

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Quilters,

It has now officially been a year since we met as a whole guild in person, AND I MISS YOU! I miss your smiling faces, the sound of your chatter as we greet each other and catch up with friends before the meetings begin, the random questions I am often asked because people can find me easily in the pack because I am wearing the hat.

This has been a strange, tough, tiring year, and I am as ready as anyone else to get back to whatever normal is going to look like. I have had my shots (I feel as if I'm talking about my cat!), but I am still not comfortable going just anywhere, especially knowing there are so many people out there who still think Covid isn't that big of a deal. Get over it! Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community, so we can ALL go out again. In my own family, my sister, my daughter, and my son-in-law ALL have had Covid, and all of them were being careful. Thankfully, they have all recovered or are still recovering, and did not need to be hospitalized.

Oddly, though, with all of the other stress, the quilting part of my brain is on overdrive. Are any of you feeling this too? I've made lists of what I want to work on, put together all the fabrics for projects to finish and donate, and already made a very complex pieced background for a quilt entry for our own show next January (yes, I'm going overboard, but it looks great)! I'm having fun with Pattern of the Month designs— mostly drawing from things I've made for myself, and figuring out how to show someone else how to do them. The best part is that most of this stuff is coming out of my stash, which is (pat myself on the back) quite well-organized.

At our April drive-by, several people turned in their own finished donations, so I know at least some of you are putting in hours of time sewing. Sometimes, it is the best part of my day, and for me, as perhaps for many of you, it has been a sanity saver. I am watching too much TV, but even in that, there are fun moments. There's a show about a French chateau being updated and remodeled by two people who seem to know what they are doing. Also, the British Baking Show episodes are all being rerun— which makes me want to make something yummy from scratch!

So, for the moment, I'm headed back to my studio to work on May's aforementioned Pattern of the Month, so I will be sewing again for a few hours, AND watching TV!

Yours in quilting,
Karen G. Fisher, President



MAY CALENDAR

Business Meeting:

Wed, May 5, 9:30 A.M.

General Meetings:

Tues, May 11, 7:00-9:00 pm

Wed, May 12, 9:30 -11:30 am
(program and lecture)

May Workshop:

Thurs, May 13—9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This one-day ZOOM workshop begins at 9 am.

DRIVE-BY: May 15th — 9:00–10:30

JUNE CALENDAR

Business Meeting:

Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.

General Meetings:

Tues, June 8th 7:00-9:00 pm

Wed. June 9th, 9:30 -11:00 am

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

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May Webinar and Workshop

Wendy Mathson



Yes folks, another Zoom first-timer. But in all other quilting endeavors, Wendy Mathson is a seasoned artist, speaker, and teacher. She has been making and designing quilts since 1981, beginning with a baby quilt made in anticipation of her first child. In 1992, while she was part of a quilting circle at her church, she began making prayer quilts. A few years later Wendy organized “Prayers & Squares”, The Prayer Quilt Ministry. This interfaith nonprofit organization now has over 800 chapters worldwide. It was in support of the Ministry that she began designing and teaching simple strip-pieced patterns for them which then led to the invention of her cut-after-you-sew tools called Quilters TRIMplates.

It is these tools that form the basis of our workshop and lecture “Designing with Mariner’s Compass and Snail’s Trail”. When I spoke to her last, she was busy in her studio, setting up cameras and redesigning her workshop for Zoom. She briefly considered turning it into a design only class, but I think and hope you will all be happier sewing because you will be!

TQG PROGRAM INFORMATION & BOARD NEWS

These patterns are incredibly versatile as you can see from just this small sampling of her work. Before class you will need to purchase a set of templates which Wendy has kindly discounted for us. To do that you must get them directly from her website. All the necessary links can be found on the Speaker and Workshop pages on our website (<https://tucsonquiltersguild.com/speakers-workshops/>)



Don't miss out. Past attendees say you will find these virtual workshops less stressful and more productive than live workshops.

Kathy Barton – Programs Co-Chair

TQG Board Elections for July 2021

The following members are being presented to the membership and will be voted on at the May general meetings:

President: Marie Morris (current acting vp and former treasurer)

Vice-President: Cathy Blackburn

Evening Member At Large: Laurel Clarke

Co-Director Quilt Show: Need someone



GUILD NEWS

Quilt Fiesta News

We have new dates for the 2022 Quilt Fiesta! It will be held the 28-29th of January 2022 at the Old Pueblo Hall at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Start making or continue making your quilts to show! We are planning a new Pandemic Patchwork category, so show us all your covid quilts!

We welcome some new members to the Fiesta Committees! Joyce Bott, Terry Gallegos, Becky Ruhl, Mary Vaneeke and Michele High. Thanks for volunteering to help ladies!

We still need a few people, contact me if you want more information. The positions still open are Co-director, Featured Quilter, Kid's Row, and Opportunity Quilt Promotion. We have fun!

Remember we will be asking for your quilts for the show in a few months. So, get sewing! Your quilt doesn't have to be totally finished as long as you have enough done for a picture when you submit it. We welcome the UFOS you finished during the pandemic and any Covid quilts you might have made; we will have a special recognition for those quilts!

We will welcome more submissions for a quilt design for the 2023 Opportunity Quilt. Arizona is the theme. Your original design will be made and promoted, and you can sell the pattern afterwards. We currently have two submissions, but we have lots more talented members!

Don't forget our monthly drive by at St Francis Cabrini. I'm always there if you have questions about Any questions, contact me at quilt-fiesta@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

Pamela Golliet
2021 Quilt Fiesta Chair



Quilting for Others

Thank You to the Programs Committee for sharing their budget! Without that, our Quilting for Others Storeroom wouldn't have come along so nicely.

Please note the new Drive-by hours for May 15th. 9AM - 10:30AM!

As of the April Drive-by our Quilting for Others Drawing stands at 858 Entries! That's Amazing! There are two Ladies within 4 points of each other for 1st and 2nd place. And, two other Ladies are within 9 points of 3rd and 4th place. All entries are eligible for the Grand Prize.

We've had a request for Baby Quilts for our military service families. So, in May we also will be bringing fabrics/panels that would be suitable for this type of quilt. We look forward to seeing what you bring back in June!

Another very large donation of fabric has come in. And we now need help in cutting yardage, 2.5" strips, and blocks. Please contact me if you are able to help.

On behalf of the Quilting for Others Team,
Shellie Whitman

From the Shelves...

The Drive-by flew by. Some library books were checked out; some overdue books returned. A few magazines were taken.

The obvious activity was in donations. We received quilting books, magazines and kits and patterns. All of these are sorted through. The quilt books the Guild library doesn't have, we add to the collection. All the remaining are stored away until the next quilt show in January 2022. Raising money for the library, all these books,

kits and patterns are sold at the Quilt Fiesta. Last quilt show, the library made \$800.00 and with that we bought another section of shelving for the library. Over the last year and a half, we have accumulated about 20 boxes of books from donations. WOW, you've done a great job organizing and cleaning up your quilt stuff, while adding to the products we can sell. I also want to comment on the idea that many of our donations didn't come directly from guild members. Guild members would hear from friends or associates that they were moving to a smaller place or a friend died, and family didn't know what to do with all the quilting stuff. Many of you spoke up to say that the guild would be happy to take these items as donations. Thank you. I now have the job of going through the patterns and kits to see what we have.

The library will be open during the next drive by, May 15. I can have the books pulled and checked out for you if you look at the online catalog and send me the list you would like.

Janet Chumbley, TQG librarian



GUILD NEWS

Quilt-A-Thon

It seems like we have just finished Quilt-A-Thon 2020, but we are now getting ready for Quilt-A-Thon 2021. We will continue to participate in the monthly Drive-by at the church until we can meet in person. The Drive-by is scheduled to be held each month from 9:00 am - 10:30 am on the Saturday following the scheduled Wednesday General Meeting. The tentative Drive-by dates are May 15, June 12, and July 17.

There are many ways to participate in getting ready for Quilt-A-Thon 2021. The Guild is holding a Time-Limited Prize Drawing with the Drawing to be held at the August 2021 Quilt-A-Thon meeting. To participate in this drawing your Fabrics must come from the Guild collection. There will be kits ready to sew for Quilt-A-Thon at the scheduled Drive-by as well as many patterns that are Quilt-A-Thon standard size (width of Fabric by about 56 to 60 inches long) to hand out. You can pick fabrics from the Guild collection available at the Drive-by. You may also schedule an appointment to select the fabric from the Guild Storeroom. To schedule an appointment, go to our website, click on the "About US" tab and send an email to Quilt-A-Thon Linda Begega.

You certainly may use your patterns and fabrics but quilts for Quilt-A-Thon need to be no more than the width of fabric wide and about 56 inches long. This facilitates cutting batting in advance and finding suitable backings without piecing.

It remains to be seen if we will be able to meet at the church in August for a regular Quilt-A-Thon event. If so, then all the quilt tops that have not already been turned in will be brought to the event where we will envelope and tie them. If we cannot meet in August then any Quilt-A-Thon tops that have not already been turned in will be collected at the August Drive-by on August 14th.

All quilts that are part of Quilt-A-Thon will have batting and backings provided and be returned to our storage unit. They will be available for distribution to those able to finish them.

Linda Begega,
Quilt-A-Thon Chairperson 2021



Arizona Documentation Report

By Susan T. Franklin PhD

"If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed" noted Thomas Jefferson more than two centuries ago. His words remain true today.

In April's newsletter, I noted that in early March, I attended a Zoom meeting of the *Arizona Quilt Study Group*. The first speaker, Marikay Waldvogel, discussed the 1933 *Chicago World's Fair*. The second was Sue Reich, whose topic was *World War II* quilts. This month covers Sue's talk.

This, too, was a contest. Word went out through posters, newspapers, but not TV. Over 300 magazines participated with the only requirement being a flag on the cover. A slogan from the Civil War was used; *United We Stand*. Citizens grew their own food, canned it, and collected paper for the war effort. "Remember Pearl Harbor" frequently was heard. Nylon stockings were worn; silk stockings became parachutes. Make and mend for victory became a mantra. Ration stamps were the norm.

Slacks for women, an epidemic, enabling them to work in the defense industry. When these women entered it, they built a battleship in a day! *The United War Fund/Red Feather Fund*, created to raise funds for the war effort. Many feel that the Great Depression served as a "warm-up" for the hardships of World War II.

Needlework of all kinds became a useful tool to relieve emotional tension. *Double Wedding Ring* quilts were very popular; however, *Airplane* and *Feedsack* quilts also were a hit plus those of *Red, White, and Blue*. Quilters, too, made pictorial quilts with war related scenes and symbols, such as stars, flags, eagles, and crosses. A journal might note the story in each block and include the maker's name. During the war years, used parachutes were repurposed into clothing such as wedding gowns.

Scotties became the most popular dog; both Churchill and Roosevelt owned the breed. In Roosevelt's *State of the Union* address, he referred to four freedoms: speech, worship, want, and fear.

The Nazi's, known for swastikas and evil weren't the first to use the symbol. Their version was clockwise and on point. However, from 2500-1500 BC, a Swastika meant good luck. A common phrase, "Three bad eggs; keep them frying" meaning Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito the Emperor of Japan. More in June!

If you have questions about anything, quilt documentation in particular, please call or email either Sue Franklin at 520-490-4721; suevette63@gmail.com. Terry Grzyb-Wysocki at 520-904-2218; terry-gw@mindspring.com

MORE NEWS



Thank you to all the quilters who donated quilts at the April Fly-By! You set a record with 18 quilts in support of our Cause! If the Fly-by or other connections with us to drop off quilts are not convenient for you, please consider dropping quilts off at Cactus Quilts, The Quilt Basket, or the Quilter's Market. We'll take it from there! We have sold 166 quilts during the pandemic, for a total of 225 quilts during the current 3-year cycle.

And, you also bought a Fly-By record number of raffle tickets for our quilt, Forever and a Day. If you missed the Fly-By, pictures of the quilt and tickets are available on our website, <https://www.quiltforacause.org>.

QFaC is pleased to announce a new exhibit and sale! Quilts will be displayed beginning June 8, and continuing through the summer, at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 North Alvernon Way. Please stop by and have a look.

Quilt For a Cause is considering offering a day trip to Phoenix in February, 2022, to attend the national QuiltCon modern quilt show and conference. Are you interested? Please let us know by emailing info@quiltforacause.org.

Be sure to check our website sale quilts with great bargains to be had!

We are still focusing on collecting floral quilts, along with "guy" quilts, Southwest, or University of Arizona themed quilts, baby quilts, and table runners.

Quilt For a Cause is currently looking for new members on our Board of Directors. Are you interested in working to support the local breast and gynecological cancer fight through quilts and quilting? Are you new in town and would like to get involved and meet some other quilters? Our Board meetings are currently online, and the Directors donate time for the various tasks that need to be done to gather and sell donated quilts. Please contact us if you're interested.

Some of the quilts in inventory are hanging at ACP Eastside Imaging (5515 E. 5th Street), Animas Pilates Yoga Dance Center (5575 E River Rd #121), Arizona Oncology – Wilmot and 5th location (603 N Wilmot Rd Suite 151), Arizona Oncology – Craycroft Radiation Oncology location (2625 N Craycroft Rd Suite 100), Radiology Limited Wilmot Center for Diagnostic Imaging and Treatment (677 N. Wilmot Rd), and the Community Foundation

for Southern Arizona. (5049 E. Broadway, Suite 201).

If you happen to be purchasing anything from Amazon.com, we participate in the Amazon Smile program. Please select Quilt For a Cause as your charity, and we will receive a small portion of the sale from Amazon at no cost to you!

As always, we are pleased to receive your quilt gifts with any theme to continue our cause of fighting breast and gynecologic cancers. Please contact us on the website, and we will make arrangements to get the quilts from you. The quilt donation form is available on our website. Thank you so much!

Forever and a Day

(raffle quilt)



GUILD NEWS

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PAID GUILD MEMBERS!

The Quilting for Others/Quilt-A-Thon Fabric Storage is Overflowing! We need your help to finish projects! We are offering a Time-Limited Prize Drawing with the Drawing to be held at the August 2021 Quilt-A-Thon.

There will be a 1st -4th Place for completed projects turned-in, AND a Grand Prize Gift Basket filled with Quilting Goodies!

1st Place - \$25 Quilt Shop Gift Card

2nd Place - \$20 Quilt Shop Gift Card

3rd Place - \$15 Quilt Shop Gift Card

4th Place - \$10 Quilt Shop Gift Card

So, Renew your '21-'22 membership so that you can participate!

RULES:

All Projects and Fabrics must come from the Storeroom.

All Paid Guild Members are eligible for Entry.

ENTRY QUALIFICATION:

*For EACH (1) Quilt Top completed, Ready to Deliver (Quilted and Bound) You will earn Three (3) entries toward the 1st-4th Prizes and Grand Prize Gift Basket.

*For EACH (1) Quilt Top completed, Ready to Quilt - You will earn One (1) entry toward the 1st-4th Prizes and Grand Prize Gift Basket.

*For Every Ten (10) Pillowcase Kits completed - You will earn One (1) entry toward the 1st-4th Prizes and Grand Prize Gift Basket.

Projects will be available at the Monthly Drive-By's or by Appointment. To be announced via Facebook and Email. Have Questions - Contact me telephone or by email (information on membership roster).

On Behalf of the Quilting for Others Team, thank you!

Shellie Whitman



DRIVE-BY PICS



GUILD NEWS

It's Membership Time at the TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD by Joyce Holley, membership chair

Come! Join/Renew and be a part of the ongoing activities of the Guild. We have not stopped being active, learning and growing in our quilting skills and service to others. YES! We are doing our meeting by ZOOM on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Workshops continue to happen and many guild members really enjoy the Zoom workshops being in their own space. Quilt for a Cause is going strong; in fact there will be a DRIVE BY on May 15th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 3201 E. Presidio Road, Tucson, AZ 85716.

Not only can you obtain supplies to make a quilt for others, you can RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!! Yes, that is correct. Joyce Holley will be at the Drive-By all set up, so you can receive the form and pay by check, charge through Square or even pay with cash, all while enjoying a homemade muffin!

There are benefits to being a TQG Member; the best of all is the fellowship even with a mask and social distancing. Come see the activities at the Drive-By and Renew/Join the TQ Guild.

If you are unable to make it to the Drive-By, here is the Online Updated Process

... and there is an updated process to get it done online or through the mail.

Begin your renewals NOW! The new web site section on Membership is ready to go!

If you choose to renew through the USPS mail or through PayPal, here is the process:

Enter the tucsonquiltersguild.com web site

Click on Membership found on the blue Menu Bar across the top

Click on Join the Guild which will take you to the Downloadable Membership Form. There are 2 choices re-new/join by mail OR by PayPal. This is what it says:

Guild Membership By Mail

[Click Here](#) to download the most up to date Guild Membership form and fill in ALL information and return with \$30.00 annual dues and a Self-addressed stamped envelope.

Mail to: Tucson Quilters Guild, PO Box 14454, Tucson, AZ 85732

Click on the words Click Here: it will take you to the Membership Form. Please, Please, Please fill out all the information requested. The information will help the TQG Board to better do our work in making your Guild the best. Thank you for taking the time to completely fill out the form. You can print out the form, or download it and then print it out – if you have trouble let me know. membership@tucsonquiltersguild.com

Once the form is printed and filled out, mail it with your check and self-addressed stamped envelope. Once received by the Membership Director Joyce, she will send you your New Membership Card that contains login information. **Or by Pay Pal:**

Please fill in the required fields in this online form and submit payment through PayPal.

Click through the form process

Once to the PayPal link, make your payment. Your payment will be recorded and sent to our Treasurer and Membership Director. You will then receive membership information and Membership Card.

TQG Membership Benefits and Value

Membership in the Tucson Quilters Guild helps us stay connected with other quilters, encourages us to quilt for ourselves and for others, and provides us with resources so that we can learn and grow as quilters. While it may be hard to place a value on all of the membership benefits, at least two have quantifiable financial value: the lectures and workshops by nationally known quilt artists and teachers.

Lectures – TQG provides free lectures at our monthly meetings up to eight times each year. Attending these lectures at national quilt shows and conferences like Road to California or AQS QuiltWeek Paducah would cost \$20 for each one hour lecture.

Workshops – Similarly, TQG provides one and two day workshops up to eight times each year. TQG offers in-person workshops for \$50 for a one-day workshop. These same workshops would cost more than \$100 on average at national quilt shows and conferences.

TQG's membership fee is currently \$30. A member attending just two meetings with interesting lectures or taking just one of the offered workshops would have a wonderful experience that's valued at more than the cost of a TQS membership.

Additional TQG member benefits are listed at tucsonquiltersguild.com on the Membership tab under Benefits of Membership & Fees. (submitted by Keith Dommer, finance committee)





Tucson Quilters
GUILD

☐ New

☐ Renewal

Membership #

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

(Best Contact Number)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email:

(Required) _____ Birthday: _____

(month & day only)

Are you a ☐ Beginner ☐ Confident Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced Quilter

If a professional quilter, what is your business name? _____

Please check to indicate areas that you are interested in:

☐ Special Events Volunteer

☐ Mentoring Members/Sharing Skills

☐ Quilt Show Volunteer

☐ Opportunity Quilt Volunteer

☐ Hospitality

☐ Programs Ad-Hoc Committee

☐ Leadership

Please complete and fill in ALL information and return with \$30.00 annual dues and a **Self-addressed stamped envelope**. **Mail to: Tucson Quilters Guild, PO Box 14454, Tucson, AZ 85732**

Note: TQG Membership year runs from April 1, through March 31. We do not prorate partial year memberships.

To be completed by Membership Director: Received: _____ Payment: _____ Membership

Card sent: _____ New Member Packet Sent: _____

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, can'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:

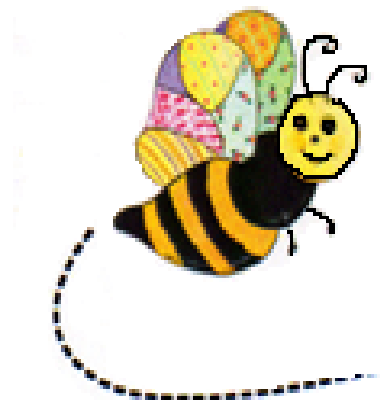
Patty Goodsell – 989-1754
Ask Patty for location info
Every Thursday - 9:30 AM – Noon

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 FLY-BYS 9:30–11:00 A.M. Saturday after general meeting 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 back lot.
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 FUN .
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, May 18th. 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.

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2021 Quilt Show Co-Director	<i>OPEN</i>	

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Opportunity Quilt 2020	<i>OPEN</i>	
Record Keeper	Chris McCollum	
Website	Sara Luster	website@tucsonquiltersguild.com

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Brother Dream Machine & Koala Artisan Design Pro Table

- machine purchased in November 2018
 - selling due to downsizing of quilting studio
 - Includes The Dream Machine Playbook, carry cases/trolley for machine and embroidery unit.
 - Asking \$3,000 for machine and table. Will consider selling the machine and table separately
- Contact nancydoran@msn.com if interested in purchasing



PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

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

Members: \$5/ad, for quilting ad/sewing related items.

Do you have a quilting service you provide?

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Pattern of the Month

50/50 Block: Rectangle in a Square

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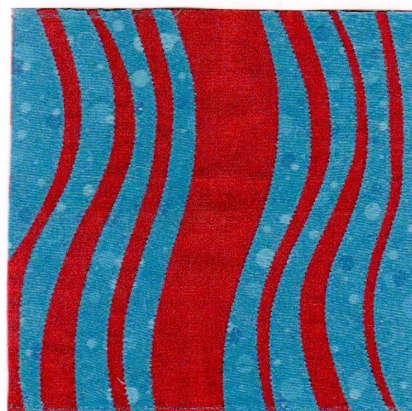
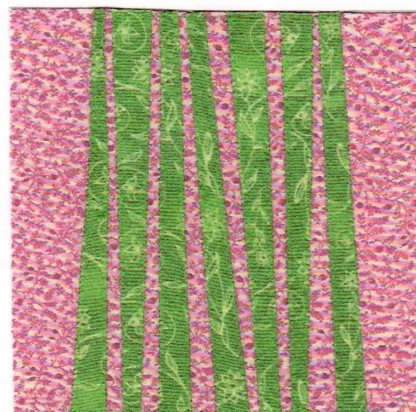
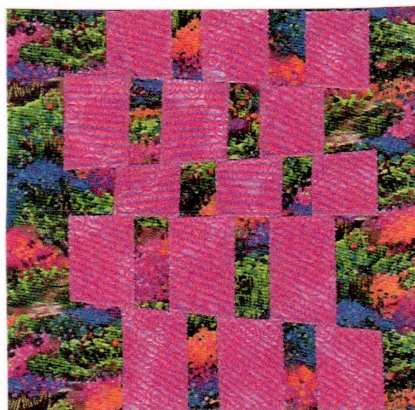
Last summer I became involved in a project that asked for blocks which were made of two colors, blue and red, in equal amounts. Lots of them together, several thousand in fact, read as being Violet, for the Violet Protest, now on exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum.

I had great fun figuring out how to get that 50/50 division of colors, and I very quickly made use of the only math that makes sense to me: geometry. All the blocks were 8" x 8", or 64 square inches. If I used one color as the background, I could applique the other color to cover 32 square inches, 50% of the background.

The simplest way to make that 50% was a rectangle, a 4" x 8" rectangle. But how boring is that—a rectangle in a square? BUT, if I cut that rectangle apart into smaller shapes, and used every single bit of those cut up pieces, I could move the pieces around any way I liked, and have the right amount of both colors.

I've developed an applique method that I prefer, which uses fusible interfacing, but the fabric layers are not fused to each other. The interfacing is fused to the applique fabric in the required rectangle size. When the rectangle is cut apart into the desired shapes, they can be machine appliqued with either a zigzag or blanket stitch with matching or contrasting thread.

If you prefer hand applique, cut up the interfacing first, then fuse it to your top fabric with spaces left for cutting the pieces apart. Turn edges under, and hand stitch.



Cutting sizes for 50/50 Rectangle in a Square Block

12" finished block: background—12 ½" x 12 ½"; rectangle and interfacing 6" x 12 ½"

9" finished block: background—9 ½" x 9 ½"; rectangle and interfacing 4 ½" x 9 ½"

8" finished block: background—8 ½" x 8 ½"; rectangle and interfacing 4" x 8 ½"

As you can probably see, any size block is possible. Just cut your finished size background to include seam allowances, and include seam allowances on the long dimension of the applique fabric and interfacing.

Below are some possible "cutting up" diagrams for the rectangle. Move them around on your background until you like the arrangement, then pin in place. Stitch, using preferred method.

I also used some directionally patterned fabric on one of my samples, and cut it apart along its own design pattern. I then chose to soften the edges with a bit of trimming. Yes, this removed a bit of fabric from my perfect 50/50 balance. But keep in mind, we are making quilts, not building skyscrapers. A small alteration here or there will not cause catastrophe.

