

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

April 2011

President's Message

Next TBQ Meeting-
Monday, April 11, 2011
9:30am at American Lutheran
Church
Executive Committee Meeting-
March 7th, 2011 at Kathleen Bond's
house
9:30am

Birthdays

March

Gloria Bess
Ruth Clarkson
Linda Coppola
Carolyn Doyle
Rosalie Durham
Sandy Evans
Lani Fagan
Linda Hill
Lynda Kinnear
Carol Miller
Pam Peters
Brenda Scott
Sheila Smith
Susan Sweet

Kathy Barrett
Birthday Drawing Committee

Hostesses

Sharon Melpolder
Melodie Merino
Barbara Merkel
Geo Mickelson
Carol Miller
Sandy Mitchell
Adrienne Morrison
Karla Morrison
Sherry Mundt
Alice Obrenovich
Tommie O'Sullivan
Lorraine Owen
Nyla Paulsen

Karla Morrison
Refreshments Committee



Hello Thumb Butte Quilters!

Before I write this message, I have to pause and send prayers to the people of Japan. As we listen to the news for updates, as we hear the stories of loss and as we watch the videos of unimaginable destruction, I am at a loss for words. My heart aches for everyone affected and my prayers go out to the entire country.

I recently quilted the words "every day something good happens" into a quilt and I am reminded that every day is a blessing. Every day is a special day.

Spring is a particularly special time of year because of all of the color bursting out all over. Color is the inspiration for a lot of quilts, not to mention the endless fascination we have with triangles and squares.

What colors go together? I think the answer is in nature and the earth is one big scrap quilt.

At last, I understand the mystery of why the colors in our scrap quilts miraculously work together. No matter how you arrange them, they shift and change just as the colors in nature do. Struggling to sort and identify individual subtleties in fabrics is futile. It's better to stop fussing and sew your scraps together confidently. They will blend just as the bolts of fabric do on the shelves in a fabric store. Yes, some combinations are better than others: but, "colors are compatible"... just let the miracle happen.

Until our seams cross again...

Kathleen

P.S. "triblets" are the tiny triangle corners cut off the half-square triangle seams.

March Program



Even if you are not an owner of a treadle or featherweight machine you surely found Wilma Hitterman's lecture packed full of information on these grand old machines. She shared with us so much history and could have shared more. She encouraged us not to be timid about cleaning and oiling, "get out the 409 and clean your machines and if there is a hole put oil in it". By a show of hands we see there are a good number of members that have either one or both types of these jewels I'm thinking we might need another friendship group.

Thanks Wilma were glad we found you!

Carolyn Edwards

April Program

Susan Cleveland 's enthusiasm for quilting is said to be contagious! Students enjoy her upbeat attitude, well-written instructions, and one-on-one attention included in every workshop. Her quilts have been shown in international-level competitions since 1997 and have received many awards. Judges comment on her fine workmanship and appreciate her original style. She bases her designs on traditional patterns then adds specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques. Susan is inventor of the Groovin' Piping Trimming Tool which is used to trim piping seam allowances and inventor of the Prairie Pointer pressing tool. She is proud to have been named 2010 Minnesota Quilter of the Year!



B. Johnson
Vice President

Workshop News

Lots of classes are coming your way so check the list below to see what you'd like to learn. I know the economy hasn't helped so you may need to be more choosy but perhaps that one class you attend will fill you with ideas for some time to come.

April 2011 - Susan Cleveland will be doing a 1/2 day workshop on Monday:
Bold Needle Threads

Impact with big decorative threads stitched through the needle can be easily achieved! Learn how to adjust your machine, choose needles, and select stitch patterns to get stunning results with these threads. After class you'll have the ability to decorate fabric and quilt quilts with a new array of beautiful threads. At home students may create bookmarks with their decorated strips. Kits of fabric, stabilizer, fusible and threads may be purchased in class for \$18.





And a full day class on Tuesday:

Piping Hot Binding

Piped bindings add spark and a professional finish to any style piece. Every detail of binding and tiny, perfect piping will be covered in class with step-by-step demos and printed instructions. Machine differences will be addressed so students will be successful with their own machines. Students work on their practice piece to achieve making perfect piping, preparing the quilt, applying binding, mitering corners, joining tails, and finishing for a show-quality back. Variations will be on display and discussed. Many major award-winners are using this technique to achieve stunning results!

May 2011 - Cindy Brick will be doing a one and a half day workshop called:

Color, Fabric & Embellishments for Crazyies

Give your Crazy quilts that professional look with the tricks and tips you'll pick up from this learn-as-you work class, from the right fabrics and colors to adding that final touch of embroidery or beading. We'll explore both modern quick-pieced and traditional methods, and examine a variety of modern and vintage Crazyies. You'll take home a pillow or mini-wall quilt as a memory of the class! Full day session.

(half-day sessions available for Color, Fabrics, or Embellishments. Includes general crazy quilting techniques)



B. Johnson
Workshop Coordinator

Opportunity Quilt



Jeri Teisl
Coordinator

DVD Library

As you may know plans are in work for TBQ's very own Quilting DVD library. The goal is to have DVD's ready for member check out in January. What DVD's are you interested in? Do you have particular titles to recommend or subjects? Do you have any you'd like to donate? Perhaps you'd like to donate the cost of a DVD and have a special recognition label placed on a DVD of choice. We want to hear from YOU! Please contact Catherine Ericson, Jane Hofbauer or Susan Perry with your ideas.

Thank you

Susan Perry
Coordinator

Membership Musings

Would the TBQ membership please welcome our newest member Adriana Shell. Adriana is a quilter and also enjoys a variety of fabric arts. We now have a membership of 147.

Betsy Bykerk
Membership Committee

Company Store

Don't forget to pick up your Mary Ellen Best Press at the Company Store.

We have a great selection of fabrics this month, so shop early.

Carol Peters
Company Store Chairman

Community Service

We have now donated 70 pillowcases to the troops! This is the note I include with each pillowcase:

Greetings!

My Thumb Butte Quilt Guild in Prescott, Arizona has been privileged to make this pillowcase to thank you for your service to our great country. May your sleep be more peaceful as you rest your head.

Thinking of you,
Carol Perry

Carol Perry
Community Service Committee

Friendship Groups

There have been new updates to the Friendship Groups.

Jean Ehlers
Friendship Groups Coordinator

Ways and Means

Stop by and see me! I have quilt show pins \$5.00 each. Also, the Quilt Show tee shirts will be available at our next meeting. The cost will be \$11.00 each.

Thann Tolman
Ways and Means

Newcomer News

Our Newcomers' Luncheon will be held on Monday, April 4, at Noon at the Bonn-Fire Restaurant in Chino Valley, approximately 5 miles north of the airport. It's a great opportunity to meet other members of Thumb Butte and get answers to any questions you may have. Please send me an email or give me a call if you plan to attend so I can call in the number to the restaurant.

Maryann Conner
Coordinator

Mentors

This month Kay Wentworth will be featured at the Mentor's table. She will be demonstrating a "fresh idea" technique.

Carol Miller
Mentors

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

Here's hoping you had a chance to view the display of "There's No Place Like Home" quilts at the Adult Center. It was one of the best collections yet. The Adult Center Staff said they really enjoyed it, too! Thanks again to Chris Anders, Kathy Beeson, Joan Carrell, Colleen Harlow, Tina McCowan, Barbara Merkel, Lorraine Owen, and Eve Pelletier for sharing these wonderful quilts!!!

So what goes up next is a One-Woman-Quilt-Show by our number one woman--Kathleen Bond! Be sure to stop in at 1280 Rosser in Prescott to see the quilts Kathleen has to share with us. We've seen several of her quilts off and on through the last six years since she's been in Prescott, but won't it be fun to see ten of them all together!

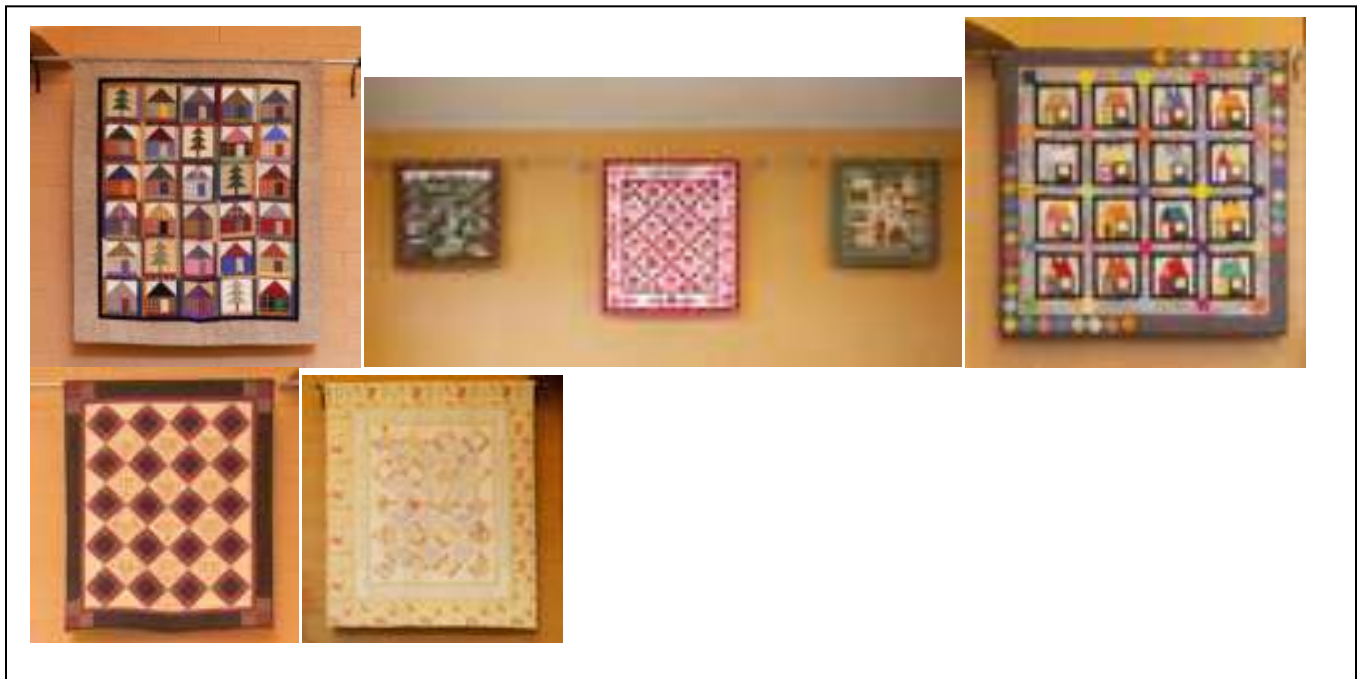
NEXT, I need you to be thinking about patriotic or red, white, and blue quilts you can share at the Adult Center during the second half of our summer. Let me know if you have one, and if you don't have one, you even have enough time to get one stitched up! Besides baby quilts, is there any happier quilt than a red, white and blue one??

Quilt Sizes Needed:

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

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

Carolyn Edwards
Community Center Quilt Coordinator



Quilt Show 2011

Quilt Show News

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards, Quilt Show Reporter)

Quilt Show Dates: Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 2011

Quilt Show Set-Up Date: Thursday, June 2

Quilt Show Location: Prescott High School, 1050 N. Ruth Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

Quilt Show Theme: "Prescott Loves Quilting!"

Two more months, and then it's Show Time! How are you doing on your "Quilt Show High-Five Promise"? Rest assured that we're all scrambling to get our Quilt Show Entries finished. (Remember, please show your stuff with a MINIMUM of TWO quilt entries.) Quilt entry forms can be found on this website. You'll need to attach a picture of your quilt. (TBQ Photographer Shirlee Smith can help you with a photo if necessary.) Please plan to enter a few of your earlier quilts in the Vignettes? (Vignette quilts may have been hung in area Quilt Shows prior to this year's Show. The only job a Vignette quilt has is to look stunning within the theme of a Vignette.) NOTE: For Vignette quilts, you may omit filling in the "Short Description" section of the Quilt Entry Form. Also, Vignette quilts don't necessarily require a sleeve, as they may be draped or folded within the Vignette display, and may not be displayed in full. **COMPLETED QUILT ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE TO KATHLEEN BOND BY MAY 1st.**

Email 30 friends about the Quilt Show. This is e-a-s-y!!! "Copy and paste" the top 4 lines of this "Quilt Show News", add a note that you'll see them at the Show, and you're done! OR, get 30 TBQ Quilt Show bookmarks from Sandy Holderness and pass them out to your Sundry School group, your book club, or your sorority sisters. Do either of these options, or half and half, and you can check this off your Quilt Show High Five Promise list!

Has your mini-group planned a workday to create your self portraits yet? Hopefully, you all have picked up your 12.5" x 12.5" square of muslin from Shirley Pichoff. If not, you still have time. These self portraits are to be signed, should kinda look like you, and do not have to be quilted. Have fun with it! Didn't you love Sandy McGarry's playful self portrait!! Woo hoo! Turn in your "YOU" muslin square to Shirley Pichoff soon, if not sooner! A TBQ Wall of Fame will be created with these blocks and we have hopes of this Wall of Fame being a recurring display at all our future Quilt Shows.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the April meeting. WE WANT YOU to sign-up to volunteer!! Our Quilt Show is the big two-day quilting party that we treat ourselves to every other year. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of FUN, too!!! Plan to spend as much time volunteering at the Show as you possibly can! You are entitled to free admission to the Quilt Show on the day that you volunteer...so why not volunteer both days!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Quilt Show Steering Committee:

Kathleen Bond - Hanging
Betsy Bykerk - Hostesses
Carolyn Edwards - Vignettes
Darlene Gatewood - Admissions
Sandie Hoffman - Marketplace
Sandy Holderness - Publicity

Karla Morrison - Quilt Check-In
Lynn Rubel - Vendors
Thann Tolman - Ways & Means

Here are some other Quilt Show Chrs that you need to know about:

Quilt Show Treasurer: Fran Chadwick

Quilt Labels: Maryann Conner

Opportunity Baskets: Sandy Evans

Self Portraits/Wall of Fame: Shirley Pichoff

Quilt Show Photographer: Shirlee Smith

Awards and Ribbons: Mary Jane Steinhilpert

Cafe: Nancy Stewart and Friends

Vignette Designers: Roni Barron (Prescott loves Holidays), Catherine Ericson (Prescott loves The Old West), Eve Pelletier (Prescott Loves The Arts), Joanne Storer (Prescott love Gardens), Lorraine Owen (Prescott loves The Great Outdoors), mini-group Appliquettes (Prescott loves Home and Family), and mini-group Featherweights (Prescott loves Antiques).

Susan Smith - Quilt Show Chair

Bunny Troup - Quilt Show Co-Chair & Administration

Marketplace

Creative Threads mini-group would like to thank you for all your contributions to the Marketplace to date. The plain bags that were donated last month have been decorated and look fabulous! If you took some muslin blocks to sew strips to, please bring those back too. We will have more to handout. Colors: black and white, fall, blue and yellow or patriotic. All donations go in the "ugly bucket" and we will place it near the stage.

Thank you for all your efforts!

Vignettes

Completed Quilt Entry forms (with pictures) are due to Kathleen Bond by May 1st. Quilts hung in the Vignettes must go through the same check-in and check-out process as new quilts. However...for quilts in Vignettes, you do not need to fill in the 'Short Description' section on the form. But do include a picture (for security purposes!). Quilts in Vignettes will only be listed by quiltmaker/owner name and name of quilt.

While you all are looking at every quilt in your house to see if it fits into one of the seven Vignette themes (Prescott love Holidays, The Old West, The Arts, Antiques, Gardens, Home and Family, The Great Outdoors), please think about whether you may have 'site decor' that would especially fit into a Vignette theme. If so, please call the Vignette Designer (see Quilt Show News in this month's newsletter, or call Carolyn Edwards). Wow! Would that really help us all out!

Library Exhibit

The 17 quilts in the display case in the Library are there for the month of March only. Their main purpose for being there is to advertise TBQ's Quilt Show. There is an advertising poster on a music stand inside the display case, and there are TBQ Quilt Show bookmarks available at the Library main desk. The quilts belong to Susan Smith and Carolyn Edwards.



Sharlot Hall Quilters

TBQ's Sharlot Hall Quilters loaded a new quilt into the hand quilting frame at Sharlot Hall on September 30th, and the quilting has begun!



The latest drawing for a 'hand quilting' took place at TBQ's September 13th meeting...and the winning ticket was held by Carolyn Edwards. Oh no! Can you believe that?! After all those tickets I bought for the March 8th hand quilting drawing and Karla Morrison held the winning ticket! Last time, I really wanted to win. This time, I just bought a few tickets to add some money to the 'income' pot! Well...what goes around, comes around! So, this time, I gave my winning ticket to Karla Morrison!

After much scrambling, Karla was able to get her quilt marked and basted on a timely basis! She was able to keep the Sharlot Hall quilters in business, and on 'living history' display, in record time! New rules are being formulated and will be distributed before the next hand quilting drawing takes place...but we have some time now until that happens!

Karla's magnificent quilt top is a new one--a Ricky Tims pattern: "Rhapsody Reverie"--all hand appliqued. And now to be hand quilted! What a happy ending that will be! Stop by the Transportation building at Sharlot Hall Museum any Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and Noon. Check it out and/or add a few stitches! Karla is a fairly new appliquer, and look at this beauty she has created! She even added her hand quilting to her quilt on the day we loaded it into the hand quilting frame--her first time hand quilting in a big floor frame! Woo hoo! Hand quilting is alive and well!



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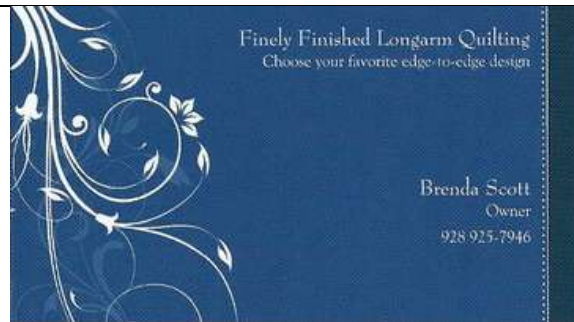
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