

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

March 2010

Mark Your Calendar
Next Meeting – Mar. 8, '10
9:30am at Am. Luth. Church
Executive Committee Meets
Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

December Hostesses

Pam Jones
Hazel Karetov
Juliette Kellerhals
Shirley Kelliher
Lynda Kinnear
Beverly Markham
Susie Martin
Tina McCowan
Jackie McDonald
Sandy McGarry
Kristi McHugh
Florence McLean
Sharon Melpolder
Dorothy Mercer

December Birthdays **Happy Birthday!**

Fran Chadwick
B. Johnson
Hazel Karetov
Sandy McGarry
Kristi McHugh
Bunny Troup
Joanne Van Liere

President's Message

Happy March to All--

March Winds Bring Spring Flowers be it real or fabric folded, applique or pieced. It's time to start creating Spring Quilts, Bunnies and Baskets, table runners, placemats, etc. Heidi Pridemore had quite a trunk show and items to tempt us. I am looking forward to seeing some of her patterns at future Show & Tells. Her collections have grown since I saw her probably 4 years ago. The addition of fabric jewelry and beads was very interesting. Don't you just love it when our guest tells us how much they loved our Show & Tell! We do have some extraordinary talent in TBQ!

Thanks to Bunny Troup we have had and will still have some very good presenters coming to share their multi-talents with us. A Big Thank You, Bunny!!

Some March reminders.....

- Remember to purchase Raffle Tickets from Sandie Hoffman for Sharlot Hall handquilting. The winning ticket will be drawn following our break at our March meeting - \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.
- Please, if you donate quilting magazines to the company store **INCLUDE** the center fold Patterns.
- LED hands free lights may be ordered by contacting Maryann Conner.
- Remember, Maryann will be taking photos of members to include in our Membership Directory, come early to have your photo taken before the meeting or have one taken during the break.

Thanks See you on March 8th

Joanne Storer- President TBQ

February Program

(Submitted by Bunny Troup)

I thought Heidi's presentation was fun and informative; I hope you felt the same way. I know many of you are comfortable with color choices but it doesn't hurt to have a refresher course for the rest of us now and then. Her handout contained lots of good information that will be useful when you start to stretch your color ideas.

March Program

submitted by Bunny Troup

Nancy Amidon from Poway, CA will do a trunk show and then have a workshop on hand applique using a bluebird design to teach techniques. This should be a good learning experience for folks as I understand Nancy is a very good teacher.

Membership Musings

(submitted by Betsy Bykerk)

We have one new member: Joni Phillips
Be sure to welcome Joni at our next meeting.

Newcomer News

(submitted by Carol Peters)

The location for the
Newcomer Lunch will be
announced at the March meeting.
See you there!

Company Store

(submitted by Cindy Phare)

We are low on fabric at the Company Store. Please remember to bring your donations. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure. Make someone happy by donating a 'treasure'.

Workshop News

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

March 2010 – March is hand appliqué techniques with Nancy Amidon. Nancy's project will be the Little Blue Bird and it looks delightful. This is a paper appliqué technique that I think many of you might enjoy learning. If you have any interest in hand appliqué, this class might be a good introduction for you. Nancy is excited to come here and teach this class and she rarely leaves the Poway, CA, area so we're very lucky to have her visit us.

April 2010 - April is when Dalen Keyes will introduce us to a children's book he's written about a boy and his quilt; his wife will conduct a workshop to make the quilt illustrated in the book. According to Dalen, he loves creating and writing children's stories, as he believes his background as a scientist fits with the creative curiosity of children. His book "Just A Quilt?" reveals the bond between a mother and son that cannot be broken. The story line revolves around the true meaning of a quilt made by his mother to a little boy; to him, it's not just an everyday blanket. I've included an illustration from Dalen's website to give you some idea of the beautiful illustration work done for the book by Ms. Kim Sponaugle.

Community Service

(submitted by Sandy McGarry)

I want to thank all of you for taking and making the 9 patch kits that Susan and I put together. I think it will be fun to see what we get back. Hope you have fun doing them and adding to them.
See you in March.

Vice President's Message

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

For the shortest month of the year, February has more than it's share of celebrations: Valentine's Day, President's Day and for some it's all about Mardi Gras. Certainly, any of those celebrations are a good reason to make a quilt! I imagine many of you have heart quilts or quilts with lots of red, white and blue, but how many have made quilts with the famous green and purple combination for Mardi Gras? I know I haven't—at least not yet. Those celebrations are a good excuse to work on what you learned about color play. I also think that spring, with all the spring flowers starting to show their colors after the winter snows is a great time to think about getting outdoors on warm days to quilt in natural light. We're lucky to live in Arizona where we can enjoy outdoor living for a good part of the year. Happy quilting to all no matter where you're creating your newest heirlooms!

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

You still have time to see Mary Jane Steinhilpert's quilts on display at the Adult Center. Just punch in 1280 Rosser Street to your GPS and you'll be in for a treat!! Her quilts will be on display until later in the week of March 8th.

And I'm now collecting "Quilting in Circles" quilts for the next display. I've talked to many of you, and I appreciate your offering to share your 'quilts with circles'!! I will be giving you follow up calls, and will ask that you bring your "Circles" quilts to me at the TBQ meeting on March 8th. And as always--thanks a million!!

If you have a really exciting 'quilt with circles' to share, call me!! We can possibly squeeze in another one!

Quilt sizes needed are:

Large--from 60" to 90" wide, any length. (Need SIX.)
Small--at least 45" wide, but not wider than 55", any length. (Need FOUR.)

Mentors

(submitted by Tina McCowan)

Alice will be demonstrating "Squaring binding corners" and Tina will demonstrate "English Piecing".

We have great news to report, Nyla and Jack have a Buyer for their beautiful home; she and Jack are now in the moving mode. Nyla plans on being at the Mentor's table with us, but if she is missing, you will know why. The sale of their home and moving is a new adventure and is so exciting!

Carol, will be absent, due to her recovery from knee replacement surgery. We will miss her, but she will be back stronger than ever.

Please stop by and say "Hi!"; Take a look at what we are doing and bring us any questions or problems you may be having with a quilting project.

Ways & Means

(submitted by Sandie Hoffman)

Sharlot Hall hand quilters are ready for another quilt! Sandie Hoffman will be selling raffle tickets before the meeting and at break. Tickets are one for \$1.00 and six for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at this month's meeting.

Upcoming Programs

April will find us hearing from an author. Dalen Keyes will visit and introduce us to a children's book he has written about a boy and his quilt. His wife will conduct the workshop to make the quilt in the book. More about this next month.

May brings us Therese May who will teach us how to make a "Mini Quilted Portrait". The workshop we'll be doing will be a miniature quilted portrait as it's only a half-day in length. Therese advised me she will be sending a quilt sample and supply list for the class shortly. Therese's website is: www.theresemay.com.

Make a wonderful fantasy portrait quilt! Start with a very simple drawing of a face (like kindergarten) on an 8 inch square of paper. This will be repeated 16 times using a basic machine applique technique. We will be using fusible interfacing to anchor the pieces. It will be similar to putting a jig-saw puzzle together 16 times! (But we will be using fabric) Then we will use the satin stitch on the sewing machine for the applique. You can finish your quilt with buttons for the eyes, etc. This will be a workshop dealing with a specific quilt making technique which can be followed like a recipe. You will have a completed quilt top by the end of the workshop.

June is the month Ruth Jensen visits us from Utah to teach dimensional foundation piecing. We're lucky to have samples for both of Ruth's classes so you'll be able to see what's in store. She'll teach a half-day class on the "Well Seasoned Wreath" Monday after the meeting and a full day class on "Animal Crackers" Tuesday. You'll find a supply list for each class in this newsletter. Here's a quote from Ruth's website: www.thimble-art.com

I believe that every individual is capable of doing great things and a good teacher can get them there faster. Throughout each class I focus on each individual, watching for those that are too hard on themselves or too shy to ask questions. Before they leave my classroom, I want each student to feel good about what they have learned and know how to apply that knowledge in the future.

July is our annual birthday party so prepare to have fun.

August brings us Gail Garber from New Mexico. Gail's well known for her circular borders and designing with free form shapes. Her two-day class is entitled "Sensational Stars and Spectacular Circular Borders". Here's a chance to learn a technique that could lead you on a new path in quilting. Her lecture is entitled, "Liberalism in Quilting: Free-Form Art Quilts". A photo of the class project and a supply list are in this newsletter. Gail's website is: www.gailgarberdesigns.com.

September is when Rami Kim visits us. Rami is a DNA scientist turned fabric artist, quilter and instructor who is known both nationally and internationally. Her lecture is entitled "Two by Two" showcasing her wearable art and matching quilts, handbags or dolls. Her workshop will be on "Folded Fabric Elegance" from her book of the same name. I've asked Rami for a supply list so I can provide it to you and I hope to receive it shortly. Rami's website is: www.ramikim.com.

October will be the month that Rachel Clark drops by. Rachel comes from a long line of sewers and has been doing wearable art since 1973. She says her garments can be "whimsical, political or practical but they always reflect her love of traditional quiltmaking." Rachel's lecture is a fashion show entitled, "Anatomy of a Garment". She'll need 6-8 models sizes 6-16 and so think about helping out—it should be fun. Her workshop is a technique class where you will learn fast piecing, appliqué, fake bound buttonholes, piping and "anything else that pops into Rachel's head". Rachel's website is: www.rdkc.com

November we have a visitor from Illinois. Mickey Depre award winning quilter who posts a warning stating all workshop attendees must come prepared to laugh, share, learn and above all enjoy! Her quilts have been described as whirlwinds of color. Dots, swirls and stripes intermingle with florals and prints in an outlandish yet exciting visual parade. Well, this sounds like something that will perk up those chilly fall days! She sounds very interesting and I'm excited to see her work. Mickey's website is: www.mdquilts.com

December is the Christmas Party!

Quilt Documentation

Quilt Documentation for pre-1940's quilts will be held at Sharlot Hall Museum on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 10 am -3pm. Appointments are needed. Plan on a half-hour for every 2 quilts being documented. Contact Pam Jones to make appointments. The Heritage Quilt Study Group, an instrument of Sharlot Hall Museum, will be conducting the documentation. This documentation will be for any quilts dated before 1940 and that currently reside in Yavapai County. We look forward to seeing your quilts!

Advertiser's Corner

(submitted by Julie Nanke)

TBQ Members, be sure to check out our advertisers' specials for this month 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.

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Advertising on the TBQ Website:

Any member or vendor may place a camera-ready display of their business card on this website. The cost would be \$10.00 per month or \$108.00 for one year, prepaid. Prepaid ads include a 10% discount.

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 25 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 Jane Holland.

Miscellaneous News

Mountain Top Quilters Workshops - Submitted by Susan Perry

Kim Diehl will be giving her trunk show lecture to Mountain Top Quilter's April 19th; all are welcome to attend.

There are openings in both her classes which focus on Kim's machine appliqué technique.

Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm she will be teaching her Meadow Blossoms Mini Quilt and Mug Mat class for a cost of \$18.00 (see Kim's website <http://www.kimdiehl.com/>). Tuesday from 9:00 to 4:00 pm Kim will be teaching Bittersweet Briar (traditional cotton- not the wool version) for a cost of \$33.00.

If you are interested in taking either class please contact Susan Perry.

Lonesome Valley Workshops - Submitted by Jan Donovan

Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild has some fabulous speakers/workshop coming up and they wanted to inform your Thumb Butte members so they have an opportunity to be included.

April 5, 2010

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis is our speaker, Lecture and trunk show - Hopi Quilters FREE - 6:30 social; 7:00 speaker Mountain Valley Church of God, 8163 E. Manley Drive, (Hwy. 69; 2 miles N. on Robert Road to Manley) Prescott Valley, AZ
Info: Jan Smith, 928/493-2461

May 3, 2010

Linda Visnaw is our speaker - Lecture and trunk show - quilts enhanced with Tsukineko (sue-key-neck-o) Inks - FREE 6:30 social; 7:00 speaker Mountain Valley Church of God, 8163 E. Manley Drive, (Hwy. 69; 2 miles N. on Robert Road to Manley) Prescott Valley, AZ

May 4, 2010

Workshop by Linda Visnaw (Color Your World with Tsukineko Inks) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Central Sewing, 8532 E. Hwy 69, Prescott Valley, AZ - Morning: "Coloring Inside & Outside the Lines" - Afternoon: "Learn to Thread Sketch" Fee: \$25 plus \$10 kit fee (includes PFD, prepared-for-dyeing fabric, batting, color handouts, patterns for the day's project, name tags, color reference tool, use of inks and markers)

---You do not have to be an "artist" to take this class--- Info: Jan Smith 928/493-2461