

# Threadlines



THUMB BUTTE QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

May 2013

**Next TBQ Meeting:  
Monday, May 13, 2013  
9:30am at American  
Evangelical Church**

## *New Slate of Officers*

President - B. Johnson  
Vice President - Lynn Beck  
Secretary - Betty Foley  
Treasurer - Lynne Gray

## *May Birthdays*

Diane Belveal  
Lynne Chamberlin  
Arlene Gordon  
Lynne Gray  
Tine McCowan  
Cindy Phare  
B'Anne Younker

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

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**Susan Perry  
Birthday Drawing Comm.**

## *President's Message*



Dolly Parton in a 34-B!

I remember when I was growing up my Mother would go through the "spring cleaning" ritual right after Easter. We lived in a modest home and didn't have much, so she could accomplish the task in a day or two. This week I decided to "spring clean" my studio--a task I take on annually and never seem to finish in less than a week. You don't have to be a mathematician to know that if you keep adding to the "stash" without removing anything, you will eventually run out of room. Or, as I have referred to it frequently, like putting

I must admit, I am very organized; but right now my studio is organized chaos. My quilt book collection is neatly organized in alphabetic order and I have them all cataloged on an Excel spreadsheet. When I purchase a book for a particular pattern, I list that pattern in a "Comments" field. Recently I was looking for a particular pattern, so I went to my spreadsheet, entered the pattern name and determined which book it was in. When I went to pull it, I found a Post-It note sticking out where the book should be with the name of the book written on it. How smart of me to do that--only I didn't write down what I did with the book! (Organized chaos!) I eventually found it in the project box with the pattern pieces that I had started (one of my FUFO's - Forgotten UnFinished Objects).

Of course, the perfect solution would be to buy a new home with a larger studio. But, the more realistic approach would be to use or remove one item every time a new item is added. Let's confess, that is so difficult to do when you are a professed fabricaholic.

Hugs and Stitches,

**Maryann**

P.S. You know you're a quilter if you have a "stash" and it isn't illegal.

## May Hostesses

Susan Perry  
Carol Peters  
Pam Peters  
Cindy Phare  
Shirley Pichoff  
Paula Pilcher  
Noreen Poole  
Sally Plummer  
Fran Reinecke  
Kathy Rieder  
Judith Ritner

Hostesses should arrive by 9 a.m. to assist chairperson in setting up if needed.

Bring a refreshment item, such as finger food (cheese, crackers, sweet treats, fruit, etc).

Please bring your goodies on disposable trays or label your dish with your name.

Beverages and paper products are provided by the Guild.

**Karla Morrison**  
**Refreshments Committee**

## Mentors

We will show how to use Bloc-loc rulers at the May meeting.

**Mary Andra Holmes &  
Barbara Merkel**  
**Mentors**

## April Program

In April, **Kay Wentworth** presented the program, "Making Quilts in a Series." I love the concept of finding something that you really like (such as Kay's Tree Series), and expanding on that idea to make a series of quilts. I've thought about what I would do for a series if I were to start one. I have some ideas, and perhaps this coming year after I clear out all the UFO's, I will produce a series. Kay said she has made over 500 quilts! What an inspiration she is!! I am always amazed by the women in TBQ Guild, and how motivating they are.



Here is the completed quilt she was demonstrating during that presentation. It is titled:

"The Fruit of the Poisonous Tree"

## May Program & Workshop

In May, **Betty Foley** will be presenting the program which is a Trunk Show of several of her collections or series of Stack and Whack quilts. Here we are again with that Quilting in a Series idea. I didn't plan that! If you have seen any of Betty's quilts, you will remember how colorful and lively they are. Betty is also a very prolific quilter, and the story that goes with each quilt is as fun as the quilt itself. I keep telling her she should write and illustrate children's books! Betty will be teaching Stack and Whack quilting to follow the guild meeting, and has added a Tuesday class to accommodate the overwhelming interest in her workshop. Thank you Betty!



**Workshop:** Monday, May 13, 2013

4 hrs. "Stack and Whack", with Betty Foley

Learn Betty's method for creating beautiful Stack and Whack quilts. We all "ooh" and "aah" every time she brings a quilt to show!, so this is your chance to take a class from Betty and learn her secrets

**Sandy Holderness**  
**Program Chairman**

## *Community Service*

There is still time for you to make a walker bag or a sensory quilt for our Community Service Project. Stop by our table and pick up a kit. If you turn in a bag or a quilt, make sure you get a star next to your name on the list.

These walker bags and sensory quilts are being enjoyed by so many people in our Community. Thank you all for participating.

**Kathleen Bond**  
**Community Service Committee**

## *Company Store*

The Company Store will have a prize giveaway at the July 2013 Birthday Party. The Prizes will be:

1- \$25.00 Gift Certificate from each of the following:

- SEAM SEW RIGHT
- CENTRAL SEWING
- QUILT AND SEW CONNECTIONS
- CLOTH PLUS

There are 2 ways to qualify for the drawing:

1. Make a donation to the company store with a value of \$5.00 or more (company store value not retail value).

--or--

2. Spend \$5.00 or more at the company store.

You will be given a raffle ticket from the Company Store staff. Put your name on the back of the ticket and return it to the staff for the drawing.

Good Luck to everyone.

**Donna Kauffman, Company Store Chair**

## *DVD Library*

Come and take a look at our collection of instructional and informative quilt related DVDs. You can check them out and learn all you can before returning them in a month to let someone else borrow them. Enjoy!

**Carol Peters, Coordinator**

## *Newcomer News*

Our current class of Newcomers is about to graduate! But before we all become "oldies", we will meet for one final luncheon this year on Thursday, May 30th. Mary Andra Holmes will be our hostess. She has been quilting since 1980, doing beautiful hand appliqué and hand quilting. If you haven't yet had a chance to see her work close-up, you are in for a treat! Her skill level and teaching ability has been in demand in quilt shops in AZ, NY, CA, KY, and AQS in Paducah. Besides touring her quilting studio, we will be enjoying a special program. Mary Andra will be talking about Friendship quilts but not the signature variety! She will focus on blocks and small quilts made for a special friend, a special occasion, a special theme. She invites any Newcomer that has an appropriate quilt to bring it along for show and tell. If you aren't a Newcomer, this is your final chance to join in the fun this year. We will have a drawing at the May TBQ meeting to find a lucky person or two who will be invited to participate in the studio tour and luncheon.

**Maggie Keller, Newcomer Coordinator**

## *Sharlot Hall Quilters*

We're having an 'old-time quilting bee' on Thursday mornings (10:00am-Noon) at Sharlot Hall Museum!

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.

**Carolyn Edwards**

# Quilt Show 2013

June 14 & 15, 2013  
Prescott High School  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Opportunity Quilt 2012-2013

### Magical Midnight Garden



#### **Opportunity Quilt ~**

Can you believe it? Our beautiful Magical Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt has been out hustling for a year now! She debuted at the Mountain Top Quilters Guild Quilt Show in April 2012. Many, many folks have fallen in love with her! How fun it has been to see the expressions on their faces at first sighting! Someone will be the lucky winner AND *the new owner* as of 3 p.m., Saturday, June 15th! What a ride it has been!

As a TBQ member, if you still have opportunity quilt tickets to buy or sell--do it now! I have single tickets available, and I have ticket six-packs if you need some!

Things that you most probably need, if you don't already have...

- a Quilt Show Pin @ \$5.00 each
- a Badge Holder @ \$5.00 each
- a Red & White Boot Pin @\$1.00 each

They'll all be available at the May TBQ meeting.

Come to my Ways & Means table...where you see our lovely quilt hanging! Time is running short where we get to bask in the beauty of our Magical Midnight Garden! Kudos again to The Designing Women--creators of our work of art!

#### **Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales help at the Quilt Show ~**

I still have four open slots for ticket sellers during the Quilt Show. Wanna help? The sign-up sheet will be at the Volunteer Sign-up table at the May meeting!

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### **Pins, Pins, Pins!**

With your badge holder and your Quilt Show pin, we can plaster your chest with our gorgeous Opportunity Quilt!! :-)) If you don't have one, you sure need one! They cost \$5.00 each. And when they are gone, they're gone! We will not be re-ordering. We only have 30 left! Don't miss the chance to add this pin to your collection!

### **Did you get your Badge Holder?**

There are several spectacular quilt views to choose from--pick out your favorite! It is a very unique item. Get yours now! The cost is \$5.00 per badge holder. I'll have them at the Ways & Means table with the Opportunity Quilt. Come see me!



### **Member Ticket Sales**

Member ticket sales are doing very well. THANKS to so many of you who have gotten your ticket stubs and money returned to me. Woo hoo! If you need more ticket packs--I've got 'em! If there are friends and family you'll send birthday cards to before June 15th, be sure to tuck in an Opportunity Quilt ticket or two!

### **Red & White Boot Pin**

Hey! If you're in love with all things red and white, and if you're making a red and white quilt for our Quilt Show, you may be interested in adding a red and white boot quilt pin to your collection. These are leftover from our 2007 Quilt Show. I'll have them available at the Ways & Means table for **\$1.00!!** Come see me!

## **Carolyn Edwards, Opportunity Quilt Marketing**

### **Chairman Positions**

- Quilt Show Co-Chairs - Iris Lacey and Sandy Holderness
- Co-Chairs for Vendors - Lorraine Owen & Barbara Merkel
- Chair for Opportunity Quilt - Carolyn Edwards
- Chair for Entries - Sherry Mundt
- Chair for Marketplace - Roni Barron
- Chair for Check-In and Check-out - Mary Scherer
- Co-Chairs Viewer's Choice - Shirley Kelliher & Jackie McDonald
- Chair for Hostesses and Angels - Sue Weishaupt
- Chair for Vignettes - Pat Armstrong
- Chair for publicity - B Johnson
- Chair for Hanging - Dave Lacey
- Chair for Admissions - Mary Andra Holmes

## *Prescott Community Center Exhibit*

It's Spring Time!! It's May Day! And the "A Tisket, A Tasket" display of green and yellow basket quilts has been hung at the Adult Center! There are also pink and red and brown and blue and orange baskets!! And even two "other" very happy quilts by Kathleen and Barbara that aren't necessarily basket quilts, but have baskets on them! Stop by 1280 Rosser Street and have a look! It will make you glad! Big, BIG THANK YOU's to quilters Kathleen Bond, Carol Butler, Maxine Everaert, Maggie Keller, Barbara Merkel, Joan Moss, Lorraine Owen, Carol Perry, and Bette Smith! This display includes antique and vintage quilts as well as quilts recently completed. It includes basket Block of the Month quilts with different flowers, as well as three-dimensional flowers, in the baskets. Look for prairie-point edging, and, believe it or not, **four** quilts are hand-quilted!

Again, the staff at the Adult Center gush over your quilts! The Adult Center patrons gush over your quilts! It's so fun to be there on quilt changing morning! If any of you want to join us sometime, let me know!! It only takes half an hour!

I'm always being asked, "What's up next?" Well, here's the plan (always subject to change and tweaking!):

- Summer (probably AFTER the Quilt Show): Red/White/Blue, and patriotic. If we've hung one of yours before, we can hang it again.
- Fall: A diversion from normal Fall quilts--I've received a suggestion and I like it! Pink quilts to promote the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month of October.
- Holiday: The usual--quilts to celebrate the things we celebrate here in the Arizona Christmas City! Quilts of red, green, gold, white, silver! Quilts of trees and presents, frankincense and myrrh, and all things festive!

And, of course, at any time I could use a volunteer for a One-Woman-Quilt-Show. Do you have a special birthday coming up? Or an anniversary to celebrate? In honor of? In memory of? How often will you be offered the opportunity to hang your own Quilt Show?! Share all your quilts with the world at one time!

Celebrate Quilts and Quilting! Call me...

### 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.)

**Carolyn Edwards**  
**Community Center Quilt Coordinator**

## *Chamber of Commerce Exhibit*

Got quilts? Got patriotic quilts? It's time to change the small quilts at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. If you've got a small quilt to spare and share for a couple of months, please let me know. Size needed is 30" square or smaller. We like to hang patriotic quilts for the summer months. Quilts have been on display at the Visitor Center continually since April of 2009. This is a joint effort between TBQ and MTQG. Our quilts publicize our quilt guilds in the area--the staff and visitors love 'em! The quilts are safe--no one is in the Visitor Center unless the Staff and Volunteers are there during "business hours", and they're hung high enough where a ladder is needed to reach them.

**Carolyn Edwards**

## Friendship Groups

Susan Sweet, Shirley Kelliher and Jackie McDonald want 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



I recently visited with the **In Stitches Friendship Group**. They originally began meeting about the time the Lonesome Valley Quilters Guild was formed. They meet on the 4th Monday evening each month at the office of one of our members. Currently, there are about a dozen quilters in the group. Membership is 'By Invitation' and limited due to meeting space. Activities over the years have 'run the gamut'! Originally taking turns 'demo-ing' quilter tricks & tips, they are now big on 'Show & Tell' and chattering and eating! :-)

Projects have included a mystery quilt; a block exchange of 14 red/white/blue blocks for five months; for several months, they traded 'nickel' (5 ") yellow and blue fabric squares; they have had several "Cutting Bees" (following the Fons and Porter Love of Quilting May/June 2000 instructions); they traded "Trail Mix" blocks for over a year; they swapped

chicken blocks; one year was spent making "Birthday Blocks" for the Birthday Girl; they were the "Featured Friendship Group" at the Adult Center in May 2007; along the way, there was a "Camel Challenge" (requiring blue, green, a Scottie dog, a tree, and a crazy quilt); there was a flower block slice & dice exchange (similar to making Bull's Eye blocks); and the occasional Saturday Sew-Day.

Christmas always means a group night out at a favorite restaurant or a member's home and a gift exchange. Most years they draw names and make quilts for our secret Santa's.

Since 2004, they have been going annually as a group to Bear Cabin Inn, where they stay for 4 days and do some intense sewing.

As they don't meet in homes, it was decided to have a Sewing Room Tour, so they could see each other's sewing space. They have done this twice but still have one more to see everyone's sewing room. As it is also a "Progressive" lunch, with three Sewing Rooms on the agenda, it pretty much takes all day--but what fun!

In summary, the In Stitches Friendship Group does everything it is supposed to: enhances the sisterhood of quilters, maintains high enthusiasm and interest in the wonderful world of quilting, and solves all the problems of the world!! They encourage all of you to get into a Friendship Group whenever you get the chance. It will change your life and make your hearts glad.



# Advertiser's Corner

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Catherine Ericson  
Advertising

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