



Patchwork Chatter

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Can you believe we are in October already? Lots of great things are happening as we head into this busy season— starting with AQG Fun Day this month. There will be shopping, prizes and some talented speakers— keep reading for more details and come join us!



Sneak peek of some Fun Day raffle baskets!

Make sure you read the message from the president and check out an important proposed bylaws amendment on page 3.

The technology team is looking for a few more volunteers. You can e-mail Nancy at technology@aqgmail.org for more information!

Thanks for all you do!

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From the President:



Hello Quilters!

Now that it's October, we are finally seeing a break in the relentless heat wave called "summer in Arizona". That means it's time to bring out all those colorful Autumn and Halloween quilts and wall hangings to decorate your home for the start of the holiday season.

We have had a busy month in AQG working on our Fall programs. On September 16th we held our annual Chapter Leadership Meeting where we shared a great deal of information on current activities, current challenges, and future events with your chapter leaders. I anticipate this information will be passed on to all of you at your next chapter meeting.

We also offered a Youth Panel during the Chapter Leadership meeting to showcase 3 groups in AQG who have set up programs to teach young people how to quilt. This is one of our major goals – to pass the love of quilting on to the next generation. I am hopeful that many of our chapters will be encouraged and inspired by what they heard from our Youth Panel and will take back ideas on how to create a similar program in their area!

Don't forget to join us for Fun Day on October 21st. It is open to all AQG members and it is truly a FUN event. I hope to see all of you there.

AQG President

Eva Kilgore



Moda Sampler Spree by Betsy Verrico and Marti Jones
1st place Pieced Small Duet

From the President:

*****IMPORTANT – All Members PLEASE READ*****

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

AQG has purchased a new general liability insurance policy that provides liability coverage to all AQG members, volunteers, and guests when they attend an AQG or AQG Chapter event. Under the new policy the one-day membership fee requirement for non-members to attend an AQG event is no longer necessary.

The AQG Board has voted to eliminate the one-day membership requirement and adopt a new policy for non-members. Under the new policy an additional fee may be charged to non-members for an AQG event at the discretion of the committee or Chapter responsible for the event. Non member fees for a Chapter sponsored event will go to the Chapter.

Though the new policy has been approved by the AQG Board, it cannot be implemented until the Bylaws have been amended. Our membership must be informed of the proposed change at least 60 days in advance and then a vote on the proposed change must be held. If 2/3 or more of the voting members approve the change, the new policy will be implemented.

The AQG Board recommends that the membership adopt this proposed amendment. Voting will be conducted electronically in December.

Below you will find the current wording in the AQG Bylaws regarding Individual Daily Membership, and proposed wording change.

Proposed Change to AQG Bylaws

Bylaws, Article III – Membership, Section B. 6.

Current wording

6. Individual Daily Membership (IDM)

IDM is a special membership sold to an individual who chooses not to join AQG but wants to attend a specific event or class.

IDM requires completion of IDM membership registration and payment of IDM dues, in addition to any other required event or class fee.

An individual who requests more than two (2) IDM in a membership year will be required to join AQG at the full membership rate.

IDM does not provide any of the rights and privileges of an individual member.

Proposed wording change

6. Non-member Participation Fees

AQG may charge a non-member fee in addition to any member fees for AQG events or classes where non-members are invited to attend.

The fee to be charged to a non-member will be set by the appropriate committee or Chapter responsible for the event or class, will be published in the information for the event or class, and will be collected with any other member fee for the event or class.

Payment of a non-member participation fee does not confer any rights or privileges available to AQG members, other than the right to participate in the event or class.

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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 - November #350
Deadline for submissions - October 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.

Extra: Quilting News

Fun Day!

COME JOIN US FOR THE 3RD AQG FUN DAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023!

Location: St. Pauls Church, 330 W Coral Gables, Phoenix, AZ 85023

Quilters, it's time to gather again— just for the fun of it! AQG has planned a day filled with many of the things we like to do: listening to 2 great lectures, shopping the vendors, trying our luck on wonderful raffle baskets . Come and join us.

Admission: \$15

Fun Day Agenda:

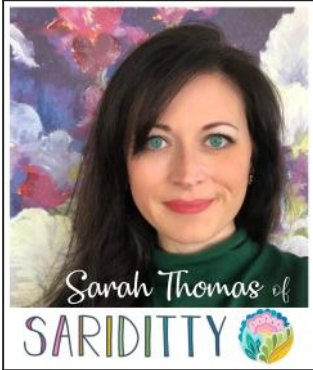
- 9:00 am to 9:30 AM – Registration, Vendors
- 9:30 am to 10 AM – Announcements and Door Prizes
- 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Sarah Thomas (see bio on next page)
- 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Vendors – Raffles- Door Prizes
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Lunch on your own. You can bring your lunch or go out to the various Restaurants nearby.
- 1:00 pm to 1:30 PM -- Door Prizes, Vendors
- 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM – Gina Perkes (bio on next page)
- 2:30 to 3:00 PM Raffle winners announced

Lunch?

- 1) Bring your lunch
- 2) We will have an ice cream truck on location from 11:30 to 1:00 PM for dessert (pay on your own)
(Possible more trucks - working on it)
- 3) Go on your own. There are *many* restaurants nearby from fast-food to trendy kitchens.

Extra: Quilting News

FUN DAY speakers:



Sarah Thomas (speaking at 10am)

Officially Sarah is a licensed (and Retired?) commercial pilot. She graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Aviation Technology, where she then went on as the chief pilot of an engineering firm in the Midwest for a couple years, married a military man, was whisked away from Indiana land of corn and soybeans to start the next chapter in her life. Now three moves into her marriage, she had to figure out a career that worked for a lady-on-the-run! Thank goodness for her geeky affection for algebra & geometry (and calculus...yep, #MathNerd) and her keen eye for design & color.

She is very thankful that her Gramma and mom taught her to enjoy crafts and handwork from a young age. She learned to crochet around age 4; played with beadwork and wire art from age 5 or 6; cross-stitch was second nature by the time she was in 2nd grade; and her school notebooks were always filled to the brim with doodles. It's only fitting she discovered the quilting world – where art meets math & magic happens! <https://www.sariditty.com/>



Gina Perks (speaking at 1:30)

Owner of the Copper Needle in Payson. She is a lover of all things creative. Her life is filled with: color, fun, ideas, texture, challenges, bling, threads, glitter, sugar and flour and sometimes chaos.

She travels all over this beautiful country and internationally sharing her techniques with other and appearing on a multitude of shows to promote that art of quilt making. She has authored four books and designs patterns with many new projects in the works.

Join us for our 3rd AQG Fun Day!
It will be all the more fun with YOU there!

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!

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

Upcoming Events:



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

Zoom Lecture

Brita Nelson

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Complimentary with your AQG membership

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.



October 22, 2023 Sketchbook Quilting with Sarah Thomas

11:00 AM– 3:00pm

35th Ave. Sew & Vac, 3548 W Northern Ave

\$18 for embers, \$28 for Non-Members

Sketchbook Quilting is Sarah's approachable, uninhibited, "no rules" style of free-motion quilting. In this fun hands-on class, you will become more comfortable with drawing your own style of free-motion designs to be able to quilt them onto your quilt tops. You'll turn these designs into multiple groupings and combinations by building off the foundation pieces Sarah will teach. In doing so, you'll be ready to create your own set of personal "go to" designs, practice fillers, and also develop the muscle memory of drawing each doodle. Sarah will also show you how to use a variety of rulers and stencils to help create basic shape and line guides for the doodling. This class will teach and encourage you to quilt without rules, thus making each finished quilt unique to your personal style and abilities. Be sure to bring plenty of sketch paper, pencils, erasers, and even a few colored pens or markers. Have a favorite ruler or stencil? Bring it with you to learn how to incorporate it into Sketchbook Quilting!

Look up and follow Sarah online: sariditty.com, and follow her on IG @sariditty.



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October 28 or November 4

Workshop will be offered twice– choose the date you prefer.

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.



December 4 - It's Not a Quilt 'til It's Quilted

Zoom Lecture

Becky Goldsmith

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Complimentary with your AQG membership

You've made a beautiful top, but how do you decide how to quilt it?

I'll share with you what I have learned (both the good and the bad!) from quilting my own quilts over the last many years.



December 9 – Featherweight Maintenance

In-Person workshop in Gilbert AZ

Terry Pyland

9am – 3:30pm

\$65 for AQG Members

Students will be instructed about basic maintenance which includes how to clean, oil, and lubricate their machine.



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December 13 – Modern Mariner's Compass, Strip-pieced Zoom Lecture

Robin Long

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Complimentary with your AQG membership

Join Robin to hear a bit about her quilting journey and how she came up with her rulers and strip piecing method to bring the mariner's compass into the 21st century.

You will hear her talk about the three facets of her method including her modern technique, modern projects (not your typical mariner's compass quilts!), and the modern support she provides to help folks be successful.

You'll see dozens of beautiful quilts and be inspired to see where your compass will take you!



January 16 – Strip Pieced Mariner's Compass Basics

In-Person workshop in Phoenix AZ

Robin Long

10am – 4:30pm

\$75 for AQG Members



Have you ever wanted to make a Mariner's Compass block but were too intimidated? Not a fan of paper piecing or using tedious templates? You'll love this class for learning how to make 16-point compass blocks in 16 different sizes using Robin Ruth Design's rulers and strip-piecing method! Join Robin and learn all the compass basics for making either a Skinny Robin or Fat Robin mariner's compass block.



Once you learn how to use my rulers and strip-piecing technique, you will be free to move on to one of the many patterns and projects made using this ruler system!

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.



Quilt Show 2024



March 21-23 at the Mesa Convention Center

Open and Close Dates:



Entries are open now!



Event	OPEN	CLOSE
Vendor Online Registration	5/3/2023	1/16/2024
Chapter Challenge Entries	10/1/2023	1/6/2024
Chapters will be notified how much space they have after all entries are in and space is calculated		
Chapter Opportunity Quilt Entries	10/1/2023	1/6/2024
Quilt Online Entries	10/1/2023	1/6/2024
Volunteer Online Registration	1/5/2024	3/15/2024
Entrants Receive Electronic Entry Packets	2/18/2024	2/24/2024
Entry Quilt Intake at MCC	10:00 AM 3/17/2024	1:00 PM 3/17/2024
Awards Ceremony (by Invitation Only)	3:30 PM 3/21/2024	5:00 PM 3/21/2024
Quilt Show	5:00 PM 3/21/2024	4:00 PM 3/23/2024
Quilt Pick Up at MCC	6:00 PM 3/23/2024	7:00 PM 3/23/2024
Receive Purchased Entry Photos	4/01/2024	4/13/2024

Chapter Reports



Rippers of Mesa

submitted by Wendy Beesley

The Rippers who spent the summer in our lovely Sonoran Desert were very busy. Activities included a monthly 2-day Day Camp each held at Sweet Pz's Designs in Gilbert. Participants worked on all type of quilting and sewing projects, with lots of conversations and shopping. Also, Carrol Ladas taught a 6-session class, guiding us through each block to construct a 12-block quilt. We all look forward to showing the finished projects in October.



Early in July, we had a Trunk Show featuring none other than our own Mary Gillette. Mary has been a Ripper Member since 1990 so was able to show all who attended some spectacular traditional, modern and very artistic quilts. Mary shared how she uses fabrics and other media to produce her beautiful creations. We all wish Mary success as she transitions to the next chapter of her life with her daughter and son-in-law in Louisville, Kentucky.



Our esteemed Susan Quisenberry was honored with a Quilt of Valor quilt this past August. After completing her college education, Susan entered the United States Marines as an Officer. She serviced in both Active Duty and in the Reserves, retiring as a Captain. Susan is a long-standing member of the Rippers as an avid quilter. Congratulations Susan and Thank you for your Service.

The baton was passed this summer for our officers. As the incoming President, June Clayton has been diligent in learning the ins and outs of this Leadership Position from outgoing President Judy Shahanian. Judy has been instrumental in welcoming new members, leading and communicating with all the many, many activities of the Rippers. Thank you Judy for all your time and effort. We wish June much success as she ventures into the President duties.

Chapter Reports



Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Joanne Reiter

Nimble Thimbles has had a busy month! Our Community Service team of Penny Boese and, Leslie Vidler, Melissa Bickham, Darla Orndorff, Kathy O'Brien, Judy Locke and Debbie Ament, have developed new kits and patterns with which to make the quilts that are donated to charitable organizations. Quilt sizes and procedures have been standardized resulting in over 500 quilts, for the previous year, being donated to the following organizations; Gathering Humanity -which helps refugees settle in the Phoenix area, Pregnancy Crisis Center -which assists young moms through their pregnancies, Moms and Babies Veterans Program - which gives new veteran moms and babies supplies, Hospice of the Valley and Infinity Hospice. Debbie Ament has created kits of 3 complimentary fabrics, based on the popular 3-fabric quilts. Which are now available and the quilt design is left to the quilt top piecer.



Our July 18 meeting was our annual, PUP's (Poor Unfinished Projects) meeting where those quilters who participated last year, brought in their finished projects. And those who were brave enough to withstand the blistering critique of the audience brought in projects from which the audience chose one for the quilter to finish. This project is usually the hardest, most difficult project that the member has brought in. This is a no-holds-barred riotous critique.



And YOU thought the weather was hot? July 20th through the 23rd saw the return of Nimble Thimbles Quilt Camp at Chapel Rock in Prescott. After a 2 year hiatus, Nine members explored the new venue and enjoyed great food, and accommodations and had fun quilting in sight of the great Arizona outdoors. Groups will be smaller than our previous venue, but with change come adaptability. And Nimble Thimbles plans to schedule more quilt camps in the future.



August 1st was an in-person meeting, where we had quilt artist Debra Kay from Tucson presenting her techniques in Landscape Quilting. She shared her process for creating these works of art, including her unique bindings. Debra Kay has her art quilts for sale through art galleries in Tucson and presented a unique viewpoint on quilting as both art and business. Our August 15th meeting we hosted Elizabeth Grandsberg on Zoom. She will be presented a trunk show titled, "Adventures with 60 degree Triangle Quilts". And shared her experiences with One Block Wonder Quilts, Stack and Whack, and Hexified Panel Quilts. The trunk show was a beautiful showcase of what you can do with panels.

Chapter Reports



Delightful Quilters of Scottsdale

submitted by Jo Ann Bergdoll



AZ summers prompt many quilters to head to cooler climes. Those of us who linger still gather to celebrate our friendship and our craft.

Kimm Murray, Quilt Show Entry Coordinator, joined us in June. She shared with us the ins and outs of submitting a quilt to the show. Her practical information delivered in her inimitable

humorous fashion encouraged DQ's to consider the show much like a chapter's "Show and Tell" but with a wider audience. Our members agreed that Kimm may have allayed some of their fears. We may see more DQ entries in Quilt Arizona! 2024.



We celebrated Christmas in July as we have for years by making quilted Christmas stockings for Devereux. Literally hundreds are made and donated while we earn Elf Tickets, 1 per stocking. More tickets means more opportunities to win prizes come December. Win-win for Devereux and Delights.



Our August meeting served as a "catch up" on what we have been doing. Since the Mini-Grant report was due that day, member "sponsors" of our chosen charities reported our progress. Additionally, Jo Kilgroe reminded us of this year's challenge, 24 in '24. Members will make a quilt, 24" x 24" incorporating 24 of something and using enough of the challenge red fat eighth on the quilt top to be easily recognized. Many are also working on an At Home Round Robin led by Pam Green. This skill builder features a new block monthly and Pam even provides handouts that illustrate how to make each round's block in multiple sizes. Finally, we watched a video by Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts demonstrating a variety of ways to incorporate stripes in

a quilt other than binding. Leave it to Pam to introduce us to another resource of quality and free quilt information.

Most meetings close with our Show and Tell. Both charity quilts and personal quilts are shared. They are great sources of inspiration and members proudly show and share their handiwork. (See accompanying pics for a sample.)



Chapter Reports



Busy Bees of NW Phoenix

submitted by Patty Woodford



The members of the Busy Bees chapter were certainly very productive and resourceful during their “house-bound” time due to the recent summer’s extreme heat. This was evident throughout the September Business Meeting.

Participants of the “Ugly Fabric Exchange and Challenge” showed their very creative, completed items: a child’s apron, bibs, table mats, a basket, and several quilts. Those who chose to take part in this challenge were asked to bring several pieces of fabric (fat quarter size) that they considered “ugly” in a paper bag to the May, 2023 meeting. This fabric was mixed up, replaced in the bags and returned to the participants. Their projects were of their choosing, but due at the September meeting. All the projects turned out so well that it was actually hard to recognize the ugly fabrics.....GREAT job ladies!

Betsy Schallmo, Program Chair, presented the Fall Block Challenge. These blocks are due at the November Business Meeting. Betsy also presented numerous samples of Post Cards for post card pen pals. She made these samples from saved bits and pieces of items that she has saved over the years, resources that most quilters have in their scrap bins. Thank you, Betsy, for sharing your continued creativeness with the chapter.



As an OutreachCharity Sew Day was held on August 30, many completed OutreachCharity quilts were shown. These were given to Monica Matteo, Charity Chairperson, for distribution to the chapter’s outreach programs that we support. Monica had asked for members to bring their orphan blocks to be used for these quilts. Thank you, Monica, for organizing our Outreach days.



The Busy Bees hold their Business Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and their Stitch and Sew Days on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our gatherings are held at the Westown Baptist Church at 11415 N. 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ starting at 9:30 am.

We love visitors and welcome new members.



Chapter Reports



Strawberry Patchers of Pine, Payson, Strawberry & Happy Jack

submitted by Jane Wilcox

Do you believe in the power of healing energy? That a quilt, sewn together with love, quilted with love, bound with love and gifted with love can create enough healing energy that it HELPS someone? The Strawberry Patchers certainly do, which is why our Comfort Quilt Program is so incredibly successful.



I'd like to use this Strawberry Patcher report to let you all know what makes our Comfort Quilt Program critical to our chapter, and has forever endeared us into the hearts of the communities of Pine/Strawberry & Payson – not to mention throughout the country. In October, we have 3 consecutive days where we bring our machines, and sew like crazy. We finish quilt kits that members put together for us. Constructing borders, bindings, backings, and write on a card what the dimensions are so our long arm quilters that volunteer their time, know what they are looking at for size.



Thanks to the mini grant AQG provides for the applicants – we are able to purchase enough batting to make a LOT of our quilts. Most of the fabric we use is donated. We are able to purchase fabric bolts that are on sale due to the quilt show we hold every year. And, members put together pre-cut quilt kits with a pattern included to make. These come in plastic bags and members sign up and check them out. When completed, the quilt tops are turned in, and saved for our Community Service Days in October to be completed and ready to go to our volunteer quilters. I must mention one member, Maryellen Swanson, completed 10 quilt tops in the month of August and showed all of them at our September meeting. This is totally worth a special mention!!!



Who receives these quilts that are both beautiful and made with love? Anyone that needs one and asks Community Service Chair Kris Lovetro for one. She considers the circumstances, and sends them out, drops them off, FedEx's them – it goes to very sick people, anyone from our cousins, to aunts, to brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers... and sometimes to entire families. (We had a family in Strawberry lose their house and each member got a comfort quilt). The name alone, COMFORT quilt – describes it perfectly. "It was such a surprise to receive this beautiful gift from the Patcher's" "I don't have the words to tell you how amazing isn't was for me to get one of your comfort quilts! My dad passing was an unexpected shock! I'm looking forward to snuggling up with my quilt & thinking of my dad". "Every time I look at it, I will think of your group and the prayers & kindness you have sent my way". "What the Patchers do sincerely matters". These quotes represent a fraction of the many thank you's we have received in cards.

Without our June Quilt Show, The AQG Grant, and the focused dedication of all of our members, we would not be able to put so many smiles on so many faces that are in dire need of something to smile about. It keeps us sewing with a purpose all year around. Next report will tell you about our "Country Store"... origins, and how we all contribute.



If you would like to join us, The Strawberry Patchers meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Pine Library Annex/activity Center. Social time is 9:00am, and the meeting begins at 9:30am. This month, we welcomed another new member, Toni Miller! All are invited to attend a business meeting! Our members-only time is the 3rd Thursday of the month for our Sew Fun Days. We plan classes and do sewing stuff, and

have so much fun. For more information:
www.strawberrypatchers.com



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Sunrise Stitchers of Scottsdale

submitted by Kerry Marksbury

It's September and we are back to our regular meetings after a busy summer. This month Christiane gave a wonderful presentation on her trip to Germany in May. She shared her visit to a Sewing Machine Museum in Albstadt, and a quilt show in Dinkelsbühl. The quilt show had the following exhibits: From Tradition to Modern, Temperature Quilts, Ricky Timms Granny Sampler 1930, and Travel Around the World Challenge. Christiane shared many beautiful photos of the quilts and shared some of the quilts that she had entered in the different exhibits.



Our members have been busy this month! Sharing their beautiful quilts were Chris with a scrappy miniature block quilt, Nancy with a beautiful Halloween wall hanging and her finished kaleidoscope quilt. Joyce shared some cute small backpacks, a Noel wall hanging, An attic window Christmas quilt and her Princess quilt. Linda shared a wonderful quilt that was made by Judy. Martina finished a Halloween quilt and a super fun Ostrich quilt. Margarete shared some embroidery: a roll of toilet paper and a towel. Debbie shared two charity quilt finishes and Linda shared a Three-yard quilt finish. Christiane finished a quilt for her niece's wedding, and Melody shared two quilts from one kit, and a cute buggy barn star quilt. Lastly, new member Barbara had a fun patriotic table runner.



A big Sunrise welcome to our newest member Carolyn! And a big thank you to Tracy for taking on the duties of president of our chapter.



Chapter Reports



Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carole Paul

A large portion of the September meeting was devoted to discussion of various charity projects. Most of what we've given to New Life lately is quilts so we need to do more pillowcases and totes. There were kits for both of these items on each table and members were asked to take one or more.

The group has done 152 blocks (48 of those from one member alone!) for Quilts of Valor and some of those blocks have been made into two quilts.

Some members are making quilts to send to The Maui Quilt Shop for distribution to people in need following the Lahaina fire. One member has a friend going to Hawaii in October and the friend has offered to take a duffel bag full of quilts if we pay the bag fee. Another member has a nephew who is a pilot for Southwest and flies to Hawaii so she will check with him to see if it would be possible to send quilts with him and/or other pilots. Any quilts not sent to Maui will be set aside for other closer disasters as they occur.

The new program committee has a rough schedule for the coming year and a questionnaire was handed out asking for members' interests and ideas as to what they would like to do. A new member, Barb Smith, volunteered to do a program in October making portable design boards and she showed some of the boards she has made. Barb will handle getting the boards and fleece. Members need to bring a 71" long piece of 2 1/2" binding (prepared according to instructions handed out) to the October meeting. There will be a \$5 fee for supplies.



Mystery quilts were revealed and a prize was given for a completed quilt and for a top. It was interesting to see the variety of prints and colors people chose to use and how they finished their quilts.

NOTE FOR NON-MEMBERS: Anyone who might be interested in making a quilt(s) for Maui, please search The Maui Quilt Shop online for information and a write-up about the quilts being distributed. While they specify a size they are also happy to get baby quilts.



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Night Owls of Phoenix

submitted by Theresa Baethke



Night Owls hosted our Fall kick off during our September meeting with 55 members and 6 in attendance. We celebrated 16 birthdays between June and September and got to know Wanda Seale's scrap organization style a little bit better in our Who's Whoo. Her stash fills two rooms, and she keeps everything well organized in containers and drawers.

Our guest speaker, Carrie Bloomston, discussed the creative life...being brave, willing to fail, to be wrong. She reminded us that being a maker is powerful. It allows us to leave a legacy. If we stay safe, we will never learn or grow. Besides, she asks, "What is the worst that can happen?" and "What are you afraid of?". She offered ideas for the sculpted fabric challenge by looking in unusual places: origami, architecture, nature. Experiment!!

The Leadership at Night Owls is ramping up our directory in GroupsIO and encourages everyone to update their profiles and add a photo. We want to get to know each other better.

Night Owls is also offering a carpool for those who are unable to attend the meetings due to transportation issues. Email Kimm Murray if you need a ride or if you can pick someone up.

AQG is offering the 2023-2024 All Star Sampler. This will be a Zoom event. It will give the attendees a chance to get exposed to a variety of teachers and their unique style. Reach out to AQG for more information or to sign up.

The Night Owls Fun Day is October 21, and the Shop Hop will be from October 6 – 14. Sew Days continue every Wednesday at 9am at St Paul's Church.

The Night Owl's BOM this year is from Kim James. She introduced her first block, Geraldine, named after her mother-in-law. Everyone keeps their own blocks, picks their own colorways, and hopefully will have a completed quilt top in a year.



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Card Tricks– White Mountains

submitted by Cheryl Holtz

Fall is coming to the White Mountains- evenings are cooling off and soon the leaves will start changing to lovely autumn colors.



On 9/11/2023 the Patriotic Piecers presented 15 Quilts of Gratitude to recipients. These men were military, veterans and first responders in our communities.

This is a sub group of the Card Tricks and annually present quilts to nominated recipients.



The Card Tricks Sept meeting was a celebration luncheon. We celebrated our successful August Quilt Show - we had over 500 attendees and 130 quilts on display. After lunch we saw a slide show of all the quilts and a recap of the event.

Donna Deifenbaugh was presented with a quilt in appreciation of many years running the quilt show.



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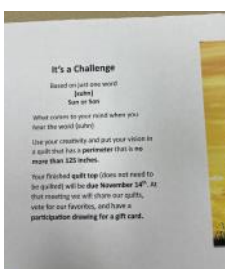
Cactus Patchers of Tempe

submitted by Heidi Weinmann

Cactus Patchers are natural born storytellers. Our show and tell sessions are always informative and full of great inspiration, as well as a lot of humor.

Aside from loving stories and quilts, we also enjoy fun and games and snacks. We recently had a wonderful ice cream social, complete with several lively rounds of quilto (like bingo) with fabulous prizes.

It seems that we also like challenges. At our most recent meeting members brought in UFOs for the group to see and choose. Each participant brought in three unfinished projects and presented them, then the group voted on the project they would like to see finished first. Finished quilts are due next September, so there's lots of time for creativity.



Another challenge that we are participating in is the son challenge. Because we decided on the theme out loud, it could be SUN or SON, depending on how the individual wants to interpret it. We plan to have these finished to hang in the next AQG quilt show.

Coming up we have Terry Piland coming to address our group about the importance of maintaining our sewing machines. He will give us some information about how to best do that at home. He is always knowledgeable and an interesting speaker and we look forward to his visit.

We always welcome newcomers to our group. We meet at the Pyle Center in Tempe (Southern & Rural) the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 (doors open at 6) for a business meeting and program, and the fourth Tuesday from 3-8 for a friendship sew. For that meeting drop by when you can and bring along something to work on, or create that month's make and take project.



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Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Sue Bart

The first meeting for our new year will be Wednesday, September 13 in the Lecture Hall located in the Cottonwood 'Computer Training Center'. This is a new location for Desert Threads meetings and provides a larger room for our gathering. Meeting starts at 9:30 but doors will be open at 9:00 for sign-in and socializing. We encourage everyone to come checkout our new location, our new board and the upcoming activities.

During the heat of summer our members kept busy making quilts for our various charity projects. Opportunity tickets will be available at the Open House events in the Sun Lakes, Cottonwood Ballroom on October 7 and the IronOaks Ballroom on October 14 (in the mornings). Also, there is a Bazaar on Saturday November 4 at the Sun Lakes Country Club Navajo room. This Bazaar allow various artists and groups in Sun Lakes to have a table to display their handmade items for sale. There will be quilts of various sizes for beds, for lounging, table runners or large totes that can be purchased.

Desert Threads board members met this summer to define activities for this next season. Diana Jones will lead a Block-of-the-Month activity. Diana says this is great for everyone, including beginners, novice and advanced quilters, to learn new block designs and best practices for sewing beautiful quilts. Cindy Templeton arranges for our meeting lectures with some fascinating topics planned. Maryellen Swanson has lined up classes for us, including free-motion quilting by Mona Adams at the 35th Avenue Sew and Vac shop in November and in October an all-day class by Peggy Morris on rough edge applique in the Sun Lakes IronOaks Sewing room. Desert Threads chapter has a couple of quilting challenges too. One challenge is to complete UFO's that have been stored in our closets. Prizes will be awarded in December to those who finish lots of UFOs. Come to our meetings to learn how you can complete quilts to enter the challenges and win prizes. You do not have to live in Sun Lakes to belong to our chapter.



Diana Jones made this quilt with Cat Blocks from scraps in her stash. She added the flying geese for interest. Sooo cute.

Blanca Sanchez made a stack-n-whack throw quilt for the Bazaar sale in November. She learned the technique by watching YouTube videos.



Community Events



Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

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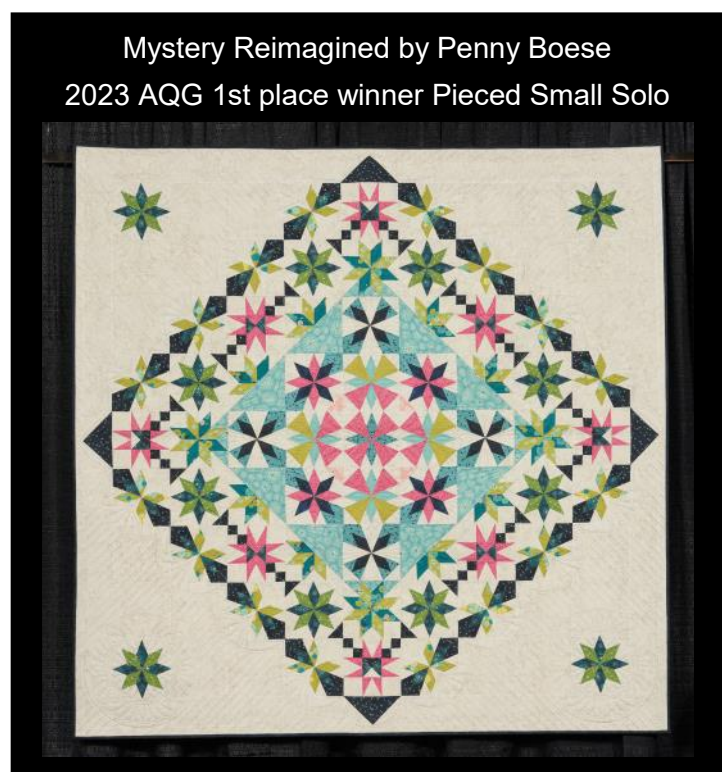
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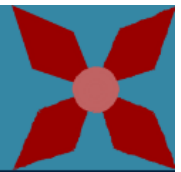
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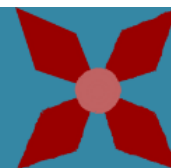
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