

Threadlines



THUMB BUTTE QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.



Next TBQ Meeting: Monday, Dec. 10, 2012
9:30am at American
Evangelical Church

Birthdays

December

Marilyn Anderson
Dolores Dickerson
Catherine Ericson
Darlene Gatewood
Iris Lacey
Sylvia McIntosh
Karla Morrison
Brenda Norris
Tommie O'Sullivan
Carol Wright

December birthdays should bring their gift to the January meeting.

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 some-thing that you would really like to receive yourself. If you missed your birthday month, you can bring your gift at a later meeting.

Susan Perry
Birthday Drawing Comm.

President's Message

Sometimes it's really difficult for me to come to the realization that I can't get everything done that I want to. This week I tried to go to my sewing room and work on the almost-completed quilt I started in Lenore Crawford's workshop last week--only to find myself convinced that it might be wiser to clean the house and start doing everything I can to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner for the family. But that little voice in my head kept saying, "If I can get the pies in the oven by noon, I'll have another hour I can use while they are baking to get the stems on those flowers."



Every now and then we really do have to put quilting on the back burner. This is such a wonderful season of the year when we get to spend precious time with family and friends. Enjoy every moment you can with those you love...and as soon as they leave, you can start working on all the quilts you need to finish before you see them at Christmas!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Maryann

P.S. You know you're a quilter if you have to convert the bed in the guest bedroom, which you've been using as a sorting table for fabrics pulled from your "stash" for the next project, back into a bed so your grandchild can stay over for the night without sleeping on the couch. Of course, they could sleep on the couch, but you'd have to move some of the quilts, including the current project, off of it first!

December Program



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

No Hostesses this Month
No Community Service Projects
No Company Store
No Newcomer News
No Mentors Table

By Sally Plummer & the Christmas Party Group

Our annual Holiday Luncheon will be at our regular meeting time on December 10. We will have our regular business meeting, followed by a special Show and Tell. We have selected five seasonal songs and if you have a quilt or quilts that depict the theme of any or all of these songs, please bring them and be in our Show and tell.

The songs are: **Oh Christmas Tree, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, Jingle Bells and Let It Snow.**

Following the Show and Tell we will be entertained by Classical Sounds, a wonderful choral group. After the musical interlude, we will enjoy the luncheon. Please bring a can of food or a non-perishable food item for the Community Pantry. Fun, music, prizes, beautiful quilts, and food—what else could one want?

Please join us on December 10th.

By Sandy Holderness, Program Chairman

In December, we will have a short meeting. December is the month we enjoy our Christmas Party, which is a thank you to all the members of our guild who work so hard all year long. I want to thank in advance Sally Plummer and Lynda Kinnear for chairing this event. Please let these ladies know how much you appreciate them for their planning and work, so that we may have a joyful event. Also, thank you to all the women who volunteered to arrive early and help set-up. Remember ladies, these things do not happen without your help, so I appreciate all the willingness of our members.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season this year.

Happy Quilting,
Sandy

Quilt Show 2013

By Carolyn Edwards, Opportunity Quilt Chairman

It's that time again! We are preparing for our 2013 Quilt Show and committees are forming. Most of the committee chairs are filled and they are getting to work!

Get Your Quilt Show Pins NOW before they're Gone!

Did you see 'em? Did you get one? Hurry, hurry, hurry! The Quilt Show pins arrived at our November meeting! They picture the center of our Opportunity Quilt, and they're beautiful! They cost \$5.00 each. Our original order was for 100 pins, and it was the decision of the Quilt Show Committee that will be our only order. We sold 26 pins at the November meeting. They would make delightful little Christmas presents for your quilting friends! Plan to get all you need at the December Christmas party! I will be traveling and will miss the party, but Barbara Merkel has agreed to sell Quilt Show pins! Please be nice to Barbara and have the correct change for the number of pins you want!

Workshop News

By Sandy Holderness, Workshop Coordinator



November Program

In November we enjoyed a lecture on *Fabric Fusing and Painting* by Art Quilter Lenore Crawford. Lenore is internationally known. What a delight she was. I took her workshops along with 14 other members. We had a great time, and Lenore shared many beautiful photos with us. I love the European look of many of her pieces. There is a definite French influence in her work, which is not surprising since she travels to her family's home there at least once a year. Since I am the Program Chairman, I got to spend one-on-one time with Lenore, and I will say that I feel like I have made a new friend. This is one of the great perks of being the Program Chairman! I can't wait until January, when I get to befriend Bonnie Hunter, and you know I will!!

January Program

Our next workshop will be January 2013. Bonnie Hunter will be with us and will be teaching two classes. They are Sister's Choice and Playing with Jacks.



Sharlot Hall Quilters

Submitted by Carolyn Edwards



We're having an 'old-time quilting bee' on Thursday mornings at Sharlot Hall Museum! A delightful antique Dresden Plate in greens on muslin has been loaded into the quilt frame and quilting has begun. The winning ticket was passed to Phoebe Ritter, needles are dancing along her marked lines...and the happy quilters are smiling! Magic happens around that quilt frame. Just as in times gone by...it's always a joy to spend time with friends and stitch around the quilt frame! The quilt top belongs to Phoebe's grandson, Cameron Shaw. His Great-Grandmother pieced the quilt top ages ago, and now the TBQ Sharlot Hall Quilters will bring it to life. Come to see the quilters quilt! Bring your needle and thimble to add a few of your own stitches. The more the merrier! Call Maryann Conner if you have questions.

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

By Carolyn Edwards, Community Center Quilt Coordinator

Happy Holidays, quilter friends!! Our Christmas display is up at the Adult Center: "Christmas, Christmas Houses, and Stars". It's worth the trip over to 1280 Rosser Street to get your 'holiday highs'!! It's a lovely and fun display!! There are 4 quilts shared by the Young and the Restless mini-group when they had a Christmas houses block swap! Marti Harbour displays a fabulous (and huge!) Christmas block sampler that her group back in Wyoming did. And then we rounded up four star quilts that make you think about the wonder of the Bethlehem Star!

If you have family in town over the Holidays, be sure to swing by the Adult Center. You will love it! They will love it! Quilts always bring out a discussion about family quilts and quilting bees.

OK...so here's what we're looking for in the New Year (can you believe it!): How about a "Sampling of Quilt Samplers"! Many of us made sampler quilts as our 'first quilt'. Let's dig them out and put them on display. And hey! Those Dear Jane quilts are 'samplers'! Can I hang them?! I know there are lots of 'sampler quilts' out there. Let me hear about yours!!

Quilt sizes needed:

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

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

Friendship Groups

Submitted by: Kathy Beeson, Friendship Group Coordinator

New Group Being Formed: Susan Sweet, Shirley Kelliher and Jackie McDonald are wanting to start a new Friendship Group. It will be an Art Quilt/Applique Group. They would like it to have very little structure and just let the members' creative juices flow. If you are interested in this group, please see Susan, Shirley or Jackie at the next meeting.

In October, I visited the Roadhouse Quilters Mini Group. These are some busy ladies and always have fun no matter what they're doing. I asked them what their monthly meetings were all about and they all said 'Have fun, sit, talk, laugh, eat and, sometimes quilt!'. And I have to say, that's exactly what they did!

This quilt group has been around since 2005. It started as an offshoot of the Newcomers Group and they have been together ever since. They have added and lost a few members, but most of them are originals. The name 'Roadhouse Quilters' came about at their first meeting. They were having so much fun laughing and talking, that when Linda Moran received a phone call from a friend who heard all the commotion in the background, she asked if Linda was at a roadhouse somewhere! They also have another explanation for the name - **The road to a quilter's house is never long.** So true....

The members of this group are: Carolyn Edwards, Chris Anders, Barb Merkel, Maryann Conner, Kay Harlan, Linda Moran, Sandy Holderness and Joan Carrell. Three of them have birthdays in August, three in October, one in February and one in September. So, during these four month's meetings, they all don tiaras. Because I was there in October, I got to wear one, too! How fun!

At each meeting, which is the third Wednesday of the month, they have show and tell and then most of them work on a hand sewing project. They each bring their own lunch and the host serves dessert. Being a group of 8 members already, they feel that it is just the right size to meet in each other's homes and are going to keep the group size at 8 for now.

They have done several group projects, such as round robins, block exchanges and they have created blocks to be 'raffled' to one of their own members. They all do piecing and appliqué and showed me some of their beautiful group creations.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with this group of ladies who were a room full of smiles. Thanks, Roadhouse, for letting me come visit!

In November, I went to visit the Designing Women Friendship group. They asked me to come this particular month because they were having an unveiling of their latest challenge. Every year they have 2 challenges for their members. This year the challenges were "Grand Entrances" and "Brown Bag". I believe the Grand Entrances challenge's subject was left up to the interpretation of the maker. The Brown Bag challenge's rules were that every member that wished to participate brought a piece of fabric in a brown bag (1/2 yard) and the receiver had to use the fabric to make an item. The item could be a quilt or a bag or whatever. This was the unveiling I was privileged to see. What a fun, creative group of ladies!

Designing Women was started in 1997 as a clothing group. They had at least one challenge each year in which all members participated and created many wonderful items as seen in our [TBQ quilt shows](#) over the years. About 5 years ago the ladies decided they had made enough clothing and decided to branch out into other areas. They now make quilts, bags, clothing or anything that strikes their fancy!

This group started out with their own mission statement and they have always taken minutes of each meeting and photographs of all show and tell items. They meet in each other's homes and the hostess offers a dessert item and is asked to do some sort of demonstration during the meeting. The meeting I attended was at Kay Wentworth's house and she did a demonstration on how to put lights on a quilt.

I asked them what the thing they did as a group was the most fun. They all had the same answer – their Spring Fling! Once a year they have a get-together with the spouses and they meet at Betty Foley's home where they get to wear their beautiful creations.

They also have a Christmas party every year. They meet at Gale Willcox's house which she decorates beautifully for the holidays. They play games and do a gift exchange.

They have been invited twice to present their garments, quilts and other projects at the Prescott Library in their showcase. I've seen this exhibit and it is always stunning. There are pictures on the Archive page so make sure you take a look!

The group is closed because they have 10 members and think that's a good size to fit in a living room. They have had other members over the years but the core group remains. They are: Gale Willcox, Kay Wentworth, Kathie Rieder, Thann Tolman, Judith Ritner, Pat Armstrong, Candace Tomlinson, Sandy Evans, Carol Miller and Betty Foley. Thank you, Designing Women, for letting me come visit your group.

Opportunity Quilt 2012-2013

Submitted by Carolyn Edwards, Opportunity Quilt Marketer

Big, big THANK YOU's to the worker-bees who made the trek to the Arizona State Fairgrounds to sell tickets at the Rusty Barn Promotions' Holiday Quilt, Craft & Sew Festival (November 8, 9, 10). Worker-bees were Maryann Conner, Mary Andra Holmes, Barbara Merkel, Karla Morrison, Lorraine Owen and Earlene Springs. Besides bringing in \$703 in ticket sales (woo hoo!), we had a ball talking to all the people! It was soooooo fun to watch the people, first notice the quilt, and then as they quickly had to come closer to see it! It was like a magnet! They couldn't stay away from it! There were a couple of times when the crowd was standing in line around our table with their dollars in hands, just waiting to buy tickets! Thanks again to the wonderful design team (Designing Women) who were the creators of our "Magical Midnight Garden"! We gave you credit every chance we got! It is truly a masterpiece!



MAGICAL MIDNIGHT GARDEN

And...the NEXT Opportunity Quilt ticket sales gig will be the "Last-Minute Non-Profit Stocking-Stuffer Bazaar" on Saturday, December 15th, at the Prescott Activity Center, a.k.a. "The Old Armory" at 824 E. Gurley, in Prescott. I already have all the worker-bee time slots filled in, thanks to quilter-members who signed up at the November TBQ meeting. THANK YOU! I will be sure you get reminders of your work stints. For those of you who didn't get signed up this time, please plan to support the Last-Minute Non-Profit Stocking-Stuffer Bazaar! It is one of those quirky small town events that only happen in Prescott! There will be 50 non-profits on hand, offering everything you didn't know you needed, but goodies that will be great stocking stuffers! It's festive and fun! Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Mark your calendars, and come by to see us!

And while we're talking about stocking stuffers, how about slipping an Opportunity Quilt Ticket into Christmas Cards addressed to those special family members and friends! You can pick up single tickets as well as ticket six-packs at the December 10th TBQ meeting/party. I'll be traveling, but Barbara Merkel has agreed to have tickets available. Find her!

Chamber of Commerce Exhibit

It's Fall, Y'All, at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center



Made by Sandy Mitchell, owned by Carolyn Edwards



Hazel Karetov and Joan Carrell

Community Service

By: Kathleen Bond, Community Services Committee

I delivered several Sensory Quilts to John Proffer, The Activity Director, at The Margaret T. Morris Center and he was very grateful. It was like an early Christmas gift for me; so, thank all of you for making those little quilts. I'm sending a virtual hug to all of you.

I will bring my big tub to the Christmas lunch to collect the things you have finished.

Party on! and Merry Christmas!

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Catherine Ericson
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