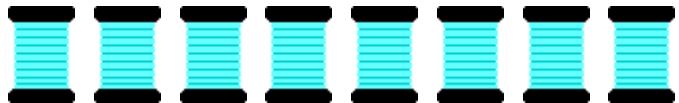


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Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



January 2007
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Mark your Calendars

Next Meetings—Jan 8, 2007

9:30 AM at St Luke's

Exec Committee meets

Jan 10th at 9:15

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

Newsletter deadline

January 20, 2007

January Hostesses

Tren Conner

Linda Coppola

Jean Davies

Susan Deal

Mona Demuth

Kay Denny

Mickey DePlanche

Laura De Sutter

Judy De Vault

Julie Dodds

Carolyn Doyle

Happy Birthday

Kathleen Bond

Marygen Buser

Tren Conner

Sharon Heilman

Jane Holland

Pam Jones

Shirley Kelliher

Kay Massa

Dorothy Mercer

Bette Schmidt

Bette Smith

President's Message – January TBQ News

Happy New Year, Quilters!! Quilters, Happy New Year!! ☺

I just love the New Year! I love celebrating New Year's! I love everything about what the New Year means! All the sparkle and tinsel of the holidays has been put away. The house is crisp and clean and fresh. You've made your resolutions to get organized, to eat healthier, to exercise more, and to get "this many" quilts done this year! OK then, let's just do it!! Our goals are set out for us: (1) Quilt Show is June 1 and 2, and you'll need to get hopping on the quilts you will enter! (2) January's P.I.G. Challenge will add another quilt to your "To Do" list! The wonderful thing about being at **January 1** is that we are blessed with the exhilarating high that we really *CAN* accomplish our goals and resolutions! So, run...right now...to your quilt room and *get going!*

After my P.I.G. was chosen by the membership at December's meeting, I've actually put in a few stitches, and have made a teensy amount of progress. That's a start! ☺ Sometimes I play a little game with myself when there is something I don't want to do. I try to do two things at once—a fun thing and a not so fun thing! It makes the not so fun thing go a little faster!

Oh, hey, did you read where the latest results of the Quilting in America Survey reported that the total number of Quilters now exceeds 27 million and the industry total dollar value stands at \$3.3 billion!! I'm not sure how they know it...but we are included in that count!!! ☺

"Hats Off To" Teri Elliott and the Gad-A-Bouts for a delightful Christmas Party! Judy Eppler in her Merry ChrisMouse "outfit" was "a stitch"! Sam Logan's Quilter's version of The Night Before Christmas was fun, too! And the prizes were extraordinaire! Thanks to all of you!!!

"Hats Off To" every single one of Thumb Butte Quilters who made a Christmas Stocking! What a grand display it was on our Show N Tell wall!!!!

Housekeeping:

- Consider this—how many birthday cards will you send out before June 2nd? Why not tuck a TBQ Opportunity Quilt ticket stub inside each of those cards! Wouldn't your loved one be thrilled to get the "winner's" phone call!!!

You may have noticed the "Prayer Needs" posting on the website and in the newsletter. Your Executive Committee felt strongly

- about including this in our News. We are a quilting family and we need to support each other every chance we get. If you or someone in your Friendship Group needs to be added to this special list, please let an Executive Committee member know.
- The Company Store will be up and running again at the January meeting. If you're neatening up and cleaning out your quilt room, as part of your New Year's resolutions, please remember that our Company Store will recycle those quiltie things you are wondering why you bought in the first place!!! Our Company Store is a resource for TBQ. Be sure to recycle! Be sure to shop for new treasures!
- A reminder to Hostesses: If you're on January's list, please come at 8 a.m. and help us set up the room. Bring a yum-delicious treat. And then plan to stay long enough after the meeting to help put the room away! We only ask you to do this once a year.
- And to all members, after the meeting, please return your chair to the rack. Every little bit helps!

In January, I always hang up my blue and white quilts. Now why is that?! I think it's because in the Midwest in January, you can count on a lot of white snow against a cold, blue sky! ☺ I have three completed blue and white quilts--the other three are P.I.G.'s!

So, I'll close with a request that you remember your P.I.G.'s on January 8th! Be sure to join the P.I.G. Challenge! (Only good things can come of it!!) We're planning on having a lot of fun at this meeting!! Wear your pig shirts, your pig hats, your pig pins!! ☺ And keep on stitching!!

~Carolyn~

January 8, 2007 - Here come the *P.I.G.'s!*

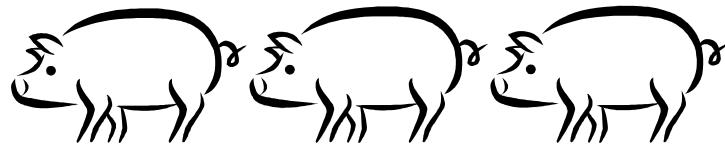
January is always a time for resolutions, a time to get your life in order, a time to get organized and make lists, and a time to plan new projects to get done for the year... If you are always included in the category of Quilters who are making plans for the NEXT project, have we got a Challenge for you!! ☺

Plan to be a participant in TBQ's *P.I.G. Challenge*. P.I.G. = Projects In a Grocery bag.

Here are the rules:

- Bring THREE unfinished quilt projects to January's TBQ Guild meeting—each one should be in its own grocery bag.
- During the meeting, all participants will be asked to tell the Membership about each of their three P.I.G.'s. (Explain what it is, when you started, why you started, why the project is still worth finishing, etc.)
- The Membership will vote on which of your three P.I.G.'s they want you to finish.
- After that decision is made, our Recorders will document your P.I.G.
- You will have ONE YEAR to finish the P.I.G. that the membership has selected.
- January 2008's Show & Tell will include a display of completed P.I.G.'s.
- If a P.I.G. Challenge participant fails to meet the Challenge to get their P.I.G. completed, that participant will be obligated to make a Charity Quilt in TBQ's name.

At December's meeting, Carolyn Edwards and Chris Anders demonstrated what is involved in this P.I.G. Challenge, and you all voted for the P.I.G. that Carolyn is to finish by January 2008. Start rummaging through your UFO's. Think about projects you want to get finished. A project box full of quilt parts is the typical P.I.G. A quilt top can be considered a P.I.G. Even a sack of collected fabrics and a pattern counts as a P.I.G.! Plan to join in on the fun!!



Members with December and January Birthdays need to bring their Birthday Raffle gift to the January 8 meeting. Remember, it is a new gift worth at least \$10.00 and quilting related. Something you would like to receive yourself is always a good item.

Linda Gergen
JoAnne VanLiere

Membership Musings
January 2007
by Earlene Hanson

It's time to start the New Year and we have several new members to help us get off to a roaring start!

One of the greatest parts of my job is to invite new members to join us when we have openings and I'm pleased to announce that Carol Kachur, Kristi McHugh and Jean Norris have accepted our invitation. Please look for them at the next meeting, introduce yourself, and help them feel welcomed.

Catching Up with Old Friends

Jane Taylor moved to Spokane last TBQ Guild year, and has recently moved into a retirement home of 80 apartments and 16 houses. The name of it is Rockwood Lane. She says there is so much going on there, she can't keep up!

She's still in charge of the Mah Jongg group at the Senior Center and they've grown to about 20 players. Now they want her to teach at Rockwood Lane. She's still quilting for abused children and just finished making 5 quillows for her great grandchildren. So she's still very busy and very active!!!

Jane Taylor
221 E. Rockwood Blvd., Apt. 422
Spokane, WA 99202

Jane says she checks out TBQ's website on a regular basis, so she can keep up with what's going on in our quilting world. Her e-mail address is the same one she had when she was here: mjanetaylor@msn.com.

FYI - TBQ has a wonderful website: www.tbqguild.com. Check it out

Programs Coming Soon

VIRGINIA ROBERTSON

February 12, 2007 **Lecture: If Monet Were A Quilter: A Trunk Show.** This trunk show is an entertaining view of the quilts and fabric designs of textile artist Virginia Robertson. Monet's painting are used as a metaphor to show how color changes a quilt design. There are several versions of each quilt that show how much color changes the feel of a project. Interspersed with the quilts are studio shots and stories about the designing of quilting fabrics.

THE QUILTER'S COLOR WHEEL, GRANDMOTHER'S FAN OR SPEEDY, DRESDEN PLATE

February 12, 2007

Workshop: Monday afternoon: 1PM \$20.00 per person:

This is an easy project where you can choose from three different patterns. There is no needle turn appliqué or curved piecing with Virginia's new techniques. Materials Fee. Cost of your pattern:

PICKLE DISH, NEW YORK BEAUTY OR WEDDING RING

February 13, 2007

Workshop Tuesday: \$30.00 per person: Set up from 8:30 A.M Class starts promptly at 9:15 A.M. to 3:30PM.

Take your pick, this is Virginia's most popular class. She has even taught it in Spain, in Spanish ! Use Virginia's new acrylic cutting templates, see through foundation papers and choose your favorite design after the demo. Sew from the back or the front, it doesn't matter which way you learned to paper piece, you will be able to use Virginia's new foundation papers. There is no guess work. This is a different, easier method from all the other techniques.

Virginia will demonstrate the different quilts and talk about color. Then the rest of the day will be spent sewing the quilt of your choice. Select from the Perfect Pickle Dish, the Mini Pickle Dish, the Broken Pickle Dish, Wedding Ring, Mini Wedding Ring or a New York Beauty style quilt. Materials Fee: Cost of pattern:

March: Janet Carruth from Phoenix will do a power point lecture/trunk show on Penny Rugs. She will teach a half-day class on Monday afternoon after our meeting. The pattern will be a basket of apples. Janet will supply all the materials to complete this project for a kit fee of \$25-\$30.

April: Shelley Swanland will be doing a trunk show of approximately 40 quilts that represent work done over the last eight years. She has developed a technique for constructing Cathedral Window quilts using layered piecing techniques and featuring rolled bias curves. She states that although her patterns look intricate and complex, they are really fast and easy to construct. Her workshop on Tuesday (after our meeting) will be a combination of her patterns Berries Jubilee and Parchment & Black Lacquer Table Runner. She will also have her patterns for sale at the meeting and at the workshop.

Calling All Hand Quilters!

Please make a New Year's Resolution to give a day or two--sometime this year--of Hand Quilting to Sharlot Hall! Every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to Noon, the Sharlot Hall Quilters meet in the Transportation Building, a.k.a. the Carriage House, on the grounds of Sharlot Hall Museum. Bring your thimble, needles, needle-threader, and scissors! It's a service to the Prescott community to contribute to "living history". Plus, it's fun to talk to the tourists--they always have their own "quilt stories" to share.

And there are extra bonuses to being there--recently, a couple of men came in, started up Sharlot's car, and drove it right out of the building in preparation for the downtown Holiday parade! What a thrill! Quilting stopped temporarily as we watched!

Sometime in January we will finish up Judy Eppler's quilt, and will load the frame with the quilt top of another lucky 'hand quilting raffle' winner! Call Lorraine Pickering if you can come add a stitch or two! Or just stop by to visit and watch the Sharlot Hall Quilters in action!



In our Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Joanne Baumback, Pat LaFontant, Carol Stewart, Sandy Mitchell and her husband John in your thoughts and prayers.

Since TBQ's December meeting, Bunny Troup lost her Mother and Barbara Merkel lost a dear cousin. Please keep them and their families in your prayers

Community News

It was overwhelming that you wonderful quilters made and donated 72 beautiful Christmas stockings that were filled and given to needy children in our area. Because of your generosity, some also went to abused women and homeless families. Thank you all so much for making this possible.

For donations to Community Service projects this month thanks go to Carol Stewart for fabric, Arlene Comon for making a walker bag, Rose Tuttle for making 2 walker bags, and 4 pillow covers, and Connie Sieh for making 3 walker bags.

Just two more open sewing days have been scheduled at the Quilt and Sew Connection in Prescott Valley in January and February to hopefully complete walker bags and pillows for the rest of the guild year. On January 29 we'll finish up the walker bags, and on February 19 we'll finish up the pillows. They will all be cut out and ready to sew together, and at least 5 sewers are needed each month. Do come along and help if you can. Of course any turned in after that are certainly most welcome and accepted.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year full of lots of lovely fabric and the time to make lots of wonderful quilts.

Alice Obrenovich, Community Service

Happy New Year!

The Prescott Library has asked TBQ to once again do the Library Quilt Show! We will also have use of the new display cabinet for one month....So you might just be asked about a quilt you have shown us in "Show and Tell". If it fits the requirements (size) and you are willing to give it up for 3 months, it just might be in the Library Quilt Show for everyone to see!! More later....
Library Quilt Show Committee

NEWCOMER'S GROUP (Submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith)

After our TBQ meeting on January 8th, we will be meeting for lunch at Murphy's at 12:30pm. We are looking for all those who are new members this year as well as those of you who want to get to know your new quilting sisters!:) Please come and join in on the fun and comraderie as we share time together over lunch! Please call Susan Smith (717-1241) by January 5th if you are planning to come so we can reserve a spot at the table just for you!

Murphy's is located in downtown Prescott at 201 N. Cortez Street.

Fair-ly Fantastic

This year, Lorraine Pickering will give up her position as Treasure Hunt Superintendent for the Yavapai County Fair. And she's hoping that she could hand over the reins to a TBQ member! She has lovingly been doing this job for more years than she can remember, and all the rules and guidelines are established and well-documented. Among other things, the position entails phone calls and the gathering of prizes beginning mid-July, and staffing the booth with the already established volunteer base during the Fair.

Lorraine is available to answer any questions you may have. She's even available to be one of your booth volunteers during the Fair! Give her a call. Or call the Yavapai County Fair Association, 775-8000.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS (Submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith)

This month we are highlighting Hidden Stitches.

Ruth Ann Jackson, now deceased, started this group about nine years ago. Three of that original group, Rose Tuttle, Julie Rouse and Dorothy Henry are still members. Their theme should be "once a Hidden Stitcher always a Hidden Stitcher" because no one resigns unless she has to! The nine members meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am -3pm at each other's homes. Each meeting includes show 'n' tell, lunch, and then work on individual quilts. They also work on projects for one another. Currently they are working on friendship blocks. They are also excited about making a quilt together that will be raffled off in Phoenix to benefit breast cancer research.

QUILT HISTORY BEE

Our next meeting will be at Augustine Barron's on January 18th for a New Year's Potluck and to plan our 2007 schedule. Please contact Augustine for directions and times. We will also be going to the AZ State Historical Study Group's quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 3rd. This will be from 10:00am-1:30pm at Crossroads United Methodist Church at 7901 N. Central Ave., (SE corner of Northern and Central) , in Phoenix. This will be an "all member presentation" focusing on Depression Era Quilts. Please come be a part of one or both of these meetings!

The Quilt History Bee has openings for those of you interested in learning and teaching about anything that is a part of quilt history. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30am - 11:30am at Cloth Plus in Prescott Valley. If you have questions, call or write Augustine Barron. Please come join us! We would love to have you be a part of our group!!

Mary Stori in September? Stay tuned!!!

Spirit of the West Quilt Show 2007

New Boot Pins for the Quilt Show are available for purchase for \$3.00 at the TBQ Meetings. They are red and white this year, and very attractive.

Jean Ehlers, Potholder Chairman, has asked each member to make 4 potholders for TBQ to sell at the Quilt Show. These always sell well; and bring in a nice financial addition in during the Show. Please use "Insul-Bright" TM, to reflect heat. This product can be purchased at the Jo-Ann store, at the fabric cutting area. At least one layer of batting should also be used.

Linda Gergen, Publicity Chairman

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