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2022 Quilt Show

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Our purpose is to promote the art of quilting to the public and our membership through education, chapter membership, events, and shared quilting experiences.

Start by exploring our [Calendar](#) to find quilt shows and events to attend.

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Time to Renew

From the President ...



This is my last message as President of AQG. It has been a pleasure serving on the board for 4 years. I'm hope you are happy with all the changes that we have made to the Guild. We are striving to be more relevant and useful to our members.

I have enjoyed getting to know all the members of our current and past board. Debbie Ament will be awesome as your new President. We wouldn't have accomplished so much without her help and support.

I'm so happy with the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors. You should have an awesome board next year. Voting will close on June 15th. Be sure to vote.

I have learned so much and met so many talented members. I look forward to serving in some capacity for AQG. I am the committee chair for Fun day because it's just fun (LOL).

Happy Quilting,

Nancy Laswick



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office and leave a message clearly stating your name and address changes. You should receive confirmation when your
address has been updated.

AQG Education

Update from your Education Committee

(Contributed by Victoria Nelson)

As spring eases into summer, I hope that you have a chance to reflect on the lectures and workshops from this past year. We had a lot of fun selecting teachers for you and we are working on a new slate of lectures and workshops for the coming year. Next up will be a lecture with Tina Tarr on August 4. Mark your calendars. The event will be available shortly for you to sign up. I think you will really like to hear from Tina. She has some amazing quilts and classes, and a new book on stitched mosaics coming out in August.

Winter offerings will include color theory/color play, improvisation, precision piecing, machine quilting and more. Anything in particular you would like to learn? Let us know and we will see what we can schedule.

We will be continuing to offer lectures and workshops on Zoom, and a couple in-person learning events as well, plus the classes and lectures for the quilt show. Yes, we are already signing up teachers for the quilt show next March! I hope you are planning to attend.

Help the Education Committee

Have you wished you could select your favorite teachers for AQG? Join our team and you can help to book the lectures and workshops. We are also in need of someone with Marketing experience. The time commitment isn't too much – we meet for an hour each month on Zoom (yes, you can participate from your summer getaway) and then we spend a few hours during the month on our actions. We would love to have your help!

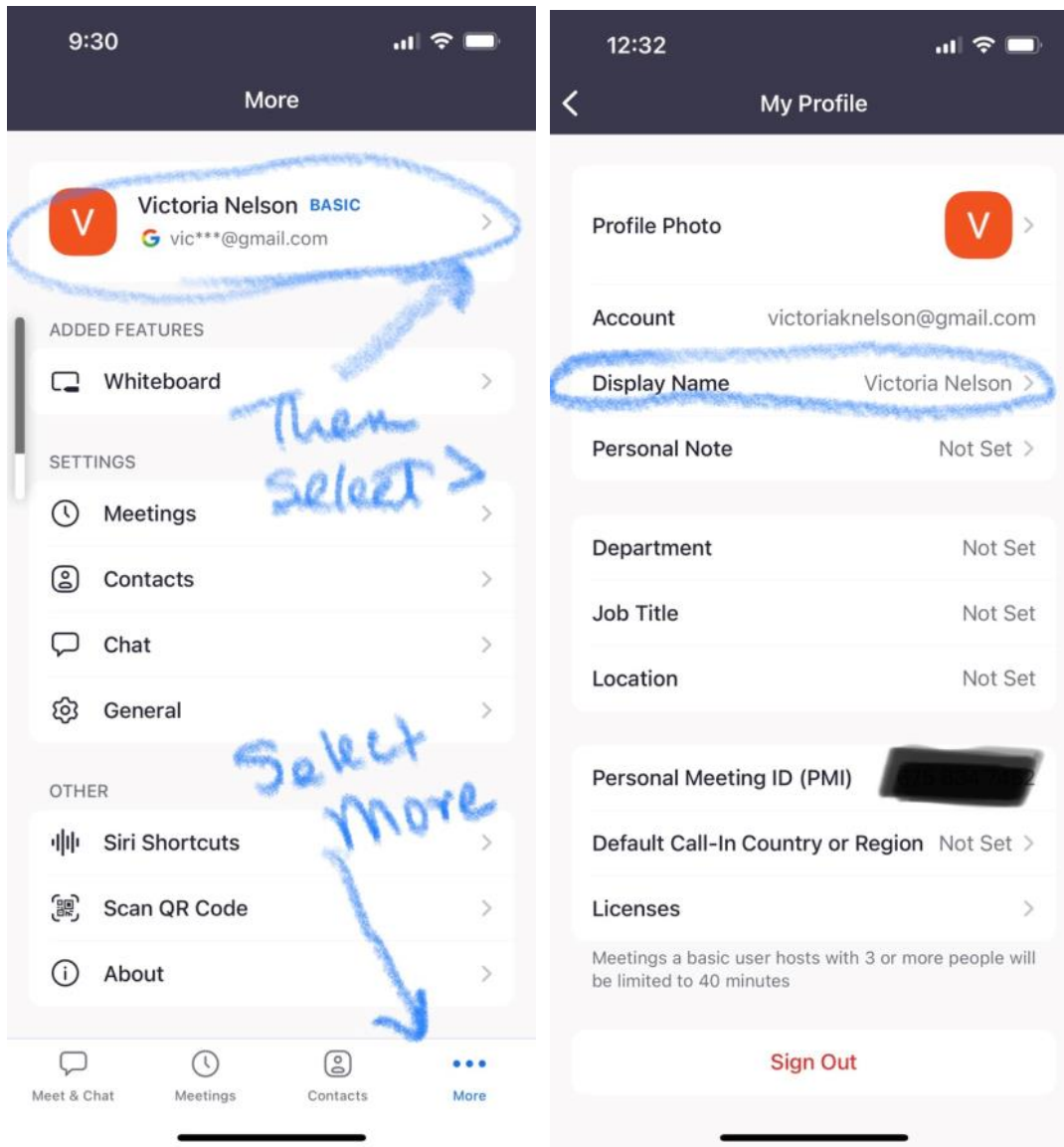
Tips for Zoom

When you register for an event, you should get to a screen that says you are registered, and you should get a confirmation email. Make sure to check your spam folder! If you don't see either of these, reach out to us before the event so that we can see what is happening.

I hope that using Zoom is getting more comfortable for you. I keep learning more about it myself. If you are wondering why you sometimes come into Zoom without your full name displayed, you can set that up in the Profile on your Zoom account. Open your Zoom app on your phone, tablet or computer, select More and then select Edit (if on a pc) or > (on your phone or tablet) to see what Zoom will show for your display name. You can also add a profile picture if you want, or it will simply display your initial when you have video off.

If you need help with Zoom, contact me and we can arrange a time to help you.

AQG Education Continued



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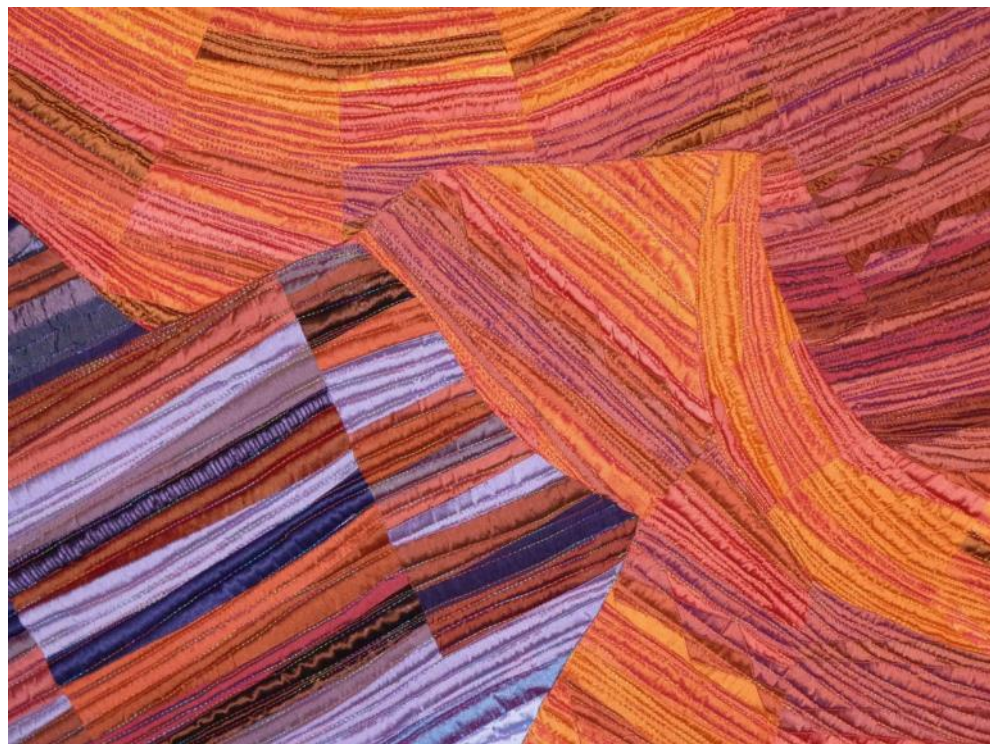


March
23-25
2023

Lose yourself in a Canyon on Colors. The spaces and places, from sunrise to sunset, each a mesmerizing picture of striated rock in colors too numerous to name. A senses-filling experience and, oh, the possibilities.

Start thinking now about your entry for next years show!

We can't wait to see them all!



AQG Board of Directors Candidates for 2022-2023 (In alphabetical order)

Diana Anderson- Card Trick Quilters – Lakeside, AZ



Diana was born and raised on Long Island in New York. She majored in foreign language in college and, after graduation, joined the Army as an interrogator/translator with language specialties of German and Chinese Mandarin. After completing her military service, she went back to school and obtained her degree as a registered nurse. She held various staff and leadership positions in her nursing career, including Director of Nursing,

Staff Development Director, Administrator for a long-term care facility, and most recently, as an Infection Preventionist for a rural health care system. She continued her education throughout her career, eventually obtaining a master's degree in Nursing and Nursing Education, an Executive Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on leadership, and a Doctor of Health Administration degree. Over the years, she served on several boards, including holding a state-level position in the Association for Professionals in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology, and a national chairmanship in the Academy of Medical Surgical Nursing. After almost four decades, she finally retired, but continues to keep her nursing license active.

Shortly after retiring, she attended a beginning quilting class and became completely hooked on quilting. She is an active member of the Card Tricks Chapter, currently serving as the Chapter Secretary. In addition, she maintains the chapter website. She is also a member of the Patriotic Piecers, which is a sub-group of the Card Tricks Chapter that makes quilts to present to local veterans, active-duty military, and first responders including police, firefighters and EMS. Although she is relatively new to quilting, she has been sewing since she was six years old. She has completed more than twenty quilts and is currently working on several pieced quilts and a Baltimore Album (turned-edge applique) quilt. Don't ask her if she has a favorite type of quilting: she'll tell you she loves it all!

Diana is married and she and her husband live in Lakeside, AZ with their two spoiled cats, Boris and Natasha. In addition to quilting, Diana enjoys working on her family genealogy, shooting, reading, and writing. She is a published author, with four novels in print and a fifth one coming out this summer.

She chose to run for a board position for several reasons. First, she is very impressed with the AQG and wants to help contribute to the continuing success of the organization. Second, because her chapter is so rural, its members often feel disconnected from the rest of the organization. Diana feels that by serving on the board, it will help her chapter feel more connected. Finally, she is excited by the opportunities AQG offers, especially to engage young people in quilting and to change the public perception of quilting from just a domestic task to instead view quilting as a vibrant form of creative art.

AQG Board of Directors Candidates for 2022-2023 (Continued)

Patti Johns - Calico Cut-Ups, Litchfield Park, AZ



Hello, my name is Pattie Johns and I am very excited to volunteer for the AQC Board. I have been retired since June 2016 after working in the public school system for 20 years, 18 of which as a Director of Finance. In my position, I was responsible for all aspects of accounting, including auditing, budgeting, payables, purchasing, payroll, inventory, and Federal and State grants. Collaboration between departments and school personnel proved a key factor to my success and that of my department. This experience allows me to offer a varied business perspective to AQC.

I have spent the last five and half years thoroughly enjoying my retirement and the time spent with my children and grandchildren. I have one son and three stepchildren, six grandchildren and one great-grandson. Unfortunately, my husband of 39 years passed away one year prior to my retirement. I currently live just south of Luke Airforce Base with my son, his wife, and my daughter. Grandchildren are frequent visitors and I simply love it!

I have only been quilting, seriously, since retirement. I have watched countless U-Tube videos and online tutorials to advance my skills. One of my favorite sayings is, "You don't know what you don't know until you know it!" I joined Calico Cut-Ups Chapter in July 2021 and have loved every minute of it. Having like-minded individuals to discuss sewing and quilting has helped my growth in my new-found passion. I am amazed and inspired by the talent of these ladies.

I spent twenty years working in a fast-paced and high stress environment and look forward to "stepping back up" and contributing to the AQC organization and members. I look forward to meeting new friends and learning so much more about quilting. Joining Calico Cut-Ups gave me access to a new community that I didn't realize I needed in my life; I'm excited with the prospect of enlarging that community by volunteering my time to AQC and all its members.

Judy Hood – Kingman Quilters -Kingman, AZ



I have been married 25 plus years to my husband Ron. We have three children and eight grandchildren who live in Arizona, Nevada and California. I am blessed my parents who are in their 80's are still with us (California). I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in management. I currently work for the State of Arizona, Adult Protective Services and specialize in Financial Exploitation. I love my job and enjoy reaching out to our vulnerable adult population and assist them with resources where and when I can. I officially started quilting in 2007 when I joined a "Adult Ed" class which was held at the local middle school. I have been sewing and doing crafts since I was very young (maybe 6-7 years old). I got my inspiration from my grandmother. My mother and I also

did "Mommy and Me" sewing and cooking classes together. I recently became a member of the Kingman Quilters Guild after being away and not making time for it after a few years. As for board experience, I have been a director of a not-for-profit

AQG Board of Directors Candidates for 2022-2023 (Continued)

organization and worked directly for the board. As of July 1, 2022, I have been asked to serve on the board for "Kingman Cares." This organization is a "stop-gap" between what services are offered by the State (income based) and those services which are needed for those who may fall between the cracks due to income not being low enough or too high enough to support various needs (many of our clients are only receiving SSI benefits). I am interested in becoming a board member specifically to bring a new perspective to the Arizona Quilters Guild. I am hopeful perhaps we can do some sort of outreach to get our younger generation involved in this "art." I believe sewing/crafts is a stepping stone for any young man or woman to become more disciplined, release their inner creativity and learn independence (a can do attitude instead of depending upon others). Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Gries- Night Owls – Phoenix, AZ



My husband and I moved to phoenix in 1985. We have been married for 38 years and have four grown children. In addition, we have seven delightful grandchildren. I have a bachelor's degree in nursing. I was able to work in a variety of nursing positions over the years while raising our children. My position as a school nurse at a Junior/Senior High School was my most fulling work. While at the school I also worked in administration as the Campus Life Coordinator.

I started quilting when I retired eight years ago and was looking for a hobby. Quilting very quickly became my passion. My stepmom was an avid quilter and was a great resource. I enjoy paper piecing and tradition quilting.

I decided to run for a position on the Board when I became aware of the need. We are also at a time of our lives that affords me the availability to serve. I have not previous experience serving on a board. My time as a member of the administration at the Jr/Senior high school is the closest I have to serving on a board. I am looking forward to supporting and engaging with members of the quilting community in Arizona. I have a passion for education and am looking forward to providing avenues for that to happen.

Rob Schultz – Member at Large, Miami AZ



He has a domestic partner of 12 years, he has 6 kids, 13 grandkids, and 2 great grandkids. He is a veteran, and has worked as a Correctional Officer for 12 years, cook and baked for 30 years, before becoming a Certified Nurses Asst. At this time, he is medically retired and to fill his time after he has completed his domestic duties has started quilting. He is self-taught and is continuing to learn as he goes. "He believes that you should learn at least 1 thing new everyday" He started quilting 4 years ago and loves it. Even though he is a Member-At-Large he fully understands how being a member of a chapter can be helpful. He also believes that there are a lot of male members in the state that need to become more involved and take a lot of pride in their craft. His previous experience as a Board Member is with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and with Toast Masters.

He decided to become a member of the Board for AQG in order to help bring more awareness to everyone that quilting is not just for women. The one thing that he would like to do is to be able to tap into the wealth of knowledge that is out there from other quilters. Also, to help promote the amazing craft of Quilting.

AQG Board of Directors Candidates for 2022-2023 (Continued)

Jo Setliff – Nimble Thimbles – Chandler, AZ



I'm a retired bank trainer with a master's in finance. My father was career Air Force, so I've lived many places. I transferred from Dallas to Chandler with my job in 1997. I have a sister, brother-in-law and 90-year-old Dad in Boerne, TX. My brother is an aerospace engineer in Redondo Beach. I'm not married, no pets, no kids. Lest you think I shun all living things, I am a Maricopa County Master Gardener with friends I consider family, including grand kids. In my Buy Nothing Facebook group, I am known as Aunty Jo. When covid started I taught my friends to zoom so we could continue our happy hour gatherings which we've done for 2 years.

My Granny Elvie in Turkey, TX was a blue-ribbon quilter and my Mother was a talented seamstress. I have always appreciated quilts. Although I'm not a particularly skilled quilter, I have been membership chair, vice president and president twice for Nimble Thimbles.

I volunteered for the AQG board to help the organization thrive after changes brought with the pandemic. I would like to facilitate more chapter-to-chapter networking and cooperation.



Dear Aunt Quiltie - Advice Column,

Quilting for Christmas in July

Preparing for Christmas gifts early makes for less stress during the Season. Early Christmas quilting saves all that last-minute rushing around. If you have a plan set you can be more effective, save money, and enjoy the Christmas season more.

Decide who you are gifting one of your projects to and start a list of supplies necessary to complete your project. Sometimes special fabrics, etc. are hard to find, so planning ahead saves lots of stress.

As quilters, we enjoy making our loved ones something special. There are so many more options that just bed quilts. With Christmas, you can quilt pretty much anything. This is your beginner list of Christmas quilting that you need to start out with. It's the small stuff that adds up. DIY ornaments are going to be your favorite gift to wrap up because of how easy they are to make, so you can make them in abundance and save yourself the hair-pulling shopping time. Just click on each of the links below for patterns. Have fun!! Happy Quilting!



DIY Tree Skirts

[Grand Pinwheel Quilted Tree Skirt](#)

[Spiral Quilted Christmas Tree Skirt](#)

[Simple Patchwork Christmas Tree Skirt](#)

Homemade Stockings

[His & Hers Scrappy Stocking Patterns](#)

[Crazy Cuffed Christmas Stocking](#)

[Cute Christmas Snowman Stocking](#)

[Upcycled T-Shirt Stocking](#)

[Colors of the Rainbow Christmas Stockings](#)

Easy Ornaments

[Folded Fabric Star Ornament](#)

[Scrappy Stocking Ornament](#)

[Felt Applique Chickadee Ornament](#)

[Paper Pieced Holiday Star Ornament](#)

[Hexie Snowflake Decorations](#)

Wallhangings

[Santa Applique Wall Hanging](#)

[Grandma's Christmas Tree](#)

[Angel Christmas Tree Wallhanging](#)

[Christmas Row Houses Pattern](#)

[Easy Quilted Christmas Tree Card Holder](#)

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 news-letter@aqgmail.org. You may win a prize from the Co-Publishers.

Chapter Reports

Calico Cut- Ups of El Mirage

submitted by Fred Walker

Our meeting on April 25th was a showcase of amazing quilts made by Lexi Burg. She is a true artist! Her trunk show exceeded all our expectations. Then she gave us tips and tricks on thread painting and even tried to teach us how to create our own masterpiece. Personally, I do not think I could ever master this skill. She is an artist not just a quilter. Check out the photos of her works of art on our website.



You will not want to miss our May 23rd meeting. Diana Lykins has volunteered to show us tips and tricks to quilting on a domestic machine. She will speak about preparing your quilt for machine quilting, quilting a large quilt in a small space, what threads and needles to use and planning a quilting design. She will also demonstrate a few designs that are quick and easy to do on the machine and will provide a practice handout. If you would like to try quilting on your machine, bring a quilt sandwich of two fat quarters with batting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The date for the Christmas Party has been set – December 12, 2022. I have heard different tidbits from committee members, and it sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Stand by for more information.



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Penny Boese

Shouts of “QUILTO!” were heard at our first meeting in May. Our annual game night made for many winners and lots of laughter. Our grand prize – a basket filled with an iron and many ironing notions – was won by Kathy Krieg as the first person to black out a QUILTO card. Congratulations, Kathy, and thank you, Michele Frasier, for putting together such a great selection of prizes and a fun night!

Finishing up the month of April, Cheryl Brickey of South Carolina’s Meadow Mist Designs visited us by Zoom to discuss that sometimes frustrating phrase “Quilt as Desired.” Cheryl gave us pointers on how to break down the process of quilting by asking ourselves valuable questions including what do I want to stand out on this quilt? How busy is the fabric? Is the quilting even going to show?



We continue to make progress on our President’s Challenge of completing 40 Quilts of Valor. We have several in process of completion and are likely to surpass our goal and reach nearly 50! Thanks

for all the hard work to our piecers, long armers and binders who have been working hard on this project. And a special thanks to Kathy O’Brien for piecing backings, getting together battings, and reaching out to our long armers to ensure all of the quilts are ready for our QOV ceremony in September!



Chapter Reports

Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carol Paul

The majority of our May meeting, was devoted to choosing our next opportunity quilt. The Opportunity Quilt Committee presented several possibilities to the group for this year's quilt. Pros and cons of the various selections were discussed and many good ideas were presented as to how we could do them. A vote was taken and one quilt received overwhelming approval. Now the committee members get to go shopping! We look forward to having the quilt completed by the end of the year so we can begin selling raffle tickets in early 2023.



For this meeting, members were asked to bring their favorite book, magazine or pattern. Many of the books shown date back years and have been much used. One member brought two English magazines she subscribes to and it was interesting to see them.

Members were also requested to bring at least one heart block to restock our supply of heart quilts for members who have lost a family member or who have been ill or had surgery. We now have a stack of blocks that will be given out to anyone who wants to assemble a quilt.

We finished with Show and Tell. One share was a picture puzzle a member received from her son for Mother's Day. She made him a cowboy quilt years ago and he'd had it photographed and the photo made into a unique puzzle. Yes, she said she cried when he gave it to her and was still weepy at the meeting.



Chapter Reports

Foothills Quilters continued



Carole



Judy



Jo



Donna

Cotton Patchers of Coolidge

submitted by June Batty

It has been a very busy couple of months for the Coolidge Cotton Patchers. As always we are very busy making Comfort Quilts for our local and surrounding communities and Quilts of Valor for our Veterans. Many thanks to our very willing and selfless volunteers who participate regularly in the effort.



We also had two wonderful member taught classes. Marlene Humphreys taught a machine-binding class. One would think that machine binding is a “no brainer” but for some of us, it is a struggle to get those almost perfectly mitered corners and the stitching to catch evenly on both sides of the binding. Marlene shared the tips and tricks that made at least one of us a convert to machine binding from being exclusively a hand binder. Thank you very much Marlene.



Chapter Reports

Cotton Patchers continued

Debi Grundmeier taught a very well done follow up to Candy Grisham's Modern Dresdens. Everyone finished their Dresden plate in class that day. We are looking forward to seeing what everyone does with their lone Dresden plate in the future.

Several of us went down to the Women's Club in Coolidge and took the AQG class Jewel Box by Karen Combs. We ordered pizza for lunch and made a day of it together and several of us have already completed our tops. It was a super fun day.

We also have another member taught class coming up in June taught by Judy Preston featuring Jodi Barrows Square in a Square ruler and her techniques.

Last, but certainly not least, we had a very moving Quilt of Valor presentation to the owner of Empower Physical Therapy Justin Best. He was quite surprised and moved.

For the second year now we are meeting during the summer months and as usual visitors are welcome to come join us for three consecutive times before being required to join AQG. Come check out our newly remodeled Women's Club in Coolidge and join our fun group of ladies and quilt from 9-3 Thursdays.



Chapter Reports

Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Pat Sinclair

At their May meeting, members of Desert Threads gathered in their new meeting space, the recently refurbished Phoenix Room at Cottonwood. President Marion Kersnick summarized our accomplishments during the past year. The Desert Threads By-laws were revised in February followed by revision of the Standing Rules. New officers and board members present were introduced. There was a summary of the programs coordinated by Cindy Templeton and Mary Platt. These programs began with one-block wonder and ended with Diana Jones presentation on Ice Dying. In addition there was a program on photography, new and old helpful notions, and meetings with fun and games so members got to socialize. Quilt University consisted of demos by four members of new techniques and information. In addition, several classes presented opportunities for learning new skills and techniques.

For 2021-2022 we stayed within the budget and approved the budget for the upcoming year. Currently we have a healthy bank balance so programs and classes are being planned for the upcoming year. Pam Matassarin gave an update on membership which continues to grow. Jody Edwards summarized the contributions donated by members throughout the year. For the summer, quilters were asked to sew cloth bags for refugees and enjoy the summer!.



Chapter Reports

Busy Bees of NW Phoenix

submitted by Bobbi Levy-Dodge

The Bees were certainly busy at a Sew Day working on blue jellyroll quilts, and afterward feasted at a Blueberry Social. The quilts, destined for teenagers transitioning out of foster care as they turn 18, turned out lovely (as Betsy, Donna, Louise and Patty proved) and are sure to be appreciated.



Betsy



Donna



Louise



Patty

One of our on-going projects this year is a set of four season-themed blocks. Donna, Betsy, Shar on and Jan shared their winter cardinals, and the ladies are now working on their next one, spring birdhouses.

We're always looking to improve our skills, so at each business meeting one of the ladies offers a Precision Sewing Tip. Sharon reminded us that if pieces haven't been cut perfectly and are a little off, line up two sides at the corner, then sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the 'correct' larger edge(s). This reminder came in very handy lately when putting together a group quilt, as a number of the blocks did not end up being quite the 'required' size.



Betsy



Lanelle



Pennie

Chapter Reports

Busy Bees continued

Jan gave a tutorial on making scalloped borders. For those of us who haven't yet been brave enough to try doing that, it was quite helpful to learn that we should NOT cut the scallop until *after* quilting ~ though we *should* mark the scallop as an aid in quilting. Maybe we will see more scalloped edges at future meetings.

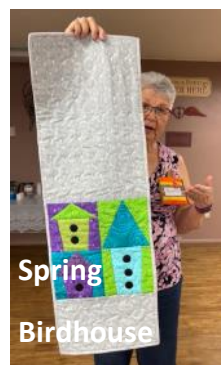
Louise's "potato chip bag" class (somewhat of a misnomer because it's the perfect size for so many things, like dog walking supplies) was a success. Betsy, Louise, Monica and Jan were all smiles as they displayed their finished bags.



Susan had made up charity quilt kits for anyone who wanted to skip the cutting part of the process. Betsy and Pennie were more than happy to snag some "open bag, start sewing" projects.



Some of the ladies have made blocks (or quilts) to help the Ukrainian refugees, and Monica shared the one she has hanging in her window as a show of support.



Strawberry Patchers of Pine, Payson,

Strawberry, Happy Jack

submitted by Jackie Smith

The Strawberry Patchers fabric yard sale was a great success! Thanks to all who shopped, helping us clear our huge inventory of donated fabric and tools while supporting local charities. We were blessed with some beautiful weather, too.



Chapter Reports

Strawberry Patchers Continued

At May's business meeting Kathy Beck shows three quilts. Wow, as a newer member, Kathy is killing it!



Chris Mahon shows us a new vintage quilt find nearly every month. Here's one with some impressive red work. Joanne Bahr shows the first quilt she ever quilted herself on a longarm. Her community quilting group in the valley has a longarm that any member can use. How great is that!



Please plan to come to the **Strawberry Patchers Quilt Show, June 10 & 11, Friday and Saturday, 9am to 4pm at the Pine/Strawberry Cultural Hall.** Admission is \$5.00.

We will have over 100 quilts on display, educational demos and prize drawings throughout the day, "Country Store" hand-made gift items, artisan bread, knife and scissor sharpening services, and much more. As always, proceeds above operating expenses go to local non-profit organizations. Pine is located on Highway 87 between Payson and Strawberry, and always at least 15 degrees cooler than the valley. About an hour and a half from Scottsdale in one direction, and about the same from either Prescott or



Flagstaff in the other. Besides visiting the quilt show, you may enjoy shopping at over a dozen antique stores, gift shops and artist galleries, and have lunch at one of many great restaurants in the area. You might just have the best day trip ever. Hope to see you soon!

Chapter Reports

Cholla Quilters of Mesa

submitted by Diane Belliveau

Cholla is marching into Springtime with a variety of activities and learning experiences that serve our ever-growing membership's wide interests. March focused on some in-house opportunities for some relaxed stitching for good causes, and then some opportunities to "Meet & EAT!!" April showered us with some terrific mini-lessons, and we even had a road trip!! (AKA—SHOPPING!)



Cholla is blessed with a leadership team that works diligently to provide the chapter with the "fruits" of their combined knowledge and experience.

On March 14, Cholla hosted an **"Un-Retreat"** where members gathered to work on some very colorful blocks! When completed, each quilt measures 48 X 60, consisting of alternating colors of warm-hued and cool-hued stars. These blocks were all created by donated fabrics, and lovingly stitched by Cholla members, both at the Un-Retreat, and at home. Just give her a jingle! When finished these colorful quilts will be added to other items to be generously donated by Cholla Quilters.



Chapter Reports

Cholla Quilters Continued

Cholla members stepped up in a big way for this year's **Arizona Quilt Guild's** show at the Mesa Convention Center. Thanks to those who were able to get out and volunteer for a myriad of jobs that are necessary to make the show such a success! AND—two of our members stepped into the Winner's Circle!!

Congrats to **Karen W's Pyramid Power** quilt which received an Honorable Mention in large pieces, as well as Judge's Choice. **Marianne N.** received 2nd Place for her paper-pieced **Starburst** design!

After a busy day at the "UN-RETREAT," Cholla Quilters took some time to celebrate the springtime with a fiesta, complete with games...and prizes...and delicious food!!



Our February class focused on "Cholla ...in the Kitchen!"



Members

experimented with an interesting technique and applied it to chenille potholders and oven mitts.

Our monthly meetings continue to be held both in-person and virtual. The virtual capability certainly is appreciated by those

who are not attending yet in person, or who are out of the area. Our February mini-lesson emphasized ways to make **CLAMSHELLS**. In March, the focused on **BIAS TAPE ART**.

Our meetings are never complete without "**Show & Tell**", again, both in-person and virtual.



Chapter Reports

Sunrise Stitchers' of Scottsdale

submitted by Nancy Cisar

Our group welcomed May with great enthusiasm. We had finally completed a huge project of helping the family of Gretchen, one of our members to liquidate all of her sewing "stashes" and quilt items after her death. Our group received some of the materials which will be used for charity quilts. We are very excited to see what we can create to honor the memory of Gretchen.

Debbie Ament, who frequently teaches a class on Laura Heine collage quilts presented a lecture and demonstration of these quilts. She showed us some helpful hints to complete these quilts with ease and beauty. Debbie is also president-elect of AQG. Her presentation was delightful, entertaining, as well as informative.



One of the ways we honor our members' birthdays is to present a Jib-Jab video that includes the birthday person's face in it. It is funny and cute. Well worth trying to put one together. We have Joyce Jesko to thank for her creativity in them.



We are planning 2 open sew dates for the summer

months as our regular meetings. These will be all day events. Our June meeting falls on Flag day, June 15th at which we will all bring our flag themed items for show and tell.



Chapter Reports

Sunrise Stitches' continued

The following pictures showcase our show and tell from the members this month.



Our charity efforts have been as follows:
9 quilts to hospice, 40 quilts to AZ blankets for kids, and 18 pillowcases for Ryan's cases for smiles.
Congratulations to all who made this possible!!

Kingman Quilters

Submitted by Sally Bradley

It is with a sad heart that we mourn the loss of our Past President Jean Larimore. She was a talented person. Besides quilting she also was a weaver of wool and made some interesting pieces. We will miss her.



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