

# The Patchwork Chatter



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*The AQG hopes that this  
Holiday Season brings you  
many great reasons to smile.  
Wishing you all Joy, Peace and  
Good Health! May your  
New Year be SEW bright!*



# From the President ...



The holidays are upon us. Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I always look forward to Turkey legs. Are you ready for Christmas? I'm not. I decided to put in new floors in my home, so most of my house is packed and in the garage.

The gnome class was fun, trying to make a few for Christmas presents in the midst of chaos. He isn't quite done yet, just a few decorative stiches left. I'm enjoying our lectures and workshops. Hope to take Jody Beck's twisted star.

Be sure to check out all the free lectures coming up. Our Education Committee is working hard on bringing us programs.

AQG Fun day is right around the corner. I hope to see some of you there. We have over 100 door prizes, some quilts for the Silent Auction. We even have a few vendors signed up. We should have lot's of FUN.

See you all soon,

*Nancy Laswick*



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#### Annual Membership Dues

|   |      |
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| Renewals postmarked by July 1st .....                           | \$25 |
| New memberships and renewals<br>postmarked after July 1st ..... | \$30 |
| Affiliate Membership (business) .....                           | \$75 |
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# AQG Education

Thanksgiving has just past, I am thankful for the Education team, Audrey, Sara, Victoria, Joyce and Chris. They have been amazing and continue to work on additional events, document the processes, plus learn about the AQG website.

## What's Coming?

The goal is to have a lecture and workshop every month. The topics are primarily based on the poll results that was shared in last month's Chatter.

## Possibilities:

One of our goals is to have a youth program. This hasn't even begun; we need help with this. Are you willing to lend a hand? Have ideas, want to be involved? The team meets on the first Monday of every month at 1:00 pm. Please send an email to [education@aqgmaill.org](mailto:education@aqgmaill.org) to receive the link to this zoom meeting and join us

## TEACHERS WANTED

Last month we sent out a request to find a teacher for a Bargello class. Thankfully, one of our amazing AQG members responded and is willing to teach. Still need to make arrangements.....stay tuned.

Do you have a favorite quilting technique you'd like to share? If so, please contact [education@aqgmaill.org](mailto:education@aqgmaill.org) and let us know.

## FUTURE EVENTS

|            |                                   |               |                        |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 12/08/2021 | Twisted Star Class                | Jody Beck     | (Morning Workshop)     |
| 12/11/2021 | Twisted Star Class                | Jody Beck     | (Saturday Workshop)    |
| 01/04/2022 | Joy of Group Quilts               | Tina Craig    | (Free-Morning Lecture) |
| 01/06/2022 | Joy of Group Quilts               | Tina Craig    | (Free-Evening Lecture) |
| 01/10/2022 | Salvage Your Selvages             | Tina Craig    | (Morning Workshop)     |
| 01/13/2022 | Salvage Your Selvages             | Tina Craig    | (Evening Workshop)     |
| 02/01/2022 | Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer | Ellen Lindner | (Free-Evening Lecture) |
| 03/24/2022 | Lone Star (Quilt Show)            | Helen Frost   | (Thursday Workshop)    |





# AQG 2022 Quilt Show

## March 24-26, 2022

**Theme: Kaleidoscope of Quilts**

**It's time to sign up to volunteer at the Quilt Show.**

Job Duties available are described below:

**Quilt Intake Team:** Collect quilts and coordinate delivery of quilts to the Mesa Convention Center on the Sunday before the show.

**Hanging:** Assist with displaying show items in an assigned area.

**Volunteer Check-In:** Monitor the Volunteer Room; assist other volunteers to find their assignments.

**Floaters:** Assist wherever necessary.

**Photography:** Assist by hanging quilts for the photographer, or moving quilts in and out of the room. (This position may not be available every year.)

**Admissions:** Receive money; distribute tickets and programs to visitors.

**Sales:** Sell AQG opportunity quilt tickets, AQG promotional items, show bags, and show pins.

**White Glove:** Monitor exhibit rooms, answer questions, display quilt backs when requested.

**Security:** Assist with traffic flow, collect tickets, stamp hands, direct patrons, keep food/drink away from exhibits, and monitor doors.

**Take Down:** Assist with retrieving, bagging, and returning show items from your assigned areas; collect various hanging hardware.

**Vendors:** Assist the vendors with various tasks as requested.

**Quilt Entry continues until January 7, 2022.**

Categories are provided on the following pages.



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### DEFINITION OF NON-JUDGED CATEGORIES

**Special Theme – Covid Quilts:** This display-only themed challenge will be open for entries during the 2022 AQG Quilt Show. All entries in this Category must reflect designs inspired by this theme.

**The Coronavirus Pandemic has been challenging for all of us. We Quilters, like many artists, use our creativity as a way to process and express the reality that we are living through. The entries in this category should depict or represent something inspired by the Quilter's experience during the Covid Pandemic.**

You must submit a 150 word (approximately 1000 characters) Theme Statement that describes how your quilt interprets this theme. If the primary criteria of your submitted statement is "*that it was made during the lockdown*", then please consider a more appropriate category for this entry. The statement will be displayed with the quilt. The quilt may be **any** technique. Quilt perimeter not to exceed 450"

**Display Only:** Any quilt construction technique may be submitted to this category. Tied quilts are not accepted.

**Chapter Challenge:** All entries from an accepted Chapter Challenge are displayed together. A Chapter representative must apply separately and be accepted to this Quilt Arizona! show before individual entries are accepted.

**Youth:** Any quilt submitted by an Entrant under the age of 18 years. There are no quilt technique restrictions, and the entry may be Solo or Duet. These quilts are non-judged and are for Display Only. There is no entry fee for this category.

### DEFINITION OF JUDGED CATEGORIES

**Appliquéd:** Appliquéd predominates over piecing or other techniques either in amount or effect. Automated Machine Embroidery should be entered in the Other category. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries. This category is grouped by entry size.

**Art/Abstract:** An **original** design meant to be used as a piece of art in abstract form.

**Art/Innovative:** An **original** design meant to be used as a piece of art, reflecting innovative techniques, subject matter and/or materials.

**Group Quilt:** Any quilt constructed, quilted, or bound by three or more people.

**Hand Quilted:** A quilt that has been completely quilted by hand. No machine quilting is allowed.

**Kit Quilt:** A quilt where **any part of the quilt fabric has been provided** as a "kit" or a "Block of the Month" including fabric packets, pre-printed whole cloths, or "cheater cloth"; quilts will be judged within the category, but not eligible for Best of Show. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries.

**Mixed Technique:** A quilt that reflects multiple techniques used in the design and construction of the quilt top. This may include, but is not limited to, Piecing, Machine Appliquéd, Hand Appliquéd, Machine Embroidery, Hand Embroidery, or significant Embellishments. The complexity of the quilt top should be more than just setting blocks together. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries. This category is grouped by entry size.

**Modern:** Quilts may include the use of improvisational piecing, decorative stitch work, substantial negative space, bold colors, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colors. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries.



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**Other:** Hand Embroidery, Machine Embroidery, Cathedral Window, Crazy Quilt, Whole Cloth, Yo-yos, etc. A quilt reflecting any of these techniques.

**Paper Pieced:** Piecing using foundation piecing methods predominate over any other technique either in amount or effect. This does not include English paper piecing. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries.

**Pictorial:** A quilt that represents a recognizable image of a person, place or thing, any size. The design may be original or based on a pattern.

**Pieced:** Piecing predominates over any other technique either in amount or effect. This category is available for Solo or Duet entries. This category is grouped by entry size.

**Scrap:** Quilt top is comprised of 50 or more different fabrics.

**Theme:** The **2022 AQG Quilt Show** theme is **Kaleidoscope of Quilts**. All entries in this Category must reflect designs inspired by this theme.

**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.**

You must submit a 150 word (approximately 1000 characters) Theme Statement that describes how your quilt interprets this theme. The statement will be displayed with the quilt. The quilt may be **any** technique. Quilt perimeter not to exceed 450".



Dear Aunt Quiltie - Advice Column,

A fellow quilter, Norma B. shared a wonderful internet Blog with Aunt Quiltie called "**Quilter's Last Will and Testament**" written by Barbara Black. It can be found at the following address: <https://bbquiltmaker.blogspot.com/2021/05/quilters-last-will-and-testament.html>

How can I help my family prepare for the day that all of my quilting supplies become theirs. Please visit her blog to read about Barbara's Top 10 Tips that our families need to know when that time comes. Please share with your quilting friends.



**1. Who to call?** Which quilter friends are willing to help your family sort through and arrange to sell or give away all this stuff.? Name at least 3 good friends, provide their phone numbers. Discuss this with those friends in advance--are they willing to take on this task?

**2. Sewing Machines:** how many do you have, where are they, serial numbers, when did you buy them and for how much? I currently have two Singer Featherweights, a Bernina 765 in an expensive cabinet and my beloved Bernina Q20 sit-down longarm. When I bought that in 2015, I told my husband it was really "expensive". Note I was not asking his permission to buy it, my money as a professional quilter and teacher did that. But he only understood what that word meant when he saw the credit card bill. Your family has no idea how much your very valuable machines cost or are worth today. The Featherweights are often thought to be "toy machines". One of mine I had painted so I have almost \$700 invested in that baby--I want that to go to granddaughter Stella someday.

**3. Your Important Quilts:** Which mean the most to you and are the ones you really want to stay with your family? Do you have some that have won major awards or been published that will increase their value? These "Best Quilts" need to be documented in writing, with photos, to help ensure that information stays with those quilts. Make a LIST--who do you want to get your favorite quilts? There are a few I want to go to my grandchildren, Stella and Sam, when they are old enough to appreciate them. Yes, I have given them baby quilts and kid quilts already. I mean the ones I want them to share with their children, long after I'm gone, when they talk about their "BB".

**4. Your Quilts You Would Like to Give to Someone:** make a list of any quilts you want given to a specific friend or family member. The "quilt worthy" person who will be so happy to have a piece of you in their life. If you are lucky enough to know when your end is near, add their name to those quilts in advance. Or, BETTER YET--give that special friend that special quilt while you are able to see them receive it.

**5. Your Quilts that can be Sold or Given Away:** is there an organization you want to support? Project Linus, Quilts of Valor, Guild Comfy/Charity Quilts all come to mind. But there are organizations that conduct fundraisers which might appreciate a quilt or two. Educational organizations and those that support children in need are possible candidates. I easily have 50 small wall quilts laying around that have little value for sale but could raise a little money for charity.

**6. Put Labels on ALL your quilts.** If you don't automatically put labels on ALL your quilts, start doing that today. Here is a Tutorial I wrote about Labels 4 years ago: [Quilt Labels](#)

**7. Important Quilts Still Under Construction**--again, if you know your time is short, find those good friends and ask them if they would be willing to finish that really important quilt you are working on, as a gift for your family. Not every quilt you ever started--just that special one you ran out of time to finish. Someone will say "yes".

**8. Be aware** that most of our stuff has little value to others, even quilters. The books, patterns you plan to make "someday", magazine articles you saved for 30 years, the 200 pens/markers in a box. even all your rulers, cutters and mats. People will be happy to take some of it off your hands, but not for money. Now is the best time to start purging that stuff. Have a "swap" or "giveaway" for close quilting friends. This takes work but you bought it all so you really ought to help your family by dealing with some of this stuff now, before it becomes their problem. The only special "things" I want saved for my family are my thimbles. Some are sterling silver, some are inexpensive brass topped thimbles I first learned to hand-quilt with. They are my most meaningful "tools" and take up very little room. I am looking for a special box I can store them in--I will include the story of those thimbles in the box.

**9. The Fabric:** It has value, to a lot of quilters. But, again, it's a matter of quantity. I am really in the purge mode this year as I try to reduce some of the "sinful" amount I have. There is a sale/swap/giveaway in my future this year. Just as soon as I sort through those closets again. Do you LOVE all the fabric you currently own?

**10. Antique Quilts and Tops:** I almost forgot this category--I have about a dozen antique quilts and tops, some cost me a good bit of money. some I lucked into for very little. They are stored away from my quilts, in a closet. I must take time to create a LIST of these, what I know about them, what I paid and where I bought them. Sure don't want my kids to think these are just junky old rags..."

Sincerely, Aunt Quiltie

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

# Chapter Reports

## Night Owls of Phoenix

submitted by Penny Liston & Connie Fritto

September 2021 brought the 37th anniversary of the Night Owls. We celebrated in person, first time in 16 months, with a catered dinner and an interesting slideshow focusing on highlights over the years. Research for the presentation included reviewing the Chatter from 1984 to present and interviewing several of our long time members. Many of the slides included certain "challenges" set forth and those who participated all those years ago. Several of whom were in attendance for the celebration. 52 members and 4 guests attended our 37th Anniversary Celebration.



# Chapter Reports

## Cholla Quilters of Mesa

submitted by Patti Kupferer

### And We're Back!!

And it's great! We had our first meeting in over a year and a half in our room in the church. And thanks to Carol K., Susan S., and others, members who were more comfortable to meet via the Internet were able to join in with the in-person group.

Charity is still a high priority with Cholla members. Pam Sh. coordinated our Navajo donation drive. She is this coordinating with Las Sendas Quilters, Terraria Resident Quilters and AQS Sunrise Quilters. Members dropped items off on October 27 and then they were caravanned to the hanger. A truck took the bulkier items like sewing cabinets taken to the reservation. At our business meeting, Karen M. passed out "puppy pillows" for members to fill with their

scraps. Pam Sn., Sheila A., and Susan S. led our charity sew day as an in-person workshop this month.

Pam Sn. demonstrated some possibilities for using up your orphan blocks. We are so lucky to have so many in-house experts in our group.

We also are welcoming new members, some of whom we have only meet this past month while others have been 'Zooming' with us. Our newest members include Jeanne K., Brenda B., Wanda G., and Diane H. Welcome one and all!



# Chapter Reports

## Cholla Quilters continued



## Kingman Quilters of Kingman

submitted by Sally Bradley

On Monday Oct 4th Vivian gave a class on making a snap bag. That is a bag that uses the metal from a tape measure as the closure. Here are some of the lovely results.

Deb H. our Education Chairman is conducting a class on Barn blocks. This is reminiscent of the paintings seen on the barns throughout the country. The first class focused on designing the block of your choice on graph paper. The second class had students placing their design on wood and then painting the designs in vivid colors. Tables were set up covered with plastic so we didn't damage with possible spills. Frogger painting tape was used to block off different sections of the wood. The resulting blocks will be used to decorate walls and sheds at their homes. One, a round one, will even be used as a table top. We can't wait to see the finished pieces.



# Chapter Reports

## Kingman Quilters Continued

On Nov. 6th we will be presenting to some Veterans of Mohave County the quilts that members have made this year to honor their service and sacrifice to our country. We hope to send some photos next month.



# Chapter Reports

## Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Penny Boese

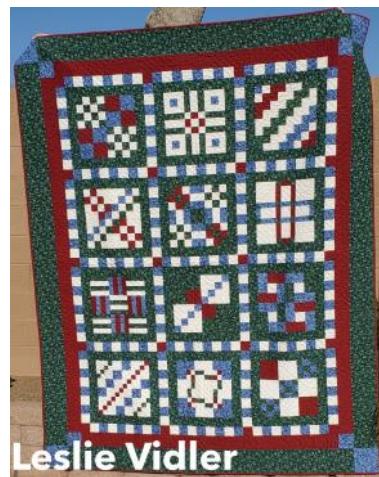
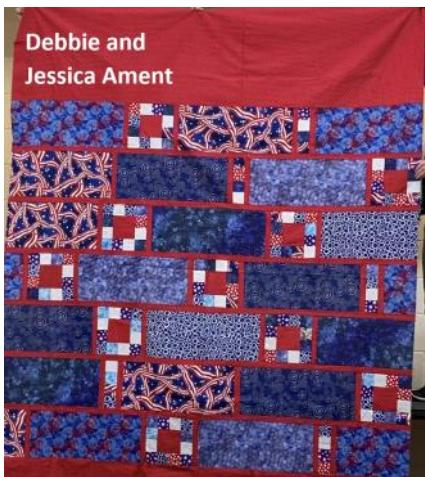
With the holidays keeping us busy, Nimble Thimbles will take a break in December, encouraging everyone to join the AQG Fun Day on December 4. We will continue our Zoom meetings with the Lifeline block group on Tuesdays and our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday meets at the Chandler Library (but check in with Jo Setliff because a couple of those dates have changed).

At our first November meeting, Lesley Visutsiri from Hummingbird Lane Fabrics and Notions, a new quilt store in Gilbert, shared with us ways to create holiday wreaths using our fabrics. Lesley's very personable personality made all of us want to visit her store to see the wonderful, yummy, buttery fabrics she described!



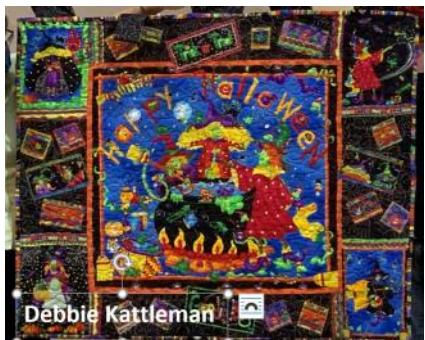
Our October 19 Zoom meeting featured Lori Dickman with her presentation "For the Love of Quilting Made Easy." Lori took us through her journey with quilts and talked about everything from making our workspace more user friendly to trying new techniques that challenge us.

A congratulation goes to our very own Debbie Ament for publishing her first pattern – Gnomes Galore! She is teaching her pattern at Mulqueen in Tempe.



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## Nimble Thimbles Continued



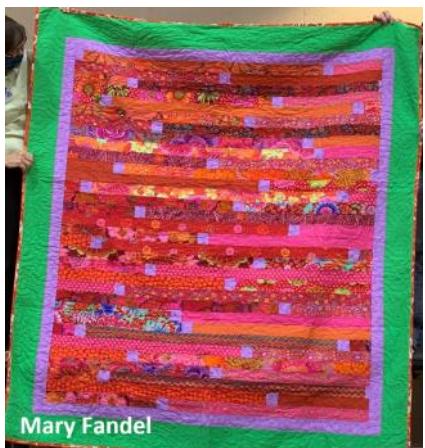
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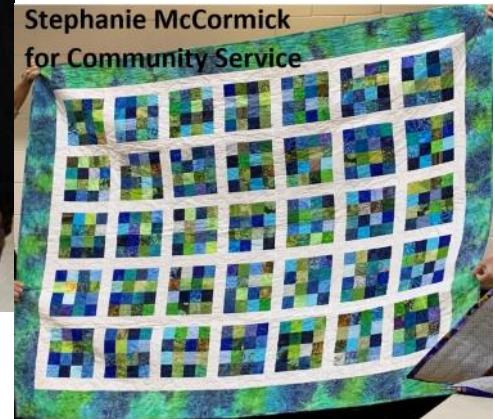
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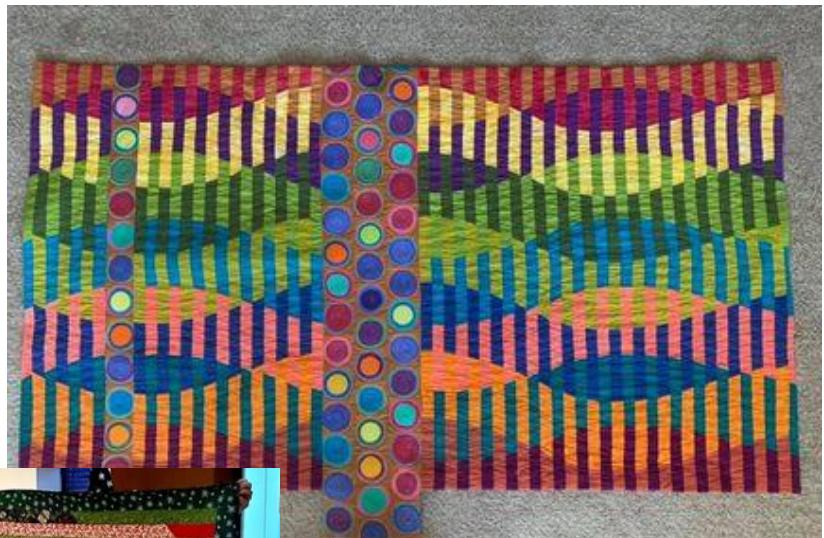
## Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

submitted by Janet Schrey

Daisy Mountain November meeting was full of energy. We welcomed several guests that learned about us at the Anthem Autumn Festival a couple of weeks ago.

We had our annual Chinese auction, which is always a lot of fun and a great fund raiser. Our very own Member, Louisa Smith, then gave us a treat with her Trunk Show from her book *Strips and Curves*. Beautiful quilts.

After a break, the winning ticket for the Autumn Fest Quilt Raffle took place. The winner was notified and was very excited. Pam was the winner of the Name Tag Drawing, Yvonne won the Fat Quarter Bonanza.



# Chapter Reports

## Busy Bees of NW Phoenix

submitted by Bobbi Levy-Dodge

With the year winding down, the Busy Bees are close to finishing this year's BOM.

During a recent Charity Sew Day, Betsy Schalmo (L) presented a demo on bordering blocks using the Easy Twist Ruler. She then put the ladies to work on a dozen donated orphan blocks. At our next Sew Day the bordered blocks returned and a layout was decided upon.

After that they practically flew together, thanks to Sharon Licherter (R). Before we knew it we had another charity top completed, which Monica Matteo (C) took home to quilt.



December block:  
Holiday Theme



To keep up our strength on Charity Day, we treated ourselves to a salad pot luck luncheon, which enabled us to chow down heartily without (too much) guilt. Of course by now we are 'probably' not the only group partying a little less healthily, and by publication will have already enjoyed a fun-filled holiday celebration with food and games.

We are all proud of Pennie Crouch, who earned three well-deserved ribbons for her quilts at the state fair. Her Arizona Row-By-Row certainly turned out stunning!



At our October meeting Patty Woodford presented a program on the Irish Chain quilt (which, BTW, apparently did not originate in Ireland.) While many of us strip piece our 9-patch (or 16-patch, or 25-patch) blocks when constructing a two-color quilt, Patty showed us another method for keeping squares in order - one which would work especially well when putting together a scrappy Irish Chain.



The Busy Bees welcome visitors at our monthly Business Meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at the Westown Baptist Church, 11415 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. Join us - and be sure bring along something to share during Show & Tell at the conclusion of our meetings.

# Chapter Reports

## Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carole Paul

Christmas is coming and bringing with it anticipation – not for two front teeth nor a visit from a Jolly Old Elf sliding down the chimney – but for food and the great time we always have at our Christmas Party. In addition to the usual fun, winners will be drawn for our Opportunity Quilt and for our quarterly raffle of a quilt or other handmade item.

At our November meeting projects were presented and contracts signed for our February UFO challenge. Those who complete their contract will be eligible for a gift card drawing. Ellen Born is tackling the biggest job with her *Dear Jane* quilt started 15 years ago. Her work so far is gorgeous so we can't wait to see the finished quilt!



The group is looking forward to its first retreat, to be held over three days in February at the church where we meet. We're starting out fairly small, expecting about 15 members to 'test the waters', but possibly could schedule a larger one at a different venue the following year.

The meeting concluded with some beautiful show and tell quilts. Foothills Quilters meets at the Spirit of Hope Methodist Church, 14403 N. 75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381. Our Business Meeting is held at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and includes reports from various Board members, a fun program given by a chapter member or guest speaker, members' show and tell, and fabulous snacks/goodies provided by our monthly hostesses.

The 4th Wednesday of the month is an open "Sew Day." Members bring their own projects or a charity project for a day of fun sewing with friends. Sometimes a special class may be held on this meeting day. When there is a 5th Wednesday in the month it is designated as a "Charity Sew Day." Everyone works on our chapter's on-going charity projects – quilts, pillowcases, and tote bags. Our charities are a very important part of our chapter, and we are very proud of all we do. Our main charities are New Life Center for victims of domestic violence, and Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church for their outreach. In addition, quarterly we select another charity to receive some of our projects for the following three-month period.



# Chapter Reports

## Foothills Quilters continued

If you're looking for a guild to call home, we'd love to have you visit. We ask that you attend three meetings before joining so you get a feel for our group.



## Havasu Stitchers of Lake Havasu City

submitted by Susan George

Howdy, from the shores of Lake Havasu!!!

It's been a very eventful month here. Most importantly, was the production of our outstandingly beautiful "A River Runs Through It" quilt show. (This show was our 14<sup>th</sup> just so you know.) And, today, we are celebrating its tremendous success. But, before I share stories of the show, I want to thank Lisa Mousel and her very capable crew (Judy Justus, Susan George, and Sherri Ashford) for their dedicated leadership. Thanks, ladies, you were and are GREAT!!!

If you were unable to attend this two-day event, you really missed out. It was FANTABULOUS!!! The quilts were beautiful and awe inspiring. The vendors were abundant. And the atmosphere was electric. We were honored to have AQG President, Nancy Laswick and AQG President Elect, Debbie Ament attend our preview party, view the 100+ quilts, and present ribbons to their favorite ones. (Thank you, ladies for coming all the way from Phoenix to help us celebrate.)



# Chapter Reports

## Havasu Stitchers Continued

Our quilt show was the last event on the City's calendar to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the London Bridge here in Havasu. And, in honor of The Bridge our members were challenged to create a pictorial quilt measuring 18"x36". Each of the 24 participants was given "river" fabric and instructed to go forth and create. They did an outstanding job as you can see by the attached photo(s).

I could ramble on for days telling you of all our successes...you know the boutique sales, the winners of the opportunity quilt and the Heart's Desire baskets. But I won't.

Just suffice it to say, that each was a stand-alone success.

With all this being said, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge ALL of our volunteers. This show would not have been the success it was without them. Thank you to all that helped with...hanging and taking down the quilts, greeting visitors at the door, white gloving the quilts, seeing to the vendors' needs, and the many behind the scenes tasks. You were GREAT and we couldn't have done this without you. Thank you SEW VERY MUCH!!!



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## Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Pat Sinclair

Members of Desert Threads have been busy with fun challenges, projects and programs. At each meeting Joan Carver has a drawing for members to exchange postcards they've created using the topic for the month. The theme for December's meeting is HOLIDAY GREETINGS. Postcards are displayed before the exchange and highlight member's skills.

Our November speaker was Penny Boese, a member of AQG. She gave hints for preparing items for long-arm quilting. One of the most important parts of working with a long-arm quilter is communication. She shared many beautiful quilts illustrating the many things to be considered. She had samples of most types of batting and discussed best uses.

The program for December featured a professional who gave helpful hints on taking pictures with our cell phones. He is a professional and also does these presentations online.

After the October meeting focused on precut strips, members were challenged to use these strips in quilts. Four quilts were displayed and a vote was taken for the favorite. The quilts were given to charity. During our charity quilt day we made laundry bags for US Vets.



# Chapter Reports

## Shoofly Quilters of Payson

submitted by Susan Nafziger

Our members have been very busy. We had quilt camp in October and major involvement in the 15th Annual Rim Country Quilt Roundup during mid-November. We continue to support many local charities as well as our Veterans. During the quilt show the Mazatzal Hotel & Casino selected Karen Peelen's Sparkling Sapphire as their favorite quilt.

As a special treat, Karen presented the quilt to Hubert Nanty, General Manager of the casino. It was a very touching celebration. We are looking forward to our Christmas party and then back into the swing of things in January...2022 is just around the corner! We hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and a memorable Christmas.



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## Quilters Anonymous of Goodyear

submitted by Deby Day



As this year comes to a close, a few Quilter's Anonymous members were honored to attend the Veteran's Medical Leadership Council Patriotic (VMLC) Luncheon at the Biltmore in Scottsdale, AZ. A big thank you to Safeway for sponsoring a table for QA! The VMLC is an organization that

fundraise to support veterans in need. Veterans can seek assistance through this organization for things such as food and financial assistance. During the luncheon, they also honor men and women who have served our country. QA has been involved with VMLC since 2008. Sam Young, past president and one of the original founders of this organization has attended several of QA's meeting as our key note speaker and shared with our group, the purpose and generosity of this organization . QA has made and donated several quilts that have assisted in raising funds for this wonderful organization. The current President of QA is a retired Air Force veteran and I have included a picture of her standing as they played the Air Force song (The US Air Force) during the luncheon.



# Chapter Reports

## Strawberry Patchers of Pine, Payson, Strawberry, Happy Jack

submitted by Jackie Smith

### Rim Country Quilt Roundup November Quilt Show Success!

With increasing public confidence in vaccines and/or masks, more people are getting out to mingle again. Quilt shows are back, baby!

Quilters had stayed extremely busy during quarantine not only making masks, but making beautiful quilts and saving up for a chance to show them off. So, when the call for quilts went out from the Rim Country Quilt Roundup, the response was fantastic! The show displayed over 150 quilts—the most ever in its 16 years of existence.

Since there are too many ribbon winners to name and show all in this article, please go to <http://www.quiltroundup.org> to view. Some pictures here, pulled from Facebook and other outlets, show only a few of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. Eighty-six ribbons were given out in several areas, including judged competition, recognition from several community businesses and organizations and ten viewer's choice awards. Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who participated in any capacity!



Barbara Polston  
Best of Show



Elaine Putnam  
1st Place in  
Group



Ingrid DeCook  
1<sup>st</sup> Place in  
Potporri,



Jackie Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Place in  
Large Pieced

# Chapter Reports

## Strawberry Patchers Continued

### Veterans Day Parade

Our own retired Colonel Christine Fleming Mahon was this year's Grand Marshall in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. She had served over 30 years as an Army nurse, attaining the status of Chief Nurse during Operation Desert

Shield/Desert Storm, and retired as Hospital Commander in 2003.



Chris also won the 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon in the medium pieced category at Rim Country Quilt Roundup. With all that Grand Marshalling and Ribbon Winning, she still remains a humble and active chapter member, giving a hand to the Patchers' "Country Store" and to volunteer quilt show work.



### Strawberry Patchers "Country Store"

Kris Lovetro put together a lovely display of our hand-made merchandise and raffle prizes at the Roundup. Show-goers found that many items would make good Christmas presents and stocking stuffers. As always, all proceeds from our sales and raffles are donated to local charities for whom we have a passion to serve. If you would like to contact Kris for a hand-made last-minute Christmas present (that you don't have to make yourself), please email her at [atmoosemtn@aol.com](mailto:atmoosemtn@aol.com) or become friends and private message her on the Strawberry Patchers Facebook page.

### Coming Up

Our next meeting is actually a members-only Christmas Party where we eat yummy food and play a rousing game of "Dirty Santa." No, not that...it's where you can steal another

person's gift. Golly. We welcome visitors to any other business meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in the Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library Activity Room in "downtown" Pine, Arizona. Please visit if you're in the area.



Happy Holidays!



# Chapter Reports

## Betweens of Scottsdale

submitted by Ann McCage

Our group went all out and we have sewn over 90 placemats for Meals on Wheels. Our goal was 100! There are more 'in the works'. We hope all have great holidays.



## Cotton Patchers of Coolidge

submitted by June Batty

The Coolidge Cotton Patcher's have emerged from our Covid Cocoons and have immediately gotten busy planning and completing our opportunity quilt in record time from first cut to the last stitch on the binding in just two weeks! Many thanks to Liz Davis, Deb Sinclair, Becky Ruiz, Gail Piggott, Jacque Henry and June Batty.

The Coolidge Cotton Patcher's "Arizona Speaks to Me," quilt show is Friday through Sunday-February 25, 26, 27 & Friday through Sunday-March 4, 5, 6, 2022. Location:

Coolidge Women's Center  
240 W Pinkley Ave.  
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

Our Community Service Quilt Chair has worked hard all year making up many 40" x 50" quilt kits for the group to piece together, to be quilted, and bound, and donated to various groups in the area. Thanks to all the members who participated.

A special thanks goes out to Kathy Pfaff for making so many children's community service quilts and Quilts of Valor during Covid out of her own fabric stash and mailed them to our group throughout the pandemic.



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## Cotton Patchers Continued



A very warm welcome to our three new members!

Yvonne Warner is an Arizona native, married 42 years, and a retired school teacher. She taught English for 29 years retiring in May of 2021. She continues to teach college English while in retirement. Yvonne hobbies include camping, reading, crocheting, cooking and now sewing and quilting. She joined AQG and the Cotton Patchers “to learn more and take part with my mom in her beloved hobby!” (Gail Piggott)

Tonya Grizzle is a retired firefighter and more recently a retired police officer. Tonya has a yearning to give back to the local community and has found quilting with the Cotton Patchers to be “the highlight of my retirement!”

Katherine Alvarado has been a member in the past but we are thrilled to have her back again. Katherine has been sewing since she was a little girl and has a wide range of sewing related hobbies. She enjoys quilting, bag making, and keepsake bear making. She’s excited to be a part of the quilting community again.



The Cotton Patchers meet Thursday's from 9-2. AQG members are welcome to come and join the fun.  
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240 W Pinkley Ave  
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When: January 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Where: Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix.

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Tickets, purchased through AQG, will continue to be \$8.00 for this event and are good for all 3 days.

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