

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

April 2010

Mark Your Calendar
Next Meeting – Apr. 12, '10
9:30am at Am. Luth. Church
Executive Committee Meets
Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

April Hostesses

Melodie Merino
Barbara Merkel
Geo Mickelson
Carol Miller
Sandy Mitchell
Adrienne Morrison
Karla Morrision
Julie Nanke
Alice Obrenovich
Mary Ogle
Tommie O'Sullivan
Lorraine Owen
Nyla Paulsen
Gretchen Paustian

April Birthdays **Happy Birthday!**

Gloria Bess
Ruth Clarkson
Linda Coppola
Carolyn Doyle
Rosalie Durham
Sandy Evans
Lani Fagen
Linda Hill
Lynda Kinnear
Carol Miller
Mary Ogle
Pam Peters
Sheila Smith
Susan Sweet
Gale Willcox

President's Message

April will bring us a busy month, what with the nominations for officers for next year, the Opportunity Quilt will be at Mt Top's Quilt Show, our April speaker will be Dalen Keys, author of Chase's Quilt, and Quilt Camp on April 13&14.

We will accept nomination's from the floor at our April meeting for our next board members. Be sure you have the permission from the person before you nominate her.

All 3 local guilds have some great speakers and classes open to all guilds and/or people. See information on the Misc. page.

Have a great month....See you at the meeting.

Pres-Joanne Storer

March Program

(Submitted by Bunny Troup)

Wasn't Nancy something? Personally, I found her appliquéd quilts quite breathtaking so I'm glad she made the trip over here despite the fact that we had snow. I'm told this was a bit of a treat for her, as she had never really seen snow falling before. How nice of the weather to give her a chance to experience winter. By the way, who knew TBQ members could be as intrepid as those proverbial mail carriers? Yes, despite a snowstorm warning, a number of members showed up for the meeting and the workshop . . . way to go! For those of you who couldn't make it, I'm hoping now that the calendar has moved forward yet again we won't have any more "game delays" due to weather.

I've received several notes from members saying how much they enjoyed Nancy's workshop and what fun they had. I'm always glad to have the feedback—thanks for letting me know how things went. I didn't have any doubt after having chatted with Nancy several times that it would be fun for all. She is a very warm person who was easy to deal with so I hope you will visit her in Poway when you're over in California.

April Program

submitted by Bunny Troup

April is when Dalen Keyes will introduce us to a children's book he's written about a boy and his quilt. Dalen has been very pleasant to deal with throughout our negotiations and his children's book is a beautifully illustrated story about a boy and his quilt. I hope you enjoy having him visit us. Dalen's website is: www.dalenkeys.com

Membership Musings

(submitted by Betsy Bykerk)

Most of the members have been photographed for the next directory. If you have not gotten photographed at a meeting, please stop by before the meeting or at break time and let Maryann Conner take your picture.

Company Store

(submitted by Cindy Phare)

We are low on fabric at the Company Store. Please remember to bring your donations. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure. Make someone happy by donating a 'treasure'.

Community Service

(submitted by Sandy McGarry)

I want to thank all of you for taking and making the 9 patch kits that Susan and I put together. I think it will be fun to see what we get back. Hope you have fun doing them and adding to them

Workshop News

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

May 2010 - May 2010 brings us Therese May who will teach us how to make a "Mini Quilted Portrait". I've included a photo of Therese's larger size "Quilted Portraits" quilt along with some information. The workshop we'll be doing will be a miniature quilted portrait as it's only a half-day in length. Therese advised me she will be sending a quilt sample and supply list for the class shortly. Therese's website is: www.theresemay.com.

June 2010 is the month Ruth Jensen visits us from Utah to teach dimensional foundation piecing. We're lucky to have samples for both of Ruth's classes so you'll be able to see what's in store. She'll teach a half-day class on the "Well Seasoned Wreath" Monday after the meeting and a full day class on "Animal Crackers" Tuesday. You'll find a supply list for each class in this newsletter. Here's a quote from Ruth's website: www.thimble-art.com

Vice President's Message

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

My favorite time of the year is actually fall (it's those beautiful deep jewel tone colors) but I do love the flowers and the return of the birds that spring brings to us. We have a birdhouse right outside our dining room window and every spring we get to see and hear the little ones as mom tries so hard to keep them fed and happy. We consider ourselves very lucky to be able witness the process of raising those babies each year. Every season has its celebrations to enjoy and spring is no exception with Easter and Passover being some of the earliest. I received my nickname because I was born near Easter so, as a Bunny, I always look forward to all that spring can offer us in the way of inspiration for new quilting projects. Some of you might gravitate toward those beautiful pastel colors that often are associated with spring; others might go bold and bright after a winter that lacked a lot of color (my daughter's third Easter was the year she wore bright red patent leather shoes with her navy and white outfit); a third choice could be simple one color quilts with light designs embroidered in redwork. Whatever your choice, enjoy your quilting and enjoy the lovely days we're so lucky to have here in abundance! I wish each of you a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you and your quilts at the next meeting. Remember to bring along those bluebirds you appliquéd; I can't wait to see them happily flying high!!

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

With the very fun theme of "Quilting in Circles", ten dazzling quilts were hung at the Adult Center (1280 Rosser Street, Prescott) in the past week! The quilts range from jazzy to antique!! Be sure to stop by when you are in the neighborhood! Or better yet, make a special trip with your mini-group, then go to lunch, followed by a little quilt shop-hopping!

A BIG THANK YOU! to the following quilters who have so graciously shared their *quilts with circles*: Kathy Beeson, Jennifer Eakman, Jean Ehlers, Betty Foley, Susan Gates-Harms, Alice Obrenovich, Lorraine Owen, and Judith Ritner. Your quilts are just delightful!

As I returned Mary Jane Steinhilpert's ten quilts to her, after the One-Woman-Show she has exhibited since the first of the year, her excitement and exhilaration at being able to share her quilts was reinforced. All of you are encouraged to think about hanging your very own One-Woman-Show. Wouldn't that look great on your Quilt Resume? :-) Please let me know if you are interested

Quilt sizes needed are:

Large--from 60" to 90" wide, any length. (Need SIX.)

Small--at least 45" wide, but not wider than 55", any length. (Need FOUR.)

Mentors

(submitted by Tina McCowan)

Alice will be absent this month, she will be in sunny, warm, Florida. Before her departure she left me her sample for flat corners on bindings. So I will attempt to demonstrate her technique.

Carol will be back after her successful knee replacement surgery. She looks great. Stop by the Mentor's table and check out your own "Color Confidence". Several colors will be grouped together -just like what you would select for a quilt. It will be your job to find the color in each group that doesn't belong Then we'll discuss why.

Be sure to stop by and take a peek or just to say "Hi!"

Ways & Means

(submitted by Sandie Hoffman)

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of all the Ways and Means activities.

And, special thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets for the Sharlot Hall hand quilting. We earned \$97.00.

The winning ticket was from Karla Morrison but was given to Carolyn Edwards.

Quilt Documentation

Quilt Documentation for pre-1940's quilts will be held at Sharlot Hall Museum on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 10 am -3pm. Appointments are needed. Plan on a half-hour for every 2 quilts being documented. Contact Pam Jones to make appointments. The Heritage Quilt Study Group, an instrument of Sharlot Hall Museum, will be conducting the documentation. This documentation will be for any quilts dated before 1940 and that currently reside in Yavapai County. We look forward to seeing your quilts!

Advertiser's Corner

(submitted by Julie Nanke)

TBQ Members, be sure to check out our advertisers' specials for this month 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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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.

QUILT CAMP 2010

Date: April 13 & 14, 2010

Starting Time: 8AM

Instructor: Libby Lehman

Class: Threadplay I & II - These classes will be run as separate classes.

You will not be required to attend Threadplay I in order to enroll in Threadplay II.

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel on Highway 69 (Formerly Prescott Inn & Suites)

Cost: \$75.00 per class, \$150.00 for both classes

Special Evening Class:

Slumber Bear Party

Tuesday evening from 6:30pm to 9pm

Prize to the best PJs

Making Victorian Teddy Bears

Kit: \$50.00 includes pattern and fabric

Supplies: needles, all kinds of thread, sewing machine

Instructor: Mary Wilson of Dewey

Upcoming Programs

May brings us Therese May who will teach us how to make a "Mini Quilted Portrait". The workshop we'll be doing will be a miniature quilted portrait as it's only a half-day in length. Therese advised me she will be sending a quilt sample and supply list for the class shortly. Therese's website is: www.theresemay.com.

Make a wonderful fantasy portrait quilt! Start with a very simple drawing of a face (like kindergarten) on an 8 inch square of paper. This will be repeated 16 times using a basic machine applique technique. We will be using fusible interfacing to anchor the pieces. It will be similar to putting a jig-saw puzzle together 16 times! (But we will be using fabric) Then we will use the satin stitch on the sewing machine for the applique. You can finish your quilt with buttons for the eyes, etc. This will be a workshop dealing with a specific quilt making technique which can be followed like a recipe. You will have a completed quilt top by the end of the workshop.

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I believe that every individual is capable of doing great things and a good teacher can get them there faster. Throughout each class I focus on each individual, watching for those that are too hard on themselves or too shy to ask questions. Before they leave my classroom, I want each student to feel good about what they have learned and know how to apply that knowledge in the future.

July is our annual birthday party so prepare to have fun.

August brings us Gail Garber from New Mexico. Gail's well known for her circular borders and designing with free form shapes. Her two-day class is entitled "Sensational Stars and Spectacular Circular Borders". Here's a chance to learn a technique that could lead you on a new path in quilting. Her lecture is entitled, "Liberalism in Quilting: Free-Form Art Quilts". A photo of the class project and a supply list are in this newsletter. Gail's website is: www.gailgarberdesigns.com.

September is when Rami Kim visits us. Rami is a DNA scientist turned fabric artist, quilter and instructor who is known both nationally and internationally. Her lecture is entitled "Two by Two" showcasing her wearable art and matching quilts, handbags or dolls. Her workshop will be on "Folded Fabric Elegance" from her book of the same name. I've asked Rami for a supply list so I can provide it to you and I hope to receive it shortly. Rami's website is: www.ramikim.com.

October - October will be the month that Rachel Clark drops by. Rachel comes from a long line of sewers and has been doing wearable art since 1973. She says her garments can be "whimsical, political or practical but they always reflect her love of traditional quilting." Rachel's lecture is a fashion show entitled, "Anatomy of a Garment". She'll need 6-8 models sizes 6-16 and so think about helping out—it should be fun. Her workshop is a technique class where you will learn fast piecing, appliqué, fake bound buttonholes, piping and "anything else that pops into Rachel's head". Rachel's website is: www.rdkc.com

November - November we have a visitor from Illinois. Mickey Depre award winning quilter who posts a warning stating all workshop attendees must come prepared to laugh, share, learn and above all enjoy! Her quilts have been described as whirlwinds of color. Dots, swirls and stripes intermingle with florals and prints in an outlandish yet exciting visual parade. Well, this sounds like something that will perk up those chilly fall days! She sounds very interesting and I'm excited to see her work. Mickey's website is: www.mdquilts.com

December - Christmas Party!

Beyond 2010:

April 2011 - Susan Cleveland www.piecesbewithyou.com

May 2011 - Cindy Brick of Brickworks www.cindybrick.com

Sometime in 2012 - Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville www.quiltville.com

Miscellaneous News

Mountain Top Quilters Workshops - Submitted by Susan Perry

Kim Diehl will be giving her trunk show lecture to Mountain Top Quilter's April 19th; all are welcome to attend.

There are openings in both her classes which focus on Kim's machine appliqué technique.

Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm she will be teaching her Meadow Blossoms Mini Quilt and Mug Mat class for a cost of \$18.00 (see Kim's website <http://www.kimdiehl.com/>). Tuesday from 9:00 to 4:00 pm Kim will be teaching Bittersweet Briar (traditional cotton- not the wool version) for a cost of \$33.00.

If you are interested in taking either class please contact Susan Perry.

Lonesome Valley Workshops - Submitted by Jan Donovan

Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild has some fabulous speakers/workshop coming up and they wanted to inform your Thumb Butte members so they have an opportunity to be included.

April 5, 2010

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis is our speaker, Lecture and trunk show - Hopi Quilters FREE - 6:30 social; 7:00 speaker Mountain Valley Church of God, 8163 E. Manley Drive, (Hwy. 69; 2 miles N. on Robert Road to Manley) Prescott Valley, AZ Info: Jan Smith, 928/493-2461

May 3, 2010

Linda Visnaw is our speaker - Lecture and trunk show - quilts enhanced with Tsukineko (sue-key-neck-o) Inks - FREE 6:30 social; 7:00 speaker Mountain Valley Church of God, 8163 E. Manley Drive, (Hwy. 69; 2 miles N. on Robert Road to Manley) Prescott Valley, AZ

May 4, 2010

Workshop by Linda Visnaw (Color Your World with Tsukineko Inks) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Sewing, 8532 E. Hwy 69, Prescott Valley, AZ - Morning: "Coloring Inside & Outside the Lines" - Afternoon: "Learn to Thread Sketch" Fee: \$25 plus \$10 kit fee (includes PFD, prepared-for-dyeing fabric, batting, color handouts, patterns for the day's project, name tags, color reference tool, use of inks and markers) ---You do not have to be an "artist" to take this class--- Info: Jan Smith 928/493-2461

A BIG THANK YOU TO KARLA MORRISTON! And a little history about TBQ Sharlot Hall Quilters...(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

At TBQ on Monday, March 8th, the winning ticket for the Hand Quilting Raffle was to be drawn. I tried to 'stuff the ballot box' by buying 72 tickets. I really really wanted to win!! Unfortunately, it only takes ONE ticket to win. The winning ticket belonged to "Karla Morriston"!! Fortunately, I had made my wish known to every mini-group I'm in (nine!). And dear, dear Karla gave the winning ticket to me! Woo hoo! Thank you! Thank you, Karla!!!!!! I am soooooo appreciative!! You have become part of this quilt's story!!

The quilt that will next be loaded onto the hand quilting frame at Sharlot Hall will be a quilt top made by Nyla Paulsen's Great Aunt Eldora Freeman Milburn in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the 1890's. I was able to buy this quilt top from Nyla when she had her Quilter's Boutique sale after the January TBQ meeting! After that, I was so excited with my purchase that I drug the quilt to all my mini-groups for 'bring and brag'! And now...that quilt will be hand quilted NEXT! I am soooo excited! The Sharlot Hall Quilters are sooo excited!! I have a book called "Quilting Designs from the Past -- 300+ Designs from 1810--1940", by Jenny Carr Kinney. I've marked the 1890's quilt designs onto this quilt. In keeping with the period, the back will be muslin, and the quilting thread will be black. Come to Sharlot Hall any Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and Noon, and you can witness the TBQ Sharlot Hall Quilters in action!

I want to give you a little history on the TBQ Sharlot Hall Quilters. A couple of them have been hand quilting at Sharlot Hall longer than TBQ has been in existence--that's more than 15 years! Originally, the Sharlot Hall Quilters' assignment was to hand quilt the Opportunity Quilts for TBQ. After five or six Opportunity Quilts, the quilters realized that the time constraint on that effort was too much to deal with. In 2007, the Sharlot Hall Quilters began raffling off a 'hand quilting'. \$1.00 for one ticket, or \$5.00 for six tickets, and the Sharlot Hall Quilters would hand quilt your quilt top! All you had to do was mark the quilt top and hand baste the quilt sandwich!

Here are the quilts that have been hand quilted to date:

2006 - Judy Eppler's Antique Blue and White Cross-Stitch quilt.

2007 - Maryann Conner's Red/White/Blue Embroidered Alphabet quilt for a Grandchild.

2008 - Joanne Van Liere's Dresden Plate.

2009 - Carol Stewart's antique yellow and green applique quilt.

2009 - Susie Martin won the hand quilting raffle, but her quilt was too big for the quilt frame at Sharlot Hall. Susie gave the winning ticket to Chris Anders. Chris' quilt was pieced in a TBQ Stars quilt class taught by Sharyn Craig, and will soon be finished. Expect to see the finished quilt at April's TBQ meeting! Woo hoo!

All hand quilters are invited to be a part of the Sharlot Hall Quilters. Come for one Thursday two-hour session a month, or come for every single one! It's a great way to contribute to the activities of the community. If you quilt at Sharlot Hall, you can share a part of history with the Visitors to Sharlot Hall. It is so much fun to hear their quilt related stories...and those visitors come from around the world! Everyone is learning a little! Won't you join us? Call Arlene Comon if you have questions.