

The AQG would like to thank all of our members for supporting us during this crazy year.



Wishing all of you safe and Happy Holidays!



From the President ...



The holiday season is upon us and I hope that you will be able to enjoy it with your families.

As you have all heard by now, we did postpone the 2021 Quilt Show until March 2022. I know that we are all disappointed, but it would have been cost prohibitive with all the Health Procedures that were required by the City of Mesa.

Our online lectures and workshops are going well. I had the opportunity to go to the last lecture with Brita Nelson. It was thoroughly enjoyable. Her workshop booked up for November, but we are bringing her back for another workshop in January.

I am looking forward to 2021. It has to be a better year. Maybe we can get back to normal and have all our meetings and see each other in person. Until then, stay safe.

Nancy Laswick

President



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CHATTER DEADLINES

The Patchwork Chatter is published 10 times a year by AQG (no June or July issues). For more information or to submit articles and reports, please contact the AQG Communications Director through the office or as listed on this page.

Next Chatter Issue = January 2021, #322

Deadline for submissions = December 12, 2020

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QUILT ARIZONA! 2021

March 25-27, 2021

Mesa Convention Center

Kaleidoscope of Quilts

Kaleidoscope of Quilts is a lot of bright colors that have come together, broken apart on impact, and burst into a variety of patterns and colors that are featured in our quilts.

Regretfully, the AQG Board was forced to make the hard decision to postpone the 2021 Quilt Show to 2022. The reason for this is that we were finally notified by the Mesa Community Center of all the COVID restrictions that would be placed on us. It isn't even possible to comply with all the regulations for the type of event we have. While we pondered it for a few minutes, by the time we got to needing to cut our Vendor Mall in half and our Quilt Exhibition in half and then couldn't even sell tickets at the show, there was just no point in continuing with it any further. The show would have been too costly.

All efforts for the Quilt Show will go silent for a while, BUT, hang in there with us. We will have the show in 2022. All the entries you were going to enter this year will still qualify for entry in 2022. Even the theme, Kaleidoscope of Quilts, will not change. Anyone working on theme quilts, keep on working. We're looking forward to seeing them.

If you have any questions, thoughts, or just want to vent about it, you can send me an email at quiltshow@aqgmail.org and I will get in touch with you.

Keep posting your quilts on Facebook and attending Zoom meetings so we can all stay in touch.

Debbie Cole
AQG Quilt Show Director

Dear Aunt Quiltie - Advice Column,

Now that the AQG Quilt Show has been postponed to 2022, I am disappointed because I am working on a fabulous design. However now I have a lot of extra time to prepare my quilt for the judges in 2022. Aunt Quiltie, can you give me some pointers on how my quilt will be judged?

This is a great question!! With just a few careful modifications, the judges will evaluate your quilt for award recognition. Aunt Quiltie may have published this before but it bears to be repeated. Here are eight criteria that judges may be looking for:



1. **Binding**—To me, the most critical area of a quilt is the binding. So often in the judging room, you will hear judges criticize this area. Is it full of batting? Same width throughout? Straight? Free of bulk, and if it has a small pattern like polka dots, is the binding cut based on the pattern and not the grain.
2. **Design**— Is the design proportional to the size and shape of the quilt? Does the fabric create interest and contrast? Does a single element create a distraction?
3. **Borders**— Are there any puckers? Are corners 90 degrees? Are mitered corners extending to inner corners? Are the edges straight? Is the width proportionate to the quilt?
4. **Piecing**— Are the points cut off? Are the curves smooth and the lines straight? Does the thread match the fabric? Any gaps? Any shadowing from dark fabric showing through light fabric?
5. **Applique**— Is any raw edge not firmly attached? Any marking lines visible? Are points free of bulk and sharp? Does the thread match unless it is used as a decorative stitch?
6. **Quilting**— Are all knots buried? Does the design enhance and not detract? Is the quilting appropriate to the type of quilt? Does the backtracking follow the seam? Can you see any starts or stops?
7. **Stitches**— Are all stitches even and consistent? No tension problems? If hand stitched, does the thread penetrate all the layers?
8. **Embellishments**— Are they secure and invisibly attached? Thread matches unless decorative? Are they appropriate to the quilt? Do they create a distraction?

I would like to thank one of our recent AQG Quilt Show judges for this suggested checklist. After entering a few quilts into the show, I have heard first hand a number of these criteria that I need to work on. We are so grateful for our quilting hobby during these times of stress. It helps us mentally and keeps our creativity flowing.

Sincerely, Aunt Quiltie

If you have a question and would like it to be answered in future Chatter publications, please send in you question to newsletter.aqg@gmail.com You may win a prize from the Co-Publishers.

AQG Teacher Network

Education continues to plan for lectures and workshops that will benefit and meet the members' requests. As a reminder, please go to the events page if you'd like to see everything that is open.

Date	Start	End	Title	Presenter	Cost
12/10/20	10:00 am	11:00 am	If MacQyver were a Quilter	Michelle Banton	Free
12/15/20	7:00 pm	8:00 pm	Quilt Color and Composition	Brenda Gael Smith	Free
1/7/21	6:30 pm	7:30 pm	Challenge Yourself	Mel Beach	Free
1/12/21	9:30 am	10:30 am	Free Motion Quilting	Mel Beach	Free
1/14&21/21	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Bead Embellishment -Level 1	Lisa Walton	\$36
1/30/21	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Disappearing 4 Patch	Brita Nelson	\$25
2/11/21	7:00 pm	8:00 pm	Little Challenges	Kellie Willey	Free
2/12/21	9:00 am	3:00 pm	Little Challenges Workshop	Kellie Willey	\$45
2/18&25/21	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Advanced Bead Embellishment	Lisa Walton	\$36

Also, here are some tips on how to view events on the calendar:

Website Tips & Tricks

Interested in seeing all the AQG events at one glance? Here are some instructions on how to do so.

- 1) Log in to the AQG Website: arizonaquiltersguild.org.
- 2) Go to the Events tab.
- 3) Next to "UPCOMING EVENTS" select "Switch to Calendar View".
- 4) At the left side of screen, select "Year".

You will be able to see all that AQG has scheduled by year.



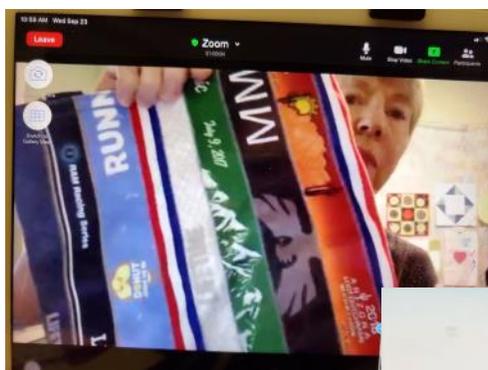
Chapter Reports

Mavericks of Tempe

submitted by Barb Wills, Chapter Chair

Mavericks has been busy using Zoom to hold monthly meetings with Programs. Zoom has allowed members who live part time in Denmark and Canada to continue participating in the meetings. The August program was from 3 fiber artists who live in Denmark. Members were able to see and hear about their work, their studios, and they showed images of the landscape where they live. November will be a Surprise Guest and December will be "The Places I Have Gone" where members can show images of their travels and talk about the place and if it inspired their artwork.

The September Meeting included a great program by member Lynnitta Knoch and it was on Color. Here are a few photos from some of the member's Show and Tell:



Anne King's bag made from ribbons she won from running races.



Linda Engstrom's latest includes a baby quilt



Barb Wills in her studio



Shelley's purple floral with tulle, scrim, hand-dyed and Cherrywood fabrics



Lynetta's program on Color

At our October meeting, Susan Lenz, a multi media artist who lives in South Carolina, presented a program on how she uses stitching and fiber as well as some 3D work. She showed her studio setup as well. She has a studio for 3D and another studio for her fiber work.

Chapter Reports

Cactus Patchers of Tempe

submitted by Annette Gelfi

The Cactus Patchers are continuing to meet regularly via online video meetings: the second Tuesday of the month is our monthly business meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month is a social sewing session. Being able to see each other and share our love of quilting in these virtual meetings is a wonderful way to stay connected with our friends and fellow quilters. Some members are currently in other parts of the US but join these online meetings, giving a fascinating insight into quilting outside of our city and state. The schedule and details of how to join these meetings are distributed to members via email and are available from any guild board member. We would love to see you online with us soon.



At our October 13th meeting, Debi Warner gave a presentation on locker hooking, a weaving technique that uses a specialized hook/needle to achieve very effective and beautiful results by weaving narrow strips of thread through an open-weave base fabric. Stephanie McCormick shared a beautiful locker hook rug that she made.

Several members shared quilts and holiday crafts, including Carol Dimpsey's foundation-pieced floral quilt, Laura May's fruit and vegetable and RV wall hangings, and Margo Brindley's refashioned scarecrows. Thank you all for sharing your talents with us.

Chapter Reports

Cholla Quilters of Mesa

submitted by Patti Kupferer

We've had a fabulous time on Zoom over the past two months. Besides our usual business meetings and some sit & sews, we also saw a very inspiring presentation by Helen Robinson sponsored through Mad B's Quilt & Sew.

November was the big reveal of everyone's President's 2020 Challenge in which you had to create a quilt with 20 "somethings" in it, such as 20 different fabrics, 20 triangles or 20 buttons. If you incorporated a second set of twenty, you received an extra ticket in the raffle drawing. Patti K went overboard with her "Didn't See This Coming – Hindsight Is 20/20 eyeglasses quilt which has 20 different pairs of glasses in 20 fabrics attached by 20 different threads and was 20 inches by 20 inches. Pat G. won the raffle.



In October, Marianne presented a highly informative lecture on "Preparing a Quilt for a Show" while in November, Christie presented a demo on creating fabric from selvages complete with a great handout. We had all been impressed with the ornaments made from selvage fabric at last year's holiday party and now can make our own and so much more. Speaking of which, we are full steam ahead for this year's virtual holiday party for which our elves have been busy preparing. It includes a mystery goody bag to be picked up early (but no peeking) and a gift exchange. Happy Holidays Everyone!



Chapter Reports

Havasu Stitches of Lake Havasu City

submitted by Susan George

Howdy! Ya'll...

Just a short note to let ya'll know that we're up here by the lake just passing the quarantine time quilting away.

Our Havasu Stitches' meeting on October 8th at the Quality Inn was FANTABULOUS!!! It was SEW great seeing everyone! Of course, there were some limitations as to how many could attend and everyone had to wear a mask...but all 'n all it was GREAT! It seems it had been forever since we had been able to congregate as quilters. Anyhow, our quilters are resilient...as can be seen in the Show 'n Tell photos. Lots and lots of pretty, quilted treasures.



Havasu Board



Just like you, we have been socially distant from our quilting buddies. Some of us continue to meet in our small groups, while others have been confined to their personal quilting studios. But we have been kept informed through email, telephone, text, and tell-a-quilter. We have a new Board and it is being led by Linda Higuera. (Here's a picture of them honoring outgoing President, Cathy Geer, with a lovely President's Quilt.) Thank you, Cathy, for your leadership and friendship. Happy Retirement.

We have a new Facebook page – Havasu Stitches' Only. We shout out a great big thank you to Janiece Steele for creating it. We find it to be a fantabulous outlet for us to share our personal quarantine quilting quests. Look at some of the accomplishments our members have created and finished. I guess quarantine isn't too bad if you can have your sewing machine and tools close at hand.

Well, that's about it for now. We should have much more to share as we slowly return to normal... whatever that may be.



Sew...we send ya'll prayers for good health and blessing of good quilting experiences.

Chapter Reports

Delightful Quilters of Scottsdale

submitted by Jane Wilcox

How about those temperatures finally cooling off?! I was imagining a Thanksgiving in the tropics and that just didn't sit too well! I call this "Quilt Weather" – because weather you're sewing on one or cuddling with one – it's TOTALLY quilt season!

Every year, the Delightful Quilters have a mystery quilt challenge. Jo Kilgroe picks a pattern and gives the clues out each month for a total of 8 months. We then are able to finish and present to everyone individual interpretations of the mystery. This year, we were offered 2 sizes as options. This quilt was a LOT of fun, and participants got the big reveal at our November meeting. Pictured are a sampling from some of the finished ones.



Jo Kilgroe

Taking full advantage of our Zoom platform, Pam Green came up with a Scavenger Hunt. There were 15 items on the screen that we had to run around our sewing rooms and gather. No, nothing so simple as a "seam ripper" But plenty of "two-sided tape" and "magnifying glass" objects to hunt for! Super fun with fat quarters as the prize for a winner and runner ups.

We are able to continue our block of the month! Gretchen Barker goes to St. Patrick's church once a month for a couple of hours and collects the blocks. We have a drawing from the entries and the winner comes and picks them up. Members can collect charity quilts and Christmas Stockings during this time, also. We have a VERY generous guild.

Excited to give a run down in next month's Chatter about our November program from Patti Pierce, and the fun things we'll learn about turkey leftovers. From all of us in Delightful Quilters to all of you out there in QuiltLand, wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Joyce Strassburg



Gayle Reed

Krysta Dyelle



Chapter Reports

Shoofly Quilters of Payson

submitted by Rita Kami & Rhonda Teghtmeyer

Greetings from Payson Shoofly ladies. We had such a good meeting, holiday giving in the air! Our ladies brought quilts, water, cleaning supplies, food for the Hopi reservation residents. Our ladies filled up the back of a truck. It's such a good feeling to give. In addition to that we donated 15 quilts to community service, 30 bed dogs to humane society. Good job!!



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Penny Boese

Kate Colleran of Seams Like A Dream presented at the Nimble Thimbles meeting October 20. Kate started Seams Like A Dream Quilt Designs in 2003. But it wasn't until 2012 that she and her husband moved from Connecticut to Colorado. Kate decided to take a break from 30 years of nursing and work full time in her quilt design business. Her goal from the first day of starting her business was to help people make quilts and have fun doing it. To Kate, quilting is about creating, learning, having fun, and enjoying the community that comes with quilting. Kate lectured on Modern Traditionalism, fresh designs that mix traditional elements with a modern twist. Kate's lecture took us from her beginning quilting through the transition that brought her to her current work. Those who tuned into our Zoom presentation were inspired to see traditional designs in a new way.

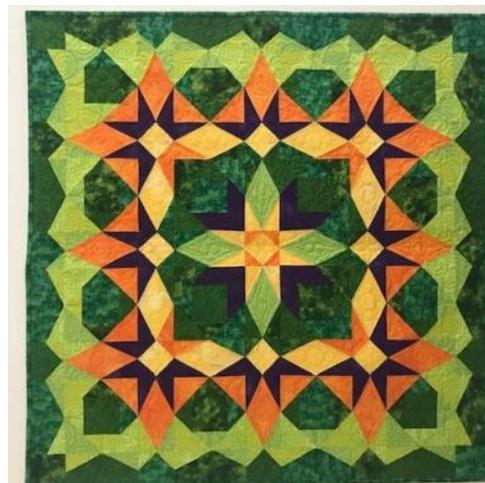
We also had a short Show & Tell and Community Service gave us an update. Between Sept. 1 and Oct. 20, Community Service took in 57 completed quilts, one Red Cross bag and three afghans. All were shown in a PowerPoint presentation. The deadline for the January PowerPoint is Jan. 1 We also will be updated on our Community Service deliveries in January. Pictures below are two Show and Tell photos by Susan Jenkins and a sampling of our Community Service quilts.



Leslie Schneider



Debbie Kattelman, Cindy Stohn
Michaelleen Malobovich



Susan Jenkins



Lori Maxwell
Phil Stevens
Phil Stevens

Stephanie
McCormick
Penny Boese
Kathy O'Brien



Susan Jenkins

Chapter Reports

Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

submitted by Susan Thomas

Daisy Mountain Quilters met on November 6th. Attending were 23 members and one guest.

Our donations to Veterans First this month consisted of 18 Adult Quilts and 12 childrens quilts. Also given were 2 pillowcases. Announcements were made regarding our Christmas Luncheon for Dec 4th at Bobby-Q's. Reservations were taken with an expected 35 in attendance. Appropriate spacing is available and we will have a private room. Announcement of next year's officers include: Susan Thomas as President, Cindy Fonseca as Secretary and Sharon Lichter as Treasurer.

Robin Wheat showed us "It's a Wrap" quilt block of the month to be completed by Dec 4th with a drawing in our block lottery. Everyone enjoyed the "Chinese Auction" . We had 37 different blocks to draw from and everyone seemed to take home more than they brought. Funds received for our quilt group were \$242.00 Numerous Show and Tell items were shared with a large amount for donation again this month



It is so exciting to know that most of the guilds are still able to keep in touch and quilt/sew through Zoom during this pandemic. We all look forward to the time when we can meet in our large groups in person. Until then keep smiling and sewing!





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Application deadline is December 10, 2020

Viewers' Choice Awards will be presented for large quilts, small/wall quilts, and Best in Show. We will also award the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame Award.

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