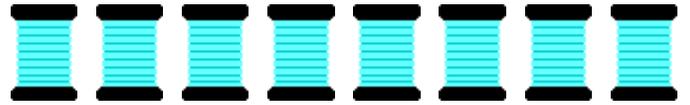


Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



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Mark Your Calendars

Next Meeting—July 9, '07

9:30 AM at St Luke's

Exec Committee meets

August 14th at 9:15

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

Newsletter deadline

July 20, 2007

July Hostesses

Please arrive by 8:00am

Tommie O'Sullivan

Lorraine Owen

Nyla Paulsen

Gretchen Paustian

Alice Perkins

Ruth Peterson

Lorraine Pickering

Sally Plummer

Noreen Poole

Joan Pratt

Kathie Rieder

Julie Rouse

Evelyn Russell

July Birthdays

Joanne Baumbach

Charlotte Brennan

Beverly Ginnelly

Colleen Harlow

Loretta Hoffman

Pat Lafontant

Julie Rouse

Georgiana Scimeca

Bettie Setz

Susan Smith

Nancy Stoltenberg

Candace Tomlinson

President's Message July 2007

My Dear Quilting Friends,

As President of Thumb Butte Quilters, this is the twelfth time I've taken a minute to stop and write a message to you. Wow! Where did that year go?! I've just read over Mary Andra's minutes for the last twelve meetings—yup, lived 'em, then read the book! ☺ It's been fun; it's been rewarding; it's been exhilarating; it's been exhausting! It's given me a chance to get to know sooo many of you better. Yup, when ya work together, ya become a family, and my TBQ team of Officers and Committee Chairpersons has 'done me proud'! I thank each and every one of them! We did our best in trying to successfully lead you through this Guild Year. I've had a blast, and I hope you've had fun, too!

Special thanks go to my Executive Committee, and to my Friendship Group, the Featherweights. Both have aptly served as sounding boards and think-tanks over the last year. And special thanks, too, to my loving and patient husband Colin who sold his business last August, and had lots of extra time on his hands, when I had none! My personal support team has held me well! And if, perhaps, you were wondering about that ratty ol' clipboard I've been hanging onto every meeting—my father used it during his years at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa! ☺

"Hats Off To" Maryann Conner and Chris Anders for their uncountable-jillion hours of work on a most beautiful and

glorious Quilt Show! And kudos to their entire Quilt Show Committee! Hats Off To all of you!!! Now wasn't that a party!

"Hats Off To" Earlene Hanson for her management in coordinating TBQ's new membership cap of 160. She also encouraged the formation of 'Ladies In Waiting'—a Friendship Group, which well served TBQ's waitlisted members.

"Hats Off To" Susie Martin for her very entertaining trunk show of FIFTY quilts! She kept us 'in stitches'! ☺ Did you pick up on her resemblance to Cool Hand Luke who can eat 50 eggs? "I can make 50 quilts!"

Housekeeping:

- We'll be discussing and approving the 2007/2008 budget presented by Treasurer Jane at the last meeting. Please bring the prepared budget page that was distributed—you'll need to refer to it again during this discussion.
- Don't forget about the new Newsletter procedure: If you want to receive a hard copy of the current TBQ News, you must provide the Newsletter Editor with a S.A.S.E. for each month requested. That means you'll need to bring S.A.S.E.'s in July if you want the TBQ News to come to your mailbox! (FYI - 2007/2008 Newsletter Editor will be Sheila Smith.)
- And don't forget that in July, we'll celebrate TBQ's 12th Birthday with a Luau! I want to see a sea of Hawaiian shirts and muu-muu's. I want to see a sea of Hawaiian quilt projects—done or not!
- Also in July will be Installation of new TBQ Officers. Please give them the support you've given me this last year. Now...let the New Year begin! ☺

In closing, dear Quilters, I want to share with you this *Alphabet for Life*: Accept differences. Be kind. Count your blessings. Dream. Express thanks. Forgive. Give freely. Harm no one. Image more. Jettison anger. Keeep confidences. Love truly. Master something. Nurture hope. Open your mind. Pack lightly. Quilt your heart out! Reciprocate. Seek wisdom. Touch hearts. Understand. Value truth. Win graciously. Xeriscape. Yearn for peace. Zealously support a worthy cause.

My wish to you is to 'keep on stitching'! See you 'round the quilt frame. And, I love you all!

~Carolyn~



Great job, Carolyn. Great year!



Thumb Butte Quilters Upcoming Programs

July: Thumb Butte's Annual Birthday Party. This year it will be a Hawaiian Luau – so get out those grass skirts and mu-mu's and bring your Hawaiian quilts, table runners, wall hangings or whatever you have to share. We'll be serving pu-pu's (appetizers) and there will be lots of door prizes! Be sure to come and join in the fun!

August: Kendra Maclean from Phoenix will be doing a lecture and trunk show on small quilts.

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: Patty 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.

Patty's description of the lecture is as follows: "Free yourself of rulers and pointed triangles. Learn how to design a quilt around a motif, create scenes or simply play with color. Let your collages reflect your humor, fantasies or dreams. The rules are few; the experience is self-directed. As a side benefit, your free-motion quilting will improve overnight with this technique.

The creative concepts incorporate Patty's experiences working with paper collage as a career counselor and with fabric collages as a quilter. The collage technique present is adapted from Rosemary Eichorn's book, The Art of Fabric Collage."

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

December: Our annual Holiday Party.

January: The P.I.G. (Project in a Grocery Bag) challenge quilts are due this month. Bring your "finished" project or you'll have to make a community quilt to donate.

February: 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.

March: Sharyn Craig will be here to do a lecture, trunk show and workshop. Details will be forthcoming.

TBQ's July 9th Birthday Party is a celebration to us and about us. We ask please that no guests attend this private party... Thanks from the Luau Planning Committee.



Happy Birthday to all of the July Ladies! Please remember that we do not have a Birthday Raffle in July due to the fact that we celebrate the Birthday of TBQ with a party!

Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for a quilter, with a value of at least \$10.00, to the August meeting. The August meeting should be a very special Raffle, with all of the gifts for July and August to buy tickets for and win a great present!

Linda Gergen and JoAnne Van Liere
Birthday Committee

On Thursday, July 19th, local quilter and new author, Sue Hale, will present a program at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, sponsored by The Friends of the Library, Room 331, Community Room, at 2 p.m. Bring a friend. Sue will discuss her book, "Memories from Fabric" and have samples of projects, etc. Sue's book will be carried by Quilt 'N Sew Connection.



Membership Musings

Welcome to our newest TBQ Members:

Kathy Barrett, Jamie Bennett, Betsy Bykerk, Joan Carrell, Helen Casey, Kathy Cavanaugh, Rosalie Durham, Susan Gates-Harms, Ann Hansen, Marti Harbour, Peggy Harmon, Jane Hofbauer, Sandie Hoffman, Sandy Holderness, B. Johnson, Marge Larimer, Melodie Merino, Jean Norris, Arlys Olson, Evelyn Pelletier, Susan Perry, Carol Peters, Shirley Pichoff, Paula Pilcher, Phoebe Ritter, Hildy Smith, Mary Jane Steinhilpert, Jan Stevens, Jeri Teisl, Maria Thomas, Jeanne Vick, and Sue Weisshaupt.

Make new friends but keep the old,
One is silver and the other gold.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

This month we are highlighting two groups: Designing Women and Gad-Abouts.

DESIGNING WOMEN: The mission statement for this friendship group is: "to share techniques and contribute new ideas, encourage each other in the pursuit of quilts and garment design, share wisdom and experience and complete an individual yearly challenge decided upon by the group." Two years ago their challenge was "What is Victoria's Secret?". This year it is "Epiphany". Next year it is "It all started with...". Each member's project has to focus around the theme. These challenges are especially useful in broadening the perspective and desire of the group. Their focus this year has been on garments and designing art quilts. They meet in one of their ten homes on the third Tuesday of each month from 1-4pm. At that particular home, the hostess is responsible for dessert as well as presenting a demonstration and informational session centered on a group interest such as tassels or color design. If you were privileged enough to attend the TBQ quilt show in June, you would then agree how gifted and talented this group is and how exciting it was to see their offerings to the show.

GAD-ABOUTS: Since their first meeting in 1998, these ten ladies have been very good friends. They help each other out in life as well as in quilting. Their focus is self-directed. They bring their own work to quilt on at each meeting. A couple of their members have special interests. Colleen Harlow likes to work on her submissions for Quilts of Valor. Carol Stewart will work on the quilt she submits each month to Samaritan Village. She has been doing this for five to six years. In the early years, the members would bring their own lunch. Now, the hostess for that month cooks lunch for the group. A potluck is in order at Christmas time though! Sometimes they will go to other places to meet such as Cloth Plus in Prescott Valley. Their regularly scheduled meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10-2. In addition to these or sometimes in place of, they will schedule field trips to Sedona, Flagstaff or Phoenix depending on the time of year. As you can easily tell, they LOVE to be together and have fun enjoying each other's company!

NEWCOMER'S GROUP submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

We certainly had a GRAND time at our luncheon on June 11th!! Bonn-Fire restaurant gladly put tables together so that all 25 of us could sit at one big table! :) Our time together was put to good use. We got to know some of our brand new members better. The food was delicious. What a joy it was to be in the presence of so many quilters excited and thrilled to be a part of our guild. They are so anxious to start learning new techniques and meet all of us. We as a guild are truly blessed to receive such eager and talented new members!
Of course, next month we will be having lunch at our TBQ birthday party as part of our meeting. See you there!

Wrapping up the Opportunity Quilt

This year our odds of winning the TBQ Opportunity Quilt were doubled as we had two items to raffle - the quilt and the triptych. At four o'clock on Saturday June 2nd, all the tickets were piled onto one of the sheet backdrops and then they were thrown up into the air. That was lots of fun. The winning tickets were then drawn.

The winner of the triptych is Jeanne Raiche of Vermont. She is the niece of our guild member, Bev Seesow. The winner of the large quilt was Pat

Bevelov and she is the next door neighbor to another guild member, Marilyn Anderson. Pat attended our May meeting and was presented with her quilt at that time.

So even though no guild member won the quilts, at least it is in the family of who we sold tickets too.

I want to thank all the guild members who did a fantastic job of supporting the raffle effort by purchasing tickets, selling them to others and helping to "woman" the sales table at numerous events through out the year. A phenomenal 90% of our members participated and we net \$3,131.00.

The quilts could not have been done without the creative imagination of Tren Conner as she designed the quilt and chose the colors. The appliqué was completed by many very talented quilt guild members. And to wrap it up, Maggie Keller quilted it in her usual beautiful style. Wherever we went to sell tickets, the onlookers were amazed at the beauty of the quilts - and kept buying tickets in an effort to increase their chance of winning! Thank you for the united effort to make this all possible.

Candace Tomlinson

TBQ is on the *MOVE*..

As announced in June, TBQ will move meeting locations--but not until AUGUST! In July, we will meet at St. Luke's Episcopal Church for the last time.

Watch for directions and a map in the August News for our NEW meeting location. We're not going to give that information to you now...we don't want you going to the wrong place!

Here is the history of TBQ's meeting locations, as was shared with you at the June meeting:

The very first meeting was at Tren Conner's house. It was the "organizational meeting" where plans were made to go forward with a new quilting guild.

The "founding mothers" decided to host a "tea" for Quilters at the Methodist Church on Gurley. That was August 14, 1995. On that day, Thumb Butte Quilters was born!

TBQ met at the Methodist Church for the first couple of years, then Judy DeVault moved the Guild to the Christian Church on Senator Highway in 1998. That location worked for five years.

Then in 2003, Jean Ehlers moved us to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where we've been very happy.

But, as much as we want it to...nothing ever stays the same. Meeting site changes take place because of space needs, and because of compatibility with church administration and their needs. We feel that it is again time for a change in TBQ's meeting location.

You all know it's not easy to find an affordable meeting place for a group of our size here in the Prescott area. Your Executive Committee has selected the American Evangelical Lutheran Church as the next meeting site for TBQ. This change will be effective August 13th.

So what are the "pluses" of the new meeting location?

The chairs have been "seat-tested" ...and they are much improved over the ones we currently use.

There is a stage in the meeting room where leaders, speakers, and Show & Tell will be more visible.

Leaders and monthly hostesses will NOT be involved in room set-up and take-down. The room will be set up for us--just the way we want it, and we'll still be able to have our special tables for Membership Sign-In, Hospitality, Company Store, Birthday Raffle, Workshops, and Mentors.

The Executive Committee suffered some anxious moments as we were making this decision. What will the membership think? Will they accept this change? Please know that we did the best we could and in the best interest of the Guild. We hope you will accept this change. We know you will soon adjust to it and enjoy it! And life will be good again! :-)
Come along for the ride!

TBQ Executive Committee

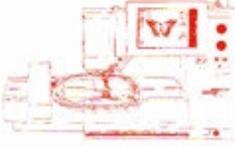
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