

Another AQG Fiscal year has passed.

***There will be some changes in the Board and the
Co-Editors of the Chatter will be stepping down.***

Lois Wendling and Theresa Foster would like to thank all of the Chapter reporters and AQG Board Members over the last 3 1/2 years in working with us to produce 39 editions of The Patchwork Chatter. We have gotten to know so many talented quilters, volunteers, charity workers, and reporters. Your photos and chapter updates were amazing. We wish the new Editor, Katie John the best of luck and will be around to help her if she has questions. Keep on quilting!

Lois & Theresa

***Reminder that there is no Chatter for July and August. Have
a great summer!***



From the President ...

This is my last president's message. This year has gone by so fast, but I am looking forward to actually finding time to quilt. When I volunteered to be back on the board, it was because I value what this organization does for the quilters of Arizona. We provide services that allow small groups to connect, quilt, learn new things, and donate items to those in need.

When I accepted the term of president, my goals were to ensure all board decisions were in the best interest of the members, actions were aligned with the by-laws and policies, ensure transparency of actions, connect with others, and decrease administrative expenses.

The things the board accomplished this year.

- Created two new committees to make connections with chapters and members at large.

- Established a grant program for those chapters that want to give more to their communities.

- Purchased scanner and electronic signing software to ensure we could sign contracts and expenses quickly.

- Added chapter officer listing to the website to help you connect.

- Moved landline phone to cell phone to connect quicker with phone calls.

- Posted meeting minutes and financials each month to the website.

- Updated and printed new membership flyers to distribute to potential members.

- Reduced administrative expenses – \$8,000 office and storage, \$360 phone/internet, and \$300 eliminating unused software.

- Increased the mini grant to \$400. Less administrative costs and more for your groups to do great things in the community.

- Supported all the committees that are doing great things.

 - Education – New zoom line for dedicated education programs

 - Rusty Barn – New tent. The old one blew away like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz.

 - Fun Day – Helped wade through the donations to put together door prizes and baskets.

 - Quilt Show – Volunteered in any way needed.

What did I not accomplish? I did not connect with quilters. Due to working full time, an extended medical illness, and an auto accident, I just didn't do what I had hoped which was to visit chapters, attend chapter events, and email how impressed I was with the all the wonderful things you report in the Chatter. I am sad that I missed the opportunity to make new friends and see firsthand all the beautiful items you are making. Don't be surprised if I pop in during the next year.

If you have any suggestions for the next year, please email me at president@aqgmail.org and I will forward to the next board.

HAVE FUN and QUILT

Debbie Ament



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No advance notice is required to attend. However, special circumstances can sometimes alter meeting dates and times. Calling ahead is recommended.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Arizona Quilters Guild is based on a fiscal calendar running from July 1 through June 30. Current member renewal dues are accepted beginning April 1 for the following membership year and must be postmarked by June 30 to avoid a \$5 late fee charge.

Annual Membership Dues

Renewals postmarked by July 1st	\$25
New memberships and renewals postmarked after July 1st	\$30
Affiliate Membership (business)	\$75
Affiliate Membership (non-profit)	\$45
• Memberships are not pro-rated.	
• AQG mailings are not delivered to non-USA addresses.	

IT IS THE POLICY OF AQG NEVER TO SELL A LIST OF OUR MEMBERS TO ANYONE. THE ROSTER IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE ONLY.

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 send reports and jpeg photos to newsletter@aqgmail.org.

Next Chatter Issue = September, #348
Deadline for submissions = August 15, 2023

ADDRESS CHANGES • ADDRESS CHANGES • ADDRESS CHANGES

Please help us keep our records up to date. You can (1) submit address changes using our Online Membership system at <https://arizonaquiltersguild.org/Sys/Login> or (2) e-mail address changes to membership@aqgmail.org or (3) call the AQG office and leave a message clearly stating your name and address changes. You should receive confirmation when your address has been updated.

AQG Education

Education events are a benefit of your AQG membership. Lectures are free to members. Workshops are offered at attractive prices. We've got lots of wonderful lectures and workshops planned. Check them out and join us!

Upcoming Events

June 1 - Everything but Cotton Zoom Lecture



Julia McLeod

7:00 – 8:00pm

Complimentary with your AQG membership

When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to? In this one hour lecture, trunk show, and Q&A session we will explore quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more. We'll observe how the use of unusual materials gives rise to alternative construction techniques and design choices.

The trunk show of Julia's work will demonstrate what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.

June 17 - Starting with Silk Zoom Workshop



Julia McLeod

9:30am – 4:00pm

\$40 for members

This workshop will allow you to expand your horizons and work with silk. Julia will show how to use silk fabrics to quilt. Students will learn how to identify and distinguish fabrics. They will also be taught the best fusible stabilizers. Come and join as to learn an improvisational crazy piecing method plus a fabric foundation piecing class. Each student will draft a simple muslin foundation.

August 3 - Fun and Games in Quilting! Zoom Lecture



Mel Beach

7:00 – 8:00pm

Complimentary with your AQG membership

Join me as I share my nine favorite ways to incorporate fun and games into my quilting including rolling the dice to explore new design possibilities, playing card inspiration, and of course everything is awesome when Lego bricks are involved! It's game on for this playful twist on quilting!

I'll share insights into the games I play and their fun results. I hope to inspire you to develop a game plan for adding some creative play into your day.

AQG Education Continued

August 19 and August 26 -Free Styling and Spiraling Zoom Workshop



Mel Beach

9am - noon

\$47 for AQG Members

These improv-pieced spiral designs are sure to mesmerize and energize!!

We'll start with square spirangles and experiment with different design options and construction techniques. Then we'll explore new spirangle designs: rectangles, triangles, hexagons, and diamonds...oh my!!

This workshop is conducted in two sessions – allowing you time to sew in between.

September 23 and September 24 -All-Star Sampler Platter Live, Online event



Global Quilt Connection

Noon – 3:00pm

Complimentary for AQG Members

The All-Star Sampler Platter will feature 18 Global Quilt Connection teachers, each presenting a 15 minute demonstration.

This event is put on by the Global Quilt Connection. AQG will register as a guild which will allow all of our members to participate.

You may watch the demonstrations live or watch a recorded version which will be available for 48 hours after the event.

Registration will open in July.

October 17 - Every Last Crumb – An Adventure in Scrap Quilting Zoom Lecture



Brita Nelson

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Complimentary for AQG members

This is a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle a mountain of left-over fabric. Brita had over 30 years worth of accumulated scraps which threatened to take over her sewing room. She had to do something. Some of you may have the same problem.

Here is how Brita managed to make some room in her fabric closet. With over two dozen quilts and projects, Brita will demonstrate some great ways to use that secret treasure hiding in your house.

AQG Education Continued

October 28 or November 4 -Crumb to Quilt Zoom Workshop



Brita Nelson

9am - 1pm

\$28 for AQG Members

Have you ever thought about making your own fabric?

In this class we will discuss tint, tone, shade, value and scale to take your tiniest scraps and turn them into one-of-a-kind textiles.

Brita's simple, organized method for assembling your curated crumbs results in fabric that is part planned, part free-form and totally fun!

During the workshop you will use this new fabric to make a simple tulip block, but once you master this technique, there is no limit to what you can create. Workshop fee includes the pattern.

This 4-hour workshop will be offered twice. Choose the date you prefer.

Get more details and register for events on the AQG
website: <http://arizonaquiltersguild.org/events>

Quilt Label Inspiration from our April Lecture

In April, we hosted a lecture, “Labels as a Love Language”, by Laura Hartrich. She shared many examples of her wonderful and unique quilt labels and provided great inspiration for improving our own labels.

As part of her lecture, she presented a list of items to consider for your quilt labels. She generously gave us permission to include it in the Chatter.

AQG Education Continued

Sixteen things to Put on your Quilt Labels

- 1. Your name**
- 2. Year of completion (or date, or season)**
- 3. Quilt's title**
- 4. Long armer's name**
- 5. Where you live**
- 6. Recipient name(s)**
- 7. What's the occasion?**
- 8. Swap information**
- 9. Quilt's milestone dates (started, pieced, quilted)**
- 10. Pattern information**
- 11. Notes about special fabrics**
- 12. Historic periods or events**
- 13. Stories**
- 14. Keys (for quilts with secret codes or systems)**
- 15. Fabric envelope to tuck away words**
- 16. Your age, if you're proud like Aunt Edna**

Can You Help?

AQG education events are organized by a small group of AQG members. We're looking for a few more. Can you spare a few hours a month to help us?

We need help with finding teachers, writing contracts, moderating lectures and workshops. We meet via Zoom, no in-person meetings are required.

Please send email to education@aqgmail.org



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AQG 2023 Quilt Show

2023 Quilt Show Review

The Quilt Show Team reads every comment/suggestion submitted to us by the end of the Quilt Show. We are addressing those suggestions and would like to share the answers with you. You will note that I am condensing all of the like comments into one response to avoid the repetitiveness.

About adding the quiltmaker's town and state to the hanging tags.

There is limited space available on the Gallery Tags, so we have attempted to include the most pertinent information in a concise way. The vast majority of the Entrants are AQG Members which is a unique Guild, organized into Chapters that are independent of a Quilter's residence. Therefore, we have chosen to include the AQG Chapter as their identifying "location" information. Because a quilter may belong to more than one Chapter, by allowing them to acknowledge their Chapter membership per Quilt Entry we are actually providing more flexibility than simply listing a city and state.

Post on website that food vendors are cash only or get vendors who accept cards. Food Vendors need to sell just drinks, not require you to buy a meal.

The problem here has not been that the vendors wouldn't take cards, it's that the Mesa Convention Center (MCC) did not have a Wi-Fi connection to the outside to enable the card readers to work. Since the AQG show in March, they now have the Wi-Fi out to the food area, but it still isn't working right. They are continuing to work on it and I'm sure it will be in place by show time in 2024.

Attendees can absolutely just get a drink from there. MCC is going to come up with other signage to let them know soda/bottled water is available also. They can't have drinks available for the entire show because it's too labor intensive to keep someone outside for the entire day.

If you had AQG bags, pins or other merchandise, I would purchase some.

AQG used to have AQG merchandise for sale at the Quilt Shows. Very few people were interested in buying it, so it didn't make sense to continue it. And, some of the best selling items (like those awesome quilt bags) were discontinued by the vendors.

Give everyone a bag to collect cards and things in (not plastic).

We have never discussed doing this, but you will get a bag from the first vendor you make a purchase from. A lot of things can usually be stuffed in those bags.



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AQG 2023 Quilt Show

I liked the sign describing what quilts are in the row. Would like to see the signs at both ends of the rows.

The Entry Team will consider the feasibility of adding signs to both ends of the rows for the next show.

More Vendors

Yes, We agree. 2023 was a particularly difficult year for our vendor base. There were competing shows during the same week in Branson, MO. and Sacramento, CA. Our vendors that were located in the east went to Branson. Others, in CA, went to Sacramento. And, on top of that, we do have vendors that have been with us for a long time that are just aging out. Vending at shows is not easy and they just can't do it anymore. On top of all that, it's too expensive for many of the vendors. They have the entry fee as well as the costs of gas, hotels, meals, etc. that they have to cover. So, if they don't make enough at the quilt show to cover their costs and enough profit to make the show worthwhile, they can't come. The 2022 Quilt Show (first show after Covid) was not very economical for some vendors and they chose not to return this year. Our Vendor Team works hard year round to find new vendors and get the older ones back. I think this event will return to normal levels given some time and a better economic outlook for our country.

You need to find a better location. Too spread out – quilts and display in main hall. Aisles too close together.

This has been a standard comment for a long time. We're too far east for some people, not enough space, etc. etc. Here's the problem: there is no other space that we are aware of, in the general Phoenix area, that can hold us. (The Phoenix Convention Center is simply unaffordable.) We are not only open to suggestions for other locations we could go to, we would LOVE recommendations. We currently utilize 29,456 Sq. Ft. of space at the Mesa Convention Center. Where else can we find that amount of space??? So far, no one has offered a potential location.

Next year (July 1, 2023) begins with a new board for AQG. They may be open to resizing the show, leaving Phoenix with it, or a variety of other options. Please feel free to contact the board members to volunteer to help. Watch the Patchwork Chatter in August for an announcement of the new officers and their contact information.



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AQG 2023 Quilt Show

An area for refreshments is needed. Coffee? Soft Drinks?

We had an area for refreshments. Just outside the lobby door we had a person with coffee, pastries, et. al. We lost that privilege because our attendees did not utilize it. To break even with the cost of providing the refreshments, the Convention Center needed to make at least \$400 per day. Our average level of support was \$120 - \$125 per day. This year, they gave us a test day on Saturday, and we only provided enough business to reach \$115. They didn't do it again on Sunday. MCC is under new management. They can't / won't offer items that are a loss to them like this anymore.

Part of being located at the Mesa Convention Center is that they provide all food and beverage items. We cannot go outside and hire someone. We cannot bring in food and beverages to sell ourselves.

Put all quilts with ribbons together.

With the exception of the Exemplary awards, we put quilts in numerical order. This makes it easy for attendees to find a particular quilt. In addition, the hanging diagram takes quite a bit of time to put together and it must be done prior to judging so the ribbon winners are not known. Besides, hanging with their categories gives the viewer to see all the other quilts in the same category. It can be an interesting comparison. As an example, all Theme Quilts are hung together, like other categories. It's really interesting how one quilter interprets the theme compared to the others.

The AQG website needs to be more mobile friendly.

We would like that also. Are there any website technical people out there that would like to volunteer to help with this??

That is a summation of all of the suggestions. We also received many wonderful, very complimentary and supportive comments for which the entire Quilt Show Team is deeply appreciative. Thank you.

Debbie Cole

2023 AQG Quilt Show Chair/Director



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Here are a few more Quilt Show winning quilts:

(Time-Span and Kid Quilt Solo Categories)



Celeste Johnson &
Melissa Turner



Katherine O'Brien



Diane Pitchford



B'nae Pulve



Katy Clement



Alyce Leach



June Batty



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More Winning Quilts Continued:

(Kid Quilt Duet & Machine Embroidery Categories)



Brenda Stanway &
Debbie Newell



Janice Hartman & Ann Becker



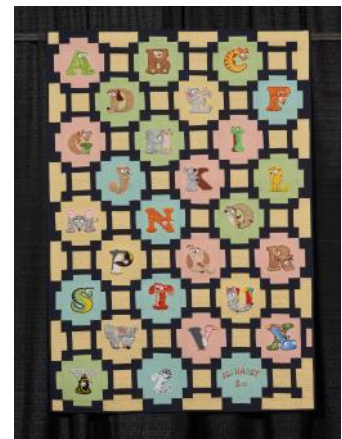
Beth Norris &
Cindy Paulson



Angie Stevenson



Iva Garrison



Theresa Bryant &
Penny Boese



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More Winning Quilts Continued:

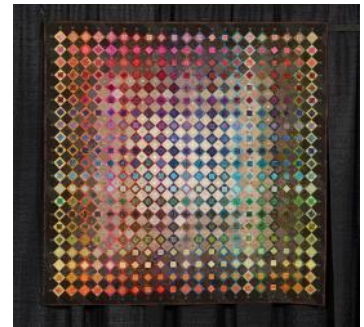
(Mixed Technique-Solo & Mixed Technique-Duet Categories)



Janice Hartmen



Sandra Branjord



Karen G. Fisher



Cindy Keitz-Krug



Sheila Armentano &
Roslyn Atwood



Stephanie Leuthesser &
Jessica Jones



Gail Witt & Jessica Jones



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Ticket Numbers for 22/23 Quilt Show:

Day	2020	2022	2023
Thursday	374	335	419
Friday member	223	145	286
Friday non member	1,019	728	908
Saturday member	118	34	147
Saturday non member	437	406	498
Saturday afternoon	93	20	206
Total	2,264	1,668	2,464

We had a 8% increase (200) from the 2020 numbers.

We had a 48% increase (796) from the 2022 numbers.

ARIZONA QUILTER'S GUILD

FY 2022/23 QUILT SHOW INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY

	Total QS '23	
Income		
Admissions Bank	5.00	
Bus Tour Admission	357.00	
Admissions Bank	18,146.75	
Judges	500.00	
Promotion Sales	460.00	
Quilt Entry Fees	210.00	
Quilt Vendor Fees	33,741.50	*Includes \$4,452.50 received in FY 2021/2022 as prepaids
Sponsor	650.00	
Total Income	54,070.25	



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FY 2022/23 QUILT SHOW INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY CONTINUED

Expenses

Admissions	146.47	
Awards	1,693.56	
Entry/Intake/Return	279.93	
Equipment	350.00	
Facility Rental	29,064.42	**Include \$2,000 pd in 2018, \$5,000 pad in 2019, \$9,158.05 paid in 2022
Hanging Expense	10,111.20	
Judging Expense	4,438.95	
Lodging-Committee	1,501.50	
Moving Expense	694.00	
Office Expenses	279.06	
Photography	800.00	
Postage	144.46	
Printing	3,887.87	
Publicity	1,627.76	
Signage	280.17	
Vendor Expenses	154.57	
Vendor Refund	880.25	
Volunteer Pins	615.00	
Total Expenses	56,949.17	
Net Income (Loss)	-2,878.92	

2024 show is March 17-23

Dear Aunt Quiltie,

There has been a question on the Ribbons and Awards given at the AQQ Quilt Show, so I will try to clear that up.....



Q: Why did I not get a First Place Ribbon along with my Best of Show Ribbon?

A: Best of Show is selected by the Judges from all the 1st place winners. In the case of AQQ, the 1st place winner in the Kit/Block of the Month category is NOT eligible for BOS since all design decisions (pattern, fabrics, colors) were made by someone other than the quiltmaker. This is not an industry standard and can vary from show to show. Some shows do not allow for more than one ribbon per quilt and use what is called the Bump system. If the show uses the Bump system, when judging a category the Judges must select an alternate winner in each category. An example would be Instead of awarding just 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention, they would select a 5th quilt as an alternate. Then if the 1st Place quilt in that category receives BOS or one of the Exemplary awards, it would only receive the Top Ribbon. Then the rest of the winners in that category would move up and the alternate would receive the HM award. AQQ does not use the Bump system so BOS or any of the Exemplary quilts may receive two ribbons. I say may because an Exemplary award winner may not have received an award in its category. An example of that would be Best Use of Color. The quilt may have had issues or just faced very stiff competition that prevented an award in that category but it stood out for the color choices made by the quiltmaker. AQQ only allows a quilt to receive one of the Top awards but there again, this varies from show to show.

Viewers Choice is just that, the quilt selected by the viewers as their favorite quilt in the show. That quilt may or may not have received an award in its category. In fact, I have never heard of a show eliminating a Display Only quilt from receiving votes for Viewers Choice. Not all shows are judged and only have a Viewers Choice and in some cases, multiple Viewers Choice awards. It may be those shows deem Best of Show for the quilt with the most votes.

Please keep in mind, the Judges are employees of the sponsoring organization and must abide by the rules of any given show.

Keep entering your quilts in the Show. Everyone loves to see them.



Chapter Reports

Calico Cut- Ups of El Mirage

submitted by Pat Weddle

We had so much fun in the month of April! First, a lot of our members attended a Retreat in Wickenburg named after one of our very own, Bookout Retreat! Because so many of our members were attending the retreat, we gave the rest of the members a break in meetings and only had one official meeting. Lexi Burg gave her second class on the Crazy 8 quilt on April 24th.

We had some beautiful quilts as a result. I am still trying to wrap my brain around what, “on point” means! I thought it was when a dog that hunts spots a bird!!! I did finally get my quilt together the proper way, thanks to Becky having patience with me and Lexi also. I was so impressed at all the different colors and cuts and how everyone had a different quilt made from the same pattern. Thank you, Lexi, for a great class! Before our class Lexi shared with us her plans for when she returns from her summer spent in WA. Each member drew from a basket of envelopes and in that were 2 crayons, we are to use those two colors plus another one of our choice to make any shape that cannot be any smaller

than 12 x 12 or larger than 24 x 24. No other colors can be in the block but those 3. We will bring them completed to our November 13, 2023, meeting. This is our 2023 Crayon Challenge! The month of May we will be doing a CHARITY Sew and would love to have you join us. Becky is going to start us off with Month 1 of our Mystery Quilt and our clues will be coming to us every month until September. Lots of exciting things are going on at Calico, please think about joining our group if you are looking for fun!

Good Friends are like quilts-they age with you yet never lose their warmth.



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Jill Eskew

On our zoom meeting April 18th, our member Diane Pitchford talked about “What a Judge sees”, it was very informative information on what a judge looks at our quilts when they are entered in a show. We all know now what to do and what not to do. Thank you Diane!



Then on May 2, Rachelle Rice, the inappropriate podcast quilter, visited our meeting and brought her beautiful Pet Portrait works of art. She was so funny and explained her stories about how each one that she made. We then had the opportunity to take a class from Rachelle on Saturday May 6th and learned her techniques. It was so much fun!



Upcoming programs are Julia Graves, From Special Occasional Quilts, her zoom presentation is called “My Quilting Journey.”

She is a quilter from VA. The zoom is on 5/16/23. And on 6/6/23, in person Linda McCurry a quilt artist will be doing a soy batik workshop.



And our community service group is going strong! Penny Boese and Leslie Vidler are passing out the 200 kits to all our members. Over 300 quilts have been distributed to non profit organizations this year. Special thanks to Debbie Kettleman and Leslie Vidler for organizing community service!



Can't forget about Show and Tell! The Quilts are as beautiful as ever!

For additional information about our group, please refer to our Facebook page and nimblethimblesblogspot.com.



Chapter Reports

Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

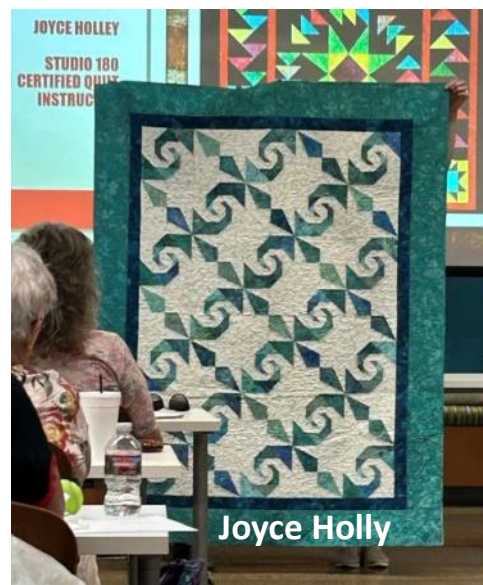
submitted by Susan Thomas

Great May gathering with 42 members in attendance and 11 guests. We enjoyed a truck show by Joyce Holly from Studio 180. Joyce presented beautiful projects that can be used using Studio 180 tools.

Catch Joyce on her FB page “Noah and Her Sisters Quilt Company”:

Our Two Winners of our “Opportunity quilt were Brenda Compton and Mary Lynn Authun. Congratulations!

Sandy K gave us a review of items needed for the rope bowl, coaster, and trivets we will make together on Sew Day May 23rd. A list of items will be on our FB page.



We are preparing for our annual AutumnFest October 21-22. Several items were demonstrated. “Summer Cruise Challenge” kicks off our first sew day in June. This will be a 50” square for summer fun.



Chapter Reports

Strawberry Patchers of Pine, Payson, Strawberry, Happy Jack

submitted by Jane Wilcox

In May, we welcomed three new members: Karen Peelen, Maryellen Swanson, Susan Whitener. Laurel Thorne was a guest. And, we are so happy to welcome back our Jinny Kost. We also welcomed our new slate of officers, which are: Margie Brakefield, Chapter Chair, Kathy Beck, Chapter Chair-Elect, Jackie Smith, Secretary and Chris Mahon, Treasurer



Maybe some of you have seen the television commercial running from the Blackrock Investment group? It features Ret. Col. Christine Mahon, and the Strawberry Patchers. Here is the link in case you'd like to watch it: <https://www.ispot.tv/ad/1YHZ/blackrock-inc-christine-mann>



Our annual Garden Party/high tea will be on Saturday, May 20th. We enjoy a delightful luncheon and exchange gifts, drink exotic tea and wear fascinators. Payson isn't England, but we can pretend we're eating off the Queen's China!

Finally, we are gearing up for our 25th Quilt Show on June 9th (viewer's choice voting) and June 10th. We have vendors, sponsors, baked goodies, and beautiful quilts on display. If you bring a can of food for the food bank, you're entered into a drawing to win a quilt. The theme for this show is "Forever in our Hearts" as we honor two of our

passed members in 2022. Lanna Sullivan and Ellen Greer. Thank you to our Quilt show Co-Chairs: Margie Brakefield, Ingrid DeCook, and Jane Sullivan for all your work on this show! Kudos to Jackie Smith and Kris Lovetro for securing a record number of sponsors for the show! Plan to come up to the cool pines for the day and enjoy the show, and the antique shops around the town!

Sew day this month featured Maureen Pastika demonstrating thread play. What a great teacher she is, and several of us were interested in learning this art form. Thank you, Maureen!

If you would like to join us, we'd love to have you! The Strawberry Patchers meet the first Thursday of the month at the Library Annex located behind the Pine Community Center. Meetings start at 9:30am but come at 9:00am for coffee and goodies. New prospective members are ALWAYS welcome! The 3rd Thursday of the month, we have "Sew Fun" Days for members only. Come for help, sewing, handwork, and the fun from 9:00am – 3:00pm! Our chapter is very active and hands on! Hope to see you, too!



Chapter Reports

Night Owls of Phoenix

submitted by Theresa Baethke

Night Owls welcomed Jennie Raymont as the speaker for May. During her Zoom lecture and demonstration, she showed us the art of fabric manipulation. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, we had no sound, but Kimm recorded the session so we will be able to watch.

After welcoming first-time visitors and celebrating May birthdays, we drew a name for a Whoo's Whoo. The name drawn wins a small gift and answers a random question about their quilting journey. It's amazing all the things we learn about those around us!

The Night Owls are participating in Ms. Barb's Youth Camp this summer for ages 9-13. It will be held at Modern Quilts, located near 46th Street and Cactus Rd in Phoenix. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, check with one of our leaders.

We gave a well-deserved KUDOS to Teresa Darling, winner of 4 awards at the recent AQG quilt show! She won the President's Choice, Quilt Show Chair Choice, and two Judges Choice awards. Congratulations, Teresa!



Our August Retreat is full. Sew Days are still every Wednesday between 9-2. Come join the fun!

The Night Owls charity report was heartwarming. We have donated 42 quilts, 465 eye glass cases, and 232 holiday quilt prep projects benefiting St. Paul's and St. Vincent de Paul. We still have kits available. Several members brought in their finished charity quilts.



Char Ebert won our May Block of the Month. For June, Kimm chose a flower basket for our BOM. June's meeting will be a potluck. Sign up for a dish. We need main dishes, sides and desserts. We will have some quilty games and as always, bring your own beverages!

Several members showed us their latest finishes. Hope had a quilt 10 years in the making from her own pattern. It was stunning. Celeste made a delightful bag with machine embroidery. Lois displayed her 1st place quilt, a beautiful landscape quilt. Carla had a couple of baby toys and a reversible vest. Joann had several placemats she is giving away for hostess gifts when traveling.

Next meeting: June 13, 2023 6:30 – 8:45 St. Paul's Church, 330 W Coral Gables Dr



Chapter Reports

Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carole Paul

Foothills is growing. Our May meeting saw two new members and one guest-- hopefully a new member if our zany crew didn't scare her off.

Much of the meeting was devoted to setting up committees for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and we had a good response from members volunteering to chair or join the various committees. Judy Blake is stepping down as Secretary after serving for the past two years. Judy did a great job and will be hard to follow but just before press time a brave newer member, Janet Schery, stepped up to fill the void. Thanks so much, Janet!

Another mystery quilt clue was distributed and the reveal month extended to September or October to assist those who haven't cut their fabric yet or have just decided to do the mystery.

Tona Jackson spoke more about the Quilts of Valor group associated with the Daisy Mountain guild. The group's first presentations will be made Saturday, May 20, to a retiring Air Force member and her service dog, Nemo. More quilts are now in the works.



Following Tona's presentation, Daisy Mountain QOV was nominated to be our quarterly charity group beginning in July. We are asked to make this year's QOV block (found on the QOV website) using the colors red, white, and blue. Tona asked for 20 blocks but will gladly accept more. So, I need to wind this up and get stitchin'.

P.S. Following the business meeting, we had a lot of quilts for Show and Tell. Thanks to substitute photographer Laura Price.



Sharon



Jo



Marlys



Penny



Jo



Janet



Nancy



Laura



Leslie



Jo-

Chapter Reports

Card Tricks Quilters of Pinetop

submitted by Cheryl Holtz

At the May meeting, Sandy showed tips and tricks of sewing with Apple Core shaped fabric pieces. Hers were all cut on an Accuquilt GO machine. She made it look so easy. We were all given 6 cut out fabric pieces to go home and practice. The tips included working with curves and stitch length. However I seemed to have lost the pictures. Show n Tell followed the demo .



Chapter Reports

Sunrise Stitches' of Scottsdale

submitted by Kerry Marksbury

We would first like to congratulate Eva Kilgore and her election to the AQG board. Congratulations Eva!

Our meeting in May was hosted by Eva at her beautiful home in Carefree, where she shared with us her new quilting studio. It is a big, bright space with room for all her machines and plenty of storage for her stash! Eva also shared with us some great tips for organizing all

those quilting tools. We all enjoyed the tour of Eva's new sewing space and look forward to seeing all the projects she will finish there.



Sharing at our meeting was Martina with a few of the miniatures she has completed, two wonderful charity quilts, a cute tote bag shared by our guest Phyllis, and a wonderful hassock made by Nancy. Eva also shared a quilt that she had finished, with blocks made by members of the chapter.

Upcoming events: Our June 13 meeting will feature Sherri Oxley with a lecture and trunk show on Scrap Management. In July and August, we will have sew-in's for charity, (or sew what you want) at Scottsdale Shadows along with an ice cream social.



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