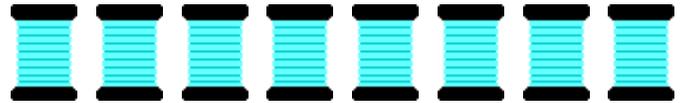


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Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild



Mark Your Calendars

Next Meetings—May 14, '07

9:30 AM at St Luke's

Exec Committee meets

May 15th at 9:15

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

Newsletter deadline

May 20, 2007

May Hostesses

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Beverly Markham

Susie Martin

Kay Massa

Tina McCowan

Jackie McDonald

Sandy McGarry

Margaret Mecca

Carolyn Melbourne

Sharon Melpolder

Dorothy Mercer

Happy Birthday

Lynne Chamberlin

Jean Davies

Laura De Sutter

Judy De Vault

Kathryn Edwards

Leigh Hay-Martin

Tina McCowan

Margaret Mecca

B'Anne Younker

President's Message – May TBQ News

Happy May Day, Dear Quilters!

Isn't every day this month "May Day"—the day when we celebrate the new Spring season and wish for a basket of flowers and treats hung on our door knob! And the day when we delight in the versatile *basket* quilt block! Don't we all love baskets!

Recently, thanks to the generosity of sisters Beverly Strissel and Sherrilyn Tapp, who were in "clear-it-out-recycle modes", I acquired the classic quilt book, "Quilts, Their Story and How to Make Them" by Marie D. Webster. This book was originally written in 1915. The "new edition" was reprinted in 1990, with notes and a biography of the author added by granddaughter, Rosalind Webster Perry. Listen to some of the words, originally written by Marie Webster, on page 12 of her Introduction: "*The selection of design, the care in piecing, the patience in quilting; all make for feminine contentment and domestic happiness.*" Doesn't that make your heart sing! Aren't you smiling right now...just because that's you, though maybe you would not have put it into exactly those words!! ☺ Piecing and quilting get all of us through the day. Even if we can't get a needle into our hands one day, we are thinking about quilting—that appliqué pattern, getting that quilt finished, what quilt to put where. That's the beauty of our quilting passion, and we'll share it every chance we get!

And that brings me to a plea for you all to concentrate on our fast approaching Quilt Show: get those quilt entries in! Call Carol Ann Miller if you're having trouble getting the forms or pictures to her. Arrangements can be made—just keep her aware of the status of your quilt entries. We **need** your quilts for the Quilt Show!!!! If we don't have quilts to hang, and I mean, *a lot of quilts*, why should the masses come to our celebration? The Quilt Show is our biggest fundraiser—and that income needs to carry the Guild over a two-year time span. If you haven't finished a new quilt this year, think about the ones you've made in the past. Will any of them fit into one of the vignettes? If you think maybe, call Kay Harlan, and talk about it.

May's meeting will consist of an overview of the Quilt Show happenings.

Each Chair will be going over the duties and activities of her part of the big picture. Bring your tablets to take notes and write down the times you volunteered to be where and when! We are bumping right up to our biennial Big Show, with excitement! We will share our love for quilts with the world. It's time to let the celebration begin!

And here are a couple of random thoughts...

- If you don't have a TBQ shirt, you really need one! They are sooooo very nice to have hanging there in the closet on those days when you just can't figure out what to wear. When you've got a quilt meeting to go to, and no time to think—just grab that TBQ shirt! It's one of those rare outfits where it's OK to be dressed exactly like someone else at the meeting! ☺
- We had a great class day with Shelley Swanland after last month's meeting. The table runner project was fast and easy! I encourage all 18 class attendees to bring their class projects to May's meeting for a quick "workshop Show & Tell"—no matter what stage it's in, finished or not!! Let's show and share our fun!
- Be sure to take a look at Mary Stori's website (it's on our "Links" icon). Her Travel Schedule page gives a hint of the whimsical humor in store for, as she sits in her suitcase, ready to come see us! We are lucky to be on her schedule, as the rumor out there is that she is going to be cutting back on her travel.

"Hats Off To" the Nominating Committee and all their hard work. Jean Ehlers, Linda Gergen, Nyla Paulsen, and Bunny Troup, thank you! Thank you!

Housekeeping:

- May 14th will include Election of Officers for Guild Year 2007/2008. The Slate of Officers is as follows: President—Linda Gergen, Vice President—Alice Obrenovich, Secretary—Sally Plummer, Treasurer—Flo McLean.
- Also at the May meeting, we will discuss and vote on the Proposed By-Law Changes that were presented last month. Kathy has posted those Changes on the website if you were absent or didn't get a copy. Mimicking statements found in all the Annual Reports that are now flooding the mailboxes of stockholders, "The TBQ Executive Committee recommends a vote **for** the proposed changes." ☺
- TBQ's website was graciously designed by Kathy Beeson and started up in January 2006. She continues to give of her time and creativity as webmaster. And don't we all appreciate that!! The current Executive Committee has written some general Guidelines for its use. They are available this month in the Monthly News. After that, they will follow the By-Laws/Standing Rules/Policies and Procedures section of the website and the Directory.
- Workshop guidelines, found in the General Information section of our Directory, have been updated by the Executive Committee. They have already been posted to the Programs icon of the website and are found elsewhere in the newsletter. Check them out!
- A TBQ Member Interest Survey will be distributed at the May meeting. Please, please, please look it over and fill it out. We've tried to make it brief and user-friendly. It is designed to help the 2007/2008 officers with their planning. Be thinking about quilt teachers and program ideas you would like to bring to TBQ. We ask that the Survey be completed and turned in before you leave May's meeting. (Boy, are we going to be busy!)

In closing...a recent e-mail talked about the "dash" of life—that mark indicated on cemetery headstones as what's between the date of birth and the date of death. Just think about what is entailed in that "dash"! I thank you all for being a part of my "dash" of life!! And, we'll see you all on May 14th!

~ Carolyn ~



The Executive Committee has updated the Workshop Guidelines. They appear in the General Information section of the TBQ Directory. Take note!

"Workshops are offered to members and those on the waitlist when space is available, on a regular basis. When you sign up for a workshop, carefully read the instructions for fees and supplies. Fees are due and payable on the date of signup to hold your space in the workshop. If you cannot attend, the fee will be refunded if your cancellation is received 2 weeks prior to the date of the class."



Quilt Show News

Opportunity Quilt

Some lucky person will be in the possession of the gorgeous TBQ appliquéd quilt in about a month - on June 2nd we will have the drawing at our quilt show. Maybe this year it will be one of US! I want to thank those of you who continue to send me ticket stubs/ and or checks to pay for your chances.

For those of you who still have your tickets and do not plan to purchase them, please return them to me so that we may be able to avoid having to print/buy more tickets. Also, if you come across your tickets and need to turn in the ticket stubs or check, you can just mail them to me and get it done quickly. Mail to: Candace Tomlinson, 934 Apache Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303. It is so fun to get mail that is not a bill! Currently the quilt is hanging at the Quilt and Sew Connection in Prescott Valley. We will be selling tickets May 12th at the Lonesome Valley Tea and

Quilt Show. Also I am checking into setting up at the Farmers' Market at Yavapai College, but do not have a date set yet. If you are able to help with ticket sales either of those times or at our quilt show June 1, 2 please let me know. Thank you and best wishes to all the TBQers at drawing time!

BOUTIQUE REMINDER

Don't forget that your Boutique Sales Consignment Forms are due at our next TBQ meeting on Mon., May 14th or you may deliver them to Pat Armstrong before the meeting. Be sure to call 717-0110 first.

REMEMBER, no exceptions for entries after that. Pat will be at the meeting early to accept your forms.

As noted on our Instruction Sheet, the check-in time for your items is the same time as the quilt check-in on Thursday, May 31st.

We're hoping to get lots of entries to ensure that the Boutique will continue to happen in future shows. Pat Armstrong

Bags, Bags, 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

Remember.....quilts entered in the show or in the Vignettes do NOT have to be Western. Every type and subject of quilting is welcome! Everyone needs to get their entry forms with photo into Carol Ann Miller before May 1.

Kay Harlan - Vignette Chairwoman

1. **How often at night where the heavens are bright with the light of the glittering stars:** Star Quilts, Celestial and etc. **Chairwoman: Jean Ehlers**
2. **Then give me a land where the bright diamond sand flows leisurely down to the stream:** Water, gold, silver, lone stars and etc. **Chairwoman: Lorraine Owen**
3. **Westward Ho:** Antique Quilts, transportation any thing that is west and etc. **Chairwoman: Joan Carrell**
4. **Home On The Range:** Homespun, log cabins, old quilts and etc. **Chairwoman: Kathy Beeson**
5. **Happy Trails To You:** Cowboy, Indians, children quilts & etc. **Chairwoman: Candace Tomlinson**
6. **Don't Fence Me In:** Quilts that break the rules & etc. **Chairwoman: Susie Martin**
7. **Where The Deer And The Antelope Play:** Animal Quilts **Chairwoman: Jennifer Eakman**

This is a list of the Vignettes for 2007 Quilt show. If you have a quilt or two you would like to put in one of these vignettes please contact the chairwomen listed.

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FRIENDSHIP GROUPS submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

This month we are highlighting The Menehune Quilters.

This group of sixteen loves to quilt Hawaiian style! Hawaiian appliqué is perfect for traveling because there are no pins in your work after basting the pattern onto the base fabric. Batiks are thought best since there is less fraying at the edges of the fabric. These ladies love to teach, help each other, and share patterns. It is fun to see what kinds of patterns and fabrics people choose for their quilts! There is room for anyone who is interested in wanting to join or visit this group. Menehunes meet on the 3rd Thursday at the Prescott Country Club POA building from noon -3pm. Bring your lunch and your own Hawaiian quilt project or the materials to begin learning! TBQ membership is not a requirement for Menehune membership. Contact person: Margaret Mecca

NEWCOMER'S GROUP submitted by Pam Jones and Susan Smith

We had a GREAT lunch at the China Buffet on April 9th with about 18 ladies in attendance! Fantastic turnout! If you have yet to join us for a lunch on Monday after the TBQ meeting, you will have another chance on May 14TH. We will meet at The Manzanita Grill immediately after the meeting. It is located at the Antelope Hills Golf Course on Perkins Drive, just about five minutes from our TBQ meeting place. If you plan on joining us, please raise your hand at the meeting when we take the hand count. We look forward to having you with us and getting to know you better!

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS, Earlene Hanson, Membership Chairperson

Spring has sprung and it's time to be thinking about TBQ Membership renewal. Bring your checks to the next meeting and deposit them in the box at the sign in table. Check the roster to make sure all your information is up to date so the new book will be perfect when published. I misspoke during the April meeting. Your dues checks will be deposited immediately to save both the Treasurer and your bookkeeper's sanity. Also, want to welcome our newest members, Laura Myers and Deborah Rose Salazar, to TBQ. Lastly, I want to thank you for getting your dues paid early. It makes my job so much easier. The dues collection box will be available at the sign in table at the next meeting. Make you check to TBQ for \$30. Thanks and Happy Stitching!

Upcoming Programs

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: Kendra MacLean, a designer from Chandler, AZ, will present a program and trunk show on miniature and small quilts. She has just released a new book entitled "Quick & Easy Quilts for Small Spaces".

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.

Community Service

The book order for this year has been turned into the Prescott Public Library so we should soon have a nice addition to the quilting section. Thanks again to all of you who gave me suggestions.

One of the requested books ordered was Quilts of Gee's Bend. If you check your post office they are selling stamps with pictures of Gee's Bend Quilts on them. What a treat, quilts on stamps!

Another book going to our library is Cathedral Windows donated by April's guest speaker Shelley Swanland. Thanks Shelly.

Thanks again to Sally Becker, Margaret Mecca, Linda Coppola, Bev Sesow, Sharon Heilman, Tina McCowan, and Jane Hofbaur for the appliqué blocks they did from the book, No Dragons on My Quilt. The book and finished quilt will be donated to a Prescott Elementary School in the fall.

Coconino Quilters' Guild invites you and all your members to a special meeting:
Concert by Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter June 21, 2007, Cochise Ramada at Fort Tuthill, 5:30 pm. Brown Bag picnic supper, concert at 7 pm. Please bring a chair. FREE.
Email Beacooley@aol.com or call 928-526-5069 for more information.

From the Mentors

Needle Turn Appliqué

A lot of you have said "I can't do needle turn", so I thought I would write up some instructions, with pictures on the web, for the times that you really have to do this type of appliqué (as with Hawaiian and some "reverse" appliqué procedures). This is my method, and I hope it helps.

As with all appliqué procedures, I start with the knot within the fold of the appliqué fabric just to the left of the marking. Holding the fabric loosely with my left thumb, I take the needle and turn under the next 1/2 inch or so, then with more pressure from my thumb, hold that fabric in place until I can stitch it down. For this demonstration, I am ignoring the "trim, clip" procedure, as that should be a part of most appliqué procedures (except of course, Hawaiian!). Many people use a toothpick to do the turning, and this is quite successful especially when the fabrics are loosely woven. I prefer to use my needle and thus like the straw needle as it bends (just the reason many people do not like this needle). This works whether you are working toward yourself or away....try it both ways as some people find it easier one way than the other. If you are working toward yourself, try using a small needle, such as a sharp, and you will also probably need a thimble to work the needle.

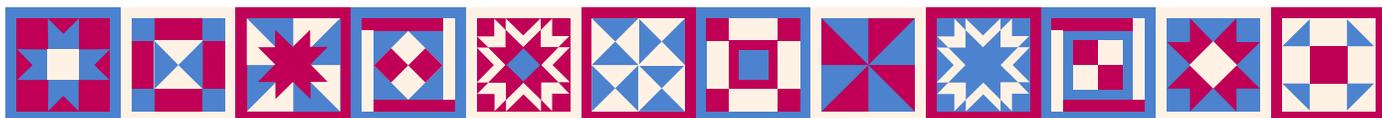
As always there are a few "rules": use a thread that matches your appliqué fabric; use small, close stitches to eliminate bumps and folds; stitch down from your last stitch and up to the next spot (if you don't have internet, come see us at the table next meeting); and enjoy the process.

There is one final thing I would like to say about appliqué in general at this point....that is the finishing of the thread. I have seen so many "dangling knots" on the backs of some wonderful appliqué that I thought I would put in my "two cents worth" here. Perhaps it is my former life as a counted thread lover, but please, try this method:

When finishing with a strand of thread, push your needle to the back within the area of the appliqué. Take a small stitch and do a "half knot", then take 2 small stitches (be sure this is within the appliqué and not the background fabric!), come up and back stitch again with 2 stitches. This holds your thread tightly and does not cause a bump that might interfere when you are quilting your project.

This is much easier to show than explain, so if you have any questions, please either call us or come visit at the next meeting. You may bring your own project or work on one of ours to get this process. Try different needles to find the best one for you. Don't give up. This is a wonderful way to appliqué, especially if you are interested in Hawaiian or Nancy Chong's method.

Next month, Geo Mickelson will explain how to do Crazy Quilts. If you have a request for something you would like to see in print, please let us know. Thanks. M&T



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