

Threadlines

THUMB BUTTE QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

January 2016



Next TBQ Meeting:

Monday, December 14, 2015
9:00am at
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott AZ 86301

2015-16 Officers

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Yvonne Blich
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January Birthdays

Lynn Beck
Yvonne Blich
Kathleen Bond
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Vera Flores
Marti Harbour
Sharon Harris
Jane Holland
Wanda Hughs
Pam Jones
Shirley Kelliher
Billie McBride
Susan Opdahl
Sue Weissaupt

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

**Cynthia Crull & Sylvia McIntosh,
Birthday Drawing Committee**

President's Message

Dear TBQ Members,

Cancelling the December meeting and our traditional Christmas lunch was a difficult decision to make and was a disappointment to many of us, especially to the Committee who had worked so hard to prepare the event. My view is that everybody's safety is more important than anything else and this is the guideline that I followed to make the decision to cancel our meeting.



We did not have any food waste: the fresh fruit was given to Open Door, a food pantry organization helping the poor and the homeless. My apologies for waking up a good number of our members during the telephonic tree and my thanks to all who have continued the tree to ensure that everybody was notified.

As winter is ongoing and we don't know whether we'll have snow for the next meetings – follow the local news and if the schools are closed or delayed, we will not meet on that particular day.

Fabric storage.... How do you store and organize your fabrics?

The internet, magazines and studio visits show there are as many ways of storing and organizing fabrics as there are quilters. In short, to each one their own; whichever method works for you is the best way.

But from that short un-scientific research, two facts attracted my attention.

First, when you look at the pictures shown in the various media and you go: Aaawww, this is so cute and further think about imitating that type of storage, did it ever strike you that nobody, I am insisting NOBODY, could ever make a quilt with that little fabric? The storage solution proposed is hardly good enough to organize the fabrics used to make a doll quilt, just for a Barbie, not even for an American Girl.... And the second fact, which is a direct consequence of the first one, is: how do you deal with an ever-growing stash of fabric? Where do you

January Hostesses

**Cindy Phare
Shirley Pichoff
Anne Pierce
Paula Pilcher
Sally Plummer
Elaine Pohle
Joyce Raglin
Judith Ritner
Doris Robak
Lynn Rubel
Lynda Ruiz**

We encourage you to bring healthy refreshments. We look forward to working with Thumb Butte Quilters this year.

Hostesses should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to assist chairperson in setting up if needed. Bring a refreshment item such as finger food (cheese, crackers, sweet treats, fruit, etc.). Please bring your goodies on disposable trays or label your dish with your name. Beverages and paper products are provided by the Guild.

**Mirta McKay & Maxine Everaert,
Refreshment Committee**

TBQ Forms

The following forms are available on-line or at the meeting from the person noted below.

*Reimbursement Forms
(for committee members that need to be reimbursed for purchases made for the guild)
(Carol Wright, Treasurer)*

Membership Application

store and organize the latest fabrics acquired, when your box/shelf/basket of red is full to the brim, when you have concentrated all your blues and decided to "clear" a shelf by giving to the company store (of course), and the new space become overloaded by the latest incoming fabric because there was a sale somewhere?

Thirdly (bonus question), how good – or bad – are we at maintaining this wonderful fabric organization? I know I am good at returning big cuts of fabrics in their respective bins, but not so good when the remaining piece is between scrap and fat 8th size... by the way, when does a piece of fabric become a scrap? HA! Exactly my point...

I am going to keep it short this month and let you ponder on this existential question over the holiday period.

Happy New Year to you all! Looking forward to seeing you all in January!

Anne Abrams, President
email: president@tbqguild.com

President Challenge

My Quilt Challenge – My challenge is easy: try something new! If you like large quilts, make a small one. If you like dots, try stripes or flowers. Try a new technique, size, color scheme, fussy cutting, whole cloth, anything goes!!! Due February 2016.

Sharlot Hall Quilters

The Sharlot Hall Quilters were ready to take on their newest challenge. So, at the June 2014 meeting, we pulled the winning ticket for one of our members to have their quilt top hand quilted. And the winner was -- Tina McCowan! Her quilt is on the frame at Sharlot Hall and we're busy stitchin'. If you are in the area, stop by and see us. We're usually there every Thursday in the Transportation Building from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Maryann Conner, Sharlot Hall Coordinator

Upcoming Programs & Workshops

Yvonne Blicht, Program Director

Patti Taber & Suzie Davidson, Program Chairmen & Workshop Coordinators

December 2015:

Holiday Party

Unfortunately, the Christmas party planned for our December meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm.

Yvonne Blicht, Program Director



February 2016

On February 9th **Virginia Walton** will be doing a workshop on her technique for curved piecing.



No More Showers, Just Spring Flowers

January 2016

TBQ's fifth annual 5x5 - Five members share five quilts.

Maxine Everaert
Iris Lacey
Susan Joy Noyes
Susan Perry
Shirley Pichoff

Workshop News

January: No Workshop

February: **Virginia Walton.**

Program: Lecture/Trunk Show - How to Balance the Use of Color and Patterned Fabric

Workshop: *No More Showers, Just Spring Flowers.*

March: **Jill Tetreau:** Program presenting the quilts from Emma Andres.

Susan Joy and Lorraine: Workshop on making a Drunkards Path.

April: **Anelie Belden.**

Program: Dresden Plate quilts.

Workshop: Thoroughly Modern Dresden.

Carolyn Edwards, Coordinator,
Chamber of Commerce Exhibits and Community Center Quilts

Prescott Community Center

Happy New Year, quilter pals! Usually about this time of year our brains start planning the new quilts we want to get done this year! For some of you, it's a brand new quilt. In my case...it's "which UFO can I finish up?" How about "What quilts can we hang at the Adult Center this year?" As always, we'll take any and all of your ideas and suggestions! Really splashy and sparkling quilt themes would be g.r.e.a.t for our TENTH year? As the 2016 New Year rolls in on us, TBQ will start her TENTH year of hanging quilts and decking the halls at the Adult Center! Woo hoo! When the building was newly completed, their Board asked us to hang quilts in their Atrium to celebrate their Grand Opening...and the rest is history! Oh how we love to share our quilts with the community!

Here's hoping you've had a chance to stop in at 1280 Rosser Street to see the breathtaking collection of 'Christmas Quilts and Holly'! They are delightful and will make you soooo happy!! I suggest that if you are planning to stop by on a weekend, that you call first to see if they are open (778-3000). Unfortunately, I have recently heard of a quilter who has attempted to view the quilts and the Center was closed--oh no, and horrors!

As our December TBQ gathering was covered in snow, I didn't get a chance to pump you up about the next display theme. How about "**Rescued Quilts**"! We're hoping for a lot of interest. "Rescued Quilts" are those quilts found at garage sales, at thrift stores, and especially those you may have inherited from family! Let me know if you have quilts for this display. Bring them to the January meeting. We'll need to be taking down our 'Christmas Quilts and Holly' right after the January 11th meeting.

Quilt Sizes Needed:
LARGE: from 60" to 90" wide, any length. (Need SIX.)
SMALL: from 45" to 60" wide, any length. (Need FOUR.)

Chamber of Commerce Exhibit

Come and enjoy the new display of Christmas quilts at the Chamber of Commerce this month.

Quilts have been on display continuously since April of 2009, and is a shared task between TBQ and MTQG



Cynthia Crull



Lorraine Owen



Kay Wentworth



Kathy Beeson



Jackie McDonald



Mary Ogle

Friendship Groups

Do you know about friendship groups? Do you belong to a friendship group? Perhaps you're a member of two or three groups! A friendship group is formed when ladies decide to get together on a regular basis to learn, teach, share and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes a group is formed when ladies share a common interest. Our guild is fortunate to have many groups that include art quilters, longarm quilters, beaders, appliqué lovers and many more. Some groups form because ladies live in the same area and some groups form just because the quilters enjoy spending time together. Anyone can start a group at any time and there aren't any rules! Some of the best times of my life have been while I was with my friends in my friendship groups. I hope that every member in our guild has a friendship group to call her own! More information about our groups can be found on the Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild web site. I'd love to hear about other friendship groups that haven't been added to our current list. Also, please contact me if you'd like to talk to me about forming a new group. I promise that your quilting days will be even more fun!

Joyce Raglan, Friendship Group Coordinator

Company Store

January is a time for staying indoors, keeping warm and quilting! But...while you're in your sewing room being creative, how about taking some time to clean out a cupboard to make room for all the beautiful new fabric you received for Christmas and bring it to our January meeting for the Company Store!

The Company Store will be open again for the January meeting!!

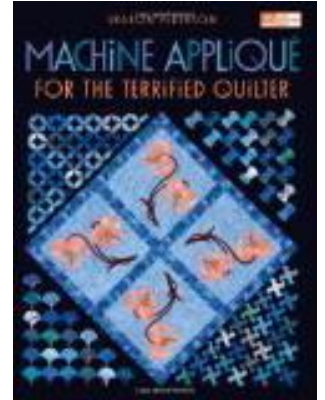
**Carol Brownlow, Pam Jones, Joan McGivern,
Carol Peters and Shirley Pichoff
Company Store Co-Chairs**

DVD Library

Our DVD of the Month is:

Machine Applique for the Terrified Quilter

This is an excellent introduction to machine applique with comprehensive advice on needles and thread (there is a useful chart). The author has developed her own individual methods, she uses invisible sticky tape, not pins, to secure her work and "rubber glue" when she works with freezer paper. She teaches two techniques, freezer paper and fusible applique, with very clear instructions and diagrams. She recommends "quilt as you go" for each block but none of the 10 projects are large as she wants the novice quilter to "have a go" to gain experience and confidence. There are many templates and the final chapter covers borders, binding and piping.



The DVD Library is missing #31: Fearless Quilting Finishes and #45: 100 Expert Quilting Tips from Fons & Porter. Please return these ASAP . . . others would enjoy watching them. Thanks.

Linda Miller, Coordinator

Ways and Means

Bags will be available at the January Meeting!

Diane Belveal, Ways and Means Chair

Mentors

Stop by the Mentors for interesting new ideas!

Susan Joy Noyes, Mentors Coordinator

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Terri Brown, Advertising

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repairs on sewing machines and sergers!!

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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 35 words or less. The deadline for the next month's blurb is the 15th of the current month.

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