

Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

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Monthly News

September 2012

President's Message



A few days ago before one of my friendship groups was due to arrive at my home, I pulled the door shut on my sewing room embarrassed for them to see the piles of fabric that border the path from the door to my sewing machine. I know I've told my friends that I only buy fabrics for specific projects; so, I couldn't help wonder why my sewing room is spilling over with fabric. Of course one reason is that I have at least 40 quilts in my head and the fabric is just sitting there patiently waiting for me to get started. I do pet the piles occasionally and get excited for a moment or two when I picture my finished project.

A couple of months ago I decided to work on one of these projects with hopes of getting it finished for the upcoming Quilt Show. This quilt requires 24 shades of blue in lights, mediums and darks and I've been "collecting" my blues for well over a year. Well, after sorting my extensive stash, I actually found that some weren't exactly the right shade and actually needed to purchase two more mediums. Now, with all the pieces cut (4,225 of them!), I find that my big tub of "blues" doesn't even look like it's been touched! So, if you see a lot of blue fabric at the Company Store in the coming months, you know where it came from!

This story leads me to remind you of three things:

Start working on those quilts you have in your head and get them ready for our Quilt Show--it will be here before you know it!

Clean out your stash and make a donation to the Company Store and don't worry if you don't have any blue fabric to donate!

Be sure to attend our October meeting when our guest speaker, Carolyn Woods, gives us organizing tips for our sewing room. And, no, I will not volunteer to take a picture of my sewing room for her to use as a "before" picture!

Hugs and Stitches,
Maryann

P.S. You know you're a quilter if your ironing board is always set up and you never iron clothes!

Birthdays

Hostesses

September

Judy Dallner
 Arlene Franz
 Bonnie Hawk
 Joy Hughes
 Lucille Hurley
 Jackie McDonald
 Barbara Merkel
 Susan Noyes
 Alice Obrenovich
 Carol Perry
 Carol Peters
 Thann Tolman

September

Chris Anders
 Marilyn Anderson
 Pat Armstrong
 Fran Bagley
 Roni Barron
 Lynn Beck
 Kathy Beeson
 Diane Belveal
 Gloria Bess
 Yvonne Blich
 Kathleen Bond
 Cheryl Boquet
 Beverly Bowe



August Program

Our August program, "Let's Make Friends", was a real treat for us. Three Friendship Groups shared their story about their group and projects they have done together. I heard many positive comments about how enjoyable it was to have our own TBQ members do a program for our guild. Thank you to all the ladies in Designing Women, Featherweights, and Young and the Restless. You go girls!



September Program

In September, we have **Georgia Mate** lecturing. Some of you may know Georgia, and have already taken a class from her. Georgia teaches Machine Embroidery at Quilt 'N Sew Connection in Prescott Valley. We are looking forward to her lecture, and seeing her projects.



October Program

I want to remind members that **Carolyn Woods** is lecturing in October about getting organized in your quilt space. If you would like an opportunity for Carolyn to organize your studio, you can send her pictures of your space to totallytidy@cox.net

Carolyn will try to pick one or two studios to organize. She asks that your pictures show several angles of the room, a wide angle view, and a close-up of an area so she knows what she is working with. The deadline for sending your pictures is September 30th. You will remain anonymous, but there may be a member or two who have been to your studio and recognize your space!

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.

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.

Susan Perry
 Birthday Drawing Committee

Karla Morrison
 Refreshments Committee

Sandy Holderness
 Program Chairman

Opportunity Quilt 2012-2013

Magical Midnight Garden



TBQ's "Magical Midnight Garden" is getting around! She spent a recent weekend at the **Back Street Market**, and she "wow-ed" a lot of people! We shared our space with Alice Obrenovich and an antique "wedding ring" quilt that she is marketing for her Questers group. It sure was fun to hear the shoppers' comments when we asked which was the new quilt and which was the antique quilt!!

Upcoming venues where you can help sell Opportunity Quilt tickets:

- (1) A Quilter's Dream in Prescott Valley on Friday, September 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. AND Saturday, September 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheryl is having a big Sidewalk Sale, and quilter traffic should be good! Call me if you can help! This event will take place BEFORE our TBQ meeting!
- (2) Chino Valley Quilters' 2012 "Quilts: Comfort & Community" Quilt Show, September 28 and 29 at Del Rio Elementary School.
- (3) Yavapai Fair, September 30, at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley. (The Fair is September 27-30; don't miss it!)

Let me know if you can help for a two-hour shift. I will have "work" sign-up sheets at the September meeting.

As I mentioned at our last meeting, it's now officially 'Opportunity Quilt Marketing' season. As in the past, each member will be asked to sell twelve tickets (6 for \$5.00 OR \$1.00 each). I will have envelopes of tickets available for all members at the September meeting. If you are unable to participate, please mark "no thanks" on the envelope and return it to me. If and when you need more tickets, just let me know. Our "Magical Midnight Garden" is a beauty, and it will be easy to sell \$10 of tickets to yourself AND \$10 to your friends! Don't forget to tuck a ticket or two into birthday and get well cards you send!

Carolyn Edwards

Membership Musings

If you didn't pick up your directory at the August meeting, please get it in September!

Darlene Gatewood, Membership

Company Store

Company store will be in operation at the September meeting. Stop by and see all the great stuff!

Donna Kauffman , Company Store Chair

Community Service

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! for your overwhelming response and taking almost all of the Walker Bag Kits. There will be more kits at our next meeting; so, pick one up. Hopefully EVERYONE will have at least one star by her name, for making a Walker Bag, by July 2013.

We will start making Sensory Quilts too. These are small quilts with 6 rectangles using different textured fabrics for each rectangle. They are used for Alzheimer individuals and people needing hand therapy.

First, we have to collect fabrics with textures – for example – minky, corduroy, burlap, fake fur, flannel, satin, canvas, and chenille. Things like vinyl, terry towels, and old sweaters can be used too.

Cut your texture fabric donations into rectangles 9" x 7" and bring them to the next meeting. They will be collected and regrouped, right at the Community Service table, to make kits. Collect 6 different rectangles and instructions on how to construct these little lap quilts and take one home.

Come by and check out the Sensory Quilt example!

The Activity Director at The Margaret T. Morris Center is so excited about our project. After we meet their needs, we will find other places. Do you have any ideas?

Kathleen Bond , Community Service Committee



Workshop News

November 2012 -
Lenore Crawford

Our next workshop will be in November. It will be Lenore Crawford. Her fabric art combines her love of France, their architecture, and flower gardens along with her passion for color and realism. Their texture and warmth achieved from the fabric itself, along with fabric painting, give her art an impressionistic feeling that only this medium can produce. She has won several prizes for her art and continues to develop and grow her medium and style in new and beautiful ways.

Sandy Holderness, Workshop Coordinator

Friendship Groups

The Hand Embroidery Friendship Group is getting off the ground. They are having an organizational meeting on August 30th between 10am and 1pm in the Founders Suite at the Prescott Public Library. If interested and have not already been contacted, please email Earlene Springs.

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.

Kathy Beeson
Friendship Group Coordinator

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

Now Showing...at the Prescott Adult Center...TBQ's latest One Woman Quilt Show...by the one and only...Kathy Beeson!! Can you imagine the excitement of standing in the beautiful Atrium of the Prescott Community Center where all four walls are adorned with YOUR quilts?! Kathy is only the fourth TBQ'er to volunteer to hang a One Woman Quilt Show. Thank you, Kathy!!! Your quilts look fabulous!!! Now, the rest of you need to get on over to 1280 Rosser Street in Prescott to check out the display!! You'll be glad you did. And as always, the staff gushes about the quilts!

Maryann Conner was helping me get the quilts up this time (and taking pictures, too!), and we were tickled when staffers Debby and Steve both said that *every day* they hear people talking about our beautiful quilts! Thank you to everyone who has shared quilts in the past five years!! You are all Quilt Stars!

And let me know if you want to be the next One Woman Quilt Show... Or, in a couple of months, plan to share in the display of Southwest quilts. It'll be a quilted grand finale of Arizona's Centennial Celebration. Please let me hear that you have a Southwest and/or Western quilt to share.

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

Mentors

September mentors will be showing two methods of attaching binding to get perfect corners.

Mary Andra Holmes & Barbara Merkel, Mentors

Newcomer News

We are going to continue with the studio tours this year since they were such a success last year. We also plan to include some of the "old" members this year by means of a drawing each month when we have a studio tour scheduled.

Maggie Keller, Coordinator

Quilt Show 2013

June 14 - 15, 2013

It's that time again! We are preparing for our 2013 Quilt Show and committees are forming. Most of the committees chairs are filled and they are getting to work!

Chairman Positions

Quilt Show Co-Chairs - Iris Lacey and Sandy Holderness
Co-Chairs for Vendors - Lorraine Owen & Barbara Merkel
Chair for Opportunity Quilt - Carolyn Edwards
Chair for Entries - Sherry Mundt
Chair for Marketplace - Roni Barron
Chair for Check-In and Check-out - Mary Scherer
Co-Chairs for Viewer's Choice - Shirley Kelliher & Jackie McDonald
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Committees

Sharlot Hall Quilters

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Workshops - Chris Anders

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Photographer -
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Sharlot Hall Quilting - Maryann Conner
Sound System - Betsy Bykerk
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Aha! You're in luck! You still have time to buy tickets for a chance to have the TBQ Sharlot Hall Quilters hand quilt your quilt top! It has been determined that **the drawing will be held after the Break at the OCTOBER meeting!!** So...you have TWO months to buy chances!! Mary Andra Holmes' yummie yellow quilt will be coming off the quilt frame soon! We may even be able to show it to you at the October meeting! Chances are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. Ear-mark a couple of bills for this TBQ fundraiser right now! If you don't have a quilt top ready to go, buy tickets for a friend who does!

Here are the rules:

- Quilt top must be done and ready to quilt.
- Quilt top must be no larger than queen size.
 - Quilt top must be marked for quilting.
- Hand Quilting Raffle Winner must provide the batting, backing, and thread.
- A "quilting deadline" (e.g., must be quilted by XX date) will not be accepted.
 - Quilt Sandwich must be basted.

Carolyn Edwards

DVD Library

The DVD Library has many interesting and informative DVDs to share. I will be featuring a few titles every month.

The first featured DVD is by Pearl Pereira about various Applique Techniques. We also have another applique DVD by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins called Teach You to Applique the Piece O' Cake Way. The third featured DVD this month is The Art of Machine Quilting by Barbara Shapel. Stop by and check them out! The procedure is very easy. Just select your DVD and sign it out for a month.

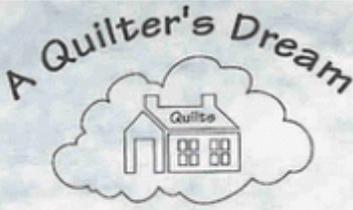
If you have a DVD you would like TBQ to purchase, please give me the name.

Carol Peters, Coordinator

Advertiser's Corner

Catherine Ericson

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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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 **Catherine Ericson** at:

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