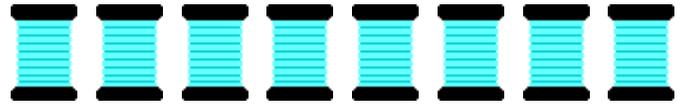


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Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



April 2007

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Mark Your Calendars

Next Meetings—April 9, '07

9:30 AM at St Luke's

Exec Committee meets

April 11th at 9:15

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

Newsletter deadline

April 20, 2007

April Hostesses

Loretta Hoffman

Jane Holland

Mary Andra Holmes

Jean Isham

Pam Jones

Hazel Karetov

Maggie Keller

Shirley Kelliher

Marcia Kerans

Pat Lafontant

Sam Logan

Happy Birthday

Gloria Bess

Elizabeth Brown

Ruth Clarkson

Linda Coppola

Carolyn Doyle

Sandy Evans

Lani Fagen

Nan Hawley

Dorothy Henry

Linda Hill

Carol Ann Miller

Jean Norris

Mary Ogle

Lorraine Pickering

Sheila Smith

Susan Sweet

Gale Willcox

President's Message – April TBQ News

Good Day, Quilt Lovelies!

Are you quilting today? I sure hope so!!! Any day spent quilting is a good day! As I write, TBQ's Quilt Show is only **ten** weeks away!! And I hope the needles at your house are whirring—both, machine and hand! I use the Quilt Show as a deadline to get something done. I like the *process* of quilting. I recently told someone that I didn't know if I'd ever finish anything if I didn't have a Quilt Show deadline to meet! ☺ The Quilt Show is our way of sharing our excitement for quilts-and-quilting with the rest of the world. Please plan to get something finished up to hang in our Show and to share with the world! If you can do that, there will be smiles all around!

Webmaster Kathy surprised me with a picture of my ribbon-winning quilt on the website! Let me tell you what a thrill it was to get the phone call about the award! And then to see the ribbon hanging on my quilt! Wow! I've pretty much been on Cloud 9 for the last several days! Me—who only uses a Quilt Show as a deadline! So...think about this. The Quilt Show coming up is TBQ's 5th Quilt Show! The only "judging" of these shows, to date, has been by Viewer's Choice. Have we, as a Guild, grown to the point where we could have a "judged" Quilt Show? A "judged" Quilt Show would give every entry an evaluation of the quilt entered. Would you be more, or less, inclined to enter a quilt if it was "judged"? Think about this, and let Maryann, Chris, or me have your input. We'll collect it and pass it on to the next Quilt Show Committee.

"Hats Off To" Gale Willcox, who is the first quilter to finish her P.I.G. Challenge project. Due in January 2008, she wore her jacket to the March 2007 meeting! Way to go, Gale!! How are the rest of those P.I.G.'s coming along?

"Hats Off To" Susie Martin, who suggested a solution to cover the skylights in our meeting room to make it darker when our speakers have a slide presentation. General consensus is that *"It worked!"*

Housekeeping

- The Nominating Committee has been hard at work! At the April meeting, they will present the nominations for TBQ's Slate of Officers for Guild Year 2007-2008.
- And the By-Laws Review Committee has also been hard at work! (I'm not really a merciless taskmaster...it's just that time of year!) The Proposed By-Law Changes will be distributed at the April meeting. If you're not going to be there, ask a friend to pick up a copy for you. We will print one copy per member. The By-Laws state, "The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present provided the amendments have been submitted in writing at a prior meeting." Bring your TBQ Directory to the April meeting so that you can reference the current information and compare the proposed changes. You will be asked to bring your copy of the Proposed By-Law Changes to the May meeting. We will present and explain the Proposed By-Law Changes in April. Then, in May, we will discuss and vote on those Proposed By-Law Changes.
- A TBQ Member Interest Survey will be distributed at the May meeting. To fulfill your High-Five Promise of Membership, be thinking about the Standing Committee you'd like to serve on. (See the "Committee Chairpersons" page in your Directory for a listing.) Also, be thinking of quilt teachers you'd like to have come to TBQ, as well as topics you'd like to learn about.
- Of course, I can't close my message without a request that April Hostesses, in addition to bringing a treat, please arrive at 8 a.m. to help set up the room. There is no heavy lifting involved—it's mainly getting the chairs out and set up. Come on, join the fun!

Our next quilt guild gathering will be the day after Easter, but you will be reading this news before then. I'm sending you wishes for a delightful Spring! It's time to start a new quilt made of all those yummy pastels—that one with flowers and baskets and viney things! Yesterday I replaced the Valentine and St. Patrick's Day quilts on my walls with the ones made of bunnies and baskets. Now, my wish for you is that all your hearts will be filled with Gladness on a glorious Easter morning. Let the sun shine in...

~ Carolyn ~



****Annual dues for the next year will be collected from April through June 2007****

Quilt Show News

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Bags, Bags, Who's Got the Bags?

If you don't plan on being at the May 14th TBQ meeting and are entering a quilt in our show, please have someone pick up your entry bag(s). Your alternative is to drive over the river and through the woods to Sheila Smith's house to pick yours up. She is a bit "off the beaten path" and even some experienced pros have been known to need more than one try at getting home again!!!

Ways and Means

Quilt Show pins (they are \$3 now and will be \$5 each @ quilt show) project bags (get yours now while we still have all 3 sizes) and denim shirts are now available @ the company store. All these items are priced just above our cost as a service to TBQ members.

QUILT SHOW GUEST PASSES

The "Special Guest Passes" are now printed and available for the Spirit of the West Quilt Show, June 1 and 2.

They are \$5.00 each, and will be available for purchase from Linda Gergen at the Birthday Raffle table at the April and May TBQ meetings. They do not have a price, so they would make a nice "thank you" or a gift for a friend so that they may attend. They are non-refundable once purchased.

You can also give Linda a call, and make arrangements to have them sent to you.

Our Boutique

Start cranking those machines to get your creations ready to sell in the Boutique! We are again providing the "Ye Olde Shoppe" Boutique for those of you interested in marketing your wearables and/or quilts. Once again we will be disbursing 90% of the sale price back to you, while 10% will go to the guild. If you've ever investigated "splits" in consignment shops, you realize that this is an excellent percentage of return.

Since we found in the past that jewelry doesn't sell well, we've eliminated it from our stock this year. We do recommend that you price your items reasonably, to facilitate their sales. A suggestion was made that if you are going to make placemats that you make eight rather than four. As a whole, table runners and placemats were not big sellers. We will not be accepting potholders or any other items that are in competition with the Ways and Means Committee sales.

We have provided the instructions (A) and entry forms (B and C), as well as the price tags (D), on our web site. We have included an example of how to fill out the price tags, and have also provided a new form, Supplemental Sales Form (C). This is a new form for multiple items to which it wouldn't be appropriate to attach individual price tags.

Pricing your items is always a challenge. I had several calls regarding this subject and I found it very difficult to decide what price was appropriate. My advice today is the same as it was then: Price your items as reasonably as you can afford to do.

Happy sewing and I hope to see many entries this year!

~Pat Armstrong~

Thumb Butte Quilters Upcoming Programs

April: Shelley Swanland will be doing a trunk show of approximately 40 quilts that represent work done over the last eight years. She has developed a technique for constructing Cathedral Window quilts using layered piecing techniques and featuring rolled bias curves. She states that although her patterns look intricate and complex, they are really fast and easy to construct. Her workshop will be on Tuesday, April 10, at the Yavapai Hills Clubhouse; set-up will begin at 8:30 am. The workshop will be a combination of her patterns Berries Jubilee and Parchment & Black Lacquer Table Runner. She will also have her patterns for sale at the meeting and at the workshop. The supply lists for the class are on the website.

May: The Quilt Show Committee will present the program and will bring us up to date on the show happenings.

June: Our member, Susie Martin, will present a program on hand dyeing fabrics. She will also have two classes, with eight members in each; the classes will be on Tuesday, June 12 & Saturday, June 16. She has a technique of dyeing fabrics that does not require a lot of big pots, or buckets, but rather Zip-Loc bags. Everyone taking the class will go home with nine yards (18 - ½ yards of different colors) of good quality hand dyed fabric.

July: Thumb Butte's Annual Birthday Party. This year it will be a Hawaiian Luau – so get out those grass skirts and muumuu's and bring your Hawaiian quilts, table runners, wall hangings or whatever you have to share.

August: Our own Susan Smith will present a program on color and fabric selection.

September: Mary Stori will do a lecture at our meeting and a half day workshop on Monday, September 10, after our meeting, on hand quilting and a full day workshop on Tuesday, September 11, which will be "Beading Basics and Beyond".

October: Pattie Krause, from The Quilters Store in Sedona, will do a lecture and trunk show on collages at our meeting, and a half day workshop on Monday, October 8, and a full day workshop on Tuesday, October 9. You will need to participate in both workshops for this class. Monday's class will be choosing fabrics and cutting out patterns and Tuesday's class will be the actual construction of the collage.

Attention Guests/Visitors/Non-Members

The nationally known teacher on the TBQ Agenda for the April meeting is Shelley Swanland (cathedral windows by machine). For information, check out the Programs page. To help defray costs, non-members will be asked to pay \$10 to attend this lecture.

Look at this special Subscription Offer!!!

TBQ has received a special offer from Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting*! Through a special arrangement with Sulky Thread, anyone interested can get a one-year subscription (six issues) to *Love of Quilting* with FOUR FREE BONUS GIFTS: *Bernina's 101 Best Quilt Tips* booklet, *Keepsake Quilting's Block Buster* booklet, and TWO FREE spools of Sulky Blendables thread! How great is that?! This offer is only good through April 30, 2007.

Your cost is only \$20—and TBQ gets to keep \$5! Make your check payable to Thumb Butte Quilters and give it to Jane Holland (Treasurer) at the March or April Guild meeting, or mail it directly to her. She will need your name and address along with your cash or check. If you are a current subscriber to *Love of Quilting*, your subscription will be marked as a renewal. Please provide your name and address exactly as it now appears on your subscription label.

Be sure to take advantage of this special subscription offer! You'll be treating yourself to something wonderful...AND adding a bit to TBQ's coffers! ☺

FYI – TBQ has a wonderful website: www.tbqguild.com. Check it out!

Treasurer's Report: As TBQ does not publish financial information on the website, nor in the newsletter, the current Treasurer's Report is posted every month for your review in the Church Entry Hall. Check it out! Also, a copy is on file with the TBQ Secretary at all times.

Community Service

Thanks to Sheila Smith and Carolyn Melbourne for finishing up the last of the walker bags. They will soon find a new home.

Kudos also to Ladies in Waiting, Jeanne Vick, Jeri Teisl, and her friend Colleen from Phoenix for helping me complete 12 Ott light bags to be sold along with the pot holders at our quilt show in June. If you were at our March meeting you saw them displayed on the piano.

To those members who took an Ott light bag pattern and a sewing machine cover pattern at the last meeting, Jeanie Ehlers and I appreciate your offer to make more to sell at the quilt show. Please bring the completed ones to Jeanie at the April or May guild meeting.

More thanks to those ladies who agreed to make an appliqué block for the quilt to go with the book *No Dragons on My Quilt* to be donated to an elementary school. These blocks will be collected and put into a quilt and should be ready to donate by the end of August. As you finish a block please get it to me at a guild meeting.

I will be turning in the book request list to the library the first of April, so if you have any more books you would like to see in our library please get the name and author to me by the end of this month.

Happy Spring
Alice Obrenovich, Chairperson

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

This month we are highlighting The Appliquettes.

In the early 90's, Nyla Paulsen brought together a group of quilters new to Prescott and they called themselves The Wild Oats. The Appliquettes is a spin-off of this group and has been going strong for at least 12 years. They meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 10-3 in each other's homes with the hostess that month providing lunch. As a 7 member group, they are at capacity. The group projects always have appliqué as their hallmark. The one they have in the works now is an art deco quilt. Each member gets a turn to choose the block pattern, color scheme and background for a group project. After the blocks are completed by the members, she then is responsible for the design of the rest of the quilt. One of their quilts made it to the cover of the March 2004 issue of Quilter's Newsletter! This was Tren Conner's quilt.

NEWCOMER'S GROUP submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

Our lunch at the Manzanita Grill on March 12 was scrumptious as always. The six of us had another great chance to get to know each other but we missed the rest of you! Please take the opportunity on April 9th to join us for lunch at China Buffet off HWY 69 above Costco. We would love to see you there! We will take a hand count at the meeting to know how many plan on coming.



Musings from the Mentors:

Appliqué can be a tedious process when the proper fabrics have not been chosen. I am not speaking of color, as that is a personal choice dictated by the pattern and your sense of color. But, when choosing fabrics, you can make life a lot more difficult when you have a dozen 1" leaves to appliqué and you choose a loose-weave fabric. When you are shopping for your appliqué, whether in a store or in your own stash, check the weave by turning under the cut edge of the fabric. Is it too thick? Is it too loose? Will it ravel when I am trying to turn the point of the leaf?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, try to choose another fabric with a tighter weave (why I LOVE batiks so much!). But, there are times when we absolutely **MUST** use that particular fabric - a kit we paid a bundle for, a group quilt that must be done with the same fabrics, or there absolutely is no other fabric that does the job. There are some tricks to overcoming your pain:

When cutting out your "leaves" (could be any small part of the appliqué), cut them larger than normal. Mark them in the usual way. Now, as you are appliquéing each leaf on, trim the fabric as you go - only a few stitches ahead of yourself. Don't forget to clip the curves. When you get to the point, take an extra stitch at the point, trim the **UNDER** side of the folded fabric, turn, take another small stitch at the point, then continue on. Another trick I have learned over the years is to cut those tiny pieces on the bias. Thus the fabric won't tend to ravel as much.

I realize there are hundreds of methods of appliqué and each of us has her favorite. If you use the "glue method", you won't have as many problems with the raveling, but you will with the thickness of your fabrics. So do watch this when choosing your fabrics.

Remember, washing your fabrics before using them increases the "hand" (softness) of the fabric. If you need it stiffer for a project, simply use some fabric sizing (not starch). The favorite of a lot of quilters is "Mary Ellen's Best Press".

We hope these tips help you. Next month we will discuss "needle turn appliqué" as that is such a mystery to so many (probably our biggest "I can't do that" comment). If you have a subject you would like discussed, please email us or let us know at the table each month. Thanks. And Happy Quilting!

Got Quilts?

As in many a Quilter's home, there are stacks of quilts hanging on your quilt racks, or piled on shelves. It's about time to hang out those wrinkles, and let those beauties breathe and relax a little!

TBQ has promised to hang quilts at the Prescott Community Center for the next several months. And I need your help! Initially, we have asked different Friendship Groups to share their quilts. Next, I would like to hang quilts in themes. If you have a quilt that would fall into any of these categories, please let me know: Red/White/Blue, all Pieced, House Blocks, Nature or Animal, Amish style, Contemporary, Hawaiian, Stack n Whack, Antique, Fall, Winter/Holiday. Or, if you have other suggestions, let me know.

Each display consists of **six** large quilts (full bed size or larger), and **four** smaller size quilts (within the range of 40" x 60"). These quilts will hang from 4 to 6 weeks in the Atrium of the Community Center. They are hung very high, and are very safe. Visit the Community Center at 1280 E. Rosser and check it out!

Sharing our quilts by hanging them in the Community Center is part of Thumb Butte Quilters' service to the community of Prescott. Can you help? (Submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

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