

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

March 2011

Next TBQ Meeting-
Monday, March 14, 2011
9:30am at American Lutheran Church
Executive Committee Meeting-
March 7th, 2011 at Kathleen Bond's house
9:30am

Birthdays March

Pam Calhoon
Fran Chadwick
Marti French
B. Johnson
Hazel Karetov
Sandy McGarry
Sherri Vasquez
Bunny Troup
Joanne Van Liere

Kathy Barrett
Birthday Drawing Committee

Hostesses

Pam Jones
Hazel Karetov
Juliette Kellerhals
Shirley Kelliher
Lynda Kinnear
Iris Lacey
Pat Little
Sam Logan
Connie Massner
Tina McCowan
Jackie McDonald
Sandy McGarry
Florence McLean

Karla Morrison
Refreshments Committee

President's Message



Hello Quilters!

Yay! The ground hog did not see his shadow, which means, we will have an EARLY SPRING! We all have had a wild, wet, windy and snowy winter, and it's not over yet in many parts of the country; but I am thinking Spring, at least in my heart, until it finally arrives in a few weeks.

Three Committees are hard at work - the Nominating Committee, the Quilt Show Committee and the Opportunity Quilt Committee; and I am wearing so many hats, that when I enter a room, I have to go in single file. You don't have to be crazy to work here...we'll train you.

There are so many opportunities for you get involved and meet your fellow Guild Members:

- serving on the Executive Committee,
- selling Opportunity Quilt tickets for a couple of hours,
- hanging quilts for the Quilt Show,
- meeting the Speakers and getting to spend time with them,
- running the Company Store
- and so much more!

Lots of ladies have done these jobs in the past and will be happy to help you. If you get a call, "Just Say YES!" If you don't get a call, "Just Raise Your Hand" or "Sign Up" at the meeting.

Here it is February 20th and I'm snowed in - It's going to be a "Jama Day" for me. First, I will finish this Message. Then what? I could shovel the driveway and paths and invite friends over for a fabulous dinner. I could clean the house from top to bottom or bake dozens of cookies and have an exchange with friends. Nope, I would rather make a quilt and this will be a perfect day!

Remember to Celebrate "National Quilting Day" on the 3rd Saturday in March.

Until our seams cross again...

Kathleen

P.S. Don't be a phonocrastinator. (to phonocrastinate) v. meaning -to put off answering the phone until the caller ID displays the incoming name and number.

February Program

If you missed Mary Lou Weidman's talk and trunk show, you missed out on her inspiration and humor and a whole collection of really fun story quilts! Both of her Grandmothers were quilters. One of them made 19 perfect quilts. BUT, she asked us, if ONE of those quilts had been a story quilt about her life, which quilt do you think family members would have been fighting over? Thus, Mary Lou urges everyone to make story quilts! One of the quilts that she hangs at Halloween says, "I feel like a witch if I can't find time to stitch!" Hmmm, seems like that would be a year-round sentiment! Mary Lou does needleturn applique and believes that 'fusing' is the "F word"! In closing, she challenged us to (1) share a compliment, (2) share your skills, (3) share your stash, and (4) buy a lovely card, hand write a nice note, and send it to someone who would least expect it!



Carolyn Edwards
Thank you!

March Program

Wilma Hitterman is a specialist in featherweight and treadle sewing machines. She will provide a lecture in the art of the treadle machine and quilting with this machine.

She comes from Payson and has a passionate interest in preserving these machines and the art of treadle machine quilting. She helped develop a separate judging category at the Rim Country Quilt Show for treadle machine quilting. Even if you do not have a treadle I believe you will find her knowledge of these machines fascinating. She will bring several machine heads and share the history of the treadle as well.

Workshop News

Lots of classes are coming your way so check the list below to see what you'd like to learn. I know the economy hasn't helped so you may need to be more choosy but perhaps that one class you attend will fill you with ideas for some time to come.

April 2011 - Susan Cleveland will be doing a 1/2 day workshop on Monday:

Bold Needle Threads

Impact with big decorative threads stitched through the needle can be easily achieved! Learn how to adjust your machine, choose needles, and select stitch patterns to get stunning results with these threads. After class you'll have the ability to decorate fabric and quilt quilts with a new array of beautiful threads. At home students may create bookmarks with their decorated strips. Kits of fabric, stabilizer, fusible and threads may be purchased in class for \$18.

And a full day class on Tuesday:

Piping Hot Binding

Piped bindings add spark and a professional finish to any style piece. Every detail of binding and tiny, perfect piping will be covered in class with step-by-step demos and printed instructions. Machine differences will be addressed so students will be successful with their own machines. Students work on their practice piece to achieve making perfect piping, preparing the quilt, applying binding, mitering corners, joining tails, and finishing for a show-quality back. Variations will be on display and discussed. Many major award-winners are using this technique to achieve stunning results!

May 2011 - Cindy Brick will be doing a one and a half day workshop called:

Color, Fabric & Embellishments for Crazies

Give your Crazy quilts that professional look with the tricks and tips you'll pick up from this learn-as-you work class, from the right fabrics and colors to adding that final touch of embroidery or beading. We'll explore both modern quick-pieced and traditional methods, and examine a variety of modern and vintage Crazies. You'll take home a pillow or mini-wall quilt as a memory of the class! Full day session. (half-day sessions available for Color, Fabrics, or Embellishments. Includes general crazy quiltmaking techniques)

Opportunity Quilt



Jeri Teisl
Coordinator

DVD Library

As you may know plans are in work for TBQ's very own Quilting DVD library. The goal is to have DVD's ready for member check out in January. What DVD's are you interested in? Do you have particular titles to recommend or subjects? Do you have any you'd like to donate? Perhaps you'd like to donate the cost of a DVD and have a special recognition label placed on a DVD of choice. We want to hear from YOU! Please contact Catherine Ericson, Jane Hofbauer or Susan Perry with your ideas. Thank you

Susan Perry
Coordinator

Membership Musings

In the month of February we gained two new members.
Please welcome them.
Fran Reinecke and Pam Calhoon. Both are experienced quilters,
10 and 30 years.

Betsy Bykerk
Membership Committee

Company Store

Best Press Starch is here! Pick up your gallon at the Store. We still have 3 gallons of Best Press Starch available, so if you missed the sign up last month, you still have a chance to buy one this month.

The Company Store is having a BOGO (buy one - get one) magazine sale this month. Just imagine - 2 great quilting magazines for only \$.25!

So shop early for the greatest sales

Carol Peters
Company Store Chairman

Community Service

I read a letter from a serviceman in Afghanistan thanking us for the pillow and pillowcases he received...it was very touching. 22 finished pillowcases were turned in and 6 new kits went out. I plan to have many more kits for our next meeting. Thanks to all for helping out with this project.

Carol Perry
Community Service Committee

Friendship Groups

There have been new updates to the Friendship Groups.

Jean Ehlers
Friendship Groups Coordinator

Ways and Means

Please be sure to stop by the Ways & Means table to check out the items for sale. *The Side Hopper Jump Stitch* scissors have been a hot item. They were featured in *McCall's* magazine "Fresh Picks" - May/June 2010.

Thann Tolman
Ways and Means



Newcomer News

The next Newcomers' Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 7, at Noon at The Olive Garden. If you have any questions about the Guild, we'll be happy to answer them. We'll talk about the upcoming Quilt Show, Programs and Friendship Groups. Please RSVP to Maryann Conner so reservations can be made.

Maryann Conner
Newcomers Committee

Mentors

Jeanne Sellers will be at the Mentors table this month with a couple of her art quilts. Stop by and see how she easily paints on fabric that's already quilted - she also has used some of that "unusual batting" she will share with you.

Carol Miller
Mentors

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

"There's No Place Like Home"...how comforting those words are!! And how comforting the quilts are that are now on display at the Adult Center! Don't miss the chance to see them at 1280 Rosser Street in Prescott! They will bring you comfort and joy!

And believe it or not...we have the line-up of quilts on parade for the rest of the year!! So be thinking about what quilts you can share with the Adult Center...and let me know! (Keep in mind that the dates to change the quilts have to be a little flexible, due to quilts availability and worker-bee's availability, as well as the availability of the giant lift machine that climbs the walls so the worker bees can reach the quilts!)

Mid-March to Mid-May -- "One Woman Quilt Show" featuring none other than TBQ's President, Kathleen Bond! What a great way to highlight her Guild Year!

Mid-May to Mid-July -- "Friendship Group in the Spotlight--The Appliquettes"! This mini-group has been active and together at least since the beginning of TBQ (1995)! They previously shared quilts at the Adult Center in the Spring of 2007!

Mid-July to Mid-September -- Theme: "Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue". TBQ'ers, please share your patriotic quilts!

Mid-September to Mid-November -- Theme: "AZ Centennial Kick-off". Are there AZ family antique quilts out there to share?

Mid-November to Mid-January -- Theme: "Winter Wonderland".

Quilt Sizes Needed:

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

SMALL--at least 45" wide, but not wider than 55", any length. (Need FOUR.)

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Carolyn Edwards
Community Center Quilt Coordinator

Quilt Show 2011

Quilt Show News

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards, Quilt Show Reporter)

Quilt Show Dates: Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 2011

Quilt Show Set-Up Date: Thursday, June 2

Quilt Show Location: Prescott High School, 1050 N. Ruth Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

Quilt Show Theme: "Prescott Loves Quilting!"

Quilt Show Chr, Susan Smith, reminds all of you of your "Quilt Show High-Five Promise". How hard can that be? Add a page to the front of your TBQ Directory, and start your list of the five things you are doing to make TBQ's Quilt Show a smashing success!

++++ We need you to enter a MINIMUM of TWO quilts in the Show. You'll find a link in this month's news so you can print off a Quilt Entry Form. Get your completed forms to Kathleen Bond by May 1st! The Quilt Entry Form requires a picture of your quilt. (If you don't have a picture of your quilt, bring your quilt to the March or April meetings and ask our very efficient TBQ Photographer, Shirlee Smith, to take one for you.) Be sure to read the Vignette news article this month. It includes suggestions about how you can enter FIVE or even TEN quilts in the Show. (Won't that look good when you tell your friends back home that you entered TEN quilts in YOUR Quilt Show this year!)

++ Email 30 friends about the Quilt Show. You can 'copy and paste' the above portion of this news report and send it to everyone in your address book! Or...pick up 30 bookmarks from Sandy Holderness, and snail-mail them to your friends! They look great on the refrigerator!! Sandy has oodles of bookmarks available--pick 'em up, carry 'em in your purse, and hand 'em out every chance you get!

++ Get "In Your Face"! We plan to do a Quilters Wall of Fame. Be sure we have YOUR mug shot! This is something new this year...and it will grow as the years go on. We want EVERY TBQ quilter to create a self portrait! If you did not already do so, get a 12.5" x 12.5" square of muslin from Shirley Pichoff. Create a self portrait using any method you choose: applique, fusible applique, snippets, thread play, glue, whatever! Make it fun! Write your name on the block in any manner you choose. Do not quilt the square. Do not 'finish' the square. (Reference: "Quilter's Yearbook" by Amy Bradley.) If you have questions about this project, call Shirley Pichoff. Turn your "YOU" block in to Shirley Pichoff the first chance you get...or ASAP! Get your mini-groups together to work on this project. Designate a specific day to cut and glue and sew and paste to make "YOU" blocks! You probably should have some wine and a designated driver!

++ Help somebody do something! Make a couple of calls to ask how you can help!

Quilt Show Steering Committee:

Kathleen Bond - Hanging
Betsy Bykerk - Hostesses
Carolyn Edwards - Vignettes
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Karla Morrison - Quilt Check-In
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Thann Tolman - Ways & Means

Susan Smith - Quilt Show Chair
Bunny Troup - Quilt Show Co-Chair & Administration

Marketplace

Thank you to all the members that contributed bags at the last meeting; you will love the final outcome after they have been decorated.

Have you made something and added it to our stash of items to sell? We appreciate all the items that are added to our "ugly bucket" every month. Don't forget to return the strip pieced muslin blocks in March and we will have a few more to give out.

Submitted by Creative Threads Mini-group

Vignettes

Woo hoo! All Vignette Designers are in place! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to the final two who raised your hands at February's TBQ meeting! You've enhanced your *Quilt Show High-Five Promise*. Here's the 'final answer' on Vignettes and Vignette Designers:

Prescott loves Holidays - Designer: Roni Baron (Quilts needed: Especially Christmas, also any other holidays you can decorate around!)

Prescott loves The Old West - Designer: Catherine Ericson (Quilts needed: cowboys, cowgirls, horses, cowboy boots, cowboy hats, Wyatt Earp, etc.)

Prescott loves The Arts - Designer: Eve Pelletier (Quilts needed: Contemporary, Thespian-themed, Theater-related, the Opera, Books, Sculpture, Art Gallery, etc.)

Prescott loves Antiques - Designers: Featherweights friendship group (Quilts needed: Antique quilts, of course!)

Prescott loves Gardens - Designer: Joanne Storer (Quilts needed: Floral quilts, Garden quilts, how about a little Sunbonnet Sue, etc.)

Prescott loves Home and Family - Designers: Appliquettes friendship group (Quilts needed: House quilts, school house quilts, children's quilts, nursery rhyme quilts, alphabet quilts, storybook quilts, etc.)

Prescott loves The Great Outdoors - Designer: Lorraine Owen (Quilts needed: Mountains, Trees, Bears, Fishing, Lodge quilts, Log cabin quilts, etc.)

The last two are the new additions to the list. Thank you, Lorraine and Appliquettes! -- Another woo hoo!!

Vignette Designers will bring together 'stuff' (site decor) to give their Vignette theme 'definition' and 'atmosphere'! Vignette Designers will set up their Vignettes on Quilt Show Set-Up Day--Thursday, June 2nd. Each Vignette Designer will be given approximately 20 quilts to display within their Vignette space.

And for everyone else who is NOT a Vignette Designer...it's your job to print off the Quilt Entry form, and look at every quilt in your house to see if it will fit into one of the seven above listed Vignette themes. Quilts hung in Vignettes may have hung in any previous Quilt Show in the area in the past. Quilts hung in Vignettes will not necessarily be shown in-full. They may be folded or draped, and only partially visible. The job of a quilt on display in a Vignette is to look cute, or stunning, or smashing, or adorable--but not necessarily to be on display in full view.

Note to TBQ Past Presidents: There will NOT be a special display of Past Presidents' quilts this year...so get your President's quilt into a Vignette!

Completed Quilt Entry forms (with pictures) are due to Kathleen Bond by **May 1st**. Quilts hung in Vignettes must go through the same check-in and check-out process as new quilts! The last thing we want to do is misplace a quilt!!! (Is your 4 year old quilt any less valuable than the one you just finished? We think not!)

So that, dear TBQ'ers, is your assignment! Now get busy and get Quilt Entry forms filled out! And with all these Vignette opportunities, surely you can find at least FIVE quilts to enter in this year's Quilt Show It's going to be yet another G-R-E-A-T one!

Sharlot Hall Quilters



TBQ's Sharlot Hall Quilters loaded a new quilt into the hand quilting frame at Sharlot Hall on September 30th, and the quilting has begun!

The latest drawing for a 'hand quilting' took place at TBQ's September 13th meeting...and the winning ticket was held by Carolyn Edwards. Oh no! Can you believe that?! After all those tickets I bought for the March 8th hand quilting drawing and Karla Morrision held the winning ticket! Last time, I really wanted to win. This time, I just bought a few tickets to add some money to the 'income' pot! Well...what goes around, comes around! So, this time, I gave my winning ticket to Karla Morrision!

After much scrambling, Karla was able to get her quilt marked and basted on a timely basis! She was able to keep the Sharlot Hall quilters in business, and on 'living history' display, in record time! New rules are being formulated and will be distributed before the next hand quilting drawing takes place...but we have some time now until that happens!

Karla's magnificent quilt top is a new one--a Ricky Tims pattern: "Rhapsody Reverie"--all hand appliqued. And now to be hand quilted! What a happy ending that will be! Stop by the Transportation building at Sharlot Hall Museum any Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and Noon. Check it out and/or add a few stitches! Karla is a fairly new appliquer, and look at this beauty she has created! She even added her hand quilting to her quilt on the day we loaded it into the hand quilting frame--her first time hand quilting in a big floor frame! Woo hoo! Hand quilting is alive and well!



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Saturday: 10 - 4

We still have a few openings for Sue Hausmann's Lecture / Trunk Show on April 16th from 9-4 p.m. Fee is \$35 for lecture/ trunk show and Lunch Call 1-928-774-2331 to make your reservation.



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