

Threadlines



THUMB BUTTE QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

March 2013

Next TBQ Meeting:
Monday, March 11, 2013
9:30am at American
Evangelical Church

Birthdays

March
PAM CALHOON
FRAN CHADWICK
B. JOHNSON
SANDY MCGARRY
KRISTI MCHUGH
PATTI TABER
BUNNY TROUP
SHERRI VASQUEZ

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 some-thing that you would really like to receive yourself. If you missed your birthday month, you can bring your gift at a later meeting.

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Susan Perry
Birthday Drawing Comm.

President's Message

Well, I must say I was really disappointed that the "monster" snow storm we were expecting missed us. I was looking forward to being snowed in for a few days so I could work on my quilting projects. Our Quilt Show is fast approaching and we all have projects we're trying to complete before the deadline--let's all hope there's another storm coming soon!



Quilt Show will be here very soon and our Unfinished quilts must be done by June. So get those Ideas from your head to machine so our family and friends can Love what we've gleaned. Our Talents and techniques will be on display; they'll be

Scrappy, traditional, artistic or fun, and the Heirlooms we've made by hand will become Objects of love for all to see and give special Warmth to our friends and family.

Hugs and Stitches,
Maryann

P.S. You know you're a quilter if the Weather Channel is predicting a giant blizzard and it's more important to get to the fabric store than to the grocery store.

Hostesses

March

CONNIE MASSNER

TINA MCCOWAN

JACKIE McDONALD

SANDY MCGARRY

KRISTI MCHUGH

SYLVA McINTOSH

JENNIFER MEES

SHARON MELPOLDER

MELODIE MERINO

BARBARA MERKEL

GEO MICKELSON

CAROL MILLER

Hostesses should arrive by 9 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.

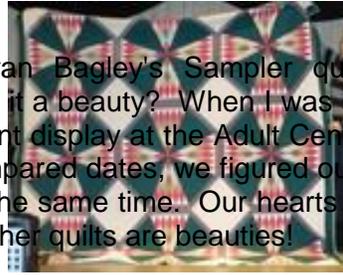
Karla Morrison
Refreshments Committee

Mentors

This month we will be showing tools you can use for inspiration in quilt designing.

**Mary Andra Holmes &
Barbara Merkel**
Mentors

Prescott Community Center Exhibit



Did you see Fran Bagley's Sampler quilt at the February 5x5 meeting? Wasn't it a beauty? When I was searching for Samplers to hang in the current display at the Adult Center, she volunteered hers, but when we compared dates, we figured out that her quilt couldn't be in two places at the same time. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Fran--she and her quilts are beauties!

Hopefully, you will have a chance to see the "Sampling of Quilts" at the Adult Center. Stop in at 1280 Rosser Street and take a look! This collection is probably appreciated most by quilters who have made a Sampler Quilt, but no matter...it's a great display! I wonder how many different blocks there are...hanging out there together! This quilt collection will be on display into March.

Then, watch for "A Tisket, A Tasket". The next line in that ditty is "a green and yellow basket"...and we'll be looking for basket quilts. Won't that be a great springtime look?! The weather has been so sporadic lately...aren't we ready for Spring?! If you have a basket quilt that you can loan to this display, it can be any color, and will definitely send the message that 'spring is around the corner"! Give me a call if we can include yours! Quilts will be up for a couple of months.

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.)

Carolyn Edwards
Community Center Quilt Coordinator

Chamber of Commerce Exhibit

Don't miss our exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 117 W. Goodwin Street.

Carolyn Edwards
Community Center Quilt Coordinator

February Program

In February our very own members did the 5X5 Program again. This was the second year for that

program. It was so nice to hear our members speak from the heart about what inspired them to make the quilts they shared with us. Mary Andra Holmes was so brave to get up and speak about Fran Bagley's quilts. Fran was so honored and excited to be part of the 5X5 Program this year. Sadly, on February 2nd we lost our dear quilting sister. Fran and Mary Andra talked about her quilts, and we are thankful to Fran's husband Peter for sharing her quilts so soon after his loss. Jane Holland traveled to Europe to retrieve quilts to share with us! She should get an award for that!! Thank you to Mary Andra, Kathleen Bond, Carol Perry, Tommie O'Sullivan, and Jane Holland for presenting the program in February. All of your quilts shown were inspiring!!

March Program & Workshop News

In March, we have Pat Sloan lecturing and doing an afternoon workshop to follow the guild meeting. I can't wait to see her lecture and take her workshop.



I started sewing as a child (love those doll clothes!) and I continued to sew clothing for myself until I discovered quilting. I've been quilting now for over 15 years. I soon started teaching and then I decided to put my ideas into patterns.

I run my own design business called Pat Sloan & Company located in Fairfax County, Virginia. I have found that I really enjoy designing patterns and seeing what other quilters do with my patterns. In addition to publishing my own patterns, I design patterns for McCall's Quilting, McCall's Quick Quilts, American Patchwork & Quilting, Quilters World, Create & Decorate, and the Fons and Porter magazines. I have designed several fabric lines with P&B Textiles. Starting in 2012 my fabric will be with Moda Fabrics.

Lecture Presentation:

"Quilting with Espresso ...Quilts, Creativity, and fun! With Pat Sloan"

Pat's fun, fast moving and very lively slide presentation takes you from her 'First First Quilt', to her latest and greatest adventures in quilting. Along the way you'll learn some great tips to faster quilting, how she does her appliqué, figure out what it means to work in series (it's good), and find out where she is on the internet so you can hang out with her!



"My Little Blue Bird"

Easy Machine Appliqué with the Blanket Stitch.

Learn how to use the blanket stitch on your machine to give your quilts a folk art look. Pat will explain how to make the stitch a feature (as in folk art quilts)

and how to make it blend in. This technique uses fusible webbing with the 'donut technique' to reduce stiffness. You'll learn about different fusible webs, and how to prepare design for layering.

Coming Soon . . .

Stack and Whack Workshop - May 13, 2013 with Betty Foley (4 hours).

Learn Betty's method for creating beautiful Stack and Whack quilts. We all "ooh" and "aah" every time she brings a quilt to show, so this is your chance to take a class from Betty and learn her secrets.



Sandy Holderness, Workshop Coordinator

Company Store

The Company Store will have a prize giveaway at the July 2013 Birthday Party. The Prizes will be:

1- \$25.00 Gift Certificate from each of the following:

- SEAM SEW RIGHT
- CENTRAL SEWING
- QUILT AND SEW CONNECTIONS
- CLOTH PLUS

There are 2 ways to qualify for the drawing:

1. Make a donation to the company store with a value of \$5.00 or more (company store value not retail value).
--or--
2. Spend \$5.00 or more at the company store.

You will be given a raffle ticket from the Company Store staff. Put your name on the back of the ticket and return it to the staff for the drawing.

Good Luck to everyone.

Donna Kauffman
Company Store Chair

Community Service

Thanks again to all of you who have made walker bags, sensory quilts or pillow cases, quilted quilts, made kits and donated fabric for all of these projects.

I have more kits, so, stop by the Community Service table and pick one up.

REMEMBER! Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless; but, because they are priceless.

Kathleen Bond
Community Service Committee

DVD Library

The DVD Library will be closed this month, but you can return your DVD's to Kathleen Bond. She will collect them for me this month. See you in April.

Carol Peters, Coordinator

Show & Tell of the Month



By Lorraine Owen

This month's Show & Tell of the Month was chosen by Heather McCoul from Slinger, WI. Heather has been a quilter for over 20 years and has created many one-of-a-kind quilt designs and patterns. She has been instrumental in the organization and display of many quilt shows in her area and truly LOVES quilts. She thoroughly enjoyed the process this month of choosing our Show & Tell of the Month and felt that Lorraine's quilt was very unique and fun. She especially liked the addition of the Coyote and Roadrunner.

Congratulations, Lorraine!

Opportunity Quilt News

Magical Midnight Garden

I took our Opportunity Quilt down to a meeting of the Creative Quilters in Sun City. Elizabeth Brown and Margaret Mecca are members of this group. They L-O-V-E-D our Magical Midnight Garden! Originally I thought we took in \$114.00, and that's the amount we told you that we took in. But a few days later, a check for \$5.00 arrived in the mail! One of the ladies wrote out her check and forgot to give it to me. Oops! Obviously, I forgot to take it from her! You can't believe the flurry of activity around that quilt! To reciprocate, we will be allowing the Creative Quilters to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets on their quilt at our Quilt Show. It's good to have quilting friends 'all over the place'!!



Did you get your Badge Holder?

Aren't they gorgeous? There are a few different ones to choose from---so you can choose your favorite view of the quilt! The cost is \$5.00 per badge holder. We may have an unlimited supply of these--our 'supplier' is our dear President--like she doesn't have anything else to do! This badge holder will also work as a glasses holder, if you do the cheater glasses thing. I'll have them at my Ways & Means table with the Opportunity Quilt. Come see me!

Pins, Pins, Pins!

With your badge holder and your Quilt Show pin, we can plaster your chest with our gorgeous Opportunity Quilt!! :-)
Feeling like a billboard today? If you don't have one, you sure need one!
They cost \$5.00 each. And when they are gone, they're gone!

We will not be re-ordering.

Don't miss the chance to add this pin to your collection!



Check her out!

Is there an event in your life, quilting or non-quilting, where you can 'check out' our Opportunity Quilt and sell a few tickets to your friends, family, co-workers? Let me know. She'll be hanging out at Quilters Quarters in Cottonwood from April 9th through April 30th for the store's Birthday Party. Holler if you want to ride over with me either day--I'd welcome the company!



Member Ticket Sales

I'm still collecting ticket stubs and money from TBQ members. If you need more ticket packs--I've got 'em! If there are friends and family you'll send birthday cards to before June 15th, be sure to tuck in an Opportunity Quilt ticket or two!

Carolyn Edwards, Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Quilt Show 2013

June 14 & 15, 2013
Prescott High School
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RED and WHITE Quilt Challenge?

When Mary Andra was sharing Fran Bagley's quilts, she mentioned that I had issued a Red and White Quilt Challenge. Indeed I did...do you remember that?

TBQ hung 10 GORGEOUS red and white quilts at the Adult Center on January 13th, 2012 for two months and I issued a challenge to the TBQ membership to make a red and white quilt for TBQ's next quilt show. Well...guess what? Quilt Show is right around the corner. Have you got one in the works? Fran Bagley got her top done. Many, many people have a Red and White quilt in the works! The Quilt Show Hanging Committee needs to plan for a barrage of Red and White quilts! Woo hoo!

If you need to again get jazzed about Joanna Rose's 2011 *historical* display of her 652 red and white quilts, there is still a link on our website! Go to the Miscellaneous page and plan on at least 30 minutes of heaven!!! And I'm pretty sure you will be delighted to know that for Joanna Rose's NEXT birthday, her niece organized a quilting party to make Joanna a red and white **Dear Jane** quilt! You can read about it in the December 2012 issue of The Quilt Life.

Carolyn Edwards

VIGNETTES FOR 2013 QUILT SHOW

This year's quilt show will have a different theme. Seven quilters will be showing their own gallery of quilts which they have made or have in their collection. In previous years the vignettes were designed around a theme, such as "Prescott loves....", rooms in the home, etc. This year each of the quilters will decide their quilt choices and arrange them as they want. If any guild members have props they think may be appropriate, such as old sewing tools, whatever, please let them know.

Now who are the quilters? They are:

Kathy Beeson, Carolyn Edwards, Betty Foley, Bonnie Hawk, Maggie Keller,
Shirley Kelliher and Kay Wentworth.

The vignettes are what set us apart from most other shows! Can't wait to see their displays.

Pat Armstrong
Vignette Chair 2013

Friendship Groups

Susan Sweet, Shirley Kelliher and Jackie McDonald are wanting to start a new Friendship Group. It will be an Art Quilt/Applique Group. They would like it to have very little structure and just let the members' creative juices flow. If you are interested in this group, please see Susan, Shirley or Jackie at the next meeting.

In January, I visited the **By My Hand Friendship Group**.

I've had a difficult time getting to this group's meetings! They meet at Central Sewing which is right down the street from my office, but for some reason it's just wasn't that easy. I visited the group on a day when the whole group wasn't present, so I didn't get a picture of them all together. I will try to do that next month.

This very friendly and laid back group has only been together since July 2012. The direction of the group is 'all things hand made'. They enjoy hand embroidery, hand quilting, counted cross stitch, punch embroidery, hand applique, needlepoint, knitting, crochet, etc. etc. You get the idea. They enjoy the craft and the art of anything that can be done without the power of an electric motor. I just love the idea that there are groups that have basically the same purpose and enjoyment of handmade items as women did 100 years ago.

They call themselves 'happily disorganized retired retirees'. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Central Sewing in Prescott Valley. The group is pretty unstructured and the members are free to bring something to work on or just an item to show, which could include something they've made or an heirloom item that they have enjoyed and wish to show the group. They share inspiration, ideas and patterns and have a lot of fun doing it. I don't think there was a single second that I was there when nobody was talking. They LOVE what they do and because their interest can be modern or hundreds of years old, there are endless possibilities for show and tell and inspiration.

So far, they haven't done any group projects, but they say that at some point they may want to do something along those lines. They also haven't done any traveling as a group, but that could change, too! Their group is 14 ladies that have shown interest, but usually between 8 and 10 members come regularly to meetings. They feel that they could take more members because the meeting room at Central Sewing can hold 12 - 14. So if you are interested in being a member of this group, you can email or talk to Earlene Springs.

Thank you for letting me come visit your group and I'll try to get to your meeting next month to get a good picture of the group.

Kathy Beeson
Friendship Group Coordinator



Advertiser's Corner

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Catherine Ericson
Advertising

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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