

Threadlines

THUMB BUTTE QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

October 2016



Next TBQ Meeting:

Monday, October 10, 2016

9:30am at

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2000 Shepherds Lane
Prescott AZ 86301

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Doris Robak

Earlene Springs

Marilyn Thompson

Linda Ward

Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for a quilter, with a value of at least \$10.00 to the next meeting.

A good rule of thumb for the gift is something that you would really like to receive yourself.

If you missed your birthday month, you can bring your gift at a later meeting.

Pam Calhoon and Melodie Moreno
Birthday Drawing Committee

President's Message

MISTRAKES

What would I do without my seam ripper?

Did you notice my title error? It reminds me of the DAV Trift Store sign. I believe their truck also says that.



I was mad at myself recently for a mistake I made in my paper piecing quilt project. I cut the wrong sized fabric piece, sewed it in, and it was too small. If you do paper piecing, you know your stitch size needs to be 1.5. After ripping the tiny stitches out with my frequently used seam ripper, it happened again, more times than I care to admit. I ask myself, after all these years of sewing, why do I still make so many mistakes? Why is my most used sewing tool my seam ripper?

I recall a mishap many years ago when I got a new serger. I had finished a blouse and went to serge the shoulder seams to give them a nice finished edge. Somehow the bust part of the shirt got caught under the cutting blade and produced a hole on the left breast area. Well I knew I couldn't go out and buy another piece of that fabric since it was purchased some time ago. My brain light went on. What about creating a pocket or two. I checked out my ready-made blouses and found a few with pockets. I copied one with two small front pockets and WALLA!, my problem was fixed. I had enough scraps of fabric to do that.

Some other mistakes I've made are catching a piece of border fabric into a seam (i.e. extra fabric I've allowed for the edging). Rather than ripping out that stitching I will cut that wandering piece very close to the stitching on one or both sides of the booboo. I then have small pieces of fabric thread that can be pulled out while the stitching stays intact. A couple of other bad happenings were when I did a Stack and Whack quilt for my granddaughter. Some of the inner circles might have one or two centers that lacked that spot of green that all the others had. Not sure she'd notice, but I did. I got out my acid free Fabrico ink pens and drew in that tiny patch of green. You might find it

October Hostesses

Tina McCowan

Patty McClearn

Sandy McGarry

Joan McGivern

Sylvia McIntosh

Mirta McKay

Sharon Melpolder

Melodie Merino

Barbara Merkel

Geo Mickelson

We encourage you to bring healthy refreshments. We look forward to working with Thumb Butte Quilters this year.

Hostess's should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to assist chairperson in setting up if needed.

Bring a refreshment item, such as finger food, cheese, crackers, sweet treats, fruit, etc. Please bring your goodies on disposable trays or label your dish with your name.

Beverages and paper products are provided by the Guild.

**Kathleen Bond & Carolyn Edwards
Refreshment Committee**

TBQ Forms

The following forms are available on-line or at the meeting from the person noted below.

Reimbursement Forms

(for committee members that need to be reimbursed for purchases made for the guild)

Carol Wright, Treasurer

Membership Application

now that you know about it. Lately I even resorted to using these pens when I had a few stitches drift out of my stitch in the ditch sewing. Don't tell anyone, but the truth is, they're not going into shows to be judged. Usually my kids get the quilts and they don't know anything about sewing! I've used these pens to patch spots on clothing.

Now my question to you. I have a tee shirt, only worn 2-3 times and I splashed bleach on the lower bottom near the border. Don't think I can match the pinkish-orange with my ink pens or dyes. My thought is to take my eye dropper and drop small blobs of bleach all along the bottom. What do you think? By the next meeting that shirt may be in the "rag bag" or designed into a one of a kind. Remember the saying, "to err is human, to forgive is divine." Guess I need to forgive myself?!?

Pat (The Ripper) Armstrong

Pat Armstrong, TBQ President
president@tbqguild.com

President's Challenge

The President's challenge is titled, "They call it Preskitt." Your quilt can represent something in Prescott, such as buildings, events, parks, historical areas, activities in the square, unique features of our town, etc. The size should be up to 100 inches in circumference. (For example, a square could be 25 in. per side; rectangle 15 by 35 in.; and so on.) Smaller will be fine. We hope to have them in by February 17, but they will be accepted after that. We want to have them by show entry time.

Friendship Groups

I would like to continue the tradition of highlighting each of our Friendship groups on our website. Not all have a description and pictures. I am sure that the members would enjoy knowing what each group specializes in and would love to see pictures of their creations!

I would like to visit your group to find out about your meetings, how the group is organized, meet the members and take pictures. Please contact me to schedule a visit. My phone number and email address are in the TBQ Directory.

Laura Stone
Friendship Group Coordinator

Programs & Workshops

Diane Belveal & Shirley Pichoff, Program Directors
Carlotta Brandenburg & Laura Davis,
Program Workshop Coordinators

October Program

Jill McCloy Designs: We have just been informed that due to unforeseen circumstances, Jill has had to cancel her trip to Arizona to speak and conduct a workshop with TBQ.

Your program directors are working to find a member to conduct a trunk show on that date.

September Program & Workshop



Linda Merrifield is an expert in the field of thread artistry (and, mind you, her talents do not stop at that). At the September meeting she spoke about how she got started in thread art embroidery and how various fabrics influenced the type of art she applies to them. She showed a variety of jackets

that had been beautifully embroidered and shared the stories of the fabrics she had obtained around the world. On Tuesday she taught a class on making a zebra using her thread art embroidery techniques. Linda was a lot of fun to work with.

Community Service



"Handmade Hugs" is our Community Service Project. We meet on the 4th Monday of every month at St. Luke's, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The classroom is part of our meeting room. If you park on the left (south) side of the church, you can enter the door located there for easy access to the classroom. Bring your lunch or, if you'd rather eat out, the Antelope Hills Golf Course is nearby and has a restaurant available.

We will be making quilts and pillowcases for foster children ages birth to 18. You can bring a project to work on or participate in a group project. For those who cannot bring a sewing machine, there will be plenty of other tasks to work on; i.e., cutting, sorting, ironing, etc.

Other supplies you might want to bring:

Cutting mat	Ruler
Rotary Cutter	Glue Stick

For those of you who prefer to work on your projects at home, we look forward to seeing your quilts and pillowcases at our meetings where they will be shown in our special show and tell.

Please send any related emails to me at:
handmadehugs@cableone.net

Maryann Conner
Community Services Chairman

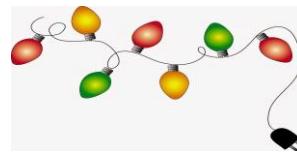
Upcoming Programs & Workshops

November 14: **5 x 5 Program, featuring quilts by:**

Carlotta Brandenburg	Pam Jones
Cynthia Crull	Joan Moss
Pat Gentner	

December 12: **Holiday Party**

January 9: **Bonnie Hunter**



Company Store



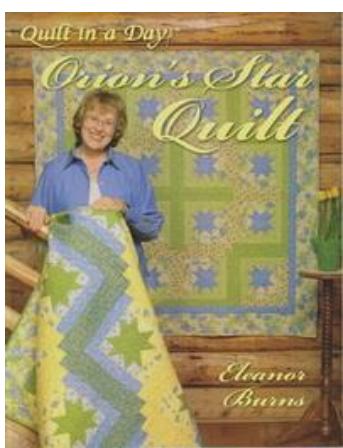
Mrs. Bobbins is forced to donate her quilting tools to airport security.

Remember the Company Store for donating unused fabric and sewing tools.

**Carol Brownlow, Pam Jones, Joan McGivern,
Linda Miller and Carol Peters
Company Store Co-Chairs**

DVD Library

**Our DVD of the Month is:
Orion's Star – Quilt in a Day**



Quilting expert Eleanor Burns introduces two classic quilt patterns that are combined to make this beautiful Orion's Star Quilt. The Evening Star centers are flawlessly made using the Quilt in a Day unique Flying Geese method. Then they are surrounded by two complementary colors using easy strip piecing to form "logs". Yardage charts are written for all quilt sizes, wall hangings through king.

**Linda Craig & Nancy Lefler
Coordinators**

Mentor's Table



"Y" Seams Made Easy

Do you avoid "Y" seams because you think they are difficult? Stop by the Mentors Table before the general meeting and during break time for a quick tutorial on stitching "Y" seams the easy way.

Susan Joy Noyes, Mentors

Chamber of Commerce Exhibit

Come and enjoy the new display of Fall Quilts at the Chamber of Commerce this month.

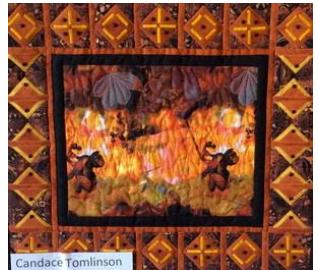
Quilts have been on display continuously since April 2009. This is a shared task between Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild and Mountain Top Quilters' Guild.



Kay Wentworth



Kathy Beeson



Candace Tomlinson

Kay Wentworth, Coordinator

Prescott Community Center

It was a dark and stormy night... (woo hoo! I don't get to use that line very often!) We changed the quilts last night, in between rain showers. Last night, because "our guy, Steve" is having a knee replaced, and it was NOW or the patriotic quilts would be up till nearly Thanksgiving! Thanks to my hanging team (this time--Jane Holland, Marti Harbour, and Lorraine Owen) for being flexible and being out there in the dark of night! The Adult Center was hopping last night with people streaming in for some kind of dance lessons. We again had questions about any of the quilts being 'for sale'. So again, I encourage any of you who have quilts for sale to let me know, and we'll exchange the necessary names and phone numbers. Director Joan Shay was there, too. She again expressed her gratitude to TBQ for sharing our quilts and making the Atrium beautiful. And, we talked about the Center's Ten-Year Anniversary coming up in January. It's unbelievable that we've been hanging quilts for ten years and the staff still gushes over them! Woo hoo! :-)

So...the FALL for FALL quilts are up and are waiting for you to get on over to 1280 Rosser Street to FALL in love with them! There is a breath-taking variety of pieced AND applique quilts in all sorts of FALL colors. Big THANK YOU's to Carol Wright, Betty Foley, Kathy Beeson, Shirley Kelliher, Kathleen Bond, Shirlee Smith, Sandy Mitchell and Patti Taber for sharing your quilts! It is a g.r.e.a.t. collection!

These quilts will be up until about the middle of November, when we'll jump into the Holiday season with Christmas quilts. So, if you have Christmas quilts and red &/or green quilts that you can spare over the Holiday season, let me know. Are you traveling this Christmas? Loan your Holiday quilts to the display at the Adult Center. Your quilts will be happy to come out to play while you're away!

Quilt Sizes Needed:

LARGE: from 60" to 90" wide, any length. (Need SIX.)

SMALL: from 45" to 60" wide, any length. (Need FOUR.)

**Carolyn Edwards,
Community Center Quilt Coordinator**

"Prescott Rose Garden" TBQ 2017 Opportunity Quilt:



**Sunshine Rose Garden, gesigned by Kathy Nakajima
from the Quilters Newsletter Cover Collection,
copyright 2007.**

Ways and Means

We took the quilt to Antiques on the Square. Next month we will be showing it at the Chino Valley Quilt Show. Remember to buy your tickets in support of our guild.

**Sandy Evans & Susan Opdahl
Ways and Means Chair**



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Anne Abrams
Advertising Contact Person

TBQ Members, be sure to check out our advertisers' specials and if you have something to sell, you can advertise here. The cost is \$10 a month, with a 3 month limit. If you're looking for something, there's no charge for advertising but there is a 3 month limit. Just let me know before the 15th of the month. Non-members can advertise quilt related items for sale in our newsletter for \$15 per month.



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Saturday: 10-4

Stop by to see our machines and remember we do on site repairs on sewing machines and sergers!!

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In addition to the monthly ad, each advertiser will be able to post a 'blurb' telling about one of their specials for the upcoming month. Blurbs must be limited to 35 words or less. The deadline for the next month's blurb is the 15th of the current month.

For more information or to sign up for advertising here, contact Terri Brown at: advertising@tbqguild.com

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