

THREADLINES

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Mark Your Calendar!

Next TBQ Meeting:

Monday December 10, 2007
9:30a.m. at the
American Lutheran Church.
Holiday Victorian Tea
No guests please.

Executive Committee Meeting
Dark for December

December Hostess

Jean Norris
Shirley Burns
Marygen Buser
Betsy Bykerk
Jennifer Carpenter
Beverley Carr
Helen Casey
Kathy Cavanaugh
Fran Chadwick
Lynne Chamberlin
Ruth Clarkson
Arlene Comon
Maryann Conner

Hostess are not required to bring
a dessert to the December meeting,
as we will be having our Holiday
Victorian Tea. Please be early, (some
members will be there at 7:30 am), in
order to set up.
WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Happy Birthday to the December Ladies!

Marilyn Anderson
Jan Gallo
Darlene Gatewood
Margot Harris
Susie Martin
Tommie O'Sullivan
Jeri Teisl
Jeanne Vick
Kathy Cavanaugh

There will be no birthday drawing at the
December Holiday Party. The December
Ladies may bring their wrapped gift
suitable for a quilter with a value of
\$10.00, to the January meeting.

Birthday Raffle Committee,
Jo Anne Van Liere and Sandy McGarry

President's Message – December 2007

The month of December is upon us, hard to believe. The name of “December” came to England through the Old French. It replaced an Old English word that meant “month before yule”; or literally, “first passing – changing – month”.

It is a wonderful season for quilters! We are in the time of setting aside our fall gold, oranges and browns and thinking red and green; not to mention sparkle. Christmas quilts, table runners and wall hangings are the only time I feel safe using the sparkle of gold and silver fabric. Others, braver than I, are able to use them year round. There are so many lovely new fabrics each Holiday Season that fabric designers work on all year to ready for us and our quilts.

So, use a little sparkle!

“**Sunshine and Smiles**” to Carolyn Edwards and Mary Andra Holmes for working so hard to prepare the wonderful presentation of quilts every other month at the Adult Community Center. Wow! How nice to have quilts decorating such a wonderful new building in our community for all to see. If you have Holiday guests this season, take them for a visit to the Center. They (if they are not quilters) will understand why you love quilting!

“**Sunshine and Smiles**” to Kathy Beeson, our webmaster. What a wonderful website we share because of her expertise and dedication to this endeavor. I especially owe her a big “thank you”. She is always there to help me and the Guild.

Notes:

- *The Adult Center is “decked out”* in a display of Christmas, as well as red and green quilts. Please stop by and see it, it is well worth the trip! Take a look at the great pictures on our web site that Mary Ann Conner takes for us! The presentation of quilts in the building will be changing the first part of February.
- *Linda Hill, our Ways and Means Chairman*, will be available before and after our December 10 meeting so that she can enjoy the Victorian Tea festivities. Stop by her table and purchase some Thumb Butte Quilters’ insulated mugs and pens. The mugs are in red, and the pens are in red or blue, so they make great Christmas gifts!
- *Please* be polite and refrain from talking during the meeting, Show and Tell and the speaker’s presentation. We are now meeting in a large room, with many more members, so any conversation during this time prevents others from hearing what is being said.
- *The Road to California* will be at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California, on January 17-20, 2008. The hours are 9:30 am – 6pm on Thursday through Saturday; and 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday. www.road2ca.com
- *Quilting in the Desert* will be held January 20-26, 2008, in Phoenix, AZ. www.quiltcamp.com. This is a wonderful week to take a class or two from a national teacher, or enjoy the entire week of quilting events.
- *The Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival* is scheduled in Phoenix, AZ, January 24-26.

I wish you all a great Holiday Season, and please join us at the meeting on December 10 for our Victorian Tea! It is the annual Holliday party for the Thumb Butte Quilters’ Guild, and boy it looks like things are shaping up to be a great time for celebration! Remember, please do not invite guests to this meeting, as it is our special time together.

Taking one stitch at a time,
Linda

PROGRAMS

Didn't Susan Smith present a wonderful program at our November Guild meeting? She shared some of her family quilts, quilts she had made herself, as well as some commercially purchased quilts she uses to decorate her home. Her "Tips from the Designer" were invaluable. Thank you so much, Susan!

Our Christmas party is just around the corner. Deana Jordan, a member of the Victorian Society here in Prescott, will be sharing her beautiful period clothing and hats, and telling us about some Victorian customs. Our committee is preparing a delicious "High Tea" for all to enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Is your P.I.G. finished? I know a lot of you are busily working to complete and quilt your projects for our January guild meeting. Those wishing to participate in the next P.I.G. challenge should be looking for 3 projects to be completed by January 2009, and have them ready for the guild's vote at the January guild meeting. I know I am going to participate this next challenge and I have heard many others say they will do it again. Here is what Carolyn Edwards says she learned from doing a P.I.G.

Things I've Learned From Accepting the TBQ 2007 P.I.G. Challenge:

1. TBQ Members can be cruel! You picked the hardest of my three P.I.G.'s for me to finish...even though we all know that it was the one that most needed to get completed!
2. I've learned that it would have been a whole lot easier if I would have liked each of my three P.I.G. projects, before I presented them to you!
3. I've learned that there is comfort in knowing that 22 other TBQ'ers were also struggling to get their P.I.G.'s finished by the deadline. We have been an elite group...and for a few months now, many of our conversations are P.I.G. related!
4. I've learned that if I say, "I need to work on my P.I.G. today." it is just "blah-blah-blah" to my husband's ears. BUT, if I say "I need to work on your Father's Christmas present today," he will step aside and let me work!
5. I've learned that a P.I.G. Challenge must be a "way of life" for me now. I've found myself labeling UFO's as "possible P.I.G.s" for next year!
6. I've learned that it's good to have a deadline to get this P.I.G. finished. In my heart, I really want it to be done! I visualize the *completed* quilt...even though I haven't had a clue about what I was doing with each step of this project! Like the Little Engine That Could, "I think I can! I think I can! I think I can!"
7. I've learned that I will be entering the 2008 P.I.G. Challenge! It's a good thing! And I hope many of you will be joining me!

In February, our speaker and workshop leader will be Lennie Honcoop, the "Dutch Quilter". To see her patterns for the non-sewing applique workshop, look at her website, www.dutchquilter.com For the workshop you should choose from her floral series one of the patterns you want to make. Complete kits will be available to purchase for the Water Lily, the Amaryllis, and the Poinsettia. All of the other floral patterns will be available and you can supply your own fabric if you wish. Lennie will have the iron on tape for everyone to purchase. If you purchase her book there will be 8 more patterns and kits to choose from.

Those members who are taking the workshop should decide which pattern in the floral series they want and let me know before the February meeting to make sure everyone gets the pattern or patterns they want. The list price for each pattern in the floral series is \$10, however she will sell them to us for just \$7.50. All patterns and books will be available at the guild meeting as well as the workshop. Sign ups for the workshop will begin again in January.

Here is the supply list for Lennie Honcoops workshop in February:

1. Pattern available for purchase from Lennie for \$7.50.
2. Mini iron, and regular iron.
3. Small sharp scissors as well as fabric scissors.
4. Steam-a-Seam 2.
5. Sharpie pen.
6. Pressing sheet or mat.
6. A good spirit and a smile!

Alice Obrenovich

Membership News

What a wonderful time of the year. As we stop to think of the things for which we are thankful, our friends in the guild would have to top the list.

We continue to grow as a group, adding another name to our wait list. Plans are being made to meet with the new Ladies-in-Waiting group after the beginning of the year.

Please remember, if you make any changes to your address or phone number, you need to fill out a change slip or send me an email so I can update our master file. We want to make sure you get any information that we send out to the membership.

Jane Hofbauer

Newcomers Group

We had a very nice lunch at the Prescott Brewing Company after our October program. We were given our own room and filled it with laughter and lively discussion (could it be the restaurant was afraid we'd be too noisy for everyone else?) There will be no Newcomers lunch in December, as we'll all be enjoying the Victorian Tea. We'll resume in January and look forward to seeing everyone then.

Susan Perry and Joan Carrell

Mentors tip:

We all work hard on our quilts and we want the finishing touch to be as beautiful as our quilt, thus the subject of the binding. I have now mastered beautiful binding with miter corners, but have always struggled with a nice flat finish on the last twelve inches of my binding installation. Well, Fons and Porter Binding Tool has solved my problem. With this binding tool and no more complicated mathematical formulas, I am able to get beautiful flat finishes on the end of my bindings. In January, I will bring my Binding Tool to our TBQ meeting and give a demo before the start of our meeting and during our break. I know it is available at JoAnn's and probably at most quilt shops. This would make a wonderful stocking-stuffer for your stocking or a quilting friend. I AM A HAPPY QUILTER WITH THIS NEW DISCOVERY :-)

Tina McCowan

Community Service News

By the time this is posted on TBQ's website the official day of Thanksgiving will be over, but not the “thanksgiving in my heart”! You all are helping to achieve the goal of 50 quilts and 50 walker bags for our local veterans to be a reality for our community project. I know this has been a real push to get this many items ready by mid December for our local VA Hospital, and the Thumb Butte Quilters are meeting the challenge!! I am looking forward to the December meeting so I can give the final total with a big drum roll and a huge “Taaaaadaaaaaaaaaa”! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! For all of the participation especially this time of year when you all are busy making Christmas gifts for your family and friends. God bless your extra ‘giving’ to help our Vets! I am not surprised; that is what Quilters do! I know this has been a real push to get this many items ready by mid December for our local VA Hospital and the Thumb Butte Quilters are meeting the challenge!

Hugs to you all!
Jennifer

Adult Center

Merry Christmas, Quilters!

New and wonderful Christmas quilts are now hanging in the glorious Atrium of the Prescott Community Center. A fabulous array of red and green and Christmas quilts is awaiting your visit! When you head out to do your holiday shopping, stop at the Adult Center first! The Show will get you in the spirit! And all TBQ'ers need to swing by the Adult Center with your holiday guests to see these quilts! (The address is 1280 Rosser Street, Prescott.)

These are the Quilters who have graciously loaned their quilts: Jamie Bennett, Jennifer Eakman, Kathryn Edwards, Jean Ehlers, Beverly Ginnelly, Dorothy Henry (who allowed us to hang TWO large Christmas quilts!), Susie Martin, Flo McLean, and Lorraine Owen.

Thank you, ladies!!! We are so grateful to you for sharing your quilts; and knowing that these quilts will not be home for the holidays, we appreciate your sacrifice!

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The next set of quilts will go up January 4th. They will hang for two months—over Valentine’s Day. The theme for this group of quilts will be QUILTS FROM THE HEART. So...I’m asking you to share heart quilts, memory quilts, anniversary quilts, signature quilts, wedding ring quilts.

Quilt sizes needed are:

Large – can be from 60” to 90” wide...and any length. We need SIX.

Small – at least 45” wide, but no wider than 54”...and, again, any length! We need FOUR.

A couple of you talked to me at the November meeting. I will be getting back in touch with you. The rest of you, please call me if you have quilts to share for this affair!

Carolyn Edwards, Adult Center Quilts Coordinator

Ways and Means

Happy Turkey Day to you all!

Last minute Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers!!

Our new TBQ red travel cups, and red and blue writing pens will be for sale at our December Victorian tea, both before and after the event. The cups are only \$5, or \$4.50 if you purchase 2 or more. The pens are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The pens are also a nice item to give someone who isn't yet familiar with our guild, since our web site is printed on them.

Thank you!

Linda Hill

Information about advertising in Threadlilnes:

Any member or vendor may place a camera-ready display ad for quilting related business in this newsletter.

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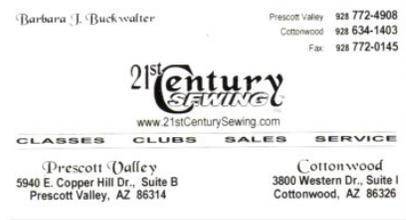
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Contact Jane Holland.

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December Special! Central Sewing is offering 20% off in-stock notions and cabinets during the whole month of December when you show your TBQ membership ID card or name tag.



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December Special! Quilter's Mercantile has some new fabrics - Kaufman's Spirits of the Southwest, RJR's Jinny Beyer Palette Collection, Moda's Holly Taylor Leaf Reflection Batiks and Exclusively Quilters' Big Sky. To make room for these, other fabrics are on sale!



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December Special! Odegaard's new e-mail address is odegard@infomagic.net. In December Odegaard's is offering 20% off your total purchase, excluding machines, software and cabinets. This is a one time only offer, but it's good for any time in December!



Quilt & Sew House had to reschedule Wanda's trip to Tea Pot Inn in Chino Valley. Wanda's planning to come sometime in February with fabric for sale.



December Special! A Quilter's Dream is having a 'Before Inventory Sale' from December 11th thru December 15th. The store will be closed for the Holidays from December 24th thru January 1st.



December Special! Quilt n' Sew Connection will give TBQ members 20% off non-sale fabric (minimum 1 yard cut) on Tuesday, December 18th when you show your TBQ membership ID card or name tag.