Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



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Mark your Calendars!

Next meeting – Dec 11 at 9:30 AM – St. Luke's

No Exec Committee meeting in December, Resumes in Jan

Newsletter Deadline – Dec 20

December Hostesses

Elizabeth Brown
Carol Brownlow
Eunice Buitenwerf
Shirley Burns
Marygen Buser
Jennifer Carpenter
Beverley Carr
Fran Chadwick
Lynne Chamberlain
Ruth Clarkson
Arlene Comon
Maryann Conner

December Babies

Happy Birthday to: Marilyn Anderson Jan Gallo Lee Long Susie Martin Tommie O'Sullivan

President's Message – December TBQ News

Hello and Holiday Hugs to my Thumb Butte Quilter Friends!

Welcome to the busiest time of the year! I know your needles (both machine and hand) are zooming along at high speed to get your last projects finished up before gift-giving time. Remember the tip we heard from Lyn Mann, when she talked about piecing together her "million-pieces" quilts: *Enjoy the process!*

During the rush-rush of the holiday season, I waffle in and out between "enjoying the process" and total denial of the whole month! During that total denial stage, I usually escape to my quilting. It's good therapy, you know!! Today, I escaped with a group of eight other Quilters, and we each "sewed our brains out"! And, right now, I know I need to wrap some presents and work on that Christmas card task, but I sure did have fun today!!!! Don't forget to take care of yourselves in the next month! We want you back!

"Hats Off To" Leigh Hay-Martin, for hosting Lyn Mann, and running her back and forth between Prescott and Cottonwood.

"Hats Off To" Kathy Beeson and Susie Martin, for the TBQ website and internet demo they set-up during the November meeting. Hopefully, you all had a chance to peek over their shoulders.

Housekeeping:

- The Executive Committee is pleased to report that, financially, we made a bit of a profit on Phyllis Miller's classes in October and we "broke even" with the Lyn Mann workshop in November! Thanks for your participation!
- To help with your last minute shopping, the Ways & Means team will have project bags for sale! And don't forget to treat yourself to a new TBQ shirt!
- Look for the news this month about the wonderful Christmas Party being planned by the Gad-A-Bouts. And what fun it will be to see the dozens of Christmas Stockings you all are preparing

- for the Christmas Stocking Challenge. I'm hoping that several of you will join me in wearing Santa Hats to our party!
- Be sure to read and consider participating in January's P.I.G. Challenge! This was an idea passed on by Lyn Mann that her California Guild does. It'll be a great way to start the New Year!

As we come to the close of 2006, take time to count your blessings, hugs your friends and family, and start making plans for those projects you'll work on in the New Year. Happy Chrismanukah! And, Merry Everything! ~Carolyn~



TBQ Christmas Party - December 11, 2006

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all TBQ Quilters! Teri Elliott and her Gad-A-Bouts Friendship Group have planned a delightful Christmas celebration for Thumb Butte Quilters! And you are cordially invited!!! Please, do come!!!

Who: Thumb Butte Quilters What: Christmas Party

When: Monday, December 11, 2006 (the regular TBQ meeting)
Where: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepherds Lane, Prescott

Wear: Christmas clothes & holiday finery & Santa hats!

Things to bring:

- Christmas quilts for Show & Tell
- A wrapped quilt-related gift of \$10 value for Quilters Gift Exchange
- Christmas Stocking entry for Challenge

This will be a day of fun and holiday cheer, good treats and good eats! Lunch will be brought in for all to enjoy (just think—a holiday party where you don't have to take anything!) But, but, but...please check to see if you are a December hostess. If so, as every hostess each month is asked to do, please plan to bring a dessert. And a reminder to December hostesses: it would be helpful if you can plan to arrive by 8 a.m. There will be a lot of setting up to do for this party, and the Gad-A-Bouts, and the Kitchen Elves will be oh-so-glad for your help in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

The Christmas Stocking Challenge will be a good part of our enjoyment that day. Stockings will be hung on the Show & Tell wall with care. Plan to get one made up for this Challenge and donation. Be sure to vote for your favorite stocking! A prize will be awarded! After the meeting, the stockings will be given to members of the

Prescott Country Club Men's and Women's group, who will fill them for donation to needy children in our quad-city area.

Also, we'll be looking for a few good Christmas Stocking Stories! If you have one, please plan to share it with us during the course of the morning. Listen for the call for Christmas Stocking Stories!

An abbreviated business meeting will take place, but otherwise, plan to celebrate a wonderful time of year with your guilter friends, dressed in your holiday finery, and full of good cheer! See you there!

P.S. For planning purposes, we are asking that no quests be invited to this meeting. This is a special party for TBQ'ers only.

More about that party.....

Happy Birthday to all of our December members!

We will not be having our "Birthday Raffle" drawing during the December meeting, as it will be our **Christmas Party.**

Please bring your wrapped goodies for the raffle to the January meeting along with the January Birthday ladies. Remember a new gift with a value of \$10 or more, and guilt related.

Linda Gergen JoAnne VanLiere

Soon.....

VIRGINIA ROBERTSON

February 12, 2007 Lecture: If Monet Were A Quilter: A Trunk Show. This trunk show is an entertaining view of the guilts and fabric designs of textile artist Virginia Robertson. Monet's paintings are used as a metaphor to show how color changes a quilt design. There are several versions of each quilt that show how much color changes the feel of a project. Interspersed with the guilts are studio shots and stories about the designing of guilting fabrics.

THE QUILTER'S COLOR WHEEL, GRANDMOTHER'S FAN OR SPEEDY, DRESDEN PLATE

February 12, 2007

Workshop: Monday afternoon: 1PM \$20.00 per person:

This is an easy project where you can choose from three different patterns. There is no needle turn appliqué or curved piecing with Virginia's new techniques. Materials Fee. Cost of your pattern:

PICKLE DISH, NEW YORK BEAUTY OR WEDDING RING

February 13, 2007

Workshop Tuesday: \$30.00 per person: Set up from 8:30 A.M Class starts promptly

at 9:15 A.M. to 3:30PM.

Take your pick; this is Virginia's most popular class. She has even taught it in Spain, in Spanish! Use Virginia's new acrylic cutting templates, see through foundation papers and choose your favorite design after the demo. Sew from the back or the front, it doesn't matter which way you learned to paper piece, you will be able to use Virginia's new foundation papers. There is no quesswork. This is a different, easier method from all the other techniques. Virginia will demonstrate the different quilts and talk about color. Then the rest of the day will be spent sewing the quilt of your choice. Select from the Perfect Pickle Dish, the Mini Pickle Dish, the Broken Pickle Dish, Wedding Ring, Mini Wedding Ring or a New York Beauty style guilt. Materials Fee: Cost of pattern:

FYI - TBQ has a wonderful website: www.tbqquild.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.

It's Our Community.....

I know it's a bit early to get into the Christmas spirit, but needy children in our area will be so happy to receive the Christmas stockings filled with goodies provided by the men's and women's clubs in Prescott Country club. It may be the only gifts they receive this year.

We have a good start as 11 stockings were turned in already by Margaret Mecca, Augustine Barron, and Fran Chadwick.

The next open sewing day is November 27, at 10:00 AM at the Quilt and Sew Connection in Prescott Valley and we will be making stockings. If you would like to join the 6 of us who signed up, bring your sewing supplies, fabric and ideas. I too will have some fabric, decorations, and some patterns and ideas to share.

Bring all of the completed stockings to the December meeting where members will choose a favorite that will win a very nice prize. They will then be turned over to the clubs for filling.

For their generous contributions of fabric for community service projects this month, thanks go to Mary Andra Holmes, Pat Armstrong, and Nancy Stewart.

Thanks also go to Rose Tuttle, Arlene Comon, Fran Chadwick, and Betty Setz for the pretty walker bags they made and donated.

Last but not least, thanks to Kay Harlan and Adrianne Morrison for helping me make 12 walker bags a week or so ago.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving; see you in December with lots of Christmas stockings.

Alice Obrenovich, Community Service Chairman



Make sure you stop buy the Ways and Means Table in the lobby. Lots of things are h-a-p-p-e-n-i-n-g there!

- Hand Quilting Raffle for the Sharlot Hall Quilters. Tickets are available for you to purchase \$1 each or 6/\$5.
 In January, the winner will be selected. Your quilt (no larger than Queen size) must be completed, marked, and either basted or loaded into TBQ's 3-rail quilt frame. You supply the batting, thread, and backing fabric our TBQ Team of Hand Quilters at the Museum will then work their magic on your quilt!
- Vinyl Project Bags have now arrived! Just in time to help you stay organized. . and for all your gifting needs for the Holidays! Three sizes are available @ \$4, \$6, and \$8 each available while our supply lasts.
- Denim Shirts are back! This time in a fitted women's style that will be embroidered with TBQ (just like last time). There will be sample sizes available, so you can try one on. This order will not be placed until January, the cost is still \$25, and down payment is \$10. A sign up sheet will be at the Ways and Means table.

• Quilt Show Pins are coming soon

Carol (Ann) Miller, Ways and Means Chair

The Appliqué Society will meet two times a month. The first Wednesday of each month at Prescott Country Club POA Building from 9am to 3 pm and the fourth Monday of the month at Pete's Family Restaurant located on Iron Springs Road across from Joann's from 9am to 3pm. You can order lunch from the menu when you arrive and lunch will be delivered at noon. They will even clean up after us. What a deal. Lots of sharing takes place at these meetings. Please join us.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS (Submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith)

This month we are highlighting The Yavapai Hills Quilters.

This group of 18 ladies all live in the Yavapai Hills subdivision in Prescott. They meet at the Yavapai Hills clubhouse on the first Friday of the month from 9:00am to 11:00am. They just completed more than 25 fleece and rag guilts for the children of the Navajo Indian reservation. Not only are they productive and busy but they also know how to have fun! They just gave themselves a generous helping of laughter and relaxation "away from it all" at their first annual neighborhood guilt camp. Nine ladies enjoyed sewing from 9:00am to 4:30pm for two days away from telephones, animals, and husbands! And no cooking! They enjoyed eating out at Applebee's for lunch and then eating snacks and goodies back at the clubhouse. It was the perfect time to finish UFOs or start new quilts. The best part...it didn't cost a thing!

What we're up to.....

NEWCOMERS' GROUP (Submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith)

Our lunch at Manzanita Grill garnered rave reviews from the 11 who joined together on November 13th! We had a fantastic time and enjoyed having Lyn Mann, our featured speaker that day. Next month, we will not be meeting for lunch because our Christmas party includes a catered meal. Please come join us after January's meeting. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Roadhouse Quitter's Friendship Group

Several of the rowdy Roadhouse Quilters will be doing a Round Robin Challenge for the next year. (Try to say that one fast....)

Suggested by Kay Harlan, 12 1/2" center squares were brought to the November meeting. The squares were in a box, and a list of those participating was placed on the box. The boxes will travel every two months or so to the next member on the list. She will add a border of her choice to the square. Participants do not get to see their "quilts" until they are completed.

We should all have some great small quilts in a year's time. We are a freestyle group of 10, with a challenge here and there added.

Linda Gergen

"Spirit of the West" Quilt Show 2007

Plans continue for the 2007 Quilt Show. Can you believe the big event is only six months away..?

We have a new Potholder Chairwoman, Jean Ehlers. Please give her a call, or write her an email note, if you have any questions? The sale of the "homemade" potholders is a major financial addition to the profit of our quilt show! Now is the time to start if you haven't already.

Lorraine Owen will be chairwoman of our Hostesses this year.

Please turn in your money and sold ticket stubs to Candace Tomlinson for the 2007 Opportunity Quilt. She will be available at the December Christmas Party. She needs to know how we are doing in our sales? If anyone can think of venues for showing the quilt and selling tickets, please contact Candace.

Please contact Pat Armstrong or Gale Willcox if you have any questions about selling items in the Boutique at the Quilt Show. Price Tags must be on all items before the show.

Linda Gergen Publicity

Our Opportunity Quilt for 2007

The drawing for the quilt will be on June 2 at our Thumb Butte Quilters' Quilt show. This is our major fund-raiser for the guild for the year and we only have a quilt to raffle every other year. So that all members can assist in the fundraising, we compile an envelope of 12 tickets (worth \$10) for every member. We ask members to look for their tickets and return their filled out ticket stubs along with \$10 to the table in the entry of the hall before the quilt guild meetings.

The tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 During October the quilt was in the Cottonwood quilt store and at the Quail Country Quilters Boutique. Jeannie Ehlers sold tickets for the event. Thanks, Jeannie!

Our quilt this year is an absolutely stunning hand appliquéd pattern, design and fabric selection by Tren Connor. Maggie Keller machine quilted it with equally beautiful skill. When you see if you will be glad to buy the 12 allotted tickets and probably more!! The quilt will be hanging at each meeting for your viewing pleasure!

Candace would like suggestions for venues for showing the quilt and selling tickets. If you have an idea of where to sell tickets or have time to sell tickets at a future venue, please contact Candace, 778-1973.

In our thoughts and prayers.....

Please keep Sandy Mitchell, her husband John, and their family in your thoughts and prayers. John is recovering from surgery.

Please keep Joanne Baumback, Pat LaFontant, Jane Holland, Carol Stewart, Elizabeth Brown and her husband Glen in your thought and prayers.

We have lost a beloved and long time Prescott area quilter. TBQ Founding Member, Fern Smith, passed away on November 15th. She had suffered a brain stem stroke three days earlier. Evelyn Russell and Phyllis Edgar were holding her hands at the time of her passing, and we thank them for being there.

Fern and her husband, Brant, were in the process of moving in with their daughter Jeanne Smith. Condolences may be sent to Brant, Jeanne, and family at 244 East Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.









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