box Covers
Dec - None

Food Pantry - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of "Who Makes You Swoon?". A Swoon quilt was taught. 52 Members attended. Teresa McGough was the Chairperson.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. Members made 145 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need, 39 Quilts of Valor 10th Anniversary Blocks, and 213 Pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer and 174 Pillowcases for Oklahoma Tornado Relief.

Door Prizes - Each month we had a door prize that was funded by the previous months proceeds. Typical prizes are in the \$50 - \$75 range and might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, or notions.

Other Activities

Website - Ongoing photographs of members for a directory in the Members Only section of the website.

Special Teacher/Class - August 7, 8 and 9 - Judy Wurm, Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor taught 3 classes for members on the Forever Yours Tablerunner pattern. This class was fully paid for by the Ruth Stormark Fund.

UFO Challenge - None

Silent Auction - None

By Laws - No changes

Inclement Weather Procedures - We follow the Cobb County School closure policy. If the schools are closed, then our meetings are cancelled.