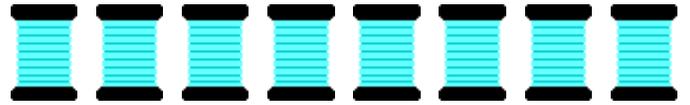


Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



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Mark Your Calendars

Next Meeting—June 11, '07

9:30 AM at St Luke's

Exec Committee meets

June 13th at 9:15

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

Newsletter deadline

June 20, 2007

June Hostesses

Please arrive by 8:00am

Barb Merkel

Geo Mickelson

Carol Miller

Carol Ann Miller

Sandy Mitchell

Dian Moore

Adrienne Morrison

Pat Naretto

Joan Newton

Alice Obrenovich

Mary Ogle

June Birthdays

Elsie Baker

Augustine Barron

Jeannine Bleicher

Beverly Carr

Jean Ehlers

Sam Logan

Carolyn Melbourne

Sharon Melpolder

Geo Mickelson

Kay Wentworth

Gretchen Winkleman

meetings...as well as more Show N Tell (quilters' eye candy!).

Housekeeping:

- As we're sure you are aware from earlier discussions, the Executive Committee has been tossing around ideas and options for what and how to continue with the publishing of "Threadlines" (TBQ's newsletter). The Chair position of "Newsletter" will be retained. The Newsletter Editor will continue to prepare a Newsletter. A policy is being established as follows: *Effective August 2007, if a member wants to receive a hard copy of the current TBQ News, she must provide the Newsletter Editor with a S.A.S.E.,*

President's Message June 2007

Greetings, Dear and Happy Quilters!

Don't you think, generally, that Quilters are happy people?! We wake up in the morning, thinking about and anxious to get to, our latest project! Our brains are always "cooking" with new ideas and the next quilt we want to make! We do the "happy dance" when we put in the last stitch on our latest project!! I know that many of you are doing that "happy dance" as the days until our Quilt Show dwindle! Isn't it exhilarating? Take comfort in knowing there are many other Quilters who are finishing up with the quilting, stitching down binding, and adding labels!

What a great Quilt Show we are going to have! I'm writing news for the June Newsletter about a dozen days before our big event, so I can't officially report what a great Quilt Show it was! But I want to!!! ☺ I'm positive it will be a glorious gathering of quilts and Quilters!

I helped sell tickets on our Opportunity Quilt at the Farmer's Market today. What a fun experience that is! With its beauty, anyone who owns a quilt, or knows a quilter, is automatically drawn to it! And then we hear the stories of their quilts. We tell them how to store their quilts and to be sure to somehow write their quilt's story and attach it to their quilt. Then we tell them about Guilds and Quilters in the area, and, of course, about our Quilt Show! It's a great exchange of "quilt talk"! I'm going to miss that Beauty when she's gone. May the winner love her as much as we have!

"Hats Off To" Susan Smith for the hard work she did in the preparation and presentation of the new By-Laws. The Executive Committee has been working with Susan since last August in fine-tuning the changes we wanted to see in the By-Laws. The BIGGEST good news to come out of the new By-Laws is that TBQ's membership cap has been increased to 160 members! We should begin seeing some new faces at our

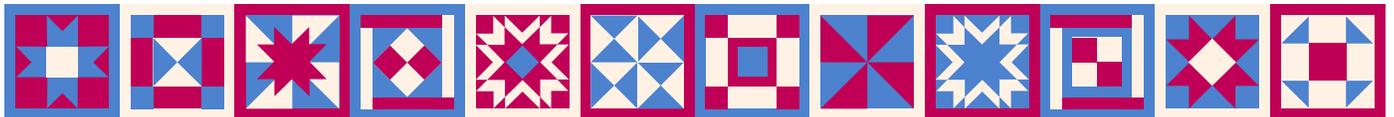
with the month requested noted on the envelope. Newsletter Editor will limit content of Newsletter to equal first class postage for a 2 oz. letter (58 cents). A printer-friendly version of the Newsletter will still be available on the website.

- I've asked the Committee Chairs to prepare a "job description"—a "who/what/where/how" of what they've done for TBQ this year—an outline of their Committee's duties. Look on the Committee Chairpersons page in your Directory. You'll see a list of 26 of you taking care of 22 jobs for the Guild. We thank you sooooo much, but please plan to turn your report in to me at the June meeting.
- Besides the anxiously anticipated lecture and trunk show on Hand Dyed Quilts by Susie Martin at the June meeting, you can look forward to a summary and wrap-up of the Quilt Show, AND, per our new by-laws, the proposed budget will be presented.
- Don't forget the Folk Art Fair at Sharlot Hall Museum, June 2 and 3. Most of TBQ's hand-quilters will be doing double duty that weekend, running between our Quilt Show and Sharlot Hall.
- And here's a heads-up! It won't be too many weeks before Maryann Conner's quilt at Sharlot Hall is finished. Another "hand-quilting" raffle will get underway. Can the Sharlot Hall Quilters hand-quilt one of your quilt tops? Watch for details!
- July will bring TBQ's 12th Birthday Party celebration. It's going to be a Luau...and I'm ready! I now have a Hawaiian shirt! (I've wanted one for ages—to wear to Menehune Quilters' gatherings!) You should plan to bring your Hawaiian quilts for Show N Tell—they don't even have to be done! Hawaiian quilts look pretty good even when they're "in the works"!
- Elected officers for the 2007/2008 Guild year are: Linda Gergen—President; Alice Obrenovich—Vice President; Sally Plummer—Secretary; and Flo McLean—Treasurer. Installation of Officers will take place in July. Give them your full support!

Now, I'll close with a reference to the most important part of quilting. When we stitch together in our Friendship Groups, we are sharing more than thread and scissors. We are sharing ideas and concerns and love. May you each be wrapped in the patchwork quilt of your circle of quilting friends.

See you all at the Quilt Show!

~Carolyn~



YIPPEE!!YAHOO!!HOORAY!!

There is no wait list for membership! With the new by-laws in place, I was able to invite everyone currently on the wait list to join TBQ. It was so much fun announcing the great news. I know our new members will be enthusiastic additions to our guild. Make a new friend by saying "hello".

Please remember to get your dues turned in and check to be sure your directory listing is correct. The draft of the new directory will be available at the sign in table so be sure to verify it. My typing is always suspect so check it out even if you didn't have a change!

Thanks and Happy Quilting
Earlene Hanson

Thumb Butte Quilters

Upcoming Programs

June: Our member, Susie Martin, will present a program on hand dyeing fabrics. She will also have two classes, with eight members in each; the classes will be on Tuesday, June 12 & Saturday, June 16. She has a technique of dyeing fabrics that does not require a lot of big pots, or buckets, but rather Zip-Loc bags. Everyone taking the class will go home with nine yards (18 - ½ yards of different colors) of good quality hand dyed fabric.

July: Thumb Butte's Annual Birthday Party. This year it will be a Hawaiian Luau – so get out those grass skirts and mu-mu's and bring your Hawaiian quilts, table runners, wall hangings or whatever you have to share. We'll be serving pu-pu's (appetizers) and there will be lots of door prizes! Be sure to come and join in the fun!

August: Kendra Maclean from Phoenix will be doing a lecture and trunk show on small quilts.

September: Mary Stori will do a lecture at our meeting and a half day workshop on Monday, September 10, after our meeting, on hand quilting and a full day

workshop on Tuesday, September 11, which will be "Beading Basics and Beyond".

October: Patty Krause, from The Quilters Store in Sedona, will do a lecture and trunk show on collages at our meeting, and a half day workshop on Monday, October 8, and a full day workshop on Tuesday, October 9. You will need to participate in both workshops for this class. Monday's class will be choosing fabrics and cutting out patterns and Tuesday's class will be the actual construction of the collage.

Patty's description of the lecture is as follows: "Free yourself of rulers and pointed triangles. Learn how to design a quilt around a motif, create scenes or simply play with color. Let your collages reflect your humor, fantasies or dreams.

The rules are few; the experience is self-directed. As a side benefit, your free-motion quilting will improve overnight with this technique.

The creative concepts incorporate Patty's experiences working with paper collage as a career counselor and with fabric collages as a quilter. The collage technique present is adapted from Rosemary Eichorn's book, The Art of Fabric Collage."

November: Our own Susan Smith will present a program on color and fabric selection.

December: Our annual Holiday Party.

Look What is Coming!

Check out September!

Opportunity

June 2nd is/was the drawing for our amazingly beautiful TBQ Opportunity Quilt designed by Tren Connor, appliquéd by numerous guild members, and quilted by Maggie Keller. The number of members who participated this year was phenomenal. Thank you very much for purchasing tickets and turning in your stubs. I love receiving stubs and/or checks in the mail so I can cross off the names of those who have purchased tickets. Also, many thanks to the members who sat at booths throughout the year to sell the tickets. As of the writing of this, we will be ordering another 500 tickets since we are getting low and we want to make sure we have enough tickets for the quilt show. Also, I do not have the name of the person who won the quilt or our final profit numbers. Next month we shall have that information. Thank you again. Candace Tomlinson

The Appliqué Society

There are two meetings of TAS held each month in the Prescott area.

"Scattered Threads" meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Prescott Country Club POA building in Dewey, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. As there is not a restaurant in the immediate area, we suggest you bring a lunch. Please contact Susie Martin for more information.

"Spooling Around" meets the fourth Monday of the month at Pete's Family Restaurant on Iron Springs Road in Prescott from 9 am to 3:00 pm. We eat lunch at Pete's. Please contact Linda Gergen for more information.

These groups are open to all who love appliqué. There is lots of show and tell, as well as instructions and what's new in appliqué around the world.

For more information about The Appliqué Society, you may go on line at www.theappliquesociety.org or contact Mary Andra Holmes.

Community Service Report

I recently visited the Traditional Elementary School and spoke with the librarian, Grace Rehm, about our donation of the book and quilt, No Dragons on my Quilt.. She is thrilled, excited, and looking forward to receiving this gift from our guild. She said, "A quilt is a perfect gift for a Traditional School."

Three more beautiful blocks were completed this month by Barbara Merkel and Marygin Buser, weren't they wonderful?

Thank you so much to all the block makers, to Kay Harlan who volunteered to help me put the quilt together, to Dawn Valanas-Moser who volunteered to quilt it, and to Kay Wentworth who volunteered to do the binding.

I would also like to take the opportunity to again thank all your wonderful members who contributed fabric, quilt blocks, and your time to make walker bags, pillows, Christmas stockings, Ott light bags, and sewing machine covers. Together we have been able to accomplish so much this year, and give so much to the community. It was all possible because of you. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Alice Obrenovich

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS
Jones and Susan Smith

submitted by Pam

This month we are highlighting The Sassy Stitchers.

This quilting group of six very close friends has been meeting for almost thirteen years. They meet from 1-4pm in each other's homes every other Friday. The hostess for each meeting serves refreshment for the ladies. Their meeting consists of each one working on her own projects and a good dose of conversation to

catch up on each other's news. Their relationships run strong and deep. When one reaches a fifty year wedding anniversary, the group makes a wall hanging to commemorate this special occasion in her life. If one of the ladies in their group moves away, this one receives a quilted bag as a going away gift. Every quilter should be so blessed to belong to a group like this one!

NEWCOMER'S GROUP
Jones and Susan Smith

submitted by Pam

We had a fantastic group of eighteen come together for lunch after the May 14th meeting!! Our new lunch location for June 11th will be at Bonn-Fire in Chino Valley. It is approximately a seven to eight minute drive from our TBQ meeting place. It is located at 1667 S HWY 89 in Chino Valley. They are on the right hand side of HWY 89 heading north. Look for a church, then an AZ Realty and then Bonn-Fire has yellow apartments next door to them. Their phone number is 928-636-7410. Please raise your hand at the meeting when we take a hand count of who will be joining us. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and also to have fun! See you there!

Mentor Reveals Some Secrets!!!

Here are some ideas from [Bernina's Best Quilt Tips, 101 Secrets for Better Quilts](#) that Tina likes to use:

- (1) I place my sewing machine on a terry cloth towel to reduce vibration and movement.
- (2) To help loosen the paper backing of fusible web, score the paper with a straight pin.
- (3) Before machine quilting, practice quilting on a mini quilt sandwich made from the same fabric as the quilt top. This provides the perfect opportunity to fine tune your quilt stitch and audition thread colors and types.
- (4) To keep your thread from knotting and tangling when hand stitching, run your threaded needle through a folded fabric softener sheet placed inside a small zip-lock bag.

Tina/Margaret
Mentors



Company Store news:

TBQ's Company Store will have its annual "Garage Sale" at the June meeting. Items will be priced lower than normal in order to clear inventory before the new Guild Year. There will be no Company Store in July to make room for the Birthday Party. Company Store sales will resume in August. Don't forget to recycle your "what was I thinking" items!



Crazy Quilters

Geo Mickelson started this wonderful group that meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at her home. She teaches the different techniques used in making a crazy quilt. She just taught silk ribbon embroidery. The members are at all different levels of expertise and really enjoy making their own crazy quilt! They are even making single blocks to adorn and embellish other projects. This group is made up of members from both Thumb Butte Quilt Guild and Mountain Top Quilt Guild. Membership is by invitation.

"Spirit of the West" Quilt Show

Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd
9am to 5pm

Yavapai College - 1100 E. Sheldon St.,
Prescott, Arizona

Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild is proud to announce our 2007 Quilt Show! This year's show will feature our unique vignettes with the theme of our show - Spirit of the West! There will be a large grouping of quilts made by our membership, a boutique, our stunning hand-appliquéd opportunity quilt with tickets to purchase, show pins and miniature quilts (also known as potholders) for sale!



Members with June Birthdays need to bring their Birthday Raffle gift to the June 11th 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.

Treasurer's Report: As TBQ does not publish financial information on the website, nor in the newsletter, the current Treasurer's Report is posted every month for your review in the Church Entry Hall. Check it out! Also, a copy is on file with the TBQ Secretary at all times.

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