



Tucson
Quilters
GUILD

THREAD TALES

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President's Message:

After our meeting in June, I had quite a number of our members come up to speak to me about some concerns they had at our meetings.

More and more members have been using "Show N Tell" as a time for self promotion of various classes and offering quilts, etc., for sale. Show N Tell is strictly a time to show your personal projects and quilts and to share their stories. Not a time for "selling" or giving away anything. So please, everyone, let's keep that in mind.

We also had a couple people mention dogs at our meetings. Please remember to be considerate to everyone around you, whether you are "Pro" or "Con", concerning just about ANY topic, but including this canine one. There might be someone with allergies close to you. I thank everyone for their consideration in this. Let's be kind.

Now I want to thank our new board members for volunteering to take on these positions:

- Kim Zody - Vice President
- Loree Schader - Membership
- David Landon - Quilt Show Co-Chair
- Janet Chumbley - Program Co-Chair

Also, a big thank you to everyone who has been on the Board this past year and all the committee heads who so graciously volunteer repeatedly. We would be lost without you.

Sew, that brings us to the "Raffle Quilt". In the past, the quilt show raffle quilt was chosen by our membership; from the design, to making the quilt and then finally selling the tickets. Participation in all stages for our "process" has fallen off drastically in the recent past. Of course, "Covid" didn't help in the least. It's time to try again to make this a group project. I need everyone to put on their "thinking caps" and submit an idea for our next, (2028 Quilt Show) raffle quilt. It can be as simple as a pencil drawing, a picture from a magazine or even the cover of a pattern! Please give your ideas to me no later than August. We will display these ideas at our September meeting. and vote on them at that time.

Hope to see you all at the July "Quilt-a-Thon" in support of our own "Quilting for Others". Kate, Kathie, Beverly, and Shawna keep us organized all year, but this is the big one for their committee. Let's all help the Tucson Community by making quilts to cover everyone!! Until we meet again, keep on Quilting! And, stay Cool.

June CALENDAR

Business Meeting:

Business Meeting:

Wed. July 1, 2026 9:00 am

Unity of Tucson

General Meeting:

Wed. July 8, 2026, 9:30 am

Unity of Tucson

July CALENDAR

Business Meeting:

Wed. Aug. 5, 2026 9:00 am

Unity of Tucson

General Meeting:

Wed. Aug. 12, 2026, 9:30 am

Unity of Tucson

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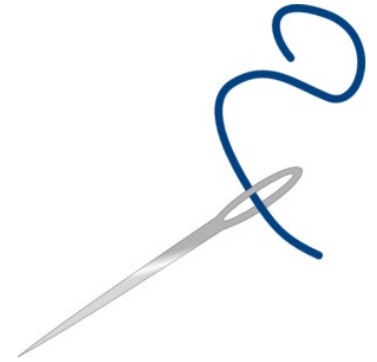
JULY PROGRAM

Quilt - A - Thon

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, July 7 from 11AM - 7:30PM
Wednesday July 8 from 9AM to 3PM
Sabino Road Baptist Church
2710 N Sabino Canyon Road
Tucson AZ 85715



We are so excited to be hosting Quiltathon again this year **BUT and a BIG BUT!!!** We seriously need help to pack and transport the items from and back to the storage unit.

HERE IS THE PLAN

This year we will be loading the van at the storage unit on Monday evening. It will be locked overnight and then on Tuesday morning we will drive it to the church. WE need help to unload and set up the room. We will also need help packing the van on Wednesday afternoon after the Quiltathon to transport back to the storage unit, unload and move items back to our storage unit.

If anyone has a truck or SUV and is willing to help, it would be appreciated as well!!!

We also are looking for a van driver, no CDL needed!

Please consider volunteering to help in some way.

Remember.....it takes a village!

Storage unit is located at 5650 E River Road Tucson AZ 85750

Monday July 6.... please arrive at 4:30 PM We should be done by 6PM

Tuesday morning.....anyone is welcome to arrive at the church by 9:15 AM

Wednesday Afternoon.....we will start packing up at 3 pm to load the van. Once we have the van loaded we will transport back to the storage unit, unpack and

YAY all is GOOD!

Please text Kate at 610 613 0278 to let me know you are coming. (be sure to leave your name, I don't know everyone's number)

KATHIE and KATE cannot do this alone....we need your help.

Everyone is welcome - bring friends and family (non guild members too) - to come and sew, sort, and the rest of that great list from last months newsletter! Bring snacks, healthy or not....we will have water, there is an ice machine and small kitchen.

Let's create some goodness and happiness!

“Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely” Rodin (the thinker)

AUGUST PROGRAM



RETREAT

**Where: Tucson Police Department
1310 W Miracle Mile
Rillito Room**

**When: August 11 & August 12
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Bring a lunch and your project for 1 or 2 days of sewing and companionship.

WWYM will also be there so take a break and help WWYM prep fabric for Quilt Fiesta.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

Carolyn has written fifteen books on archeology, Western history, and quilting. As a life-long quilter with a degree in anthropology, she has lectured extensively to various groups and has curated many traveling museum exhibits.

An online exhibit based on a 2001 exhibition at ASM that was co-curated by Diane Dittmore, ASM associate curator of ethnology, and Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, Tucsonan and author of a major publications about the life and work of Goldie Tracy Richmond. "Papago Activity's" was designated one of **The 20th Century's 100 Best American Quilts** at the 1999 International Quilt Festival in Houston. Since then, it has traveled to major quilting centers, including the National Quilt Museum in Paducah.

Carolyn was featured in Quilt Folk magazine, issue 6. She was the founding president of the Tucson Quilters Guild in 1976. In 2010, she was inducted into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame.



Carolyn O'Bagy Davis in 2017 standing in front of Goldie Richmond's "Saharo Harvest" quilt (in the collections of the Arizona Historical Society). Photo courtesy Carolyn O'Bagy Davis.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



Coleen Granger

Colleen Granger was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. Shortly after graduating from high school, she joined the US Air Force and ended up in Alaska. She served as a helicopter mechanic for seven years, leaving to have her second child. Colleen has spent the majority of her adult life in Alaska making her home in Glennallen. She went kicking and screaming into the world of quilting in the summer of 1998. Until that time Colleen was a sewer and thought quilting was pretty much a waste of good fabric.

Colleen is a grandmother, mother, and widow. Through her company, Sew Little Time Quilting, Colleen offers machine quilting services, classes and lectures, books and patterns. Over the years Colleen has been an instructor for the International Quilt Festivals, both in Houston and Chicago, and her designs have been featured in several national quilting magazines.

Her motto is: "If you aren't having fun, then you shouldn't be doing it."

T-Shirt College Class

Supplies Needed:

- *12 to 30 T-shirts
- *5 to 8 yards of fusible interfacing
-recommend Pellon 906F or 880
- *3 to 6 yards of a variety of fabrics
that look good together (make sure you
have lights, mediums, and darks)
- *teflon pressing sheet and/or applique sheet

Homework:

Rough cut designs from shirts, leave about 2" all the way around design if possible, getting rid of sleeves and neck bands. Press fusible interfacing to backside of designs (interfacing should exceed design by at least 2 inches all the way around). Don't throw away smaller designs from the sleeves and/or chest area, they can be used.



Note: when fusing interfacing to t-shirts, use a teflon or applique sheet to protect the iron and ironing surface. Use the lowest temperature setting for the interfacing. If the paint appears to soften, let the shirt and sheet cool before separating them. I press freezer paper onto my ironing board before I start fusing. I use used dryer sheets to clean the surface of my iron.

What to bring to class:

Sewing machine in good working order with power cords, extra needles and bobbins.
Rotary cutter, 12" or larger square cutting ruler, scissors, piecing thread (neutral), pins,
and your basic sewing "stuff".

All your t-shirt pieces that have fusible interfacing on the backside.

All your fabrics and teflon pressing sheet.

Don't forget your spirit of adventure!!!

If you have any questions, please give Colleen a call or text at 415-686-6067.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM



Dana Keeler

Growing up, I learned early on that sewing and creating with fabric was in my blood. My grandmother was a tailor who always made the most beautiful dresses out of the finest lace and fabric. There was not a holiday that went by that I did not have a beautiful new dress to wear to a family gathering. My mother also grew up sewing and won multiple awards as a teen for her skill in crafting beautiful outfits. Not only did she follow in my grandmother's footsteps, but she also had a love for interior design. I remember growing up surrounded by beautiful furnishings, drapes and pillows. Although I learned to sew as a child, I didn't take to it, to the disappointment of my mother and grandmother. I was always off trying everything from playing the violin, viola, competitive roller skating, rowing, dancing, and art.

It was not until I was in my thirties, when my daughter and I started dancing hula, that I had to get serious about sewing. Hula required that we make our own costumes, so I took a class at the local Bernina store. Although I had been sewing hula costumes for multiple years, it wasn't until my mother passed away that I found quilting as a passion. I remember searching for my first quilting class and found Nancy Lee Chong's Hawaiian Applique class at Country Village in Bothell, Washington. I was excited to make my first Hawaiian quilt and jumped in with both feet. I asked Nancy if I could increase the size of the Sea Turtles and Dolphins wall hanging to make a queen-size quilt for my daughter. Nancy agreed and three years later, I finished my first Hawaiian bed size quilt. After that experience, I was hooked! I have been sewing Pacific Rim Quilt Company's patterns, along with patterns from many other designers, ever since.

After the pandemic had subsided, I decided to leave my first career as a Human Resources professional and start a quilting business. I purchased a long arm and started quilting for clients and teaching needle turn applique to local quilters interested in learning the technique. I believe that growing up surrounded by expert seamstresses, my love of art, and my thirst for adventure has guided me to this place in my life. Purchasing Pacific Rim Quilt Company in 2024 was a perfect fit and the natural extension of my love for the art of Hawaiian quilting. I can't think of a better way to share my love of applique than to build on the great legacy of this artform. I am honored to share my passion with you!

Pacific Rim Quilt Company

A 1 Day and 2 Fabric Appliqué Class with Dana Keeler

Two fabrics, one spool of thread and a pattern. I will teach you how easy it is to make a wall hanging and it is quicker than you think. Using needle turn appliqué techniques on a 2 Fabric Appliqué Quilt. There are no templates, no numbering system and no positioning of small pieces.

One Day Workshop:

In this One-day class you will work on an 11" x 17" quilt design created for this class.

This is a good introduction to the 2 Fabric Appliqué process as well as needle turn appliqué.

All skill levels welcome. No machines needed!

Supply List:

- Appliqué fabric: 1 fat quarter
- Background fabric: 1 fat quarter

Tip: choose two fabrics with STRONG contrast. They may be light on dark, or dark on light.

- Backing: 1 fat quarter (you will not need to bring this in class).
- Milliners/Straw Needle size 10 or 11*
- Thread that matches your appliqué fabric (appliqué fabric is the fabric with the border in the photos)
- Basting thread (strong contrast to your applique

- fabric)
 - Small fabric scissors*
 - Applique pins*
 - Permanent, semi-permanent marking pen like a sharpie (for light fabric pattern transfer)
 - Pattern Transfer Paper* (for dark fabric pattern transfer)
 - 12” or smaller ruler*
 - Masking tape
- *a limited number of these items will be available for sale during class



Images are examples of class patterns used in this one day class. Additional patterns may be available.

SAVE THE DATE

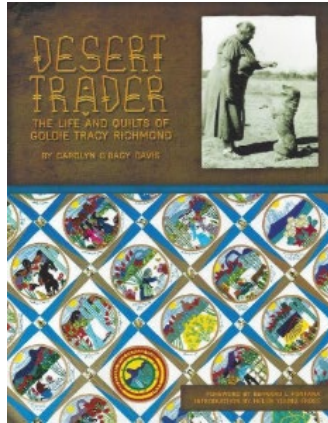
July 8, 2026 - Quilt-a-Thon

**August 12, 2026 - Beat the Heat
Retreat**

September 9, 2026

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

Program: Desert Trader; Life & Quilts
of Goldie Tracy Richmond



October 14, 2026

Coleen Granger – T-Shirt Collage

Workshop on 10/15/2026

November 11, 2026

Dana Keeler – Pacific Rim Quilting

Workshop on 11/12/2025



Be sure to check the website to register for classes and for class supply lists.

Member Full Day Workshop	\$50
Member ½ Day Workshop	\$25
Member 2 Day Workshop	\$100
Non-member Full Day Workshop	\$75

[Registration form for workshops](#)
You may need to log into the website.

GUILD NEWS

Nominees for Office for 2026-2027

Vice President - Kim Zoey

Membership - Loree Shrader

Quilt Fiesta Co-chair - David Landon

Programs - Kathy Barton & Laurel Clarke

2026 President's Challenge

- ✓ The theme of the challenge is "My Favorite Color".
- ✓ You may ONLY use your favorite color fabrics, from light/really light, through all the mediums & onto the darks.
- ✓ Remember, **ONLY Your Favorite color.**
- ✓ There must also be **one piece of green** included as that is **my** favorite color. It must be on the front and must be visible
- ✓ Any technique is allowed. You may piece, applique, embroider, and embellish, etc., etc.
- ✓ It must have three layers and be quilted and bound.
- ✓ It must have a label with your name and the title of the quilt.
- ✓ The quilt must have a hanging sleeve.
- ✓ The quilt should measure no more than 100 inches around the perimeter.
- ✓ Quilts must be finished by the December 2026 meeting.
- ✓ Turn them in to Nancy Landon.
- ✓ And they must be in a cloth bag or pillowcase to protect them.

Pattern of the Month

Welcome to the new series for Tucson Quilters Guild Quilt Block of the Month. I'm excited to be producing this series. For next year, we are going to be working on a special patriotic project in honor of our country's 250th birthday.

This project has two elements to it. You can choose to incorporate both elements, one element, or no elements. The first element is to take the opportunity to create a Quilt of Valor (QOV). There are specific size requirements for a QOV, and this project meets those requirements. For those of you who are not familiar with QOV, you can read all about it on their website, <https://www.qovf.org>.

To use this project to create a QOV, you will turn in your finished quilt top, batting, backing, premade binding, and label to me, and I will longarm and machine bind the quilt for free, and deliver to our local QOV chapter. QOV has quality standards for their quilts, so please read Section 8 of their Policies and Procedures to ensure your quilt is accepted for a QOV.

The second element is to ONLY use fabrics you or your friends already own as of the June newsletter. No buying fabric for this project. This includes the backing! This quilt is a sampler scrappy quilt which makes it easy to find what you need from yours and your friends' stash. You can buy the batting. This quilt will be 12 12" finished blocks of different star blocks, 2" finished sashing and cornerstones, and 2 borders, one 2" finished

and one 4" finished. Finished quilt size is 56" X 70".

I have always wanted to make a QOV to honor the memory of my numerous family members who have served in our military throughout our country's history, starting with the Revolution. I look forward to sharing it with you over the coming year. Our first block will debut in our July newsletter, which is fitting for this patriotic project, so don't miss it!
Jill Kerr

Library

History –

In school, I was never very interested in History. I didn't see it as part of my life. Recently however, I've been watching documentary on Netflix about people in history. Interesting! I've always liked historical fiction because I could see a time in history impacting people's lives. In my history, my grandmother didn't quilt but she did lots of embroidery and hook rugs. So why am I talking about history in an article for the quilters' newsletter?

When Caroline O'Bagy Davis gave the guild many of her books on quilting, books related to historical times and quilting, I created a section of the library's shelves entitled "History and Heritage". It's a small section. In the last couple of donations the guild received, there has been several books on various topics of quilts in history. I'm thinking of expanding this area, otherwise these books about the history of quilting will be lost in other sections. Does anyone out there have an opinion or should I read these donations as people are no longer interested in historical quilts so they got rid of the books? There is another section of the library "New quilts from Old Favorites" where we might find old favorites being use to create new quilts.

The Tucson Quilters' Guild library has several books by Barbara Brackman. We have books about quilts from the Underground Railroad, Civil War, Sampler Quilts, Pioneer quilts, Hobo Quilts, Redwork, quilts representing the women's work of specific states, even one American Tobacco Cards in quilts. The display the Historical Society had at the Quilt Fiesta had interesting examples of historical quilts. The Guild even encourages older designs through it monthly "Pattern of the Month" projects.

The two new books recently donated, the books that made me think about history, are Barn Quilts and Feed Sacks quilts. Modern quilts and Art quilts are here to stay, but the old stuff in interesting too!
Janet Chumbley, volunteer TQG librarian

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QUILT FIESTA



Tucson Quilt Fiesta!

Clearing Up Some Confusion

Some show publicity inferred that the location of the 2027 QUILT FIESTA! was uncertain. Not so! The contract for the show to be held at Old Pueblo Hall, Pima County Fairgrounds has been signed, sealed, delivered – it's ours!

At 64,000 square feet, Old Pueblo Hall is the only venue big enough for our show at a reasonable price. To put it another way, as of last year, the cost of the Tucson Convention Center is five times the cost of the Fairgrounds.

- Let's connect! Quilt-A-Thon is a great opportunity to talk with us about helping with the show. We may have the perfect volunteer job for you. We need your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your willingness to help!

Looking forward to another great show next year! February 25 – 27, 2027.

Helen & David, QUILT FIESTA! Show Directors

Also, it is not too soon to think about your entries for the next Quilt Fiesta. The entry forms are available on the website after you log in here <https://tucsonquiltersguild.com/>

Quilt Fiesta Entry Deadline: October Guild Meeting or Postmarked by October 16, 2026

Tucson Quilters Guild Members may enter up to 3 quilts in the main exhibit, of which 2 may be submitted for judging. Other areas of entry are limited to available space. See the complete list of Entry Forms below for more information.

How to use the fillable pdf entry forms:

1. Click on the form's link and save it to your computer.
2. Open it and fill it in for your first entry. SAVE AS the name of the quilt (this will keep the blank version intact).
3. Using the blank again, create a separate file for each quilt you are entering.
4. Please read the instructions and category descriptions carefully.
5. Only pages 3 and 4 of the packet (the actual "entry form" pages) need to be printed.
6. Forms may be mailed in (see the included instructions) or dropped off at a guild meeting.
7. For those who are not comfortable with computers, paper forms will be available at the guild meetings and can be filled out by hand.

[Video: How to Clean Your Quilt & Label the Pillowcase](#)

[Video: How to Label Your Quilt and Fold It Into the Pillowcase](#)

[Hanging Sleeve Instructions](#)

SMALL QUILT SALES

What is SQS?

SQS is the Tucson Quilters Guild's Small Quilt Sale. SQS accepts donated **Lamentables** which are orphan blocks, UFO's (unfinished objects), Vintage Blocks, etc.... and our Guild members create the most amazing quilted **Lovelies** from the donations! (~120" perimeter)

Thank you to everyone who has already donated quilts, taken home lamentables, and who are working on special items for SQS from their own stashes!

We are currently accepting recommendations for the **2027 SQS Charity/Charities**
Send suggestions to: liane@futch.studio

Donations of Lamentables are always accepted, and donations of completed SQS Quilts for the 2027 Fiesta Quilt Show SQS are accepted right up until the end of Jan 2027!
We are so excited to see what you will create!

August – Beat the Heat and SQS

At the TQG August Beat the Heat Event, SQS will have our stashes of projects along with extra fabric for borders and sashing, etc maybe even batting and backing...not positive on the details, yet!...Bring a sewing machine and some neutral thread and come create some lovelies with us... at least we could finish some lovely small quilt tops and maybe reduce our inventory of donated items while enjoying each other's company!

Happy Birthday to our members born in July.....



WWYM?

What will You Make? Announcements

Thank you to the 11 Quilters for coming to the June workday you did a great job of making precuts out of scraps from others!

WWYM? will be at the July Quilt a Thon! We will have bins of donations to sort, iron and cut. We will have our brand new AccuQuilt Go Big Electric cutter to help the work go fast, as well as 2 hand turned AccuQuilt cutters.

At the July 21st workday we will be packaging the fabric that has already processed into Flat Jelly Strips (45 2 ½" strips), Stash Stacks (45 10" squares) and Tempting Tiles (45 5" squares).

We have sit down jobs if that is what you need.

We will also be at the upcoming August Beat the Heat Retreat. Just like our workdays we will have fabric to sort, iron, cut and package. The donations keep coming in and we need your help to turn the fabric into products!

We are still interested in finding someone interested in creating button jars. You can do this at home, on your own time schedule. We have jars, we have buttons, we have ribbon..... anyone interested? Let Shawna or Beverly know!

What Will You Make? workdays are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, mark your calendars!

The next **What Will You Make?** workday will be **Tuesday July 14, 2026.**

Shawna and I will be at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 9:00 am to Noon, you can come for any amount of time that works for your schedule. Doors open at 9:00 am.

WHERE

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1200 N Campbell Ave.

enter the parking lot off Mabel St

We will be in the Activity Building, in the southeast corner of the parking area, see the map.

We have sit down jobs if that is what you need.

Your help is so very appreciated!

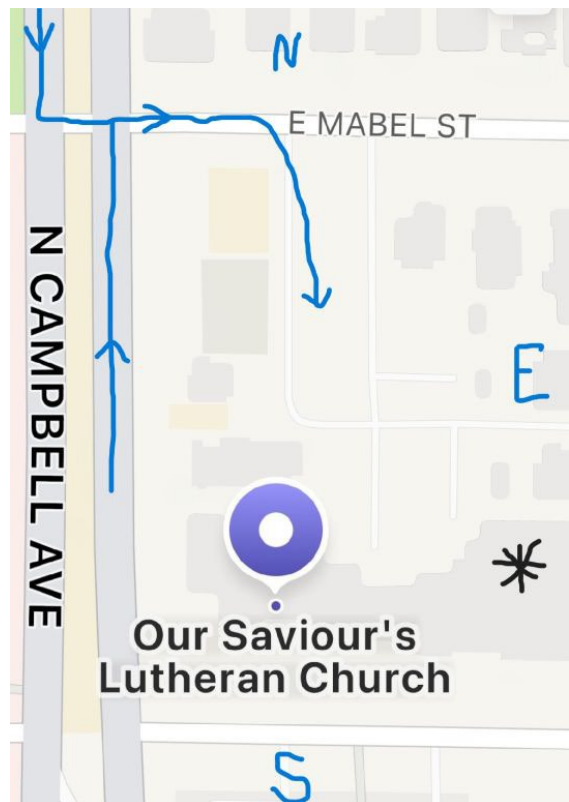
Come join the fun and meet new friends!

Questions?

Contact

Beverly (delft54@cox.net or 520-820-7484) or

Shawna (wallisms@gmail.com or 520-484-5591)



QUILT FOR A CAUSE

July 2026



Quilt for a Cause gave Philanthropy Donations to these groups and here is how they use those gifts:

El Rio Health Center Foundation: El Rio Health Center serves 129,000 people in Tucson, 59% are women. Free mammograms were given to 217 women and 186 women received great news that their scan left them free from worry. The other 31 were given follow-up exams and 4 uninsured women received free cancer treatment.

BAG IT! : Our donation to BAG IT! helped cancer patients by providing the tools needed to “Be Informed, Be Empowered” and this helped cover the cost of providing Bag It Bags to those who cannot afford one.

Tucson Cancer Conquerors: TCC is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to educating and empowering cancer survivors and their families to live healthier, happier lives. The donation supports their care programs for cancer survivors.

Arizona Foundation For Cancer: The donation supports the foundation, which offers non-medical support services to help patients, their family members and care givers. They assist with wigs, undergarments, transportation, integrative therapy, nutrition guidance and other programs for those going through their cancer journey.

Cancer Support Community Arizona: A new group that we have chosen to support, in Phoenix because so many quilts are donated to us from the Greater Phoenix area and we want to give back to that community. The donation helps the support services they provide, at no charge, to cancer patients, cancer survivors, caregivers, family members, and children of parents facing cancer.

Quilt for a Cause will be at the Tucson Botanical Gardens again mid-June through August. This is the link for the Botanical Gardens: [Quilts in the Gardens](#). There is a reception at Tucson Botanical Gardens on August 20. The time is 5 pm to 7 pm, admission is free.

Please RSVP for attending the event sent to: info@quiltforacause.org





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: Kathryn Wald (kathrynwald@yahoo.com) & Saw Peng Laracuenta (sp1602@hotmail.com)
Where: The Quilt Basket, 6538 E. Tanque Verde #130; 1st Tuesday, 10 am.

EAGLE WINGS QOV BEE

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



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)
cricke107@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 specific location info (general location is Green Valley)
Every Thursday - 9:30 AM — Noon
Open to new members



NU-BEEs

Contact : Joyce Holley 816-223-4454

- 1) **Westside Nighttime Bee** The 3rd Tuesday **5:00 to 7:30** Cactus Quilt Shop 6032 N Oracle, Tucson.
- 2) **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

Going forward, we will meet the 4th Thursday of the month 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



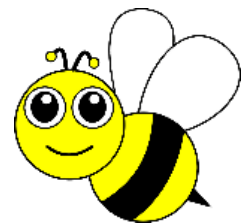
LIBRARY BEE

Meets at the Guild Library at Unity at 10 am on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Nancy Landon at 520-429-0788.

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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2026 Quilt Show Co-Director	Lynn Rubel
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Hospitality	Francie McMillan
Library	Janet Chumbley
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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.

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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 in the Church Sanctuary
When:	Business Meeting: 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM General Meetings: Wednesday Morning – 9:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM Library Bee: 4th Wednesday at 10 am
Where:	<p>NEW & Permanent</p> <p>General Meetings at: Unity of Tucson 3617 N Camino Blanco (off River Road between Swan and Craycroft)</p>
(How): Parking	Large, paved parking area with some Handicapped Parking. There is also a gravel parking area – please be careful with plantings and large rocks. There are sidewalks to the building – take care as the planted areas may be several inches lower than the sidewalks
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 <i>FUN</i> .
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.

TQG BLOCK of the MONTH

PATTERN OF THE MONTH JULY 2026 FRIENDSHIP STAR CIRCLE BLOCK

NOTES

This pattern looks difficult but it's not. It's just that the pieces are small and take careful sewing and pressing. Make sure the $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle blocks measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square and are pressed fully flat with no folds. For the circle to be visible, make sure you use a red that contrasts sufficiently with your whites and blues. I used a different white and a different red for each star and the same blue background. The "complicated" part is sewing the block together. Use a design board and lay out the entire block. Check often to make sure you are sewing the correct pieces together, and your star points are pointing in the correct orientation. If you don't want to make the Friendship Star Circle, just make one Friendship Star block that finishes $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

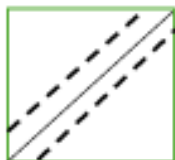


FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

For a scrappy quilt, you will need a minimum of four different whites and four different reds, 4" X 2" each. I used the same blue background. A fat quarter of blue is more than enough. You can also use blue scraps for a scrappy background. For the red and white striped border, wait to cut your borders until your circle is done in case your circle does not measure 9½" X 9½".

CUTTING AND SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

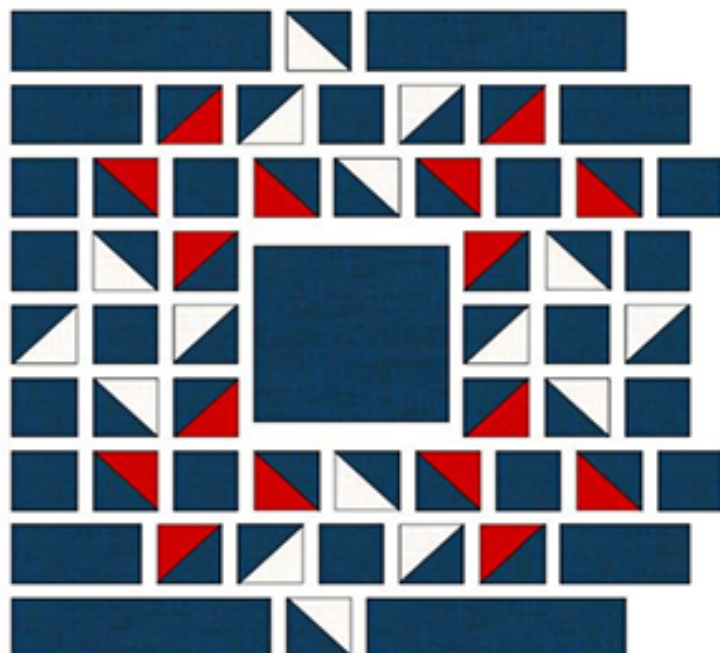
From each white fabric and each red fabric, cut (2) 2" squares. Cut (16) 2" blue squares. Right sides together, sew each white square and each red square to a blue square a ¼" from the center on the diagonal. Cut down the center on the diagonal to make (2) half square triangle blocks each. Dashed lines are sew lines and solid line is cut line. Trim each block to 1½" square. You should end up with (16) red/blue blocks and (16) white/blue blocks.



Cut (16) 1½" X 1½" blue squares, (4) 4½" X 1½" blue rectangles, (4) 2½" X 1½" blue rectangles, and (1) 3½" X 3½" blue square.

Lay out your block according to photo below and sew together. Your block should measure 9½" X 9½". (It's okay if it's not. We will adjust the measurements of your borders to have the entire block finish at 12½" X 12½" later.)

The first and last rows use the 4½" X 1½" blue rectangles. The second and second-to-last rows use the 2½" X 1½" blue rectangles. The middle row uses the 3½" X 3½" blue square.



For the border, measure your block. If it measures $9\frac{1}{2}$ " X $9\frac{1}{2}$ " you can use the following measurements. Sew (1) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " X $9\frac{1}{2}$ " red rectangle to the bottom of the block. Sew (1) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " X 11" red rectangle to the right side of the block. Sew (1) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " X 11" white rectangle to bottom of block. Sew (1) $1\frac{3}{4}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ " white rectangle to right side of block.

If your block does not measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ " X $9\frac{1}{2}$ ", subtract the width of your block (left to right) from $12\frac{1}{2}$ ", divide that number in half, and add $\frac{1}{2}$ ". That is the width of each of your red and white rectangle borders for the side borders. Then subtract the length of block (top to bottom) from $12\frac{1}{2}$ ", divide that number in half, and add $\frac{1}{2}$ ". That is the width of each of your red and white rectangle borders for the bottom borders. To find the length, measure the side of the block where you are adding a border each time before you add the border, and cut your rectangle that length.

That's it! I hope you enjoyed this block. I think it's a beautiful block and worthy of our Quilt of Valor project. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. 520.901.0076

-Jill Kerr