

## Guild History

**A DVD of the 25 year history of the guild published for the 2009 Quilt Show is available for \$10.00. If you would like a copy, please contact the Communications Chairman.**

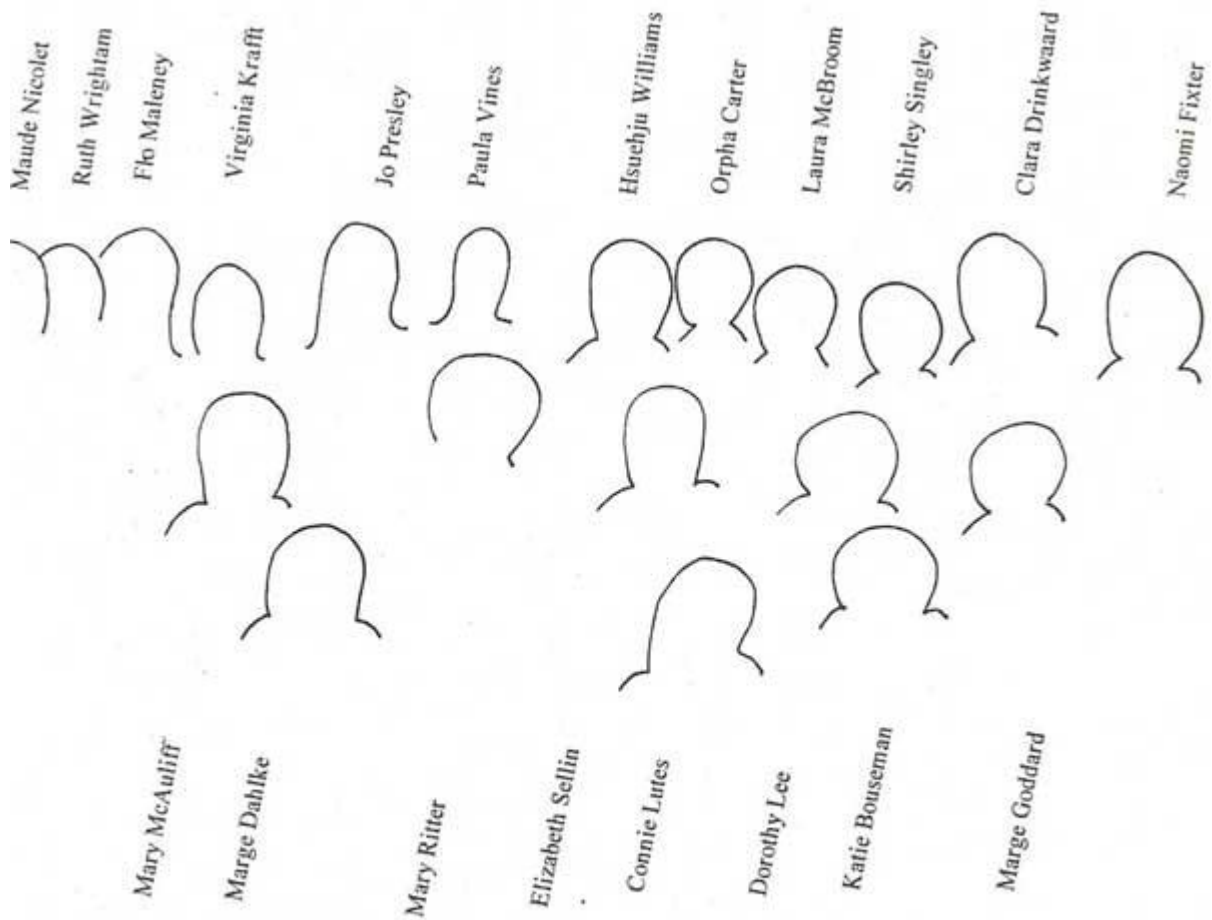
It seems appropriate that the Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild was conceived at a quilt show. In the Spring of 1983, Phyllis Speer and Paula Vines first met at Mountain View during the Ozark Folk Center Quilt Show and the decision was made to organize a quilters guild in Mountain Home. In October of that year, an organizational meeting was attended by 8 women, and officers were elected with Phyllis as President.

The first official meeting was held in January of 1984 at the Presbyterian Church with 29 interested quilters attending. A raffle quilt was begun soon afterward and a quilt show was planned. The first show was held in October, 1984 at the Casey House. During the years since, many workshops and demonstrations have been presented, including some by national known teachers. Quilters have continued to join until membership is now well over 100 and includes both a day and an evening monthly meeting.



The quilt at left (held by Paula Vines and Mary McAuliff) was pieced by the members of the Hill 'n Hollow Quilters Guild, pictured above. This year's officers are seated in the center. They are (from left) Mary McAuliff, president; Mary Ritter, vice president; Elizabeth Sellen, treasurer; and Dorothy Lee, secretary.

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Community projects have always been important to the Guild. Among them are a Special Olympics Banner, a wall quilt for a hospice benefit, a quilt for an historical society benefit, a quilt to celebrate Mountain Home's centennial (this quilt now hangs in the Mayor's office) and Arkansas Sesquicentennial quilt (now hanging in the County Library), and a quilt hanging in the Obstetric waiting room at the Baxter County Regional Hospital.

The Guild's current ongoing community service project is the making of quilts given to the local hospital for distribution to newborn babies whose families have need of them. Prior to our Teddy Bear project our Guild members in 1999 made between 100 and 150 baby quilts each year. Since then, approximately 300 quilts are made annually. These quilts have been distributed to the hospital, an abused women's shelter, a homeless shelter, the highway patrol and other agencies. In addition to these activities, many Guild members have presented quilt-related show and tell programs to various clubs and organizations in the area, as well as the second and third graders at

Nelson-Wilkes Elementary School, during Arkansas Week. These programs and quilt displays have increased community awareness and respect for the art of quiltmaking.

In 1998 the Quilt shows became bi-annual. The annual opportunity quilts continue to be our major source of revenue for continuing our baby quilt project as well as workshops which are open to the public whenever possible.

The Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild is composed of quilters of various levels of expertise, united by a common bond, the love of quiltmaking. One of the most attractive features of the group has been the many warm friendships among the members. Much of this warmth and closeness is because of the willingness to share knowledge and time with each other.

There are twelve charter members of the Hill 'N Hollow Quilters Guild. It might be interesting to know the names of those original members.

**Mary McAuliff** is the only resident, current member of the original group. As you know **Paula Vines** recently moved to Texas and is a life-time member of the guild. (She receives our newsletter – so, Hi, there, Paula! We miss you and hope you are having a good quilting experience in Texas!)

**Phyllis Speer** is a well-known area resident. She works for the Arkansas Fish and Game and can be seen on PBS doing outdoor cooking. **Nina Coffee** retired about a year ago from the University of Arkansas Extension Service and has moved to Springdale, Arkansas.

**Margie Dahlke** lives in the Three Brothers area and it is believed that **Francie Douglas** and **Janice Foreman** also live in the area. **Barbara Slone** lives in Texas. The whereabouts of **Jo Presley** and **Berryl Seal** is unknown at present. And, sad to say, **Liz Sellin** and **Alene Lonon** have passed away.

Of the original 12 charter members, Phyllis was the first president of the guild. Paula served as the first vice president and then served as president in 1985. Paula also served as president in 1991. Mary was vice president in 1986 and was president the following year. In 1984, Berryl was secretary, Nina was in charge of publicity and Francie did the newsletter. In 1985, Margie was Librarian, Janice served as vice president and Jo was the historian. Barbara served as treasurer in 1984 and 1985. Liz (who was Mary's sister) was treasurer in 1986 and 1987.

These charter members of Hill 'Hollow, and those who joined the guild in those early years, organized the guild in much the same manner as we practice today. The history book shows many photos of these early members who worked hard to put on quilt shows, do community service projects, and generally teach each other and the community about the art of quilting. We owe them a big Thank You!

Hill 'N Hollow members are encouraged to take a look at the Guild history books. It is wonderful to see that Mary, Paula and Phyllis hardly look a day older now than they did 20 years ago! Hopefully, the same can be said of the year 2004 quilters in the year 2024!

Quilting, it appears, is like having a facelift, but probably more expensive!

**Past Presidents of Hill 'n Hollow Quilters Guild**

1984	Phyllis Speer
1985	Paula Vines
1986	Connie Lutes
1987	Mary McAuliff
1988	Flo Malaney
1989	Faye Riley
1990	Liz Sellin
1991	Paula Vines
1992	Joan Aitken
1993	Joan Wilbur
1994	Audrey Avesing
1995	Marilyn Mueller
1996	Stacey Boelkins
1997	Annie (McHarg) Wagar
1998	Sue Huseby
1999	Karen Estes
2000	Carla McGranahan
2001	Betty Riggins
2002	Joan Linson
2003	Pat Stripeik
2004	Barb Skeffington
2005	Sherrill Townsend
2006	Sonya Smith
2007	Donna Bohaty
2008	Joanna Sarle
2009	Carol Lewis
2010	Joyce Linhoff