

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

May 2010

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

May Hostesses

Carol Perry
Susan Perry
Carol Peters
Pam Peters
Ruth Peterson
Cindy Phare
Shirley Pichoff
Paula Pilcher
Sally Plummer
Noreen Poole
Joan Pratt
Kathie Rieder
Kay Apadoca
Shirlee Smith

May Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Lynn Chamberlin
Jean Davies
Kathy Harrison
Leigh Hay-Martin
Sandie Hoffman
Helen Manion
Tina McCowan
Cindy Phare
Lynn Rubel
B'Anne Younker

President's Message

April Showers bring Spring Flowers---Have you looked at all the Springy fabrics available.....lots of great colors and flowers are definitely out there and Inspiring!

May will be a busy month:

1- Election of Officers - Thank you to our Nominating Committee - Carolyn Edwards, Maryann Conner, Alice Obrenovich, Kay Wentworth and Sally Plummer..you were awesome!

2- May will bring sharing of things learned at the Great Quilt Camp, A Huge Success- A Big Thank you to Lynn Rubel and her committee.....Perhaps we will see some Teddy Bears during Show and Tell !

3- Spring brings new life to things we enjoy-- New Recipes, (quilters are not only talented in creating with fabric but all seem to also be Excellent Cooks! Also Great Gardeners!

Are you enjoying the new names for different cuts of Fabric, I finally have Fat Quarters on my list but do you know what to purchase when instructions for that new quilt you are going to make calls for a Jelly Roll, 2 Cake Layers perhaps 1 or 2 Pops and maybe a Honey Bun for making a binding and maybe some Charms or Nickels, those creative designers sure do keep us on our toes. Enjoy the Spring and the creative side of yourself as you try new things.

Happy Creating!

Your Present President - Joanne Storer

Slate of Officers for 2010 – 2011

President – Kathleen Bond
Vice President – B. Johnson
Secretary – Sandy Holderness
Treasurer – Fran Chadwick

April Program

(Submitted by Bunny Troup)

Did you have a good time meeting Dalen Keyes? I know this wasn't your typical program but I think change is sometimes good, especially if it makes you think in new directions or helps you to grow. I received so much positive feedback yesterday on how enjoyable Dalen was as a speaker and how well he related his experiences in writing with those you encounter when quilting. Thanks for letting me know your thoughts about a program. It helps to know if I'm providing what you want to see or if I'm offering a new slant on things for you to ponder. So, have any of you thought of writing a book? With our diverse group, I would think someone has!

May Program

submitted by Bunny Troup

May is your chance to make a new family heirloom or just have a great time learning Therese May's techniques as you make your "Mini Quilted Portrait". The workshop will be held on Monday afternoon as Therese needs to travel to Tucson on Tuesday. Therese's workshop site is: www.theresemay.com.

Company Store

(submitted by Cindy Phare)

Company store is still needing fabric, seems it goes out just as fast as it comes in.

Membership Musings

(submitted by Betsy Bykerk)

We have three new members: Cindy Freshley, Pat Little and Wendi Sahlberg. We greet them and make them feel welcome.

We now have a membership of 147 members.

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.

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Vice President's Message

(submitted by Bunny Troup)

Just when you think you could adapt to living in sweaters if you have to spring moves along into May, the winds die down and arms actually begin to show up again! This month, as so many others, has a holiday in it but this one usually is celebrated as the unofficial kick off of the summer season. Now we all know summer isn't here yet by Memorial Day; still folks start thinking about summer travel plans, barbecues take place, walks in the woods along your favorite path sound inviting and people plan to spend more time outdoors. Paradoxically, quilters continue to make quilts even as the need for them lessens for a while. Non-quilters may find it odd that people actually want to work on something designed to keep you warm as the temperatures climb but they're missing the whole point. As with any other area of life, people get the most joy out of following their passion and for TBQ members that's quilting. Perhaps you're tempted to do smaller projects—wall hangings, table runners, a vest or purse, but quilt you must no matter what the weather. It could be easy to give in to the red, white and blue color scheme at this time of year or maybe lush green woods and mountains with snowcaps for those who like to do pictorial quilts. How about a lovely blue and yellow table topper to decorate that wicker table on your porch? Have you considered using some small quilt samples to make throw pillows for the swing on the back deck? What about a lovely quilted bag to pack picnic things in, along with a lap quilt for a romantic lunch? I'm sure you can come up with great ideas so be sure to share them with us at the next meeting. . . you know how we love to see quilts in any form!

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

There are some really fun "Quilting in Circles" quilts now hanging at the Community Center! Stop by 1280 Rosser Street in Prescott to see...and be surprised! And don't forget your camera! Even if you have no other reason to go there--go to see the quilts! That great big atrium is a really fun place to be. It's a happy place! Go there when you need a lift! You'll also find coffee and See's Candy! A double lift!!

It was suggested to me that the NEXT fun theme to hang would be a display of the sweet colors of spring and summer. So if you have quilts from the 30's, feed sack quilts, and quilts made of 30's reproduction fabrics, let me know. If you have Sunbonnet Sue or Colonial Lady quilts, let me know. If you have flower or basket quilts in soft colors, let me know. I will be collecting these quilts at the May TBQ meeting, and will be hanging them shortly after that. Call me if you have quilts and/or questions.

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)

The wonderful part about quilting is when we learn a technique on some part of quilting, there is always somebody out there with a simpler, newer way to apply the technique just learned. Last month we demonstrated Alice's technique for "flat corner binding." This month Carol will demonstrate her technique for flat corner binding. This is a simple little tweak to other methods, but very effective. **If you ever end up with a binding corner that is close to 90 degrees, but looks a bit pointed, this small technique change will help you get around all corners with exactly a 90 degrees!** Stop by and take a look.

My Granddaughter and her best friend will be attending music camp this summer and I thought I would surprise them with pillow cases with a music theme to take with them. Thanks to my quilting buddy, Maryann Conner and her World Wide Web Expertise, she forwards to me a YouTube posting on how to make a Wacky Pillow Case. I got so excited, (as I usually do when I learn something new), with what I viewed, I thought I would demonstrate how to make a Wacky Pillow Case. Plus, this is a great gift idea for any occasion. If this excites you, or if you are simply interested, I will have a pad available for you to sign your name and email address and I will forward the YouTube website to you.

Nyla and Jack have moved to Las Fuentes and are busy settling in. We are so happy for her and Jack. She might be at our meeting and then she might not. They are very busy unpacking all their treasures.

Alice is still traveling somewhere in this great Country; if my calendar is correct, she will not be at the meeting.

Stop by and take a peek, or just say "HI!"

Ways & Means

(submitted by Sandie Hoffman)

Thanks for supporting our events. Please consider donating requested items to prepare for the Quilt Show Marketplace. Perhaps your Friendship Group would consider making items for the Ugly Bucket!

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.

Self Portrait Challenge

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

Therese May will be TBQ's speaker and workshop teacher at the May 10th meeting. The workshop is titled "Miniature Portraits", and takes place Monday afternoon, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Yavapai Hills Clubhouse.

I don't know how many of you were able to go to the Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show in Mesa in March, but one of the neatest things they featured was a long row of self-portraits of quilters in one of the chapters of AQG.

With TBQ's next Quilt Show coming up in June 2011, I challenge TBQ members to also make self-portraits. How many can we display?! With the Therese May class coming up...here is the perfect opportunity to create a self-portrait!!! Get your mini-group members to join in the challenge! Check out the "Programs" TBQ icon to just see about this self-portrait! The class is only \$35 for an afternoon of fun and creativity with your friends! The class sample is 16" x 37"! Let's fill the classroom...and have a whimsical, comical display of TBQ quilters at next June's Quilt Show! ...Hmmm, now how do I picture myself, and what fabrics depict ME?! :-)

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

May 2012 - Karen Eckmeier www.quilted-lizard.com

January 2012 - Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville www.quiltville.com

Quilt Show 2010 - Prescott is.....

Committee - Quilt Show things are coming together and we will have our first meeting in July. Anyone interested in chairing a portion of the show should contact Cindy Phare so she can get them on the list.

Marketplace - Did you see the wonderful red and white block at the last meeting? It was a 9 1/2 inch block made using the Paths and Stiles pattern from Quilters Cache website. Here is the link: <http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PathsandStilesBlock.html> The plan is to ask you- our members- to make orphan blocks that we can sell at the Marketplace at next June's quilt show. Please turn in blocks in May and June. Look for Sandie Hoffman to take your blocks in May and she will have patterns to handout if you need them. While you are at it- do you have extra 2 1/2 inch strips from Bali Pops or various strip sets? We will take 2 1/2 inch stripes from 8 inches to 40 inches in length. The Creative Threads mini group will put these to use in items we have in work for the Marketplace. Thanks in advance for your time and donations.

Opportunity Quilt - May 1st will be Quilter's Store in Sedona at "May Day Spring Fling". This is an Outdoor Quilt Show and Employee Fashion Show. It should be a wonderful draw and a great opportunity to sell tickets! Hours are 9-4 pm and 3 of us will be manning the booth, but we invite all of you to come up and support the Sedona Store!

May 14th through 16th is the Home and Garden Show at Tim's Toyota. We still need a few volunteers.

May 22nd will be the "Woof Down Luncheon" at the Courtyard. This show is mostly for pet food and pet items, but it is open for arts and crafts too. So we will have a booth on the square. I understand that there is also a Porsche Car Show scheduled where they are closing off Goodwin to Cortez, so we are hoping that will draw a whole different audience for our beautiful quilt. At this time, Sara Fossett and Sue Weissaupt will handle the entire show from 9 - 2 p.m., but come on downtown and enjoy the day.

If you haven't received your envelope with Opportunity Quilt tickets yet, please see Jeri at May's guild meeting.

If obtaining items from our storage unit, please be sure to fill in the sheet on the clipboard noting what you are borrowing and the date you take and bring it back.

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