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President's Message

Dear Tucson Quilt Guild Members,

Introducing Your New Board

It was an uphill battle, but we have found enough volunteers to keep your Guild going for another year. I thought I would use this first newsletter article to share a little about these generous people. When you see them at a future meeting, please be sure to thank them for their dedication.

Kathy Barton – President

Within a week of my retirement in 2010, my husband and I relocated from California to Tucson for the year-round golf. We knew no one so I immediately joined the Guild and a gym. Exercising next to a friendly and talkative woman, I discovered that she too was a member of the Guild. But not only that, she was a member of the Board. Within minutes of returning home, I got that phone call. They needed a Program Co-Chair and I thought “why not”? I have now held every Board position except Quilt Show Co-Chair and will keep volunteering as long as you’ll have me.



Joyce Holley – Vice President



Joyce originally got involved with the Guild as the Membership Chair. Noticing that our Guild was large and therefore intimidating to new members, she implemented many programs to encourage participation such as New Member Bees and Door Greeters. A Studio 180 certified instructor, you may also see her teaching at our local quilt shops. I am so happy that, despite some health setbacks, we were able to accommodate her physical therapy schedule, allowing her to rejoin the Board.

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July CALENDAR

Business Meeting:
Wed. July 3, 9:30 am
St. Frances Cabrini

General Meetings:
Tues. July 9, 7:00 pm
Wed. July 10, 9:30 am
St. Frances Cabrini

August CALENDAR

Business Meeting:
Wed. Aug. 7, 9:30 am
St. Frances Cabrini

General Meetings:
Tues. Aug. 13, 7:00 pm
Wed. Aug. 14, 9:30 am
St. Frances Cabrini

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JULY PROGRAM

It's BAAAAACK! And we are “cooking” !!!! Quiltathon is coming in July!!!

Brought to you by Quilting for Others
“Let’s Practice Gratitude and Manifest Abundance”

Tuesday evening, July 9 from 4PM - 9PM
Wednesday July 10 from 9AM to 3PM
St. Francis Cabrini Church auditorium on Presidio.

You are welcome to come to one or both sessions

Because of your love and generosity this past year, we were able to continue supporting our community needs with quilts and pillowcases. The year to date, May 2024, we have donated several hundred quilts of various sizes, pillowcases, Holiday stockings, several sewing machines and sergers. Not to mention the oodles of kitties’ bags donated to the Humane Society. The complete list is a separate section in the newsletter.

Now, with many recent wonderful donations of fabrics, threads and notions, we are asking for your help! As a result, and for various reasons, we are excited to continue to improve and update our format for Quiltathon. Our store room is overflowing, and we need to measure, organize, kit and prepare projects for distribution to the membership (and anyone else willing to help!).

We plan to have stations to:

1. sort, measure and fold fabric
2. assemble and cut fabrics for pillowcases
3. construct pillowcases
4. cut and fold “fat” quarters
5. Accu-cutter and rotary cutting of strips for “jelly roll” making
6. assemble homemade “layer cakes, cupcakes and jolly bars”
7. make “frank(furter)enbatting”
8. quilt “sandwich making” ie layering backing, batting and top for quilting
9. sew blocks (squares) together for quilt tops
10. Holiday stockings
11. Kitty bags
12. binding fairies if needed!
13. share cookies, veggies and yummys

If you are willing to supervise any of these activities, please contact Kate Verbeke or Kathie Miller.

We hope that you will join in on the fun, bring your sewing machine, serger, favorite rotary cutter (labeled with your name) and a plate of cookies or veggies to share.

We will supply bottled water and coffee/tea.

On Wednesday people should bring their own lunch.

Our purpose is not only to support the needs of our community but to celebrate the friendships within the Tucson Quilters Guild.

What could be more enjoyable than playing with fabric, eating cookies and schmoozing with friends (sorry no wine permitted unless at Mass)?

It sounds like fun doesn't it????

Pop Up Binding Class

With the goal of better bindings and the recruitment of more “binding fairies” for Quilting for Others, Helen Frost will be teaching a free class on bindings during the July Quilt-a-Thon. The kit fee is \$10 and the class will be in a corner amid the chaos and good times of this guild work day. Space is limited so reserve a spot by contacting Helen (helenyoungfrost@comcast.net).

AUGUST PROGRAM

Beat the Heat Retreat



Update on Workshops

This fall, we will have some exciting speakers teaching fabulous workshops! But at this time, because of some website gremlins, you cannot sign up for them online via the website. However, you can sign up in person at the Quilt-a-Thon in July and at the Beat the Heat Retreat in August. Or, you can send a check to our PO Box after informing our new Program chair, Kelly Godbout, so she can add your name to the class roster.

Half-day workshops (those following the Wednesday meeting) are \$25 and full-day workshops (those on Thursday following the meetings) are \$50.

Reserve your space in the workshops by contacting Kelly Godbout (kgodbout@me.com). Send checks to TQG, PO Box 14454, Tucson, AZ 83732-4454.

All workshops are held in the same hall as our meetings. You will learn new skills and methods, make new friends, and have lots of fun. Sign up for a workshop today!

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Mimi Pollow – Treasurer

Thanks to COVID I became a quilter. Bored with watching TV, I took a class at Cathey's with Joyce Holley and was hooked. Joined the Guild and once Board members found out I had been an accountant, I was the prime target for becoming Treasurer. (*Mimi has volunteered for this, her second term. She must enjoy what she's doing.*)

Becky Groene – Recording Secretary



I'm Becky Groene. I joined the Tucson Quilt Guild as soon as we moved to Tucson in October 2021, looking forward to making new friends with a shared interest. As a compulsive note taker, when volunteers were asked to step up for the Guild, I offered to take on Secretary! Keep your fingers crossed I can do a good job!

Kathie Gilbert – Quilt Show Chair

Growing up in Toronto, I started sewing at 6 or 7 and have always done some type of embroidery or stitching since then. When our kids were little, I made extra money by hand smocking dresses and selling them to gift shops and boutiques, and teaching that art. I caught the quilting bug in 2017 and joined the Tucson Quilters Guild when we moved here in 2019. Figuring the best way to get to know people in the guild was to join a committee, I volunteered with the Quilt Fiesta! and the rest is history. I'm honored to be the 2025 Quilt Fiesta! Director.



Fran Krakow – Quilt Show Co-Chair

Originally from New York, Fran recently retired after a 50-year career in teaching. An avid knitter as well as a quilter, Fran thought about volunteering after attending our annual Quilt Show. Of course, the begging and pleading from your Vice-President is what ultimately moved her to actually step up. We are so pleased that she did!

Kelly Godbout - Program Chair



I moved to Tucson 7 years ago with my husband of 30 years. I have two children who both live in NYC. I have been quilting for 25 years but fiber art is what I love. I joined the quilt guild after Covid. In addition to being creative I work with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children) program. I love to travel.

Pamela Golliet – Membership

I have been sewing since I was very young, and still own my mother's old Kenmore sewing machine that I learned on. I started quilting around 1984 when my oldest child was ready for her "big girl" bed. I have been quilting on a longarm for several years, then decided to quilt professionally in 2017. I am also a home birth midwife, a wife, a mother, and grandmother. We are retired Air Force and have lived all over the world. It's been a great life! *(Pamela is also in her second term. A great volunteer, indeed!)*

Editor's Note: No other pictures available this at time.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

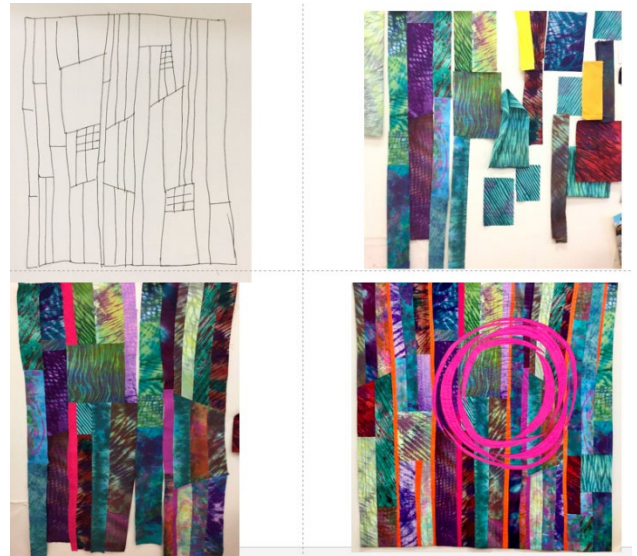
Lynn Koolish



Lynn Koolish is a fiber artist, teacher, and author. She is most known for her bright colors and hand-dyed fabrics. She also creates mixed-media fiber art. A former developmental editor for C&T Publishing, Lynn is the author of five books on dyeing and innovative fabric imagery. She makes her home in the San Francisco area.

Program (September 10 and 11, 2024)
Make Design Principles Work for You

Whether you work using a thoroughly planned-out design, work intuitively or improvisationally, or anything in between, using basic design principles is essential for creating compelling work, no matter your style – Art, Modern, or Traditional. See how four renowned quilt artists, who work in very different styles, put design principles to work in their quilts.



Workshop (1:00 – 4:00 pm, Wednesday, September 11, 2024)
Inspired Stitches

Kawandi and Kantha quilts come from different areas of India but share the use of scrappy fabrics, layered and held together with big stitches. Learn a bit about the history of these quilting styles. The hand stitching in this class is big, fun, and easy!

Workshop (9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Thursday, September 12, 2024)
All About Fabric Dyeing and Color Mixing

Learn dyeing basics as well as color mixing, blending, and how colors relate and influence each other. You'll come away with a better understanding of color and a stack of your own hand-dyed fabrics!



SAVE THE DATE

2024: Upcoming Programs and Workshops

June 11, 12

Support Your Local Quilt Shop

Lisa Ellis, Tawnya Freeman, Bailey Stout, Lena Tsuruda

July 9, 10 – Quilt-a-Thon

August 13, 14 – Beat the Heat Retreat

September 10, 11, 12 – Lynn Koolish

Program: *Making Design Principles Work for You*

Workshop: *All About Fabric Dyeing and Color Mixing*

October 8, 9, 10 – Melissa Corry

Program: *Fast & Fun Lap Quilts*

Workshop: *Nordic Nights Curved Piecing*

November 12, 13, 14 – Mary Flynn

Program: *Tales of Woe from the UFO Queen*

Workshop: *Laid-Back Paper Piecing*

December 10, 11 – Lenna DeMarco

Program: *For Love of Red and Green: Appliqué Quilts of the 19th Century*

GUILD NEWS

Membership

Frankly members, I am puzzled. So many of you who renewed or joined before January 31st STILL haven't picked up your gift certificate! Remember that everyone who joined or renewed by January 31 gets a \$10.00 gift certificate to Cactus Quilts. I will be at the meetings and retreats and destash with these and with membership cards. Come see me and get yours! The certificates are good until December 31!

Destash

Destash sale at Beat the Heat Retreat Tuesday August 13 3-9pm and Wednesday August 14 9a-3pm

Do you have issues with SABLE (stash accumulation beyond life expectancy) or like many of us every time you saw a pretty line of fabric you just had to have some? Do you have notions you have no further use for or a stack of patterns you'll never use again? If so the Destash sale is your chance to unload or conversely your chance to stock up on great buys!

For a small fee of \$10 per day per table you can sell these items plaguing you and taking up precious space in your sewing area. You can share the cost of a table with a friend(s) You may also bring your own table and set up outside for the low cost of \$10. We have 12 tables available inside per day and you can reserve yours by contacting Laurel Clarke at laurelclarke360@gmail.com or 520-850-6291 (texts are fine) please include your name and contact information as well as whether you will be sharing the table with another guild member.

Payment may be made in cash or by check payable to Tucson Quilters Guild. We may be able to accept credit cards if the treasurer is present. The table fee is expected at the beginning of the event each day. Joyce Holley will be present at the Tuesday afternoon event and Laurel will be present on Wednesday.

Set up is 2:30 Tuesday and 8:30 Wednesday

PC's for Sale! \$50 each!

The Guild has 2 pc's for sale that were previously used by Board members. They've been reset to their factory defaults and are running Windows 10. (They do not meet the system requirements for Windows 11). If interested, please contact Jean Firestine (jean.firestine@gmail.com, 520-490-7837).

Tucson to Houston—A Quilter's Highway

If you have ever driven from Tucson to the Houston Quilt Festival, you know it's a straight shot on I-10 that takes fourteen hours each way. If you drive, you have probably stopped in Fort Stockton, a town that appears to exist mostly to give people a break and a good night's rest from the freeway.

You may have visited quilt shops along the way—Las Cruces and San Antonio both have really nice ones, and good places for lunch nearby. Much of the trip is through desolate and hot west Texas, so when you finally get to greener eastern Texas, it's a bit of a treat for our desert-adapted view of the world.

If you're a flier, you will get there much faster, as long as everything goes smoothly at the airports. And when you have arrived, and walk into the George R. Brown Convention Center, with its red ship's funnels on the roof, you will have arrived at quilters' heaven.

Quilts beyond any one person's imagination, in every style and size, and all of them seemingly perfect. You may find yourself wavering between inspiration (to tackle your next project or try something totally new) and intimidation (I could NEVER do that!). The sheer number of beautiful quilts is overwhelming and spellbinding. Each aisle of the show reveals a new favorite, until you need to give your eyes and brain a break, so you visit the vendors.

Then you can be overwhelmed by the number of vendors and the range of goodies for sale. On my first trip to Houston, as a new quilter, it took me days to go through all the vendors! And I bought way too much, because everything interested me! My shopping is a little more focused these days, but it's still fun to see it all.

We all go to see the quilts. And if you're from Tucson, you may well have wanted to make sure you saw other Tucson quilters' work. Just some of the local quilters whose work has been shown in Houston include Kathy Adams, Nancy Arsenault, Mary Vaneecke, Lois Podolny, Sharon Nemirov, Julie Hallquist, Kate Verbeke, Janet Pugh, Jean Biddick, Tami Graeber, Keith Dommer, Carol Carpenter, Patsy Heacox, and Suzanne Irving (quilter for a quilt made by the Piecepatchers), and me, Karen Fisher. (I'm sure there have been others, but these were the names I could track down as I was writing this.) Please let me know if there have been others who can be added to future newsletters. Helen Frost, Patsi Heacox, Swan Sheridan and I have also taught and/or been vendors in Houston.

Quilts can be shown in Houston in two ways, either by entering your quilt in the juried and judged show each year (your newest work) or in many of the Special Exhibits that are a part of the show each year. These may include traveling exhibits from other shows, SAQA exhibits, and they may start in Houston or have begun elsewhere. Themed exhibits have included Tactile Architecture, Landscape Quilts, In Full Bloom, In the American Tradition, Celebrate Color, Celebrate Life, Sacred Threads, Cherrywood Fabrics, and many others.

There are also often exhibits of one quilter's work, and this year, 21 of my quilts will be one of those special exhibits. This opportunity came about by being in the right place at the right time, asking a question, and receiving an invitation to submit a proposal to show a selection of my work at Houston International Quilt Festival.

It took over a year and a half to put all the parts of the process together, including making two new large quilts, and make the formal application. Then I waited to hear their decision. I learned on May 1, 2024, that my proposal had been accepted to be part of the 2024 Houston International Quilt Festival! I am over the moon!

I still have some organizing to do, and labels to attach to new work. My hotel reservations are made, and my husband is coming with me for the whole trip. I am so excited to be sharing my work with the larger quilting community, and I hope many of you can come to the Houston show this year. It would be wonderful to see familiar faces, and if it's your first trip, you will be amazed at all the wonderful quilts you see, just as I have been every single time I've come!

QUILT FIESTA



Tucson
Quilt Fiesta!

Quilt Fiesta 2025
Jan. 10-12
Pima County Fairgrounds

QUILT FIESTA! 2025 – JANUARY 10-12, 2025

ENTRIES due September Meetings (Sept 10 and 11)

The 2025 QUILT FIESTA! is JANUARY 10 -12 at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Have you started your quilt yet? What will you enter? I'm working on my projects as we speak. The Beat-The-Heat-Retreat in August is the perfect time to make headway on your beautiful entries for our upcoming show!

We still need volunteers for the following Quilt Fiesta Committee positions: **Vintage Quilts** needs a chairperson to collect quilts and run the Vintage Quilt Turning during the show. The **Information Kiosk** position is also vacant. This easy position requires someone to manage the booth (with volunteers) on show days, to sell Show Pins, water and make announcements throughout the show. Please see me (Kathie Gilbert) for more information about these important committee positions. The **Fabric Sales** committee needs a second co-chair to work with Beverly Reiter. This committee prepares items for the "What Will You Make?" booth and runs the booth at the show. Please reach out to Beverly for more information. "What Will You Make?" (WWYM?) will be set up for cutting and packaging during the July Quilt-a-thon and the August Beat the Heat Retreat. (see below for WWYM? Work Day information).

The Quilt entry deadline is mid-September. The PDF entry form is available on the website - **Go to QUILTFIESTA.COM -> Quilt Show -> How To Enter A Quilt -> Judged/Non-Judged Entry Form** to access the fillable PDF. Fill it in and print your entry. You can hand in your quilt entry form and fees at any Guild Meeting until September 10 and 11 or mail them as instructed. Please remember, anyone entering a quilt must be a current 2024 member of the Tucson Quilters Guild.

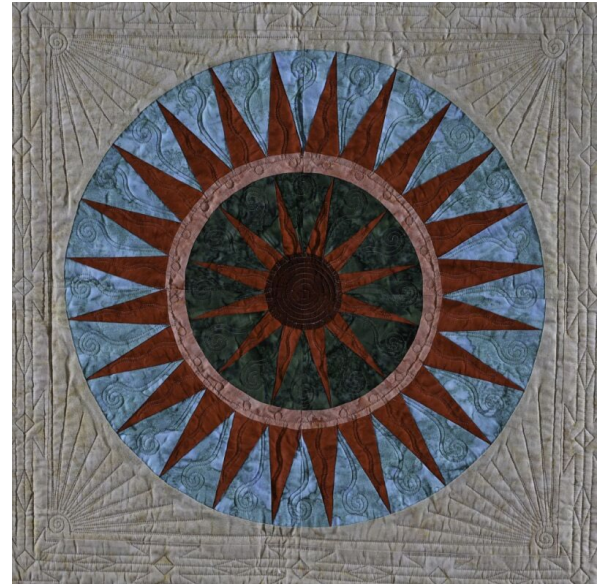
KIDS ROW entry forms are also available on the website. **Go to QUILTFIESTA.COM -> Quilt Show -> How To Enter A Quilt -> Kids Row Entry Form.** Entries are free and there are no membership requirements. Youth are welcome to attend the annual Guild Quilt-A-Thon on July 9th and 10th or the Beat-The-Heat-Retreat August 13th and 14th (both activities - with an adult). For Kids quilting classes, contact Cactus Quilt Shop, Cathey's, Quilt Basket and Quilters Market regarding beginning quilting opportunities.

Opportunity Quilt tickets are available for you to pick up and sell to family, friends and neighbors. We hope everyone takes an envelope of tickets (or two, or three) to sell. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The Quilt will be hanging at every Guild Meeting and will travel around to local Quilt Shops. Proceeds from Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales are a valuable source of revenue for our Guild and help to provide Guild programs and workshops with nationally recognized speakers and workshops for our meetings. Proceeds also support important charitable projects our Guild provides through Quilting-For-Others.

Our Basket Bonanza needs donations. “As it stands right now, there are barely enough items to make 6 complete baskets. Since the upcoming Fiesta is 6 weeks earlier, the donations will need to start coming in or the quality and/or the number of baskets will have to be downsized.” All items for the Basket Bonanza are donated by Guild Members and not purchased. Here are some category ideas: Indonesia; Autumn; Kaffe Fassett; William Morris; Halloween; Forest; Civil War Reproductions; Christmas; Blue & White; 30’s reproductions; Picnic; Modern; Asian; Coffee/Tea; Art; Batik; Wine; Men; Garden; Southwest; Babies & Children.

We’re looking for volunteers to help construct blocks for the 2026 Opportunity Quilt. Being this is the Tucson Quilters Guild’s 50th anniversary, the quilt will honor our desert, our guild, and will include block designs from past Opportunity Quilts. We’ll include pieced, foundation paper pieced and applique (not raw edge) techniques in the quilt. Please let Kathie Miller, JoAnn Hinchcliffe, Monique Baczewski or Kathie Gilbert know if you’d like to help with this special project.

Thank you all for supporting the 2025 QUILT FIESTA! by selling Opportunity Quilt Tickets, donating items to the Basket Bonanza, attending What Will You Make? Booth Work Days and entering a quilt to hang at our show. We can’t wait to see the masterpiece you’ll enter into the 2025 Quilt Fiesta! Let’s make this show amazing! Happy Quilting...



Kathie Gilbert and Fran Krackow
Co-Directors 2025 Quilt Fiesta!

QUILTFIESTA.COM is your direct link to our Quilt Fiesta pages

2025 Quilt Fiesta Show Deadlines

EVENT	2024 DATES
Quilt Entry Forms due	Sept Meetings (10/11) Postmarked by Sept 13
President’s Challenge	Oct meeting - entries due Nov meeting - turn-in Dec meeting - Guild votes
New Member Challenge	Oct meeting - entries due Nov meeting - turn-in Dec meeting - Guild votes
Guild Challenge/Special Exhibits	Oct meeting – entries due Nov meeting – turn in
Ribbons	Per ribbon committee
Small Quilt Charity Sales	Dec Meeting
Kids Row	Oct 14
Vintage Quilts	Oct Meeting
Quilt Drop Off	Jan 2/3 (time/location TBA)
Judging	Jan 6-7 Cactus Quilts
ZigZag Creation	Jan 8 - Fairgrounds
Quilt Hanging/Vendor/Exhibit load in	Jan 9 - Fairgrounds
Show Days	Jan 10-12

(Updated 4/23/24)

What Will You Make? Booth work day Tuesday July 16th

Kathie and Denis Gilbert have offered their home studio space for us to use for WWYM? Booth Work Days.

I hope you can come and spend an hour or several hours to help us organize and package all the great fabric that we cut at the July Quilt-a-Thon.

When Tuesday July 16th
Time 10 am - 3pm
Where Kathie's House
2301 N Sonoita Ave

(Park on the street. We'll have signage to direct you to the shop)

Please bring a snack or lunch and a drink. There's a refrigerator available.

Thank you in advance for helping us prepare for the 2025 Quilt Fiesta!

Any questions? Contact me at:
delft54@cox.net
520-820-7484

Thanks Quilters!

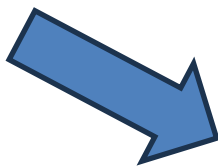
Beverly Reiter

Entering a Quilt Made Easier!

To help you take a great photo of your quilt for your quilt show entry form, there will be a quilt stand set up to use at both the July Quilt-a-Thon and the August Beat the Heat Retreat. Your quilt will need a sleeve and there will be plenty of helping hands!

Basket Donations Needed!!!!

Do you want our baskets to look like this?????



OR

Like this?



The Quilt Fiesta! is a month earlier this season so we are a teeny bit strapped for time! We NEED donations of preferably new items, books, patterns, notions, fabric, etc. Remember items do not have to be quilting or sewing related. Consider cooking items, pet items, kid and baby gear, man baskets! Remember the tool basket? Non quilters like to take chances too. Suzanne is a genius for building stunning basket arrangements of all themes. Use your JoAnn's or Michael's coupons to pick up a few things to donate. Don't forget Hobby Lobby as well! (how about Ace Hardware or Harbor Freight (a great source for quilting tools in case you didn't know) If you have doubles of a book or pattern, consider giving them towards the baskets. If in doubt, bring it to the Quiltathon or any regular meeting, we will make the final determination and find the right place for it. You can also contact Kate or Kathie (you can find our info in the newsletter) and we will be happy to pick up anything (except an old sofa or husband...dogs ok). Do you have an old sewing machine? It just might be someone's treasure; we can have it cleaned up and refurbished. Imagine what you would like to take a chance on in a basket.

QUILTING FOR OTHERS

KUDOS!!!!

Thank you so much for your wonderful work again this month! Your generosity of time, effort and creativity once again is making our community happy and feeling loved! Quilting for Others collected 36 quilts at our June meetings. Eleven were distributed to Ronald McDonald House, 10 were sent to Bundles for Babies at Davis Monthan AFB, Answers for Life received 5, DaVita Dialysis welcomed 6 quilts and Peppi's House loves the 6 they received. All the puppies and kittens at the human society are cuddling the 40 pet beds that were delivered. Let's continue to spread the wealth, comfort and love by participating in our QUILTATHON!!!! Details for Quilt-a-thon are in a separate article in this newsletter

Your Quilting for Others team,

Kate Verbeke, Kathie Miller, Lynn Rubel, Shellie Whitman

QUILT FOR A CAUSE



We are seeking new QFaC board members and volunteers. If you are interested in helping or know someone who would be, please contact us. They don't have to be quilters. We need social media experts too!

Upcoming Events:

May through July '24 *Quilts at Tucson Botanical Gardens (for sale)*

August 13 & 14 '24 *Destash at TQG Beat the Heat Retreat.*

September '24 is *Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month*

October '24 – *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

February 21, 2025, *Bus trip to QuiltCon in Phoenix.* Price details will follow soon.



Newest Raffle Quilt: "Flower Pavilion" by Blanche Young

QUILT HISTORY

by Susan Franklin, PhD

Redwork, Part 1

Redwork embroidery, on a white ground, has been around for centuries. During those early years, it likely was part of an ethnic European garment. However, redwork as we know it, had its nudge to popularity in 1876 at the *Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition*. A display of outline embroidery, found in the English Pavilion was the first item of note. The second, discovered in the Japanese Pavilion, featured artistic subjects in a natural habitat.

By 1885, Redwork began to chronicle history, was seen in folk art, and in story book quilts. Redwork quilts, the more generic name for *Penny Square* quilts, continued to be popular in the latter half of the 19th century. Frequently, these were made into coverlets rather than quilted.

Now, for the *red* of redwork. You likely have heard of madder red as well as Turkey red. Did you know though, that there are significant differences in the processes involved between the dying methods of the traditional European madder red (a dark scarlet or brick red) and Turkey red (closer to carmine)?

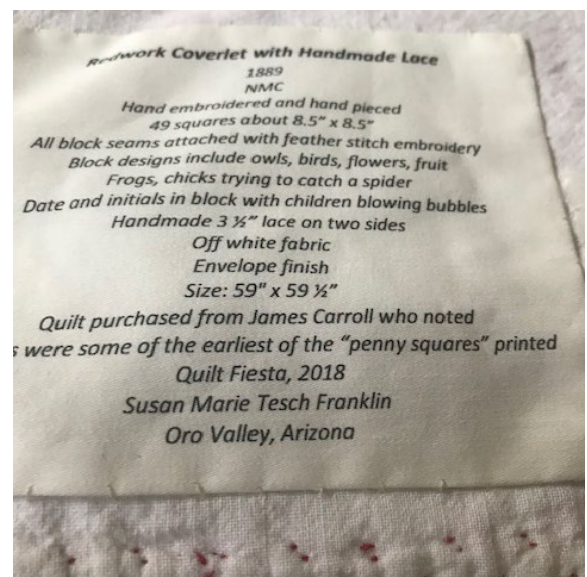
A multistage, complicated process to obtain colorfast red originated in Turkey. European efforts to replicate it were well underway by the 1740s but were unsuccessful until 1829. Turkey red yardage was imported to the United States, probably about the mid-1800s. The beauty of Turkey Red is that it's bright, colorfast, and even more important, produced with a technique using cotton rather than wool.



Several years later, Turkey red thread and dyes were easily obtained in the United States. Needle workers loved it because it didn't bleed. The cost was higher, but to the needlewoman, it was worth every penny! Quilt historian, Cindy Brick, noted that beginning in 1848, *Godys Ladies Book* included redwork designs in their periodical. Another quilt historian, Barbara Brackman, notes that in the 1875-76 *Montgomery Ward Catalog*, Turkey red fabric was advertised at a cost three times the price of other red cloth.

Cartoons of the time depicted errant spouses sent to purchase more thread and carelessly buying the wrong red...guess what? He made another trip for the correct color, Turkey red. Interest in redwork snowballed. Red on white was popular for anything that could be covered, such as pillows or bed shams, back splashes, tables, tea towels, laundry bags, hair accessories, almost anything, including beds! This fad, so called in 1891 was in keeping with Victorian opulence.

Before the 1900s, patterns were rarely made specifically for quilt blocks. Large designs on blocks likely were adapted from a tidy (a receptacle for holding small objects or waste scraps) or dresser scarf pattern, possibly 9" or more in each direction. That explains the varied design sizes noted on redwork quilts of the period. When the designs are uniform, the quilt probably was made after 1910, per Deborah Harding, a noted redwork expert. In fact, I'm using Harding's two volume set to reference the redwork piece. One volume contains information about redwork and the other, redwork patterns.



SMALL QUILT SALE

Small Quilt Charity Sale

Hello Quilters! Hope you are enjoying your summer and staying cool!

We will continue to collect small quilts for our Small Quilt Charity Sale (SQCS) at the 2025 Quilt Fiesta which will be held January 10-12, 2025. We will accept small quilt donations through December. Small Quilts may be turned in at our monthly Guild meetings where you may also obtain lamentable orphan blocks to finish into small quilts. Please include an entry form so we know who to thank!!!

The beneficiaries for the 2025 SQCS are shown below- please see their websites for more information!

Literacy Connects. www.literacyconnects.org A nonprofit agency whose mission is connecting people of all ages to a world of opportunities through literacy and creative expression. Literacy Connects provides a variety of services to adults and children to promote literacy and creative expression which in turn supports our society.

Casa Alitas. www.casaalitas.org Casa Alitas is a program of the Catholic Community Services of S. Arizona which offers shelter, necessities and travel assistance to legally entering asylum seeking families after their release from Border Patrol and ICE detention.

Thank you all in advance for your support of these essential agencies! For questions, please contact us at quiltfiesta@tucsonquiltersguild.com.

2025

Small Quilt Entry Form (For Completed Donations)

Quilter's name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Quilt Title: _____

Quilt width: _____ Quilt length: _____

Artist's statement about this quilt: (50 words or less)

OFFICE USE ONLY

QUILT NUMBER _____

Spotlight on Tucson/Southern Arizona Quilt Shops

Cactus Quilt Shop
6032 N. Oracle Rd.
Cactusquiltshop.com
starryskyquiltshop@gmail.com
520.498.4698



Whether you are new to Tucson, visiting, or escaping winter, a lovely quilt shop called Cactus Quilt Shop is on the northwest side of town on Route 77, also known as Oracle Road. Once you enter, you'll receive a warm greeting from Lulu, the adorable Shih Tzu mix belonging to Lisa and Carl Ellis. Lisa established the store to create a community for quilters and encourage social interaction in north Tucson.

When the location on Oracle Road was finally operational, Lisa and a host of volunteers had a fabric parade. The volunteers unloaded the fabric into the store within one hour. Why didn't she sell tickets? Any "fabraholic" would have been willing to pay to observe the parade go by.

Here are some of the fabulous jewels you can find either in the store or on the website:

- Cactusquiltshop.com—a fully functioning e-commerce website.
- At different times of the year, Lisa hosts an in-store retreat where the sewer can bring a project they are working on and sew with others. Please check the store for hours and availability.
- Facebook live—Cactus Quilt Shop Friends—typically on Tuesday @ 2:30—be sure to like them on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/CactusQuilts6032/>
- The Cactus Quilt Shop App is available on both Android and iPhone.
- In these two venues, you can find things that have just arrived, new fabric and notions, and a virtual shop hop. Also, through the app, you can see live sales, even if you don't have a Facebook account. Lisa explains, "You can still join in the live sales, including the virtual shop hops we belong to."
- There is a free sit & sew every Thursday from 9:30 to 5:30.
- The third Friday of each month features hand applique either in cotton or wool. The cotton group is in the realm of Baltimore Album applique and the latter is with wool. Both groups are free to join—but Lisa is clear no machines, please.
- A social evening of show and tell -Please check with the store for time and hours.

Cactus Quilt is a purveyor of the Long Arm Innova. They sell the Innova machines if you are interested in purchasing a long arm. They offer edge-to-edge quilting to finish your quilt. Prices vary by yardage and density of the quilting. Check with Lisa and her staff for prices.

Lisa says the major difference between her quilt store and others around town is her community focus of the quilting community on the Northwest side of town. She has a variety of charity groups and service projects like Sleep in Heavenly Peace, donating quilts to homeless children.

Some products Cactus Quilts carry are Sassy Sunflower project. The store is the exclusive purveyor in Southern Arizona. You pick the fabric, and the pattern you wish to sew, and then you make an outstanding quilt. Cactus Quilt also belongs to “Sewposium” and is only one of sixty quilt stores in the United States and Canada to offer Karen Montgomery Fabrics and the famous Brown Bag mystery series. She also hosts Jason Yenter fabrics and quilt kits.

This year’s Quilt Fiesta will be from January 10th through the 12th, at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Lisa is going to allow our quilt guild members to drop off their quilts on Friday, January 3, 2025. Please mark your calendars. She continues to show her support for the Guild, using her classroom to place and judge the quilts for Quilt Fiesta.

Cactus Quilt has the largest square footage in Tucson for quilt enthusiasts, and offers a warm spot to sit, sew, relax, and be in a comfortable environment. Lisa has five employees and at least eight teachers who come from the outside to teach various quilting techniques. She says the shop has grown over these three years. The store contains a solid collection of quilting fabrics that will make one drool for their next project.

If you’re visiting Tucson for the winter and need a sewing project, or a local looking to enhance your quilting skills, visit Cactus Quilt in person or online.

To those members born in July....



WE CAN HELP GROW YOUR QUILT BUSINESS. Advertise with us.

Do You Operate a Quilting Related Business? We are pleased to offer advertising as a member benefit. Your listing will appear on our website under Resources > Quilt Services. The Board receives questions from the general public through our website asking for information on local longarm quilters, sewing machine maintenance, or other quilting related products. If you would like to be added to this page on our website, please send an EMAIL to me at website@tucsonquiltersguild.com Include the following information: Business Name Service/Product that you Offer; Website; EMAIL; and/or Phone Number. This opportunity is open to MEMBERS ONLY. But if you know of someone who might also want to be included, they are certainly welcome to join the Guild for just \$50 a year and we will be happy to advertise for them. –Kathy Barton – Webmaster

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? Quilt related business/service:

Business Card— 3.5” x 2” (Horizontal or Vertical) **\$10/issue**

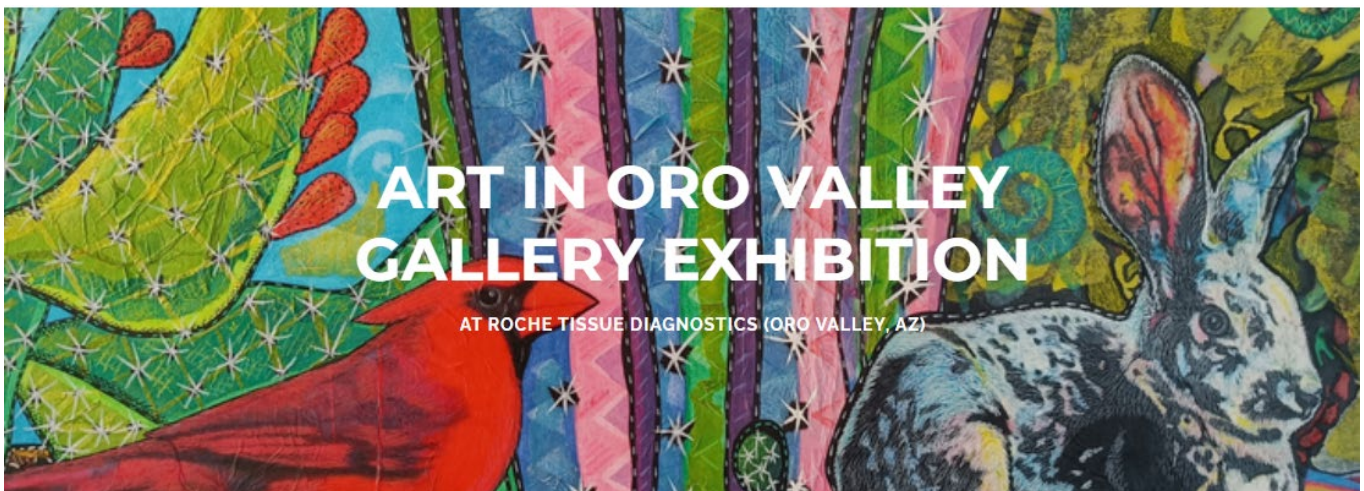
1/4 Page Ad—4.25” w x 5.5” h **\$15/issue**

1/2 Page Ad—8.5” w x 5.5” h (horizontal) 1/2 Page Ad 4.25” w x 11” h (vertical) **\$30/issue**

Full-Page Ad 8.5” x 11” **\$60/issue**

Non-members should add \$5 per category.

For additional information and/or to reserve space in the next newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor at newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com . Send checks to the TQG Treasurer at P.O. Box 14454, Tucson, AZ 85732



The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and Roche Tissue Diagnostics are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for quilters. To celebrate the Town of Oro Valley's 50th Anniversary, we are seeking quilters of all skill levels to create a 12 x 12 inch (12.5 inch unfinished for seam allowance) quilt block that highlights the beauty and diversity of our local flora and fauna. We welcome all interpretations of the region's native wildlife, vibrant plant life, and breathtaking landscapes. Quilters are invited to submit up to 5 images of past work samples and select their visual preference for this community project. Themes of yellow and gold are encouraged to complement the town's golden anniversary.

- The deadline to be considered for this project is Friday, July 5th.
- Participating quilters will be notified of their image to design by Friday, July 12th.
- The deadline for completed 12 x 12 inch quilt blocks* is by Friday, October 4, 2024
- (12.5 inches unfinished for seam allowance)*

Please read the full details for the project following our application link below. We would love to have you a part of this project, and please feel welcome to share this with the local quilt community at large!

https://saaca.formstack.com/forms/community_quilt_oro_valley_anniversary_roche

Amanda Staples, Artistic Programs Manager, **Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance**, (520) 274-2759



Bee Groups and Newly formed Bee

Groups . . .

have spaces waiting for you to join in the quilting/ stitching, conversations and laughter. A few Bees have space for you and a friend or two: Far Eastside Bee that meets at Palma's Studio is ready to welcome you on your quilting adventure. Gather at Palmas the first Tuesday of November 7, 2023 at 1:00PM, 548 E Drawdown Trail, Corona De Tucson. Looking forward to seeing you at Palma's Studio an awesome location and view of the mountains.

The Westside Bee meets the third Tuesday from 6:00PM-8:30PM at the Catus Quilt Shop 6032 Oracle Rd. More information at the Welcome table – stop by and see Joyce with any questions or talk with Palma Davis, Far East Side Bee Host or Betty Jordon WestSide Bee Host.

ALL LISTED BEES ARE OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

EASTSIDE BEE

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



NORTHEAST 9 PATCHERS

Janice Jones tomjan620@msn.com

PACIFIC RIM QUILTING B

Contact: Elsie Nonaka elsien2@live.com Where: The Quilt Basket
6538 E. Tanque Verde #130 1st Tuesday, 10 am

Open to new members Eastside, cont.

EAGLE WINGS QOV BEE

Char Gasker
cgasker@gmail.com
8421 Broadway Blvd.
at Quality Quilters
4th Thursday of the month
Open to new members.



ART QUILTERS:

Karen Fisher—520-360-9600
7820 E. Broadway—SW corner of Broadway and Pantano
3rd Wed. of month 10 am — Noon



BROADWAY BEEZ:

Contact: Claudia Rickel, 520-544-9436 (home)
crickel07@gmail.com

The 3rd Friday Eastside Daytime Bee 10:00-2:00 at Quality Quilterz, 8421 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson

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MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS:

Marie Morris 520- 403-6208
520-623-0123



NORTH OF THE BORDER:

Mary Anne Strauss
520-429-1340
Call for location info
Every Thursday - 9:30 AM — Noon
Open to new members



NU-BEEs

Contact : Joyce Holley 816-223-4454

Westside Nighttime Bee The 3rd Tuesday 6:00-8:30 Cactus Quilt Shop 6032 N Oracle, Tucson.

Far Eastside NU Bee The 1st Tuesday starts 1:00 pm

Studio and location of Tucson Quilting Retreats of Palma Davis at 548 E Drawdown Trail, Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

SOUTHEAST BEE

Meets the 3rd or 4th Wednesday from 10-2 at the Esmond Loop Library on Mary Ann Cleveland. Contact Marilyn Hendricks (bbcody1951@outlook.com) or Pamela Golliet (sonoranskyquilting@gmail.com) for exact dates and information.

NORTHWEST STRIPPERS

Meets in members homes the first Thursday of the month from 3 pm to 5 pm. Contact June Vance at 520 744-2391

OLD PUEBLO QUILTERS BEE

Meets every 2nd Saturday at 1:30 with a member as hostess for the month. Contact Gretchen Galbraith , secretary at ggmiracles39@gmail.com. Our group is one of the "oldest" Bees in Tucson. We meet at the hostess' home. Members mostly reside in the NE/SE side of Tucson. As one of our projects each year, all members design and contribute to making a group charity quilt.

BEE KEEPER

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

Karen Fisher, bees@tucsonquiltersguild.com



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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 the art form.

Who:	All members
What:	Business Meeting: First Wednesday of every month in Church Classroom General Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month or the Tuesday before 2 nd Wednesday
When:	Business Meeting: 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM General Meetings: Tuesday Evening – 7:00 PM ~ 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 in the office. This is the small building to the east of our meeting room. NOTICE: Tuesday Evening attendees: The Church's Family Classes are in session, please DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT LOT. Use the side or rear lots.
Why:	Come to get involved with all aspects of the Guild, to make new friends, learn new quilting skills, share, and most of all, to have FUN .
Cost:	Members: \$50 / year (Due in January)

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

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

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

Submission deadline for the next newsletter is the 20th of the month.

Please send your articles/ads to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com

Please silence your phone during the meetings. Use the Do Not Disturb (DND) function on your phone or go to Google Play or Apple App Store to find a program to temporarily hush the phone.

Block of the Month will return in September

Any questions please contact Betty Jordan at 207-318-4396, bettyjordan444@gmail.com or
Debra Searlata at 818-281-0052, dsscarlata@gmail.com