

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilter's Guild, Inc.

February 2008



Mark Your Calendar

Next Meeting - Feb. 22, '08
9:30am at Am. Luth. Church
Executive Committee Meets
Feb. 13 at 9:15am
Yavapai Hills Clubhouse
Newsletter Deadline
March 20, 2008

February Hostesses

Please arrive by 8:00am
Gale Willcox
Sandy Evans
Lani Fagen
Pat Folsom
Sara Fossett
Arlene Franz
Jan Gallo
Susan Gates-Harms
Darlene Gatewood
Linda Gergen
Beverly Ginnelly
Ann Hansen
Arlene Hanson
Marti Harbour

February Birthdays

Beverly Bowe
Carol Brownlow
Jennifer Carpenter Bossom
Maryann Conner
Julianne Dodds
Gretchen Paustian
Ruth Peterson
Kathie Rieder
Beverly Sesow

Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for a quilter, with a value of at least \$10.00 to the February 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.

President's Message

February was named after the Latin term "februum", which means purification. Along with January, February was one of the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar. The Romans originally considered "winter" a monthless period.

I, for one, am glad they changed their minds as February includes my favorite Holiday, Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day arrives quickly in our lives with only the preparation we want to do. It is a time for love and pink and red and lace and flowers and all lovely things. Yep, a Valentine quilt is on the "list".

We have so many exciting things coming to our guild in the upcoming months! Along with wonderful classes and programs, we have a Silent Auction planned for April, and Quilt Camp 2008 for June. Updates on these exciting happenings will be in your newsletter and announced at the meetings.

"Sunshine and Smiles" to all of those who made our fabulous P.I.G. Program happen in January. Thanks to all of you who participated, both this last year and for next year. A special "thank you" to Kathy Beeson who made the wonderful labels for all last year's participants! What fun we all had! I have even had someone ask me if I had started on my P.I.G. for January of 2009 yet? Yikes!

Notes:

- Hopi Quilts will be on display at the Smoki Museum in Prescott from February 9 through June 15, 2008. There will be an Open Reception on Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m.
- The Creative Quilters of Sun City will be sponsoring their 7th Biennial Quilt Show on February 1, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and February 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Lakeview Recreation Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd in Sun City. (This is on the corner of Thunderbird and Del Webb Blvd.) There will be a raffle quilt, with the drawing to be held Saturday at 3 p.m. A \$2.00 donation is requested at the entrance.
- High Desert Artists, Inc., and the Heritage Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, will host the first annual Community Arts Festival on Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Chino Valley. Fine art and craft sales, demonstrations, a raffle and food will be featured. For further information contact Susan Gates-Harms.
- The Adult Center has a display of "Quilts from the Heart". Check it out!
- Happy Trails Quilt Club of Surprise will host their annual quilt show, "Garden of Quilts", on February 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The show will be held at the Happy Trails Resort, 17200 West Bell Road in Surprise. There will be vendors, a raffle quilt and demonstrations. Lunch will be available, and a \$2 donation is requested. For further information contact Pam Ross at pjross61@gmail.com.

In closing, would you all be considerate of your fellow guild members at the meetings. We are in a big room now, no matter what microphone we use or how high we turn the volume, and talking really is getting to be a problem in the back of the room. Please, please be more considerate of others.

Have a special Valentine's Day and do something fun, and if it is romantic then all the better!

Taking one stitch at a time,
Linda

P.I.G. Challenge – January Program

Many thanks to all members who completed their P.I.G. challenge projects and shared them at the January meeting. Weren't they awesome? Thanks also to the new P.I.G. challengers! We look forward to seeing your completed projects in January of 2009.

Cudos to Jane Holland, Flo McLean and Kay Harlan for helping me with the P.I.G. program. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks so much!

Check out the TBQ Website for pictures of all of the P.I.G. Challengers – Before and After!

February Program

We look forward to our February speaker Lenny Honcoop, the Dutch Quilter. Her sample quilts are beautiful and I know we will enjoy her lecture and workshop. She will have her patterns and books for sale after the meeting.

Membership Musings

(submitted by Jane Hoffbauer)

Congratulations to those ladies who finished their P.I.G.S! The finished projects were outstanding. And the best of luck to those who met the challenge to do another P.I.G. for the coming year.

Our wait list continues to grow. Next week we will be having our first meeting with those ladies who are on the wait list for the guild. It is an opportunity for the "Ladies-in Waiting" to get to know each other, learn about TBQ, and meet the board.

Please remember to send me an email with any changes to your address, email, or phone number.

Newcomer News

(submitted by Joan Carrell & Susan Perry)

We had a lovely lunch in January at Gurley Street Grill after a fun P.I.G. meeting. Amongst the eleven attending, we had one brand new member we were able to welcome and get to know. After our February meeting we will be gathering at Casa Bonita and invite all newcomers and any long time members who'd like to join us to attend. It's a nice opportunity to get to know some fellow quilters. Please raise your hand at the meeting when we take a count to see who will be joining us.
Hope to see you!

Silent Auction Planned for April Guild Meeting

Was your P I G not chosen for the first or second time at the January meeting and now you don't want to finish it? Did you purchase that kit and just never got around to making that quilt? Have you started a project and for some reason lost interest in completing it? There is a solution to at least one of these unfinished projects!

The Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild is sponsoring a silent auction at the April 14 guild meeting. Any unfinished "quality" project you no longer want would be a most welcome donation. You may no longer want it but to someone else it might be a "TREASURE".

Please look through your closet, your chest of drawers or sewing room for any such "quality" project and consider donating it to our silent auction. Any "quality" started project, new project, or kit is needed. If you have the pattern, fabric to finish the project, or a complete kit, that would be a bonus.

There is a copy of the form needed to submit your project to be completed on the website. You may turn in your project and form to me at the March meeting, or bring both to the April meeting before 9:00 A M. If you want to turn them in at the April meeting, please phone or e-mail me before the meeting. This will tell me how to plan for the silent auction. There will be possible projects as examples shown at the February guild meeting and more explanations given.

This will be fun, so I hope many of you who have unwanted, unfinished projects will help them find a new happy home.

Workshop News

(submitted by Alice Obrenovich)

February's program is the Dutch Quilter, Lennie Honcoop, whose lecture is titled, "Out of Your Comfort Zone." Her workshop, no sew applique, is full. Please let Chris know which flower pattern you want to make if you signed up, so we can notify Lennie in time to have the pattern of your choice available. Complete kits and many other patterns will be available at that time.

Oh my, can you believe the beautiful samples we received from Lennie Honcoop, the "Dutch Quilter"..we waited a long time for those samples, and it was worth it!!.. There will be a \$7.50 pattern fee that will be collected by Lennie the day of the class. She will also have the ribbon tape for purchase to go with your flower design. If you wish to get your own ribbon in advance check out www.hotribbon.com.

At the class, Lennie will have complete kits available for all her flower designs ranging from \$39-to \$89..

To learn this technique you will be using your own fabric..and the pattern you have chosen.

Lennie's class will be Tuesday, February 12th at the Yavapai Hills Clubhouse, from 9am to 4pm. Please bring a lunch and something to drink.

Here is the supply list for Lennie Honcoop's workshop in February:

1. Pattern available for purchase from Lennie for \$7.50.
2. mini iron, and regular iron
3. small sharp scissors as well as fabric scissors.
4. steam-a-seam 2
5. sharpie pen
6. pressing sheet or mat
7. Ironing mat for your work station
8. 3/4 yard background fabric
9. 2 fat quarters of different shades of green for the leaves
10. several fat quarters of shades of flowers that you chose.
11. A good spirit and a smile

Community Service

(submitted by Jennifer Eakman)

I was so thrilled to be "bombarded" at January's meeting for more projects for you to complete!!! How exciting was that!

I'm looking forward to our day in February, Tuesday the 19th, to cut and sew at Jan's Quilt and Sew Connection. I expect a great turnout from the response this past TBQ meeting. Of course, I will have some projects to hand out earlier in the month at our regular meeting.

We are running out of patriotic fabrics and I've spent the 'community budget' so I'm asking you all to donate not only your time but a few other things. Such as:

1. Already made quilt tops that can be either resized for our needs by cutting them to make 2 or more usable quilts for our vets.

2. Donating fabrics for backings or fabrics to be cut up into a top (Yes! You can use your own fabrics and make the top yourself, OMG, we would even let you quilt and bind it yourself, if'n you like) LOL

3. The walker bags are still important!! So please help us in making some more this year from your own stash or with some of the fabrics I still have. If you need help with the pattern [like me] we are willing to give you a *private* lesson on Tuesday February 19th starting at 10 am!

If you would like to participate this year in our efforts to be a blessing to the VA Hospital here in Prescott and for whatever reason can't make the sew day please help us in anyway you can. I'm sure our Veterans would thank you for remembering them and the sacrifices they have made.

Quilt Books: I still need your input! In just a few short months I need to turn in our list to the library for the books we would like to see in the library. Please email me with the title and authors name so I can add it to the list. Right now I only have 6 book titles and I'm sure we still have room for more. After all, \$300 is what we are given to purchase books and with the library rate we should be able to purchase a lot more books than 6.

Have a great month piecing and quilting!

I'm looking forward to the next TBQ meeting!

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

Fall in love with the quilts currently hanging at the Prescott Adult Center. You'll see Quilts From The Heart, generously shared by Jennifer Eakman, Susan Gates-Harms, Kay Harlan, Lorraine Owen, Maria Thomas, Kay Wentworth, and Gale Willcox.

Thank you, Quilters!

These quilts will hang until March 7th. And here's what I'm looking for next--a zillion million pieces! With a theme of "**Gone to Pieces**", I'd like to hang only pieced quilts. Those Lyn Mann and/or Carrie Nelson quilts we've done recently are good examples. Just remember--no appliqué--just pieces--a zillion million pieces!

Give me a call if you have one to 'share and show'.

Quilt sizes needed are:

Large--from 60" to 90" wide, and any length. We need SIX.

Small--at least 45" wide, but no wider than 54". Any length. We need FOUR.

Upcoming Programs

February 2008 Lennie Honcoop, "The Dutch Quilter", has a technique featuring "easy no-sew appliqué". She creates appliqué pieces with Steam-a-Seam2 and finishes the edges with Hot Ribbon. Her class, Applique Without Sewing, will be on Tuesday, Feb. 12th from 9am to 4pm at the Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

March 2008 Sharyn Craig will be here to do a lecture, trunk show and workshop. Sharyn will be doing a lecture during the March meeting, but her workshop is full!

April 2008 Dennis Jones, quilt designer, quilt maker, and long arm quilter. Dennis will share with us how he got started quilting and will share some of his quilts with us.

May 2008 Lynn Kough will be doing a lecture and workshop. Her topic will be "How Did I Get Here From There?" The workshop on Tuesday will be "Adventures in Black and White".

June 2008 Susan Deal will be doing a slide show and trunk show for us.

July 2008 Installation of new officers and Birthday Party. The theme of this year's party is "A Picnic in the Park".

August 2008 To be announced....

September 2008 Colleen Wise will be here in September. She is the author of Casting Shadows. You can see her quilts and more information about her at www.colleenwise.com

October 2008 Bren of Brensan Studios in Scottsdale will be with us. She will present a trunk show of wearable art she designed and created. Her patterns will be available for purchase after the meeting.

November 2008 Monica Gonzales of Monica's Quilt and Bead Creations in Palm Desert, CA. Her topic will be, "What is new at Market?" New items will be available for purchase after the meeting.

December 2008 Christmas Party!

Advertiser's Corner

(submitted by Jane Holland)

TBQ Members, be sure to check out our advertisers' specials for February 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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21st Century Sewing is having an inventory sale in February. You will be able to get 10% to 20% off on in-stock items only.

Quilt n' Sew Connection is Offering 20% off all notions to TBQ members on Tuesday Feb. 26th when you show your Tag or membership ID card.

Quilters Mercantile has its new website up and running. Visit www.quiltsonroute66.com for fabrics, specials and classes.

Odegard's Sewing Center will give you a free yard of fabric for every two yards you buy. There is a limit of 3 free yards.

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Quilt & Sew House's Wanda will Be at Teapot Inn B&B in Chino Valley on Feb. 11 from 11am to 4pm, with fabric from her store in Yuma. She'll also be at Hope Lutheran Church on the 12th.

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.