



FIESTA NEWS!



Business Meeting Wednesday, August 1, 2012 9:30 AM
General Meetings Tuesday, August 7, 2012 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 9:30 AM

Time for the 2012 Quilt-a-thon is finally here!

We are so excited that the Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services group (TOPS) will be our charity this year. We've got many quilt tops ready for the sandwich team to layer, as well as several quilts ready for the "tie-ers". Lots of work to do on Tuesday evening August 7 from 7pm to 9 pm and Wednesday August 8, from 9am to 3pm. Don't worry if you haven't signed up. Just come on in and give us a hand. If you want to sew please bring your sewing machine. If you have questions, call or email, Colleen Babcock, 405-5478, cjquilts@att.net.

"100 Years, 100 Quilts" Programs

The Guild's program cycle at the Arizona Historical Society Museum is at the half way point. July found Jain Barrett and Joline Albaugh helping youngsters make picture frames using fabric, batting, ribbon and cardboard. Watching these young crafters learn and create is delightful.

Also, delightful was the amazing "Meet the Quilter" program presented by Karen G. Fisher. Karen intrigued her audience with Arizona history, beautiful quilts, technique tips and an incredible array of buttons!

The children's craft programs are held on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to noon. The August 4th program has kids making a phone/iPod case.

The next "Meet the Quilter" presentation, which features Sue Franklin who does beautiful red work, will be held on August 11th at 11:00 a.m.

The Museum is located at 949 E. 2nd Street in Tucson. Parking in the garage a half block west of the Museum is free on Saturdays and free with pass obtained at the Museum other days.

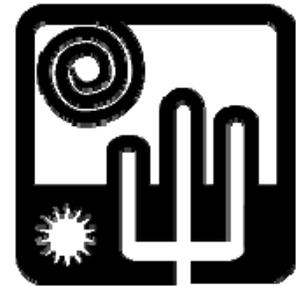
Raffle Ticket Sales: As of our Guild meeting of July 17, 2012, we had distributed **271** packets and the Membership had returned 93. Let's see what progress we can make by August in equalizing the number returned and those distributed. Watch monthly for our progress.

We will not be at the Guild meeting in August, but we will be back in September. If you want to get the stubs and money off your hands quicker, you can send them to us by snail mail.

Thank you, Pam Ashbaugh and Mary McLaughlin



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New Quilters-Betty Hayden Award: Been quilting less than 3 years? Thinking of entering a quilt for the first time in a quilt show? Did you make the quilt entirely by yourself? You could be eligible to enter your quilt for the Betty Hayden Award at the 2013 Quilt Fiesta! Show. Please see the entry packet for complete details or contact Alice Wilder at wilderonline@comcast.net.

Upcoming Workshops

August - Our annual Quilt-a-Thon

September - Karen Buckley - "Ocean Sunrise" and "Garden Medley" - Space Available

October - Jane Davila - "Outer Limits" and "Fabric Postcards" - Space Available

November - Margaret Miller - "Strips that Sizzle" and "Easy Pieces" - Space Available

For further information, check out the information on our webpage:

<http://www.tucsonquiltersguild.com/programs.html>

Registration opens six months in advance of each workshop before the start of the Business Meeting.

The member fee for workshops is \$50. The fee for non-members is \$75. More information on class policies and fees is available on the website.

GUILD NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

President's Challenge 2012: This year the President's Challenge theme will be "Celebrations." The only requirement is size, which is limited to 120" around the perimeter. This means it *cannot* be bigger around the whole quilt than 120"! Also, you need to put a sleeve on the back. They just look so much better hanging at the quilt show with a sleeve. So have fun and show us what you like to celebrate!

Ideas: Family, country, sisters, children, pets... what will you come up with??

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Tuesday Evening Meetings: Open from 5:30 to 7pm only.
Wednesday Morning Meetings: Open from 8:30 to 9:30 and during the break.
To renew books: Call Donata Pfisterer the day before the meeting at 733-9557 or email her at: donatap@photonengr.com.

2012 HOLIDAY BLOCK EXCHANGE

Decorative stitches that come programmed into our sewing machines... how can you use those to create a block? I just finished scanning the projects in **YOUR MACHINE'S DECORATIVE STITCHES** by Karen Linduska. This could be a great way to try something new in surface design! What about thread painting? I am doing this on a current quilt and having a wonderful time with it! Have you thought of crayons? A 12.5 inch square is a perfect size for trying out all those ideas you have contemplated yet not tried. What technique would YOU like to experiment with to add more skills to YOUR quilting?

Congratulations to Jeannie Coleman and Carol Zupancic, the founders of Quilt for a Cause --they are being inducted into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame! Thanks so much to Tucson Quilters Guild for all your support of QFAC over the past 10 years, by making quilts, helping with the auctions and other fundraisers--you, the Members, are the greatest, and Quilt for A Cause absolutely couldn't have done it without you!

BEES, BEES, BEES—Updated!

CENTRAL AREA:

Art Quilters Contact: Barbara Hall, 622-9268, or rbarber21@cox.net

Where: Bella Quiltworks;

When: Third Wednesday at 10 AM

Himmel Park Contact: Ruth Campbell, 792-1639

Where: Himmel Park Library,

When: Third Wednesday at 6 PM

EAST SIDE:

Eastside Evening Bee Contact: Connie Weigel, 760-7728 or xuxala@msn.com

Where: Unity Peace Church, 1515 S Eastside Loop

When: First Thursday of the month 6:30-9PM

Siesta Bee Contact: Nelle Starr, 886-4123

Where: Members' homes (Northeast) call for directions

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1pm

GREEN VALLEY:

North of the Border Contact: Babs Phillips, 393-6557

Where: M & I Bank 270 W. Continental Green Valley,

When: Thursday 9:30 - Noon

NORTHWEST:

Quilting for Others Contact: Mary Meserve, 883-4408

Where: Cactus Quilt Shop,

When: Third Wednesday, 9:30 – Noon

Theme: Tucson Charities

Material Girls Contact: Caroline Schau, 297-9965,

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Where: Rotate Homes

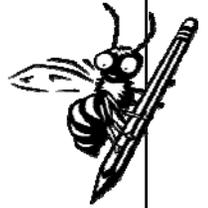
When: First and Third Thursdays at 1 PM

New Bee: Call Karen Fisher at 572-8825 or email me at

karen@karenfisherartquilts.com to get more details.

CONTINENTAL RANCH/TWIN PEAKS:

Contact: We don't have a contact for this bee



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The submission deadline for articles for the September Newsletter is Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

Articles should be sent to : newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com
Newsletter Editor is Margaret Newman



For sale: Pfaff Creative fabric Mover with Stitch Control. It is compatible with Pfaff Creative Series Performance and Expression lines. It was bought new from Cathey's, Tucson and used only once (less than 2 hours) for a demo. It is in the original packaging, with the sales slip. \$250.00/OBO. All proceeds will be donated to Quilt For a Cause. Contact kateor08@gmail.com, Kate O'Reilly.

If you need to receive the newsletter via regular mail, email Reilly at membership@TucsonQuiltersGuild.com.

QUILT FIESTA! 2013



HANGING 2013 QUILT SHOW This year is flying by and it is time again to start signing up for the 2013 Quilt Show. Setup Day is Wednesday, January 9th and Hanging Day is Thursday, January 10th. We will have two Sign-up lists this year, one for each day.

We need about 15 to 20 people to help us Setup on Wednesday the 9th of January about 11:00 in the morning at TCC. We can use men and women. Please bring ladders, if possible.

If you won't be back in town until late this fall or if you want to sign up early send us an e-mail. If you want to help on Setup, Wednesday morning, you can email me (Mary Bazzano) at Quilt362@yahoo.com or 520-297-9576. If you want to help with Hanging on Thursday, email Ginny Dove gdovecat@aol.com. -The Hanging committee

Small Quilt Auction: Details, Details, Details! I hope many of you are planning to make and donate a small quilt for our auction to be held during the Quilt Fiesta! in January 2013. There are a few details to keep in mind as you plan your project.

The quilt size is limited to a maximum of 80" around the perimeter. By keeping the quilts at this size we will be able to display them all at one time on our drapes.

Quilts are due (or must be postmarked by) November 14, 2012 at the Guild meeting. If your quilt donation is completed before that date, quilts will be accepted at the September and October meetings as well as at the November meetings. Quilts will not be accepted at the August meetings.

More information about this project is available on our website (www.tucsonquiltersguild.com) under Small Quilt Auction on the main page. Also, there is a downloadable entry form online that must be completed for each quilt submission. Please use a straight pin to attach your entry form to the sleeve on the back of the quilt.

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful work! Sally Dickinson, Small Quilt Auction Chairperson

Bed Turning: Think about Grandma's quilt as described by Silvia Summers Pierce in Hall and Kretsinger's *The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America* (1935). Pierce notes "With gentle and loving fingers she caressed the well worn fold; 'round each piece a mem'ry lingers like a sweet story often told."

Do you have memories (quilts) from your grandmother's attic or elsewhere? If so, submit an application for your quilt in *Quilt Fiesta's* bed turning.

Contact Sue Franklin at 520.825.3962 or 520.490.4721 or suevette63@comcast.net, with questions. Applications for the bed turning are available on the bed turning link of the Guild's web site. Hard copies also will be available at both the evening and daytime September Guild meetings. Applications may be submitted at both October meetings or postmarked by October 13th.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Guild Members, if you haven't picked up your raffle ticket packets for our beautiful quilt, "HOT SALSA", the packets will be available again in September at the back of our meeting room during the Guild meetings. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least one packet. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Included in the packet are 12 tickets, a picture of the quilt, and instructions for returning money and stubs. Please do your part in helping our Guild raise funds to provide all the wonderful things that our Guild does throughout the year.

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EMAIL LIST: The Guild now has an email list for easy communication with the members. Please log into the protected area of the website and put your name and email address into the box at the top of the page. After doing this, you will receive an email. You must click on the link after making the link into one long line. If this works, you will receive another email saying you were successful. If you have any problem with this, email me at quilter@tucsonquiltersguild.com.
Meg Silvern

HOW: Help Our Warriors: We need people to make twin size quilts, lap quilts (3'x5'), baby blankets (3'x3'), heart pillows, shawls, and tote bags. Many people in the guild also knit or crochet. We could use socks (white), baby blankets (3'x3'), knitted or crocheted caps, and shawls. Remember, these days not all soldiers are men.

If you have any questions, please call Laurie Mullins at home: 520-883-3568 or cellphone: 520-252-5216. Look for us on Facebook!

Newsletter game: Don't tell your friends! Keep it a secret. Five more membership numbers have been hidden in this newsletter. If one of them is yours, let me know at the next meeting or by contacting me if you can't attend, and you will win a prize. Mary Meserve, 520-883-4408, marymes@aol.com.

The Guild Basics

Who:	All Members
What:	Business Meeting —First Wednesday of every month in the Church Classroom General Meetings - Second Wednesday of the month in the morning or the Tuesday evening preceding the second Wednesday - in the Parish Hall.
When:	Business Meeting — 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM General Meetings: Tuesday Evening—7:00–9:30 PM. Wednesday—9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Where:	St Frances Cabrini Church 3201 E. Presidio Near Fort Lowell and Country Club
(How): Parking	Guild members are asked to refrain from parking in the spaces in front of the Parish office; the Church wants these spaces to remain open for Church members who have business to attend to in the office. This is the small building to the east of our meeting room. PARKING NOTICE: Tuesday evening attendees: The Church's Family Classes are in session again, so PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT LOT. Use the side or back lot.
Why: 2245	Come to get involved with all aspects of the Guild, to make new friends, learn new quilting skills, share, but most of all, to have FUN .

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PATTERN OF THE MONTH

Well, here it is August already, and time for the Quiltathon! As you may have noticed, last month's Pattern of the Month was actually seven --"Seven Easy Baby Quilts", on the website, with one of the quilts --"Stars for Baby"-- featured in the newsletter. Those patterns are some of the many we have used for the Quiltathon over the years, and we thought you might like to have them handy for making quick baby quilts, for any need you might have, or to donate to the Quiltathon, Quilt for A Cause, Quilting for Others, or Help our Warriors, for example. Hope you've checked them out -- and remember, these patterns are there on the website, along with the rest of this year's Patterns of the Month, for you to use any time!

This month, Pattern of the Month is featuring the "Simple 9-Patch Chain Block" in a 12" finished size, which makes a terrific alternate block with the "Stars for Baby" block from last month. It is versatile enough to alternate with many other blocks, too. For more information on choosing an alternate block that will harmonize with other blocks, please see the August 2012 Pattern of the Month article on our website. In it, we explore blocks with different grids, and show "virtual quilt" examples of some favorites. If there is an interest, we can provide patterns for more of these alternate blocks in the future.

Hope you're enjoying your Pattern of the Month, and if you have any ideas or suggestions for a pattern, please let Evelyn George know! We're always looking for something original and interesting that you might have come up with, and hope you'll share it with the Guild. You can email Evelyn at pom@tucsonquiltersguild.com



Pattern of the Month - August 2012
by Evelyn George

"Simple 9-Patch Chain Block"

Last month's Pattern of the Month was "Stars for Baby," one of our Quiltathon patterns. That pattern features Star blocks alternating with plain squares. When I made this quilt using a lovely rainbow stripe (see photo, right), I decided to use a simple pieced block between the stars, instead of plain squares, and was pleased with the resulting chain effect. Here's the pattern for that alternate 12" Chain block, which of course could be used in other quilts, too. Notice that this particular Star block, as well as the Chain block, are both based on a grid of 3 equal divisions of the side of the square (usually called a 9-patch). This is easier to see in the drawings than in the photos. →



Star for Baby (see July 2012 Pattern of the Month for directions for this block)

Simple 9-Patch Chain Block (12" finished size)

For each block you need:

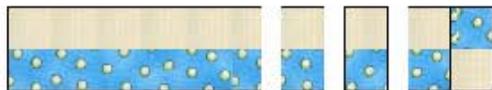
- four 4 ½" squares white (background)
- one 4 ½" square print (center)
- eight 2 ½" squares* white
- eight 2 ½" squares* assorted colors (chain)



Simple 9-Patch Chain Block

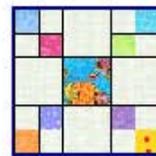
Piece the 2 ½" white and colored squares into four 4-patch squares.

*OR --If making many blocks, you could more easily strip piece the 4-patches. In that case, instead of cutting 2 ½" squares, cut 2 ½" strips the width of fabric, of both white and colors. Sew a white strip to a color strip, press seam toward color strip, and cross-cut into 2 ½" sections. Arrange two sections into a 4-patch and sew together.



4-patch ↑

Arrange four 4-patches, four white 4 ½" squares and a center print square into a 9-patch, making sure a small color square is positioned in each outer corner of block, → to form a diagonal chain in both directions. Sew together into 3 rows. Press seams toward larger white squares, then sew rows together, to make the Simple 9-Patch Chain Block. Make as many as you need for your quilt (there are 4 Chain blocks and 5 Stars in the baby quilt at top of page).



Note about borders: This print was a diagonal stripe, so in order to keep stripes going the same direction on all sides, two borders were cut crosswise and two were cut lengthwise.