

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

February 2010

Mark Your Calendar

Next Meeting – Feb. 8, '10
9:30am at Am. Luth. Church
Executive Committee Meets
Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

December Hostesses

Diane Grayson
Marti Harbour
Kay Harlan
Colleen Harlow
Kathy Harrison
Leigh Hay-Martin
Jane Hofbauer
Sandie Hoffman
Sandy Holderness
Jane Holland
Mary Andra Holmes
Barb Hyslip
Velma Jamison
B. Johnson

December Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Jennifer Bossom
Beverly Bowe
Carol Brownlow
Maryann Conner
Julianne Dodds
Betty Foley
Juliette Kellerhals
Gretchen Paustian
Ruth Peterson
Kathie Rieder
Mary Scherer
Lynda Thompson

President's Message

February brings thoughts of hearts like in valentines, flowers and candy!! Nowadays, you can purchase fabric to include all three and the chocolates look yummy, too! Of course, all three are appreciated by quilters where ever they happen to be. Then there's arrows and cupids too... Reality comes in to remind us that we have exciting projects as quilters to work on, classes to take....quilt camp to plan for....debut of TBQ's Opportunity Quilt at Mt. Top's Quilt Show in April, the announcement of a ballot of new officers to vote on in May. If any of you are interested in filling an office for next year, please give me a heads up so I can pass it on to the members of the nominating committee. Looks like we're all going to be busy...but fun busy.

I am looking forward to meeting our guests that are coming up, viewing the many Show & Tell quilts, etc.,.. it's going to be an exciting Spring. Remember to be picture perfect ready at our meetings as Maryann Conner will be taking photos to be used in our next directory.

See you at our Feb 8th meeting. Happy Quilting, Embellishing, & Creating.

Joanne Storer- President

January Program

(Submitted by Bunny Troup)

I hope you all enjoyed our speaker last month. It was a pleasure to meet Gail and get to know her a little better after chatting on the phone several times. I am a huge history fan so I always enjoy hearing about the people and practices of the past. Hopefully, you learned a few things to add to your base of knowledge; my mother always used to say that knowledge didn't weigh anything so it's easy to carry around. Of course, we had some of the P.I.G. challengers to share their progress with us, too.

February Program

submitted by Bunny Troup

I am looking forward to having Heidi Pridemore here in February, as she's always full of energy and enthusiasm. Her half-day workshop will be a bit different for most of us as there probably won't be any sewing involved. It's really a lesson in color and its impact on projects. I've included Heidi's write-up from her website so you can get a feel for what to expect. Please note that the supply list says a sewing machine is optional but that students will leave with a quilt top pressed and ready by the end of the day. A fun time without needing to pack along your machine sounds good to me!

Color Play Workshop

This workshop takes the basics covered in the Color Play lecture and puts it into practice. We will cover picking fabrics to make a surprise fusible wall quilt. Each student will pick fabrics from our fat quarter selection for their projects and Heidi will guide the class through making stunning fabric choices for their projects. Students will leave this class with color confidence. There is a \$10.00 kit fee to cover the cost of the fat quarters Heidi provides.

Membership Musings

(submitted by Betsy Bykerk)

Our TBQ Membership still has a few openings. It was nice to get to introduce our newest member, Shirlee Smith, at our last meeting. I have no doubt she will be a great asset to our organization. One additional application was handed out at the January meeting.

Newcomer News

(submitted by Carol Peters)

The location for the Newcomer Lunch will be announced at the February meeting. See you there!

Company Store

(submitted by Cindy Phare)

We have nothing new to report, just bring your 'junk' for us to sell!!

Workshop News

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

March 2010 – March is hand appliqué techniques with Nancy Amidon. Nancy's project will be the Little Blue Bird and it looks delightful. This is a paper appliqué technique that I think many of you might enjoy learning. If you have any interest in hand appliqué, this class might be a good introduction for you. Nancy is excited to come here and teach this class and she rarely leaves the Poway, CA, area so we're very lucky to have her visit us.

April 2010 - April is when Dalen Keyes will introduce us to a children's book he's written about a boy and his quilt; his wife will conduct a workshop to make the quilt illustrated in the book. According to Dalen, he loves creating and writing children's stories, as he believes his background as a scientist fits with the creative curiosity of children. His book "Just A Quilt?" reveals the bond between a mother and son that cannot be broken. The story line revolves around the true meaning of a quilt made by his mother to a little boy; to him, it's not just an everyday blanket. I've included an illustration from Dalen's website to give you some idea of the beautiful illustration work done for the book by Ms. Kim Sponaugle.

Vice President's Message

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

We're finally through the month I enjoy the least in the year: January. It's the long nights and short days, plus cold temps that just don't agree with me. This year I had the added joy of catching the crud from a 14 month old grandson—thanks Nolan. This is a good time of year to work on those projects that didn't get done during the busy holiday season or to contemplate what quilts we might sew this year. If those suggestions don't do it for you, maybe it's just time to cuddle up in one of our quilts with a warm drink (don't spill it) while we look forward to lots of inspiration, friendship and fun in 2010. That last idea sounds the best to me right now!!

Community Service

(submitted by Sandy McGarry)

Announcements for Community Service
will be made at the February Meeting.

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

A great big THANK YOU! to Mary Jane Steinhilpert for 'decking the halls' at the Adult Center! Her quilts will hang at 1280 Rosser Street through February! Be sure to see them! You will be treated to Mary Jane's wide range of quilting skills! Wasn't it cute at TBQ's January meeting when Mary Jane said, "I'm just so proud of me!"? She was thrilled to see ten of her quilts on display in the Atrium of the Adult Center. It is a magnificent setting for quilts! And she was bursting with pride and joy!

And now's my opportunity to encourage the rest of you to think about sharing YOUR quilts in a One-Woman-Quilt-Show! Let me know if you're interested...and we can make plans! Where else can you find such a great place to show your stuff?! There is so much love and creativity and talent that goes into your quilts! Isn't it about time to get them off the shelf and on display?! Let them out! Let them shout!

In the meantime, I'll be looking for quilts that will go up when Mary Jane's quilts come down in March. "Quilting in Circles" will be the next quilt theme. That means good candidates for this display will be Strips 'N Curves quilts, Dresden plate quilts, Wedding Ring quilts, Stack 'N Whack quilts--quilts with circles!! Let me know if you have a quilt to share and show!

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.)

Monthly Block Raffle

(submitted by Susan Perry)

Congratulations to Carolyn Edwards who won the Freedom Log Blocks submitted by Lorraine Owen. No one else has stepped forward so this was our last Monthly Block Raffle event. Thanks so much for everyone that made kits and to everyone that participated in the monthly raffles. We look forward to seeing finished quilts with all the blocks in the future.

Upcoming Programs

February 2010 - Heidi Pridemore of the Whimsical Workshop from Phoenix doing a lecture and workshop on Color Play. She will be bringing along fat quarters for all workshop participants to choose from and we'll learn about how colors work, or don't. I attended a three day quilt camp in Greer once where she was the teacher. .she's full of enthusiasm and fun.

March 2010 - Nancy Amidon from Poway, CA will do a trunk show and then have a workshop on hand applique using a bluebird design to teach techniques. This should be a good learning experience for folks as I understand Nancy is a very good teacher

Ways & Means

(submitted by Sandie Hoffman)

The report from Ways and Means will be made at the February meeting.

Mentors

(submitted by Tina McCowan)

Projects in progress is the theme for the Mentor's for February. We each have different quilting projects we are working on, covering different areas of quilting, so stop by and take a look. Carol's color demos are on hold until better weather visits beautiful Prescott. However, if you have any questions about color, Carol is always available to answer your questions. As always, if you are having any problems with any quilting project, we are there to assist you.

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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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 .