

# 2009 Annual Report



Asheville Quilt Guild  
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## COMMUNITY QUILTS

During this year, our Guild donated over 500 quilts and other items such as butterfly pillows, anti-ouch pouches, preemie blankets, isolettes covers, adult bibs to community organizations such as Project Linus, Meals-on-Wheels, the Senior Program at Mission Hospitals, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mission Hospitals, Care Partners Hospice, Asheville Habitat for Humanity, and various other agencies that benefit the Asheville community. Committee: Katie Winchell, Chair, and her mentor, Sara Hil, and committee volunteers, Sue Weaver and Sandy Gillis.

Marti's Patchwork Cottage, My Quilt Shoppe and numerous individuals have been very generous with fabric donations to the AQG. We also received batting donations from the Warm & Natural Company. Patterns & kits are available at each meeting at the Community Quilts table; patterns are also available on the AQG website.

Viva Pizer made bags for the quilts donated to Habitat for Humanity. We are also very much indebted to Norene Goard who donated quilting time on her new long-arm quilting machine, including 2 demo-quilts for the January meeting.

Lanna Gordich donated 13 quilt tops, found when she moved her quilt shop, which were sorted and sandwiched by the Linus Bee and quilted by Sara Hill. Many members have helped with the final stitching on bindings.

Chair, Katie Winchell, mentored a high school student who made several anti-ouch pouches for her senior project that were donated to Hope, a Women's Cancer Center. Katie also talked to a women's service group about the AQG Community Quilts project.

Members attending the AQG Retreat at Lake Logan in September were challenged by Katie to make at least 1 block for a community quilt. At the end of the Retreat, 2 quilt tops had been assembled.

Pat Bacon, Family Support Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity spoke at our January meeting prior to our Community Quilts Workday, relating stories of what our community quilts have meant to their recipients. Between 50 and 60 members produced quilts in the Split 9-Patch for Habitat as well as adult bibs, butterfly pillows, preemie quilts and prepared kits for distribution at Guild meetings.

## GUILD PROJECTS

Christine Wells, Guild Projects Chair, began the year by presenting 20 baby quilts to families of babies born on National Quilt Day, March 21 at Mission Hospital. A children's book about quilting was donated to each library. AQG bookmarks were available for library patrons.

AQG members have the opportunity to display and sell their quilts at the NC Arboretum. Dort Lee, South Asheville Bee, Mary Stori, East-Enders Bee, PTA, Judy Heyward, Linda Cantrell, and Helen McCarthy were the featured exhibits this year.

Mary Field, Sara Hill, Peggy Tobin, Maureen Kampen, Janice Maddox, Jane Bell, and Helen Kehoe displayed quilts at the NC Center for Creative Retirement at UNCA.

"Quilt in a Shoebox," a quilting class for grades 3 through 8 was included in UNCA's "Super Saturday programs" for gifted students in the spring and fall. The curriculum, designed by

Julie Simpson, was coordinated this year by Joan Tolley with teaching volunteers Sara Hill, Yolanda Hall, Elaine Zinn, Linda Medeiros, Christine Wells and Julie Simpson. A quilting program for Girl Scout members and leaders was taught by Joan Tolley, Alice Helms, Ann Bordeau, and Christine Wells.

Charmaine Strong taught quilting classes for a group of Slavic women through WNC Slavic Ministries.

2009 AQG Service Award recipients who will receive a free workshop in 2010 are JoAnne Hewatt, Christine Wells, Heather Yurgesles and Sara Hill.

Stephanie Costa of Asheville is the 2009 recipient of the AQG Scholarship of \$1,000. She is a full-time student enrolled in the Professional Crafts – Fiber Program at Haywood Community College.

## 2009 Quilt Show

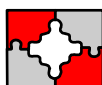
The theme for the 2009 Asheville Quilt Show was "Carolina Blues". With 16 categories, 250 quilts were entered from 15 states from the East Coast to the West Coast. Hundreds of Guild Members gathered their talents and support, to make this a very successful Quilt Show, even in these troublesome financial times. The Guild presented the \$1,000 Best of Show prize to Linda Roy from Tennessee.

Julie Simpson, Chair, and the Quilt Show Committee initiated new additions for this year's show including vendors added at the

Baker Center, as well as a new category of quilts in the show - Wearable Arts. We were pleased with the great turnout for this first time category.

The Awards Ceremony for the Thursday night Garden Party was held on the lawn of the Baker Center. The Rhinehart Family country group sang and played North Carolina music for our enjoyment.

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## Programs & Workshops

Program highlights this year were Jennie Raiment from England, the team of Lynda Milligan and Nancy Smith from Denver and Martine House of Asheville.

Even though the Program Committee promoted the workshops via print media, quilt shops, and the Guild web-site, attendance at the workshops was not as high as anticipated. Average attendance was 10 participants. Only 2 workshops out of the 8 held during the year exceeded the break-even level. Therefore, the workshop income fell short by \$2,500.

Pam Hill, Workshop Chair, reported that workshop participants were pleased with the

instruction by the teachers as well as the content of the workshops.

The Guild is able to offer workshops at \$35/day to members because the Guild uses a portion of the membership dues and tickets sales for the Opportunity Quilt to off-set the costs of transportation, per diem, lodging and lecture fee for the visiting teachers.

*Sally Gross-Holbrook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Program Chair, is also coordinating the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar, September 15-17, 2011, hosted by AQG.*

*The Muslim Queen –  
Jennie Raiment*

## Membership & Mentorship

Norene Goard, Membership Chair, reports that AQG currently has 313 members: 2 are Jr. Members; 17 are Charter Members; 262 are Renewal Members; and 51 became New Members in 2009. 289 are full time NC residents; 14 are part time NC residents; 10 are out-of-state residents.

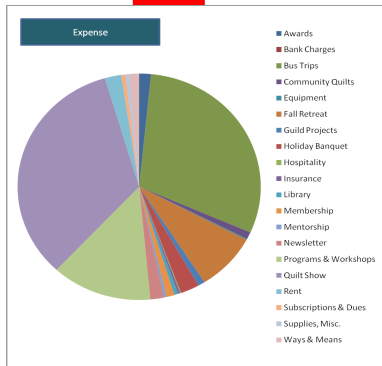
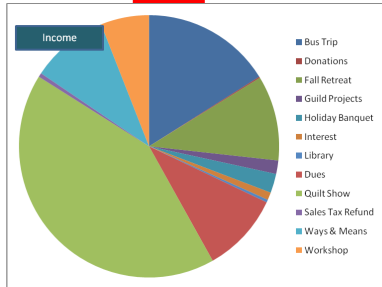
Mentor Chair, Susan Mimken, greeted new members at the meetings and assigned volunteer mentors to welcome new members to the Guild. A Fall Tea in November was

attended by 28 new members and mentors.

21 members attended the 3-day AQG Retreat held at Lake Logan Episcopal Center Sept. 22-24. During the Quilting Retreat, members worked on their own quilt project as well as made blocks for 2 community quilt tops. Friendships were made while quilting, sharing stories and enjoying delicious food.

Don't miss out on the fun! Now is the time to register for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Quilting Retreat, September 14-16, 2010. Deadline is May 31.

## Finances



A special committee was appointed in Fall 2009 to study the Guild’s bookkeeping system and present recommendations to the Board for improvement. Several options were proposed. Ultimately, the recommendation was the Guild use QuickBooks Online Plus that was installed on January 25, 2010. This committee is to reconvene to study the effects of the program and recommend its continuation or replacement after a year.

Treasurer, Wilma Hamlin, reported that the Guild has two checking accounts; one at Bank of Asheville is for general operating expenses and deposits. A second account at First Citizens Bank is considered a merchant account for the purpose of borrowing credit card terminals during the Quilt Show.

The Guild currently has 4 Certificates of Deposits with 2 in each of the above Banks.

Ways and Means Committee chaired by Vickie Lemonds raised \$5,050 for AQG treasury this year through fundraising activities. AQG’s Opportunity Quilt, “Carolina’s Baltimore Cousin,” raised \$3,300 through ticket sales. Our thanks to Sara Hill for appliquéing the blocks, Cheryl Kotecki for the long-arm quilting and Ellen Levine, Neva Carlson and others who contributed to the completion of the quilt.

40 small quilts were sold during the Silent Auction for a total of \$1,750 for the Guild’s special projects, including Community Quilts. Katie Winchell created a display of photos and information about the community quilts project as part of the display for the Silent Auction Quilts.

The 2010 Opportunity Quilt, “Beaucatcher Stars” has been completed and ready to travel with ticket sales beginning soon.

## Newsletter & Website

Lanna Gordich, *disPatch* Editor, kept our membership informed of Guild activities and news throughout the year. A ‘mystery member’ contest, quilting tips, favorite recipes and photos of officers and committee chairs included with their monthly reports helped us to know more about our members. 66% of the members receive the newsletter via email and 34% by regular mail.

Yolanda Hall, Website Coordinator, Lanna, and JoAnne Hewatt are researching the possibility of posting the newsletter on our website using a password for access.

Yolanda updates the AQG website on a timely basis with current information for members and others visiting the website. The 2010 Quilt Show entry form is now available on our website.

Be sure to visit our website often for information about the Guild!



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### 2009 Officers

President  
*Elaine Zinn*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
*Betty Fauerbach*

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
*Sally Gross-  
Holbrook*

Secretary  
*Jane Bell & Sue  
Weaver*

Treasurer  
*Wilma Hamlin*

### More Guild Activities

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Betty Fauerbach, coordinated the “21” Quilt Challenge and the Mystery Quilt Project for members during the year.

Neva Carlson kept us up-to-date about Member News in our newsletter, the *dispatch*.

Billie Stewart, Member Bees Chair, encouraged participation in quilting bees by inviting Bees to speak about their group’s activities at Guild meetings.

Library Committee Chair, Peggy Tobin, keeps track of our collection of quilting books housed at the Folk Art Center Library and added 38 new quilting books this year.

AQG turned 21 in 2009. Barbara Swinea, Historian, and her committee compiled the

printed records of AQG’s activities for the year in a scrapbook. The feasibility of archiving our historical documents on DVDs is being researched.

As Equipment Chair, Helen Kehoe tracked and maintained our equipment inventory for availability at AQG programs & events.

Jamie Berdahl, Publicity Chair, informed the media about Guild meetings and activities.

Mary Field, Hospitality, was instrumental in overseeing our bountiful August potluck and Pizza Party at Community Quilt workshop.

AQG Quilt Bus traveled in April to the AQS Show in Paducah, KY; with our tour leader, Laura Casey. All enjoyed shopping for quilt fabrics along the way, vied for door prizes plus all the fun things quilters like to do.

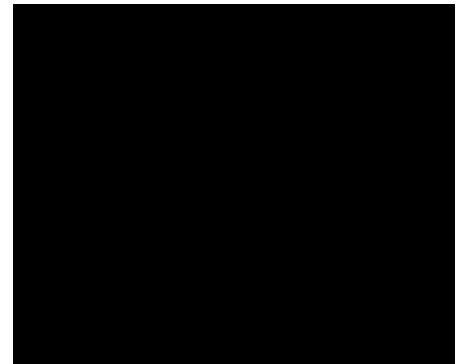
### Upcoming AQG Events & Activities

*2010 AQG Quilt Show – August 7-9*  
*Vickie Lemonds, Chair*

*AQS Commemorative Quilt for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway – Rita Williams, Chair (Permanent installation at FAC tentatively scheduled for Sept. 2010)*

*Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar -- Sept 15-17, 2011 -- Sally Gross-Holbrook, Chair*

*AQG Quilt Exhibit at Folk Art Center Main Gallery -- Sept 24, 2011-January 22, 2012 – Julie Simpson & Barbara Swinea, AQS Co-chairs with Nikki Josheff, FAC Curator*



ts; **Helen Kehoe** – Equipment; **Christine Wells** – Guild Projects; **Barbara Swinea** – Historian; **Mary Field** – Hospitality; **Peggy Tobin** – Library; **Billie Stewart** – Member Bees; **Norene Goard** – Membership; **Susan Mimken** – Mentors; **Lanna Gordich** – Newsletter; **Rita Williams** – Past President & Parliamentarian; **Jamie Berdahl** – Publicity; **Julie Simpson** – 2009 Quilt Show; **Vickie Lemonds** – Ways & Means & 2010 Quilt Show; **Yolanda Hall** – Website; **Pam Hill** – Workshop; **Linda Medeiros** – Assistant Program Chair.