

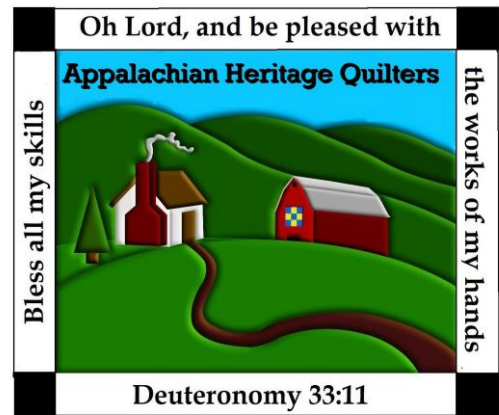
# Appalachian Heritage Quilters

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## *Presidents Note -*

Thank you for participating in last month's guild meeting. There was much guild business to discuss, and I appreciate your patience as we worked through the items. This month, we have some fun interactive activities planned. The meeting agenda is as follows:

- Welcome
- Devotion (Lisa Kleven)
- Approval of minutes and treasurer's report
- Show and Tell (Yes, let's start with seeing those UFO's and completed projects)!
- Fat Quarter Drawing (remember to bring your wildflower fat quarter for a chance to win)
- Committee Updates (information on committee updates are included in the newsletter):
  - o 2025-2026 Board Nominations
  - o Quilt Show
  - o Guild Retreats
  - o Charity
  - o Sit and Sews
- Break
- April Program

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.

## **APRIL MEETING, FAT QUARTER DRAWING "Wildflowers"**

**MARCH WINNER'S WERE:** Jackie Smith, Jen Quade, Linda Gibbons

**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

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** - AHQ Guild meeting, 6:00 pm at Crossroads Christian Church in the Student Ministry Building (On the left side of the Main Building.)

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - AHQ Guild meeting, 6:00 pm at Crossroads Christian Church in the Sanctuary.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 am - Class with Jackie Smith - "Quilting on your domestic machine".

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Sit and Sew, 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Christian Church - Lower Level

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank everyone for their input regarding the auction. We will make sure that we will see the UFO's this meeting. Next week we will focus on reflecting and sharing about our quilting journey.

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

#### March 2025

	Beginning Balance	\$6,924.52
Income	Membership/donation	0
	Interest/dividend	.59
Expenses		0
		0
	Ending Balance	\$6,925.11



### **April**

9<sup>th</sup> - Jody Kaczmarek

15<sup>th</sup> - Lynn Veith

### **May**

10<sup>th</sup> - Jolene Stratton

11<sup>th</sup> - Connie Browder

11<sup>th</sup> - Audrey Pantas

14<sup>th</sup> - Daisy Gutierrez

16<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Bridgeforth

17<sup>th</sup> - Connie Carr

22<sup>nd</sup> - Lilly Von Braun

27<sup>th</sup> - Mona Doss

### **Note from the Treasurer**

I have been trying to make AHQ's financial reporting more timely and up to date. I am challenged by the effort so far and continue to study and try to adjust my methods to quickly share the account balance.

We have a square now for the guild and there are pros and cons for a charitably oriented organization like ours to using it. Also, I'm just learning to use it. (Thanks, Angie, for the use of your business square in the past.) The pros to our group using the square are: easy use, portability, simple to set up, affordable hardware, no monthly fees, flat rate credit card processing fees, data security, and accepts various payment methods. The cons for the square are: no specific non-profit discounts (AHQ is not a nonprofit.), higher fees for on-line transactions, limited customization, and initial cost of the square (about \$25).

### **Guild Retreat Survey Results:**

Do you want to participate in AHQ guild retreats? Yes - 35, No - 4

What type of retreat do you prefer? Day (drive-in) - 12, Overnight - 3, Both - 21

This fall, do you prefer, a second drive-in retreat? Yes - 20, No - 10

Location preference - 5 preferred SWVA 4-H center; 4 preferred Carson Springs Baptist Center; Remainder did not have a preference.

Based on the results from the survey, guild members do like to get together for retreats but are mixed as to drive-in verse overnight. However, there does seem to be at least 20 people that are interested in an overnight retreat. We are seeking a volunteer to lead the organization of the fall overnight retreat and the summer drive-in retreat.

### **\*\*Appalachian Heritage Guild Quilt Show: Fall 2025 or Spring 2026? Your Input Needed!\*\***

Crossroads Church has offered us these dates for a 2025 quilt show:  
September 4-6, 18-20, 25-27, and October 2-4.

To make this event a success, we need strong committees for all roles, especially Crafter's Corner—roles that are currently understaffed. Without enough volunteers, we risk falling short of the high-quality show our guild is known for.

One option is to postpone to Spring 2026, giving us time to build robust teams and deliver a standout event. The Crafter's Corner alone demands a dedicated crew to handle

receiving, sorting, pricing, and storing donations—a big job requiring months of prep and multiple hands.

We must decide at April's meeting: push forward this fall or aim for spring. Moving ahead now hinges on immediate volunteer support.

This show needs \*you\* let's build these committees together! Share your thoughts and sign up to help at the meeting. Fall or spring, we'll make it great—but only with your commitment.

Jessica Steedman

**The AHQ Nominating Committee, Lisa Kleven and Barbara Kirk, would like to present the 2025-2026 nominees for the AHQ Board**

President- Audrey Pantas

Vice President of Programs- Liana Thompson

Vice President of Quilt Show- Jessica Steedman

Treasurer- Fran Tafer

Recording Secretary- Barbara Kirk

Corresponding Secretary- Shelly Kelly

Chaplain- Martha Williams

### **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

## APPALACHIAN HERITAGE QUILTERS

March 20, 2025

President, Audrey Pantas opened the meeting.

She recognized visitors: J. R. East, Lee Wallace, Jenn Quade, Carla McKinney, Rebecca Tolley, Diane Greg, Lisa Adams

Lisa Kleven read a devotion, stated a need for blankets and quilts for those affected by Hurricane Helene, and led a prayer.

Guild challenge at Mountain Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge in June

At least 5 entries needed from our guild. Have your entry ready at April meeting. Entrants must fill out online entry form.

Theme is "Land That I Love". Quilts made for previous AHQ mountain challenge can be used. Zoe will take the entries to Pigeon Forge. Tony will pick them up at the end of the show.

New Officers

Audrey appointed Lisa Kleven and Barbara Kirk to the nominating committee. They will present a slate of officers at the April meeting and the members will vote in May.

January Minutes

Judy Martyek moved that the minutes as shown in the newsletter be accepted. Connie Carr seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Deadman moved to approve the treasurer's report as sent in the newsletter. Portia Sams seconded the motion. Report approved.

Charity

Audrey proposed that the guild buy batting to use in completing quilts for charity. Barbara Kirk made a motion to pay for batting and amended it to specify \$100. Mona Doss seconded the motion. Audrey has contributed to the purchase. Members can donate batting scraps to make Frankenbatting for baby quilts. Volunteers to help complete quilts for donation were: Cindy- binding, Connie and Tony-quilting. Requested fabric donations for backings

Tri-Cities Consortium

Next event is the trunk show and class March 29 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. More Friday-Saturday sit-n-sews will be scheduled.

Quilt Book Project

Rebecca Tolley talked about her quilt book project which is a community quilt composed of 12 1/4" blocks that symbolize or commemorate memories or experiences due to Hurricane Helene. People are asked to make and contribute the blocks for a quilt she will put together. It will be displayed in public areas.

Programs – Leanna Thompson led a discussion about having an auction in April. Audrey made a motion not to do an auction in April. Lisa Kleven seconded the motion. A future auction will be discussed at the April meeting. A class about quilting on a domestic machine will be taught in May. Cost will be \$10.

Leanna proposed having a committee to come up with ideas for programs.

Bus Trip – Angie Harris made a motion for the guild to schedule a bus trip to the Asheville quilt show in August. Cindy M&M seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

Fat Quarter Drawing – Winners were Jackie Smith, Jen Quade, Linda Gibbons. Wildflowers is the motif for April fat quarter drawing.

#### Schedule Changes –

April meeting will be the second Thursday, April 10. Sit-n-Sews will be March 27 and April 3. No sit-n-sew on April 24.

#### Retreats:

Mona Doss did a paper survey regarding opinions on the fall and drive-in retreats.

#### Quilt Show

There is not an available date in November for a quilt show at the church. Mary Deadman suggested we have a show every other year. The quilt show committee will explore options for show dates and present them at a future meeting for guild discussion and approval.

#### IV Bag Covers

Laurie Blayney reported that the nurses at the Children's Hospital have requested covers for IV bags. She had kits and written instructions available.

#### T-shirt Order

Portia will take orders for T-shirts and order them in May.

#### Program

Lynne Veith presented a program about what your longarmer wants you to know entitled "You Finished Piecing Your Quilt Top, Now What?"

#### **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 –

#### **CHAIR-MEMBERS**

Charity Coordinator –Vicky Lowe  
Sit & Sew – Lynn Veith, Connie Carr, Laurie Blayney  
Membership – Paulette Bruggeman, Sharon Copas, Robin Noel  
Fall Retreat –  
Drive-In Retreat –  
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!*