

Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

October 2010

Mark Your Calendar

Next Meeting – Oct. 11th

9:30am at Am. Luth.

Church

Executive Committee Meets

Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

October Birthdays

Betsy Bykerk
Susan Deal
Carolyn Edwards
Judy Eppler
Sara Fossett
Linda Gergen
Sandy Holderness
Mary Andra Holmes
Sandy Mitchell
Lorraine Owen
Evelynn Pelletier
Sally Plummer

October Hostesses

Beverly Bowe
Charlotte Brennan
Kate Browne
Carol Brownlow
Brenda Burchill
Shirley Burns
Betsy Bykerk
Joan Carrell
Fran Chadwick
Lynn Chamberlin
Ruth Clarkson
Arlene Comon
Maryann Conner

President's Message



Hello Quilters!

I saw a squirrel in the rocks above my patio this morning and wondered if he was building a "nut stash". Do Prescott squirrels have to gather nuts or are nuts available year round in this climate?

My husband once said that he thought I bought fabric as if the textile manufacturers were going out of business. I laughed and thought maybe he was right. Just like the little squirrel gathering nuts, whether he needs them or not, gathering fabrics comes naturally to quilters whether we need them or not.

Have I finally gotten to the point of S.A.B.L.E. (Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy)?

Enjoy your stash! The colors are amazing and the different patterns and prints are inspiring. Don't worry about your big stash...Be Happy! Open those cupboard doors and organize it, use it or just let it sit there until the right project comes along. AND ...it is fun to share just the right pieces of fabric with your friends.

Remember, behind every quilter there is a huge pile of fabric.

Happy Quilting
Kathleen

P.S. A singlet is a word that should exist but doesn't or any word that doesn't appear in the dictionary but should. This month's singlet is Subfabrication. Subfabrication is when you substitute a different fabric after running out of the first.

October Program



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 and piping. The goal is to give both beginning and intermediate sewers some ideas to improve and enhance their work. Rachel’s website is: www.rdkc.com



Rami Kims class was great. Learning a new technique for fabric folding was pretty exciting. Having the ability to take one dimensional fabric and make it multi dimensional was exciting. Most class participants finished the front of their project and we hope to have some show and tell for next months meeting. Rami taught us some new twists on traditional sewing techniques. Who knew that smocking could create such beautiful fabric variations and prairie points could be done in one strip. We thank Rami; she was great. Rami read a story at the end of her lecture. Here is her story:

Rami Kim's Story

When I was a little boy, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. I told her that it looked like a mess from where I was. As from the underside I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand, I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, “My son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side.”

I would wonder why she was using some dark threads along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view. A few minutes would pass and then I would hear Mother’s voice say, “Son, come and sit on my knee.”

This I did only to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower or a sunset. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy. Then Mother would say to me, “My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a predrawn plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing.”

Many times through the years I have looked up to my Heavenly Father and said, “Father, what are You doing?” He has answered, “I am embroidering your life.” I’d say, “But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can’t they all be bright?” The Father seems to tell me, “My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on my knee and you will see the plan from My side.”

Company Store The

Company Store is currently looking for fat quarters or larger pieces of **red fabric** for all those Christmas and Valentine's Day gifts and quilts. So if you have some **red fabric** (or any color of fabric) you would like to donate to the Store, please bring it to our Oct. meeting.

And remember true happiness comes from shopping at the Company Store! 😊

Carol Peters
Company Store Chairman

Mentors

Beading on Quilts will be the feature at the Mentor's Table this month. Shirley Kelliher and Carol Miller will introduce you to a simple border design that can add some "real dazzle" to small projects. Included in this demonstration will be a set of directions for you to take with you. Come and take a look at their samples!

Carol Miller
Mentors

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

Newcomer News

We had a wonderful turnout at the Newcomers' Luncheon on Monday, September 20. Many questions were answered regarding TBQ. Jean Ehlers presented information about Friendship Groups explaining what they are, how to join and how to get one started. Obviously her presentation was successful because before we left for the afternoon, we had requests for three additional Friendship Groups. An email was subsequently sent to all members requesting anyone interested in a Crazy Quilt group, to contact Iris Lacey. Iris would also like to start another Garment Design group so contact her if you are interested. And, if anyone is interested in joining a Fiber Art group, they should contact Brenda Scott.

Bea Johnson also informed the Newcomers about the upcoming programs and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the wonderful workshops we have scheduled.

Our next Newcomers' Luncheon will be held on Monday November 1st at 12 Noon at The Olive Garden. Subsequent meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of the month.

Maryann Conner
Coordinator

Membership Musings

We have one new member joining TBQ in September. Please welcome Diane Belveal. Diane lives in Prescott and has been quilting for 25 plus years. She has already attended a workshop, Rami Kim's, and the Newcomers lunch. We had two other guests for the September meeting and look forward to them joining us soon as well. Our first Newcomers' Luncheon was Monday the 20th and we expect to start a few more Friendship Groups from the variety of interest and enthusiasm.

Betsy Bykerk
Membership Committee

Friendship Groups

As a result of our Newcomers' Luncheon, we are looking to start a few more Friendship Groups. If anyone is interested in a Crazy Quilt group, please call Iris Lacey at 771-0660. Iris would also like to start another Garment Design group. And, if you would like to join a Fiber Art group, please contact Brenda Scott at 772-7224.

Prescott Community Center Exhibit

Oh boy, have we got quilts for you!!! FALL into the Prescott Community Center; that's 1280 Rosser Street, and check out the latest greatest quilt display!! You'll be glad you did! There are FALL quilts, quilts of FALL colors, and LOTS of Log Cabin Quilts! Quilts made with the Log Cabin pattern have been popular for 200 years! In the early days, Log Cabin quilts were made from wool and silk pieces. Traditional blocks were made up of 'logs' pieced around a red square, representing the hearth. Other blocks were "Courthouse Steps" and "Pineapple". The varied block settings became known as "Barn Raising", "Straight Furrow", "Sunshine and Shadow". This display of Log Cabin Quilts and FALL Colors Quilts emphasize Prescott's fabulous FALL season. Isn't it great to be right here, right now?! So...for your next trip through Prescott, stop in to see TBQ's latest quilt display! It's not out of the way--it's on your way home from TBQ's meeting on October 11th!

A big, big THANK YOU! to the TBQ quilters who have shared quilts for this display: Chris Anders, Kate Browne, Susan Gates-Harms, Sandy Holderness, Iris Lacey, Barbara Merkel, Lorraine Owen, Shirlee Smith, and Susan Smith. Thank you all sooooo much!!!

And...as always, we'll be continually looking for more quilts to display at the Adult Center. The Staff loves TBQ and our quilts!!! Let me know about the quilts you have to share!!!

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.)

FYI--Chris Anders tells me that she loves to share her quilts for the Adult Center hanging because they always come back with sleeves and labels. Yes, Ladies, the quilts need sleeves and labels...and if they don't have them when I receive them; magically, they will come back to you with sleeves and labels!! :-)

Carolyn Edwards
Community Center Quilt Coordinator

Ways and Means

Nothing new to report this month.

Thann Tolman
Ways and Means

Community Service

Thank you to Kathy Reider for getting me in touch with Gerda Samuels who heads up FROM HOME WITH LOVE. This group sends a variety of items to our armed services including pillows and pillowcases, so this will be our first destination for our pillowcases. Thanks for the 5 pillowcases that were turned in at the last meeting and for those of you who took pillowcase packets home to complete. I plan to have more packets ready for our next meeting. I still have patterns available, or you can go to allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/free patterns. Also, if you have fabric to donate it requires 3/4 yard + 1/4 yard + 1/4 yard for the 3 parts of the pillowcase. Thanks for helping with our service project.

Carol Perry
Community Service Committee

Opportunity Quilt

"Fallfest in the Park" is October 9th and 10th . We have several openings for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer to sell drawing tickets for the Opportunity Quilt at any of the times below, please email me with the time.

Saturday, October 9th :
Noon - 2:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Only 1 person for each time)

Sunday, October 10th .
10:00 to Noon - 1 person
Noon - 2:00 p.m. - 2 persons
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - 2 persons

Any and all help is appreciated! To sign up, contact Jeri Teisl



The Opportunity Quilt is being well received by our community. So this is a reminder to be sure to bring in your envelope, your tickets, and \$10.00. And for the few that have not picked up their envelopes, please see Jeri Teisl, or just send her a check for \$10.00 and she can fill in your ticket stubs and insert them in the ticket bin! Thank you to everyone for your continued support our Thumb Butte Quilter's Guild.

Quilt Show 2011

It is time to volunteer again!! Cindy will be bringing all of the notebooks for the quilt show to the August meeting and will be calling for helpers in all areas of the quilt show for 2011. Please be thinking about where you would like to help out . Please be ready to stand up and take charge of something!!!!

Marketplace

The Creative Threads mini-group is busy producing a range of items for the Marketplace (the TBQ boutique). We are counting on member participation as well. What can you do? Make an item and bring it to TBQ to place in the donation bucket, donate materials (list below), make a muslin backed strip block (instructions below), or volunteer to take one of the unfinished items we bring to the monthly meetings. Thanks for your help!

Materials to donate: Embellishments (for small embellishment bags with lace, beads, yarn, buttons that will be sold at the show), polyfill (to stuff DD dolls and anything else we come up with) and Bali pop remnants.

Muslin backed block instructions: Supplies: 10 inch square piece of muslin with 45 degree diagonal line drawn off center, strips of theme fabric in ranges of 1 ½ inch width up to 2 ¾ inch width (large strips work best covering the points). Theme: Fall (don't use very light background as it will stand out) or black and whites/white and blacks (intermix)

Directions: 1) Lay first strip down face up with one side on the drawn line. (Make sure fabric strip covering the corners is wide enough to prevent a seam on the corners). Lay another strip down on top of first strip with wrong side up (right sides of strips face each other; strips are lined up along the drawn line). Sew ¼ inch seam. Flip the top strip open and press.

- 2) Continue adding strips to both sides of the first strip as described in step 1 until the 10 inch muslin square is covered.
- 3) Bring blocks back to TBQ. Creative Threads mini-group will do final trimming.

We are still taking red and white blocks made from the Paths and Stiles pattern from Quilters Cache website. Here is the link:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PathsandStilesBlock.html> It's a 9 1/2 inch block that can be made from scrap whites and reds. Look for the Ugly bucket and add your donations.

Thanks for your contributions!

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.

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Yavapai County Fair Exhibit

Coming soon! The 97th Annual Yavapai County Fair! Mark your calendars for September 30th through October 3rd, 2010, and get your quilt entries finished up! Last year, the number of entries was down, so now's the time to visualize a Blue Ribbon attached to your newest, latest, greatest quilt! Let's show the citizens of Yavapai County that there are lots and lots of busy quilters in the area!

The Premium Books are now available! Pick up yours at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Centers, at the libraries, at the feed stores...and at the Quilt Stores! There are about 135 different categories in the "Quilts" Class alone!!! Surely, your quilt will fit into one of them! Besides "Quilts", you may also want to enter your garments, crocheting, knitting, and embroidery, as well as weaving, spinning, and tatting. Not to mention your baked goods, canned goods, preserves, wine, and beer! The list is endless...and what a fun way to experience "Everybody's Home Town"!

Jennifer Bossom is Superintendent for the Homemaking Arts Department. If you have questions, give her a call.

Submitted by Carolyn Edwards

Chamber of Commerce Exhibit

Joan Carrell and I have changed the quilts hanging at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. Check them out when you're downtown, walking around our delightful Square!! The newly hung quilts are on loan from the ever-productive Hazel Karetov. THANK YOU, Hazel!!!

Quilts have been on display at the Prescott Visitor Center on the Square continually since April of 2009! They advertise and publicize the quilting guilds in this area...and that's a very good thing! Quilts on display are "seasonal" and approximately 30" to 36" square. They are up for a couple of months. If you have any that can be shared in this effort, please let Joan or me know!



Sharlot Hall Quilters

A Big Thank You from Carolyn



WOW! My antique "Great Aunt Eldora Freeman Milburn's Quilt" (a.k.a. Nyla's Quilt) came off the hand quilting frame at Sharlot Hall and was presented to me at TBQ's September meeting.

WOW! And woo hoo! I am soooooo excited!!! And a BIG THANK YOU to these Sharlot Hall Quilters who had a hand in the stitching: Arlene Comon, Maryann Conner, Kay Harlan, Tina McCowan, Nyla Paulsen, Shirley Pichoff, Shirlee Smith, and Carol Stewart. If I've forgotten anyone, please let me know. (And another BIG THANK YOU again goes to Karla Morrision who gave me her winning ticket back on March 8th!) I have a good idea that the angel 'Great Aunt Eldora' is just smiling away in Heaven at the accomplishments of these earthly quilters!

What a thrill it was for all of us to be able to add our hand to a quilt top that had been hand pieced approximately 130 years ago. There was magic in our community of quilters each time we gathered around the frame

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.

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

Advertiser's Corner

(submitted by Julie Nanke)

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