



THREAD TALES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Quilters,

Yes, August is almost here! I am certain I'm not the only one losing track of days and dates. I expect there are lots of you who are maybe getting a lot of quilting done, but also inventing new things to feel you're using your time and brain efficiently.

I have two new things that have me excited. One is political, but not partisan, so I'll share it here. A woman named, Ann Morton, has organized a project to encourage ALL our elected officials in congress to get their act together and work together to pass legislation our country needs during these strange and trying times. It's called the Violet Protest – as in blue + red makes violet. Their website is <http://www.violetprotest.com> and is where you can find more info and ways to participate there.



The second thing is very personal and is both strange and exciting. I discovered this past week that I was the keeper of a very big family secret. I had always assumed my sister knew it as well, but she didn't, so now of course I've been sharing it with some close family members.

Long story short—my sister's son sent off his DNA to *Ancestry.com* and asked if there were any familial matches among people who had also sent in DNA. While he hoped to find more info about his dad's side of the family, a mystery second cousin showed up on his mom's/my side of the family—someone looking for family of their own. I knew, immediately, because of the secret my mother told me in the early 70s, who this mystery person probably is.

Anyway, my nephew called me, and we talked for about two hours, and now we are waiting to hear back from the mystery person, who I hope I am right about. If I am, this other person will become part of my family, and we will become part of theirs. While I have, by default, been the keeper of all the family "stuff," including secrets, it will be wonderful if all of it has finally come to fruition and become useful.

I will keep you all posted!

Yours in Quilting,

Karen G. Fisher, *TQG President*

August Calendar

Business Meeting:

August 5, 9:30 am

General Meetings:

Tues, August 11, 7 pm

Wed, August 12, 9:30 am

September Calendar

Business Meeting:

September 2, 9:30 am

General Meetings:

Tues, September 8, 7 pm

Wed, September 9, 9:30 am

September Workshop:

Thursday, September 10

This one-day workshop begins at 9 am.

Please note that these are events are subject to change due to the current COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

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TQG PROGRAM INFORMATION

September Program

JAN KRENTZ

Lecture and Trunk Show: *Design Inspiration from Everyday Life*

View your world with an artist's eye, and learn practical tips for color, fabric selection and design. Jan shares design inspiration images from ordinary sources – and quilts resulting from the inspiration.

Jan Krentz is an internationally recognized quilt instructor, author and designer. Winner of the 1998 Teacher of the Year award, Jan's motivating workshops are packed with practical tips, techniques and methods to insure success. Jan's most popular workshops are technique-rich piecing and design-focused. She is often called the "queen of Lone Star designs". Jan's Diamond techniques are available in an online workshop: Diamond Quilt Designs with Craftsby.com, and available with 24-7 access.



Jan has been teaching quilt classes since 1982, and teaching nation and world-wide since 1996. Her course instruction is step-by-step, encompassing a multitude of the fine details that ensure success. Jan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Textiles, Clothing and Design, and has written five books in the field of quilt making: *Lone Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Hunter Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Diamond Quilts and Beyond*, *Quick Star Quilts and Quick Diamond Quilts*.

Workshop: COLORWASH HUNTER STAR

Learn fabric selection and placement, construction technique, and quilting recommendations.

So, during the past 4 months, you've finished a pile of UFOs, cleaned up your sewing space, and still have been unable to make even a modest dent in your stash. This workshop can help with that! But on the off chance that you don't have what you need, or just want more, Jan has several pre-cut kits available on her website, <https://www.jankrentz.com/store.php?cat=6>. While your at it, download the supply list at <https://www.jankrentz.com/workshops-supply.php?ID=2>

You will have 4 possible project options:



IMPRESSIONIST SCENE (1) – In this version you will start with a pre-printed fabric panel. This panel will be cross cut and you will learn how to cut in stars to create a colorwash version.

IMPRESSIONIST SCENE (2) – Start with a photo to help inspire your fabric selection. Use this as a guide to build your scene.



TRADITIONAL HUNTER STAR BLOCK or SCRAPPY COLORWASH STAR – Your quilt will be more traditional but the class results will be amazingly different from student to student.

Starting in early September, each registrant will receive a mailing from Jan which will include class handout materials and a pre-printed fabric sheet on which to build your colorwash designs. A few days before the meeting, registered participants will receive a Zoom workshop link. By 9:00AM on Thursday, you should be signed in and ready for your first set of instructions. After the introduction, you will be set free to work on your own. LEAVE THE ZOOM MEETING OPEN. At regular intervals set by the instructor the group will reconvene on our devices and we will be given more instruction and have any questions answered. But don't worry if you need to ask questions during the working periods. The instructor will monitor her terminal throughout the workshop. So, please join the great experiment! The fee for the workshop is \$50. You may register on the website or mail a check to the Guild PO Box. Registration deadline is September 1 to allow time for mailing of workshop materials.

PROGRAM NOTES

Visit the Guild website to learn more about these programs. Workshop fees: One day classes, \$50 and 2-day classes, \$100. **We can now accept credit cards.** The classes are from 9 am – 3:30 pm each day and are held in the large multi-purpose room at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd. These workshops are a great opportunity for you to learn new quilting skills at a very reasonable price from professional quilters from all over the United States! Contact the *Programs Director* to sign up.

If you have any questions or suggestions about speakers or workshops, please contact our Programs Director:

Kathy Barton at programs@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

MANY THANKS TO THE TQG MEMBERS!

Dear Generous Quilters,
 Thank you for the donation of the absolutely AMAZING 21 quilts which we received from you today. We are overwhelmed with all of your hard work and thoughtfulness and for thinking of us with this donation. These donations will brighten the day of a patient and their loved ones when they are here at Peppi's



These lovely quilts - makers unknown - were donated to the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation. Mike McKendrick, Chair received the quilts. These quilts will be raffled. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's community activities and Fallen Fire Fighter's Fund.



House and will be a treasured memory for years to come. At TMC Hospice, we consider life a sacred journey of transformation, personal growth and discovery. Our mission is to help those with life-limiting illnesses walk their path of life and receive compassion, dignity and love. Your support helps make this happen.

Thanks again for your generosity,
 Krista Durocher
 Volunteer Coordinator, TMC Hospice

July 2020
 Dear Ms. Fisher + Quilters,
 Thank you for the huge mask donation to Homer Davis students + staff!
 Having the masks on campus will be helpful when we return to school and will ensure those who are in need have what they need to stay safe.
 Warm regards,
 Michelle Powers
 - 1st grade teacher -



1/9/20
 Dear Mrs. Fisher & Tucson Quilters Guild,
 Thank you for your generous donation of masks for our school! The time, effort and spirit that went into this project is truly incredible! Thank you for making these uncertain times a little easier.
 Sincerely,
 Julie Abedia
 3rd grade teacher Homer Davis

Hello Quilters,

So are we all going to need a gym by the time we can gather in a group?

Too many snacks and too hot out to exercise. Way too many jammies days in our sewing room and forgetting to mark off the days on the big empty calendar on the wall... But at least we are healthy and safe.

Keep those masks on so we can get back to group fun.

Joyce Harrison,
TQG Historian

Your Tucson Quilters Guild is Virtually Back in Action!

TQG Program Update

We can't hang out in groups of more than 10. We can't go to bars. We can't touch anything without bathing in hand sanitizer afterwards, and sometimes we can't find something in the grocery store that we've always found before.

But we can now, once again, enjoy our Guild membership.

Beginning in September, we will be bringing you speaker talks AND workshops in a Zoom format. While we were all caught off guard by the extent of this pandemic, quilt instructors have also scrambled to update their capabilities and many are now ready to bring us information and entertainment on this platform.

Jan Krentz, who was originally scheduled for March, will be our first speaker and Karen Combs is on board for October. Although, there is nothing like seeing a quilt up close and in person, Zoom does offer us some advantages.

1. Our winter residents and temporarily house bound members can participate throughout the entire year.
2. You can use the restroom or leave the meeting without bothering the rest of the audience.

3. No night driving. You can pick whichever meeting is most convenient.
4. Without the constraints of limited power, available tables, and shared irons, we can expand the number of members who can attend the workshops.
5. Not to mention, that if you take a workshop, you don't have to lug your supplies around town.

I hope you'll give this new and hopefully temporary format a try. Read this and upcoming newsletters for information on upcoming programs, how the workshops will work, and as we get closer some tips on Zoom etiquette.

Kathy Barton

Program Co-Chair

SQA Info

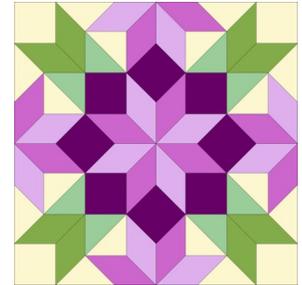
Hello Quilters! Since the Fiesta planning is progressing, we will proceed with the Small Quilt Auction as well. Given our sheltering circumstances, people have been quilting, quilting, and mask making. Please consider creating some small quilts out of scraps, leftover blocks, challenge quilts or your own UFOs or "lamentables." I can try to have some lamentables available if the Guild holds another Drive-by drop off at the church.

Small quilts should have a perimeter no larger than 100 inches and should have a 2" hanging sleeve.

Should you wish to donate a small quilt, please use the application on the website - it has not been updated but hopefully will be in the coming weeks. Small quilts can be dropped off at the Guild Drive-By events at the church - so far on our regular meeting days- please see the Tucson Quilters Guild Facebook group for details! Or you can email me, aksk8wmn@gmail.com, and we can decide you can turn in your donations. We already have 4 donations for the 2021 SQA so please keep them coming!!!

As usual your donations are fantastic and make a difference in our community! Thank you and stay safe and stay busy!!!

Wendy Anderson
Small Quilt Auction Chair



Quilt-a-Thon Report

If you made it to the Fly-By thank you for coming. It was a very good day for Quilt-a-Thon 2020. We distributed 20 kits for members to sew at home. Many kits included the backing as well as all the materials required for a quilt top. We had many quilt sandwiches put together ready to sew and tie and we distributed a total of 25 quilt sandwiches. One member from Casa Grande came to Tucson and took home 8 of them. Members also dropped off 31 quilt tops and 7 completed quilts.

Our Quilt-a-Thon looks a bit different but quilts are getting done. To date we have had 115 completed quilt tops donated and we are putting them together with backing and batting so they can be distributed for finishing. We do have some quilt sandwiches ready to go. I know we have not collected all the quilt tops members have been working on either as kits or using their own fabrics and we should be collecting those remaining quilt tops in August. If you would like to finish one or more of these quilt sandwiches please contact me at quilt-a-thon@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

CLASSIC FAMILY MOVIES

Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and/or The Wizard of Oz

Using any techniques (and embellishments!) you choose, make a small quilt that is inspired by either of these movies, or even combine pieces of them together.

I can visualize Dorothy and Snow White being scared together in the dark forest, a battle between the two evil witches (with light sabers—oops wrong decade and theme!), or perhaps a sports competition between the dwarves and the munchkins.

Maximum size is a 100" perimeter, and it needs a hanging sleeve when it is finished. **Quilts must be turned in at the November meeting.**

Your quilt will be displayed at the December meetings for a first round of voting and at the January meetings for final voting. Winners will be displayed at our Quilt Fiesta 2020.



Have Fun! And surprise me with your creativity!

Newsletter Advertising

For Sale by Guild Members



Bernina 200 sewing and embroidery machine –
Carry case, stand, thread, digital patterns, and every accessory imaginable. \$2800.00.
Hester Rodgers, 509-251-5732.



NON-GUILD MEMBER AND BUSINESS PRICES

Do you have a quilting service you provide?

Quilt related-business/service:

\$10/issue – Business Card - 3.5" x 2" (Horizontal or Vertical)

\$15/issue – 1/4 Page Ad - 4.25"w x 5.5"h

\$30/issue – 1/2 Page Ad - 8.5"w x 5.5"h (Horizontal) or

1/2 Page Ad 4.25"w x 11"h (Vertical)

\$60/issue – Full-Page Ad 8.5" x 11"

Non-Guild members may place a plain text ad with photo to sell personal quilting /sewing machines, supplies and/or fabrics for \$15 per issue. *Any items offered for FREE can be advertised at no cost.*

For additional information and/or to reserve space in upcoming newsletters, please contact the newsletter editor at newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

Members

Do you have a sewing machine or other quilting accessories you would like to sell?

Members are able to sell quilting, sewing, or craft related items for only \$5.

There is no word limit and you are welcome to include a photo or two. For more info or to submit an ad send email to newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com



Tucson Quilters Guild has a Facebook Group!

Join our online group and share your quilts, share tips and techniques, and ask questions. www.facebook.com/groups/1932751600172283

TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD BEES

Eastside

1492 BEE

Lisa Fryxell – (575) 590-5472
Columbus Library
4350 E 22nd Street
1st Monday, 10 AM to 2 PM

EAGLE WINGS QOV BEE

Char Gasker
Quality Quilterz
8421 E Broadway Blvd
4th Thursday of the month

EASTSIDE QUIET BEE

Vicki Moore
748-7219, 241-7290
Ask Vicki for location
1st Thursday, 6:30 PM

HIMMEL QUILTERS

Ruth Campbell – (520) 792-1639
Himmel Park Library
1035 N Treat Ave
3rd Wednesday, 6 – 8 PM

NORTHEAST 9 PATCHERS

Janice Jones
Members Homes
1st Friday, 9:30 AM

PACIFIC RIM QUILTING BEE:

Susan Owara – 520-572-9231
The Quilt Basket
6538 E. Tanque Verde #130
1st Tuesday, 10 am

Eastside, con't.

TUCSON ART QUILTERS:

No contact person at this time
Eastside City Hall
7575 E. Speedway,
3rd Wednesday, 10 am – Noon

UFO BEE

Mary Meserve
The Quilters Market
7601 E Speedway Blvd
Every Tuesday, 9 – 11:30 am

Northwest

MATERIAL GIRLS

Cindi Huff – (623) 225-6109
members homes
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 – 4 pm

MONA LISA BEE:

Debbie Sileven (520) 954-9265
Foothills Community Church
3301 W Overton Rd
3rd Monday, 9:30 – 11 am

PIECE PATCHERS:

Evelyn George
Members homes

NORTHWEST NEEDLERS:

Evelyn George –
Members homes

Southwest

MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS:

Marie Morris
403-6208, 623-0123
Grace Pointe Church
2555 W Valencia Rd.
3rd Monday, 6:30 – 8 pm
Sept – Nov and Jan – March

Green Valley

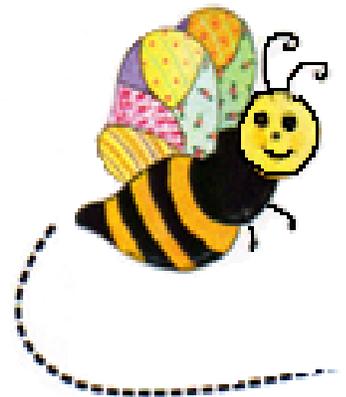
NORTH OF THE BORDER:

Patty Goodsell – 989-1754
Ask Patty for location info
Every Thursday - 9:30 AM – Noon

Bee Keeper

For more information about any of the Bees listed or how to start you own bee, please contact our personal beekeeper.

Elizabeth Sonnenfeld,
beekeeper@tucsonquiltersguild.com



TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD BASICS

The mission of the Tucson Quilters Guild is to perpetuate the art of quilting, encourage the practice of quilting, and to stimulate interest in this art form.

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 Morning –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
Why:	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 <i>FUN</i> .
Cost:	Members – \$30/year (due in March) Guests – \$5/meeting

TQG MEETINGS ARE FRAGRANCE FREE

Please remember to be kind to fellow members with allergies to scents and perfumes. Please attend the meetings fragrance / perfume free. It means another member can attend.

USE OF CAMERAS AT GUILD MEETINGS

Due to copyright concerns, photos may be taken before the meetings, during the breaks, and after the meetings.

No photography or videos are permitted during the guest speaker presentations.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Submission deadline for the next newsletter is the Tuesday following the Wednesday General Meeting. For the June Newsletter, deadline is Tuesday, August 18. Please send you articles/ ads to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

SHH-HH PHONE APP FOR TQG MEETINGS

<http://shushapp.com> The shush app allows you turn the volume of your ringer off for whatever amount of time you want. At the end of that time your phone's ringer will be turned on again. It is handy for those of us who forget to turn on the ringer again.

TQG BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Finance	<i>OPEN</i>	
Guild Pins	<i>OPEN</i>	
Guild Publicity	<i>OPEN</i>	
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Pattern of the Month	<i>OPEN</i>	
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Opportunity Quilt 2020	<i>OPEN</i>	
Record Keeper	Chris McCollum	
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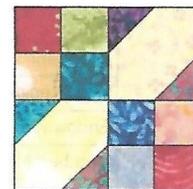
PATTERN OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2020

POM CHAIR NEEDED

This month's POM was originally shared in the TQG August 2014 Newsletter

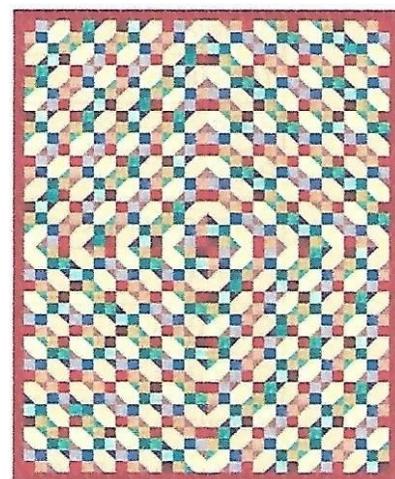
Fly Away Four Patch - a scrap saver's block — By Evelyn George

You only need to cut two sizes of squares to make this easy 8" block. It's really just a big Four Patch, that has smaller Four Patches in two corners and Fly Away "wings" in the other two corners. Gather up some pretty scraps --these blocks go together quickly-- and you'll soon have enough for a quilt like the one shown below!



There are many different ways you could decide to color the blocks, depending on what's in your scrap pile. (My four Patches have two darks and two mediums; and for my Fly Away units, I chose lights for the background and darks for the corners, because I think that looks more like wings.) Make a sample block or two with your scraps and see what works best, then keep the lights and darks in those same positions for **all** the blocks. When you go to arrange them later, the light and dark areas are what allow you to make designs with your layout.

-- The quilt example at right is ~ 68" x 84": with 80 blocks. See how the lights form a diamond design (and the darks, X's) when the blocks are rotated differently in each quarter of the quilt. Each scrappy quilt will be unique, of course, but if you pay attention to the placement of the lights and darks it will pay off.

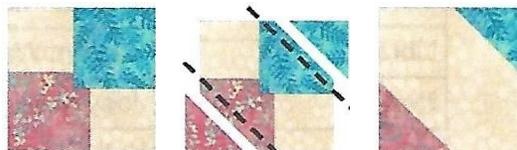


For each Block cut:

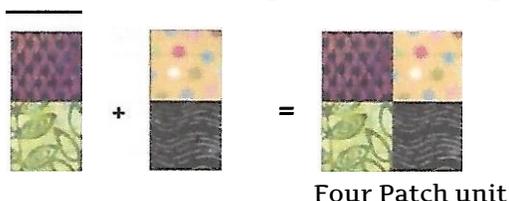
- 2 assorted Light 4½" squares
- 4 assorted Medium 2½" squares
- 8 assorted Dark 2½" squares

Make 2 Fly Away units: Place 2½" Dark squares on top of 2 opposite corners of each 4½" Light square, right sides together, with edges aligned Stitch diagonally across dark squares. Trim off corners leaving ¼" seam allowance.

Unfold triangles and press seams toward corners.



Make 2 Four Patch units . using the remaining Dark and Medium 2½" squares as shown:



Combining assorted colors, arrange two Four Patch units and two Fly Away units so "wings" go diagonally across the block one way as shown and Dark squares go diagonally across the other way. Sew together to make the block.

