# Threadlines



Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild, Inc.

October 2010

Mark Your Calendar Next Meeting – Nov. 8th 9:30am at Am. Luth. Church Executive Committee Meets Yavapai Hills Clubhouse

## Birthdays November

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### President's Message

#### Hello Quilters!

I'm sure you have noticed the mornings and evenings are getting a little chilly. This signals the arrival of serious quilting time. When the weather gets cooler, it's nice to retreat to your sewing machine and create some warm and snuggly quilts, whether it's a cozy flannel quilt for your couch or a cheery wall hanging to warm the wall. We have plenty of teachers on the calendar with new ideas that are sure to interest you. If you need some ideas, make sure you sign up for a workshop.

Lately, I have been in conversations with fellow quilters about UFOs. We talk about taking classes, starting new projects and then the guilt sets in. Don't think of it as starting a new project, use the class as an opportunity to learn a new technique and get inspiration from a great teacher. You might even apply it to something you already have under way. For example, after the beading demo at the Mentor Table last month, you probably got some good ideas on how to finish another quilt in a new way.

It's been one of those weeks where I'd like to buy some extra time. Unfortunately, they don't sell time, so I'll just have to keep working hard to get everything accomplished. All I really want to do is sew. I definitely need to finish my "Mimi Quilt" for our Granddaughter, still trying to finish appliquéing those 28 ladies on my "Dancing Ladies Quilt", not to mention the "NESY" (Not Even Started Yet) projects.

Until our seams cross again, Kathleen

P.S. Oh no! I was prewashing some fabric and not paying attention. Now I have a Litmusload (lit' mus lode) n. any wash load that comes out the color of the one item that faded.

President's Challenge If you were fortunate and got a President's Challenge Brown Bag, check this list for your name.

If it is not there, give Kathleen a call.

**Betty Foley** Barbara Merkel Maryann Conner **Cindy Phare** Sandy Mitchell Joan Carrell Sandy Holderness Gloria Bess **Carol Miller** Vickie Sawyer Kay Wentworth Connie Massner **Brenda Scott** JoAnn Storer Florence McLean Shirley Smith





Rachel Clark is a powerhouse of knowledge and humor and she brought it all to us. While her lecture was spiced with loads of laughter, her fashion show was amazing. She had her suitcases loaded with the most beautiful garments designed by her. We just had to give her a well deserved standing ovation at the end of her presentation. Rachel's class was packed with the many fabric techniques she created and uses in her garment designs. At the end of the day student comments were "one day is not enough."

## November Program

Mickey Depre - Textiles have always fascinated me, from vintage to current, my taste has always been ALL! Sewing in general, mending to garment making, were never a chore. But when I pushed myself beyond traditional quilt making, I found the road less traveled was greatly inviting.

My quilts have been described as whirlwinds of color, with oranges residing next to purples of all shades in harmony. Dots, swirls, and stripes intermingle with florals and prints in an outlandish yet exciting visual parade.



This is how I see the world and how I want the world to see me.

My work mixes traditional quilting techniques with bold, innovative machine appliqué and threadwork. Fabric choices include my own hand dyed cotton with commercial cottons for a special spark of color and depth. Pieces are heavily machine quilted.



The Membership Committee has nothing to report this month.

Betsy Bykerk Membership Committee

# 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 2010. One November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>www.mdquilts.com</u>

December 2010: No workshops this month, but we have our Christmas Party.



January 10, 2011 - How many times have you heard the expression "The quilting makes the quilt"? Well, this is absolutely true! The quilting and top design should work together enhancing and complementing one another. The quilting process can be a bit overwhelming and oftentimes rushed through. I will help you to simplify this process! You will discover how to interpret the style and function of your quilt top, simplify the design process, and begin to create your own original

quilting designs that will perfectly suit your quilt!

### February 2011 - Mary Lou Weidman.

**Day 1 - 3 hr class:** This workshop introduces new friends to the technique called "Hoochy Mama" which uses 4" strips of fabric to make wonderful traditional blocks wonky and fun. These blocks can make any everyday block into something interesting, exciting and fun and even better, once you get the hang of this technique and style, you can make a quilt in much less time. For baby quilts, hangings and gifts this is the perfect class. Come prepared to learn about color, value and a new way to make fabulous, funky blocks. Smiling and laughter is a part of this experience too.



**Day 2 - 6 hr class**: This class is for those students who know how to do the Hoochy Mama blocks or who have taken classes before and want to stretch even farther. We will be exploring "things" made of Hoochy Mama blocks, wild wild geese, flowers, cats and hats and more. This is for students to who want to get out of the box even farther...maybe even jumping high out of that box. If you want to stretch your creativity, this class is for YOU.



B. Johnson

Workshop Coordinator

## Yavapai County Fair Exhibit



Dorothy Philblad's quilt won Best of Show & Judges Choice.

### 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

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

Submitted by Carolyn Edwards with Jennifer Bossom's approval

Opportunity Quilt





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.

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Jeri Teisl Coordinator



### **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.

### **Quilt Show News regarding Vignettes**

(submitted by Carolyn Edwards)

I have again accepted the Chair position of Quilt Show Vignettes. And it's time again to start thinking about Quilt Show Vignettes!! Read through the following list and let me know if you and/or your best quilting pal and/or your mini group can help out! Vignettes are a part of our TBQ Quilt Show where we feature a small, room-size area set up within the Quilt Show space, with a designated theme to enhance the Quilt Show theme. OK...now you're saying to yourself, what is our Quilt Show theme? "PRESCOTT IS..." is our quilt show theme!! Woo hoo! Each Vignette needs a Leader--an organizer, someone who can say, "I will make sure that happens!" It's a chance to call up your creative juices and your friends or your mini-group, and say, "We can do that!"

#### Here are the suggested Vignette themes for our "Prescott Is..." Quilt Show:

*Prescott Is...*the Christmas City (Leader: "Roni" Barron) This obviously can include Christmas quilts and all the regalia that goes with Christmas!

 Prescott Is...Home of the World's Oldest Rodeo

 This theme can include western quilts; rodeo quilts; horse quilts; cowboys, cowgirls, and

 Prescott Is...Endless Skies

Here's a place for star quilts, night sky quilts, airplanes, etc. *Prescott Is...*Everybody's Hometown How about log cabin quilts, house quilts, Prescott quilts?

 Prescott Is...An Antique Treasure (Leader: Featherweights mini-group)

 This will be the spot for antique quilts, Featherweight and treadle sewing machines, and antique sewing baskets!

*Prescott Is...* A Garden Walk Bring all your quilts with flowers!

Prescott Is... Whispering Pines

This is the spot for outdoorsy quilts, camp quilts, lodge quilts, etc.

Last Quilt Show, there were 7 Vignettes. That seemed to be the perfect number for the space we'll be in. So, we're going to stick with that number. If any of you have other ideas about Vignette themes, let me hear them!! Those listed above are not set in stone until I have a Leader committed to organize it! So put your thinking caps on! If something else 'lights your fire', let me hear it!

When you agree to be a Vignette Leader, you will bring together site decor around that theme on Quilt Show set-up day (Thursday, June 2, 2011). You do not have to gather up all the quilts for your Vignette (but you can gather up some of them if you want!). TBQ members will enter quilts according to the Vignette themes. Quilts entered in a Vignette category may have hung in previous TBQ Quilt Shows.

So...think about it. Can you or your mini-group commit to being a Vignette Leader? Let me know! In any event...get to stitching on your Quilt Show entries! Time's a-wasting! The Big Show will be here sooner than you think!



Shopping at the Company Store is not only fun but each purchase helps our guild. This month we are selling 16 oz. spray bottles of Mary Ellen's Best Press in two scents - lavender and linen. We only have 12 bottles, so shop early.

We are still looking for red fabric donations. Sometimes your left over scrap is just the perfect piece someone is looking for to complete a Christmas project so bring in those scraps!



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.



<u>Thread Painting</u> will be demonstrated @ the Mentors table this month. <u>Thann Tolman</u> will be showing you how she embellishes the surface of a piece of fabric by painting with thread. Stop by and see her hands-on demonstration - she will also have a handout available listing her techniques, materials, and machine set-up.

Carol Miller Mentors



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 Ericsen, Jane Hofbauer or Susan Perry with your ideas.

Thank you

Susan Perry Coordinator

# Newcomer News

The Newcomers' Luncheon will be held at The Olive Garden at 12 noon on Monday, November 1st. We are looking forward to another great luncheon! If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Maryann Conner's email address.

> Preseott Community Cordinator Center Exhibit

Hope you're having a G-R-E-A-T fall, and that you've taken a couple of minutes to swing by the Adult Center (1280 Rosser Street in Prescott) to soak in and soak up the beautiful Fall and Log Cabin quilts now hanging! Time is fleeting! We'll be changing this group of quilts sometime the 3rd week of November...and the Christmas quilts will go up to "deck the halls"! So guess what! I'll be needing Christmas quilts--red quilts; green quilts; red and green quilts; red, green, and gold quilts...or any combination of the joyous colors of the holiday season! Let me hear from you! I'm looking for TEN quilts that will enhance our "Have a Merry!" theme. These quilts will go up around November 19th, and will hang through the first week in January. Quilts 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.)

I've already got two or three who have offered to share quilts for this display...but I need TEN! Can I count on you to bring holiday joy to the hundreds of people who pass through the Community Center each week? If you haven't been there yet, the quilts are hung very high in the beautiful atrium--out of reach, but not out of sight! The quilts are breathtaking in this setting! C'mon, join the crowd of sister quilters who have shared quilts at the Adult Center! It will make you feel proud!

Carolyn Edwards Community Center Quilt Coordinator



### STOP BY AND SEE WHAT'S NEW FROM WAYS & MEANS AT THE NEXT TBQ MEETING!

Thann Tolman Ways and Means



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, Haze!!!!

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 blall Quilters



TBQ's Sharlot Hall Quilters loaded a new quilt into the hand quilting frame at Sharlot Hall on September 30th, and the quilting has begun!

The latest drawing for a 'hand quilting' took place at TBQ's September 13th meeting...and the winning ticket was held by Carolyn Edwards. Oh no! Can you believe that?! After all those tickets I bought for the March 8th hand quilting drawing and Karla

Morriston held the winning ticket! Last time, I really wanted to win. This time, I just bought a few tickets to add some money to the 'income' pot! Well...what goes around, comes around! So, this time, I gave my winning ticket to Karla Morriston!

After much scrambling, Karla was able to get her quilt marked and basted on a timely basis! She was able to keep the Sharlot Hall quilters in business, and on 'living history' display, in record time! New rules are being formulated and will be distributed before the next hand quilting drawing takes place...but we have some time now until that happens!

Karla's magnificent quilt top is a new one--a Ricky Tims pattern: "Rhapsody Reverie"--all hand appliqued. And now to be hand quilted! What a happy ending that will be! Stop by the Transportation building at Sharlot Hall Museum any Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and Noon. Check it out and/or add a few stitches! Karla is a fairly new appliquer, and look at this beauty she has created! She even added her hand quilting to her quilt on the day we loaded it into the hand quilting frame--her first time hand quilting in a big floor frame! Woo hoo! Hand quilting is alive and well!



Joanne Storer Advertising

TBQ Members, be sure to check out our advertisers' specials for tis 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.

