

What the Heck is EPP, Anyway?

Lesley Visutsiri

Zoom Lecture

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm (Arizona Time)



You've probably heard the acronym EPP a dozen times or have heard people mention English Paper Piecing. But what is EPP and why is it so popular? In this lecture I will explain to you what EPP is and why it is so great! I might even turn you into an EPP fan.

Registration

Only registered members will be admitted.

- **Members:** log into your account on AQG's website to register for this event at no charge!
- This event is complimentary as part of your 2022-2023 membership.
- Public can join for nominal fee of \$10

Registration ends November 4, 2022

Registration is limited to 300

From the President ...

Hello Quilters. I have heard from numerous other presidents that they do not get any quilting done while being president. I am trying to keep myself energized by still completing projects. My latest projects have all been bags. I got 3 bags done for gifts and then took a class to complete the Chubby Charmer bag by Peggy Sturges for myself. This was a fun project using a charm pack. I am on vacation right now and brought along my newest EPP project in this bag.

I was able to attend just the beginning of the Fun Day. It was great to see so many of our members getting together connecting. The gift baskets looked great and I know the door prizes were fantastic. Fun day is our annual get together for members that is focused on all things quilting. In the Spring, we have the membership meeting which focuses on the not so fun things like budgets and by-laws.

Have fun and keep quilting. As you are completing your projects, consider putting your project in the quilt show. The input forms are now available on the website. This is a great opportunity to show what wonderful things you are doing to our membership and the public.

Happy Quilting,

Debbie Ament



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Arizona Quilters Guild is based on a fiscal calendar running from July 1 through June 30. Current member renewal dues are accepted beginning April 1 for the following membership year and must be postmarked by June 30 to avoid a \$5 late fee charge.

Annual Membership Dues

Renewals postmarked by July 1st	\$25
New memberships and renewals postmarked after July 1st	\$30
Affiliate Membership (business)	\$75
Affiliate Membership (non-profit)	\$45
• Memberships are not pro-rated.	
• AQG mailings are not delivered to non-USA addresses.	

IT IS THE POLICY OF AQG NEVER TO SELL A LIST OF OUR MEMBERS TO ANYONE. THE ROSTER IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE ONLY.

CHATTER DEADLINES

The Patchwork Chatter is published 10 times a year by AQG (no June or July issues). For more information or to submit articles and reports, please contact the AQG Communications Director through the office or send reports and jpeg photos to newsletter@aqgmail.org.

Next Chatter Issue = November, #340
Deadline for submissions = October 15, 2022

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AQG Education

SEEKING QUILT SHOW SPEAKERS



The Education team is seeking a lecturer to speaker Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Our desire is to have someone within AQG be the presenter. We are open to any topic around quilting and be 60 minutes long. You will be paid. If interested, reach out to Penny Hulse . Her email is penny.hulse@aqgmail.org. Our goal is to have all speakers booked by the end of November.

HOW DO I DO THAT? There are several articles under the member's help section to assist you in registering and canceling events. If you think of another topic that would help, we'd like to know. Send us any suggestion via email. The address to use? Education@aqgmail.org.

JOIN US: The Education committee meets on the first Monday of every month. The meeting is kept to 60 minutes. If you'd like to join as a guest, contact the leaders and they will send you the Zoom link.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Did you notice we mixed it up for the November workshop. We're doing a Zoom and live event. Hope you'll join us as we'd want feedback on what you think about it and should we do this again. All people giving feedback to Education's Chatter article will be put in a raffle for a Fat Quarter. Awarded on 11/12.

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Wednesday, November 09, 2022 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

[Get Down with EPP - Lesley Visutsiri - ZOOM](#)

Saturday, November 12, 2022 10:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

[Get Down with EPP - Lesley Visutsiri - IN PERSON](#)

Saturday, November 12, 2022 10:00 AM

Hummingbird Lane Fabrics, 6 East Palo Verde, Gilbert AZ

[Petite Hunter Star – Joyce Holley – IN PERSON](#)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:00 AM

35th Avenue Sew, Northern Location – Cost \$49

For additional information about each even log on to the website.

Contributed by Penny Hulse

Dear Aunt Quiltie - Advice Column,

Instead of a question from one of our members, Aunt Quiltie thought you might like an opportunity to hear questions that have been sent to the AQG Board for answers.

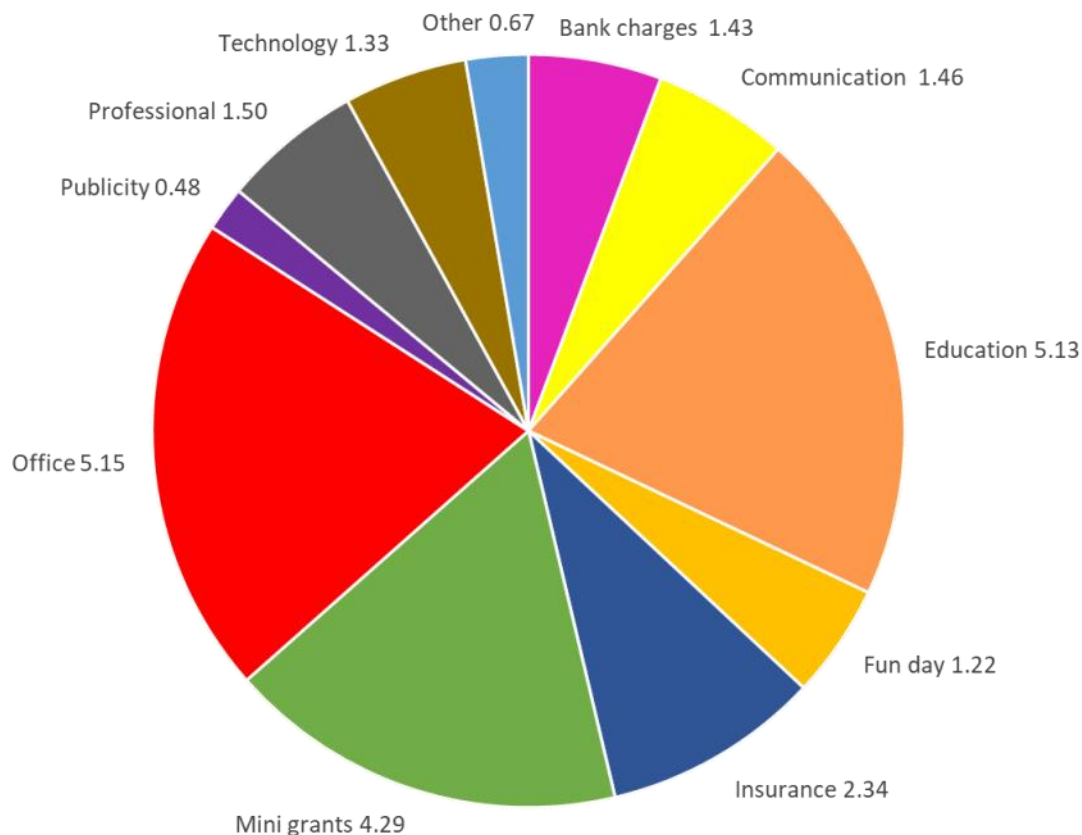
Question: 'What do our dues pay for?'

This is a common question that is asked to the board. In order to answer, we first need to discuss the annual budget. See the attached grid showing the income and expenses for the 2022-2023 budget.



- Membership dues represent 97% of the true income for AQG.
- Bank charges are the amounts we pay to provide electronic payment through our website and at events.
- Insurance represents the liability insurance we carry for meetings and events.
- The quilt show is self financed from ticket sales and vendor income.
- The overall budget has more expenses than income which means the final number shows money from reserves (savings account).

Expenses based on annual dues of \$25.00



AQG Budget 2022-2023

Category	Income	Expense	Net
Bank charges		3,000	-3,000
Board – President’s quilt		200	-200
Communication (Website, Zoom)		3,050	-3,050
Education program	13,900	24,650	-10,750
Fun day	3,900	6,460	-2,560
Insurance		4,900	-4,900
Interest	100		100
Member/affiliate	38,600		38,600
Membership postage/printing		100	-100
Mini grants		9,000	-9,000
Office expense (Lease, storage)		10,800	-10,800
Office supplies		550	-550
Professional services (Legal, taxes)		3,150	-3,150
Publicity		1,000	-1,000
Quilt show	62,100	62,355	-255
Rusty Barn	3,000	2,000	1,000
Technology		2,780	-2,780
Travel Expense		300	-300
Money from reserve	12,695		12,695
Total	134,295	134,295	

- Office expense is the most with \$5.15 from each member going to pay for the office and storage. We have reduced this expense this year by closing the storage room and moving all of the quilt show items into the office.
- The 2nd highest expense is education with \$5.13 from each member. This represents our mission statement.
- The 3rd is mini grants. This is the amount we budget for each chapter to receive money for charity work.

If you have questions about the budget/spending or if you have a question you would like answered in the next edition, email me at president@aqgmail.org.

*New members pay \$30.00

It Was Another FUN DAY!

Submitted by Jo Ann Bergdoll

There was so much to do and share at our recent AQG Fun Day. More than 150 members and a few guests were treated to wonderful trunk shows, all the “good stuff” 5 vendors had to offer, quilt trivia games, 15 (!) raffle baskets and a quilted heart memento fashioned by East Mesa’s Rippers.

Nancy Laswick, Fun Day chair, opened the gathering with some trivia questions. Some were real stumpers. Eventually, she offered some that were less challenging, and each winner literally caught a candy bar. Who knew Nancy was such a accurate pitcher?

First to present was Patti Pearce. This local long arm quilter, pattern designer, teacher and lover vintage linens entertained us as she shared her 30 year+ quilt journey. Her quilt style is a challenge to describe because Patti’s tastes run the gamut from traditional to modern and many of her quilts feature more than a touch of whimsy. Her “Little Houses” quilt combined such disparate fabrics as florals, Scottie dogs, polka dots of all sizes and flying pigs. quilt



of

was made from vintage tablecloths. Still another featured ladies’ hankies. Yet another included vintage crochet work. “A Hug Is Like a Small Home,” a row quilt and pattern, was my personal favorite.



Between speakers, there was more time for trivia and more winners. And we had ample time to visit our vendors. Patti Pearce brought her many patterns as did Ray Steeves, our second presenter. Noah & Her Sisters Quilt Company featured rulers and other notions to make any quilter’s project easier. The Art Resource Center in Tempe offered quilt kits,

thread and other quilting necessities from its many donations. ARC, as it is known, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is “recycling art worthy materials for creative minds.” The Phoenix Area Quilters Association, “PAQA,” brought goods to purchase and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a beautiful Featherweight named Rosie.

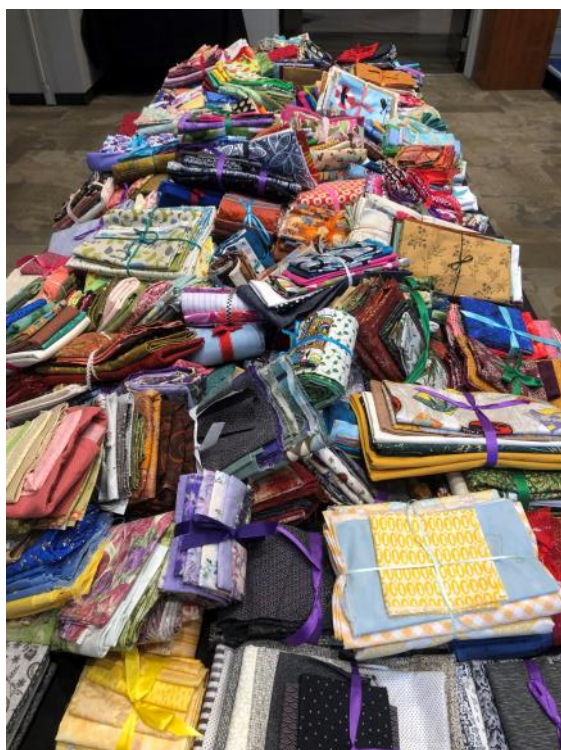
It Was Another FUN DAY! (Cont.)

Ray Steeves, of 3 Dudes Quilting Designs, is another local quilter, pattern designer and teacher. Currently, his classes are offered at 35th Ave Sew & Vac in Phoenix and Quilters Oasis in Mesa. Ray's approach to quilting embraces pre-cuts, especially 2 ½" strips. The man does not like scraps. So, the many quilts he shared used of every bit of fabric with none going to waste or a scrap bin. I was amazed at how beautiful and complex some of his quilts appeared, all having a linear quality. And it was clear that colorways do make a difference in the overall appeal of his quilts.

Nancy brought us together after some last-minute shopping with more trivia and more winners. To ensure everyone went home with something, she called up groups of 10 ensuring that all found a fabric bundle with something to add to their stash. Then, it was time for raffle basket drawings. This year there were 15 raffle baskets!

Thanks go out to Jo Kilgroe, Debbie Ament, Sunrise Stitchers, Daisy Mountain Quilters, Night Owls, Cholla and Desert Threads for putting together such enticing prizes.

A special "thank you" goes out to The Art Resource Center for donating the Tuffet kit. The variety of baskets and their contents generated much excitement. Beth Gable and I were challenged to keep up with the tremendous number of ticket purchases. (More than a few quilters put down \$25 for 32 tickets!) The drawings were held, and 15 lucky quilters went home with sizeable caches of quilty stuff.



Chapter Reports

Delightful Quilters of Scottsdale

submitted by Jo Ann Bergdolf

With the “change of seasons,” it was good seeing more Delights attend our September meeting. Slowly, our seasonal quilt sisters continue to return. And we welcomed 3 new members and 2 guests to our guild. (We’ll be hitting that 100 mark soon!)

The improving temperatures bring thoughts of autumn and winter, so our business meeting reviewed some the many events we are looking forward to.

Our October speaker will be renowned art quilter, LeAnn Hileman. You may remember *Main Street Tonopah*. It merited AQG’s Quilt Show 2022 Best of Show - Solo. She has exhibited her quilts nationally, earning her ribbons and recognition. We are eager to hear her story.

November is our “last minute to finish” Sew-cial day. December will find us celebrating our annual Elf Party while we reveal our “It’s In the Bag” challenge quilts and collect the literally hundreds of quilted Christmas stockings for Devereux. In January, we will propose and select the charities who will benefit from our handiwork. February will be our annual *Clean Out Your Sewing Room* sale.

Once business was complete, Kathy O’Brien presented *Stash Management and Community Outreach Quilts*. Kathy has served as Community Outreach lead for Nimble Thimbles, putting together kits and patterns for their guild. With a wonderful slide show, she demonstrated how she sorted fabric donations by color, size and type of fabrics. Everything from yardage to strips to squares as small as 2 ½”. She continued with examples of simple patterns that have high visual impact and few pieces. These made use of the assorted sizes found in the organized stash and neutrals to set them. These combinations resulted in quilts “pop.” Using completed quilts, Kathy showed how lovely these Charity quilts can be.

In her final remarks, she noted these quilts are relatively easy and fun to make for the quilter while resulting in a quilt that its recipient will treasure. Kathy certainly inspired us.



We ended our meeting with Show and Tell. It’s always a good time when quilters meet.



Chapter Reports

Cholla Quilters of Mesa

submitted by Marianne Nowacki

Over the summer we did not have scheduled meetings but we stayed in touch with a couple of Zoom events and members could join from wherever they were even away on vacation. One of our members showed us the mini pillows she was making and another member gave us a class on making a notebook cover. In September we started our hybrid meetings again, in person and on Zoom. This is helpful for members who cannot get to a meeting for a variety of reasons.



We had a class on making yo-yos and we all got to try tools and techniques for making different sizes and shapes of yo-yos. We saw several examples of projects made with them. We admired the coverlet Sheila made many years ago. In October Susan gave us a demonstration of fabric origami. This is a method of folding and pressing fabric to make interesting shapes and add dimension and texture to our quilts.

We are continuing on our year-long community service project making quilts from a large donation we received of solid color fabrics. The pattern is a white star surrounded by a crayon box of color! We have cool and warm blocks that are set in an alternating pattern.

We hope to finish at least 11 quilts by our December big reveal. They are beautiful!



Chapter Reports

Strawberry Patchers of Pine, Payson, Strawberry, Happy Jack

submitted by Jane Wilcox

Our October meeting was packed with news of activities for the remainder of the year, as well as into 2023. Time is moving FAST!!!



The Patchers “Country Store” had a massive showing for the Pine/Strawberry Fall Festival! Our store offers all hand-made items from sewing machine mats, to quilts, bed runners, table runners, and a variety of darling custom embroidery products. Kris has grown our store with each and every new idea that comes into it. Many, MANY thanks for the set up, and for all that support our “Store”.



Our Charity Sew days are coming up the 3rd week of October, and we set our goal of 50 quilts to be complete and ready to go to our long arm volunteers at the conclusion of three days. We match backings to quilt tops, cut and sew binding together, and finish some tops that don't have borders. It is a LOT of work, but a LOT of fun, and something we all look forward to every year.



Our first challenge is due in November featuring Kona's color of the Year, Cosmos. Our Program Chair, Jo Halm gave 4 patterns to make 4 blocks using this color paired with whatever color we could find. Two blocks will go to make a charity quilt, and two will be put in for a drawing at our Garden Party in May. I've heard a lot of moaning and groaning – and that's the fun!

More to come as we wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving! We will be sending a report of our annual Christmas party and challenge for the 2023 year!!

If you'd like to join the Strawberry Patchers, our business meeting is the first Thursday of the month at the Library Annex located behind the Pine Community Center. Meetings start at 9:30am but come at 9:00am for coffee and goodies. On the 3rd Thursday of the month, we have “Sew Fun” Days. Come for help, sewing, handwork, and the fun from 9:00am – 3:00pm! Hope to see you, too!



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Jill Eskew

At our 9/6/22 meeting we Michele Fraiser organized "Whole Kit and Caboodle!" A kit - is a set of objects, as in a toolkit. A caboodle - is a term meaning group or collection, usually of people.

Let's put two together and see how many community service quilt kits we can complete in an evening. We form teams of 2. And had fun sewing the quilt tops. We all had a good time! Prizes were awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. A total of 12 quilts tops for Community service were done! Great job everyone!



Jill & Debbie

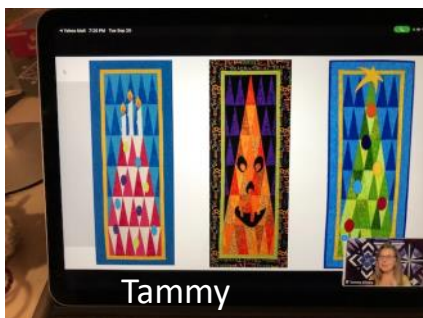
Talking about Community Service they have donated 160 quilts so far since June of our new calendar year! 53 quilts went to the Pregnancy Care Center and VA Moms and Babies. 49 quilts were donated to the QOV and 15 to Hospice of the valley quilts, 14 quilts to Infinity Hospice, and 16 quilts to Gathering Humanity. Awesome job!

At our 9/20/22 zoom meeting we were able to reserve Tammy Silvers or Tamarinis presented "Interrogating Your Quilt"

Don't be nice about it - force that fabric to talk to you! Get the real info on how it can work for you to help you achieve your "quilt" vision. This humor-laden lecture focuses on getting the most from your fabric choices and how fabric can (and does) influence the finished quilt! Supported by plenty of quilt examples from Tammy's retinue of quilts - good and bad! Tammy Silver has taught at a variety of quilt shops as well as online. She designs and self-publishes her own quilt patterns under the label Tamarinis. Under the label Tamarinis, she has had her designs regularly published in a variety of quilt magazines. She works with some of the major fabric manufacturers designing projects to showcase and promote their fabric lines including Northcott, Free Spirit, Maywood, Dear Stella and Timeless Treasures. She has designed fabrics for Island Batik and has a thread line with Aurifil that coordinates with her current Island Batik line.



Debra



Tammy

Upcoming events—Debbie Ament:

Upcoming 40th Anniversary party November 1, 2022. ALL former members and board are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lots of fun going down memory lane and games and prizes! For more information email Debbie at quiltingwithbrights@gmail.com.



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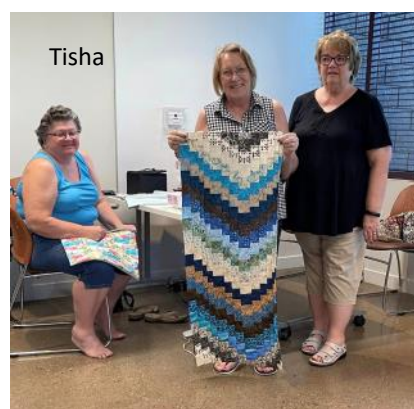
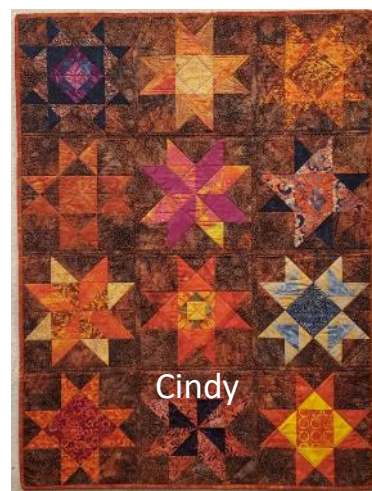
Chapter Reports

Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

submitted by Cindy Fonseca

Daisy Mountain Quilters had a good time participating in a mini workshop taught by one of its members where we learned to make a Bargello quilt using a Jelly Roll. We did this in honor of September 17 being National Sew a Jelly Roll Day. We've also been busy all year with our Block of the Month Quilt as You Go Star Quilt. We had some finishes shown at our October meeting.

DMQ is hoping to expand our philanthropic recipients. Sue B offered that we make baby quilts for Choices Pregnancy Center Boutique. Membership is also looking forward to our upcoming Holiday Party in December. Speakers and Workshops are already being scheduled for 2023, including Cheryl Brickey of Meadow Mist Designs and Joyce Holly, Studio 180 Extraordinaire.



Chapter Reports

Card Tricks Quilters of Pinetop

submitted by Cheryl Holtz

I am a new reporter for the Card Tricks, so I thought I would tell you a bit about this group. We live in the White Mountains - members come from Linden, Pinetop -Lakeside, Round Valley (Springerville- Eager), Show Low, Snowflake and Taylor. The AQG Secretary, Diana Anderson, is in the Card Tricks. We meet once a month (on the Second Thursday) for sewing, education and a meeting. All are welcome! The Card Tricks put on a 2 Day Quilt show every August.

We have a subgroup - the Patriotic Piecers. This group makes patriotic quilts that are given to Military, First Responders, and Veterans. These quilters meet the third Wednesday of each month except Dec. Visitors are welcome. In September, 24 quilts were given to recipients at a special ceremony.



October is Retreat time for the Card Tricks. We had a 2 day retreat at the lovely Bear Cabin Inn with lots of camaraderie, sewing and great food.

Our theme was "Get Er Done" and we all brought UFO's to work on and hopefully got completed. Maggie made Patriotic Piecer's kits for everyone to take and / or work on - the Patriotic Piecers sell mug rugs, placemats, and table runners to help make money for batting and backings.



The monthly meeting features free sew time (bringing your lunch if you want) followed by an educational speaker and a business meeting. In September we painted squares for children's charity quilts using Deco Art So-soft paints on fabric. The paint dries soft, colorful and can be washed. For October we had a demonstration of ruler quilting on a domestic machine. We welcomed several new first time members:) and a new slate of officers were voted in. There is always Show n Tell before the meeting is adjourned

I am impressed with the variety of talents and skills in this group. Some of our members are summer visitors only so we see them 6 months of the year.

Our website is cardtrickchapter.com



Chapter Reports

Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carol Paul



In October, we enjoyed presentations by Kimm Murray, AQG Quilt Show Entry Coordinator, and Celeste Johnson, Mini-Grant Director. We learned that as members of the Arizona Quilters Guild we are each entitled to enter up to three quilts in a show, two of which can be entered in judged classes and one of which is entered solely for display. Kimm walked us through the process of applying to enter and listed some of the classes available, stressing the importance of entering in the correct class as putting a quilt in

the wrong class means it won't be judged. She said she is always available to help us if we are having trouble deciding which class to enter. Kimm also said that the judging session is open for observance by 10 members so we should sign up early for that if interested.

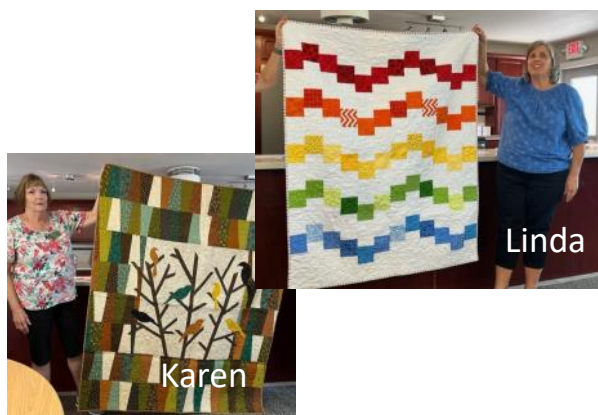
Barb Ludtka came to show her 2nd place hand-appliqued quilt from the 2022 show. Foothills members showing quilts they had entered in previous shows were Ellen Born and Bobbi Levi-Dodge. All three ladies expressed how exciting it was to get a call on Wednesday that they had won (although what they had won was not disclosed at the time) and to be invited to attend Thursday evening when the prizes would be given. They also found it interesting to stand opposite their prize quilts and listen to the comments made.



Celeste Johnson showed us three of the quilts she had entered and explained that her quilts are all made for cuddling and/or throwing on the floor by kids and she enters them for the fun of it. She then discussed the need for volunteers at the show and the advantages of doing so, one of which is free admission. Sign up sheets will be available on the AQG site after January 1, 2023.



Following an unusually short "break," we had our business meeting and show and tell. It was announced that the Christmas Party will take place at the church this year and will be catered by Zupas. Cost is \$20 per person and money is due by the November meeting.



Chapter Reports

Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Pat Sinclair

Getting to Know You” was the theme of Desert Threads meeting in October. It was a repeat of a very popular program. New members especially enjoyed learning about others at their table. When the bell rings, it’s time to move on. Our program chairs provided topics for discussion but conversations went in many directions and ideas were shared.

We have made a selection for the Opportunity Quilt for the 2024 AQG Quilt Show. Several members are starting the project and an application for consideration was submitted to AQG in October. Desert Threads Chapter has been present at the Sun Lakes Open Houses. Barb Brandt made the scarecrow for the inaugural contest at Cottonwood. Several quilters from these communities have shown an interest in joining our group.

Upcoming classes will be based on the results of the September survey of members. The most popular class ideas were landscape quilts and quilt-as-you-go. Kits of donated fabric were available for making 3-yard quilts with patterns included. These patterns were available free online and are not copyrighted.

Swan Amity, a Tucson designer, is the presenter for the November meeting. She is known for her creative and unique patterns and use of color. She designs fabric for Island Batik and her signature line is called “Bee Kind”. She posts often on her Facebook page and on her blog. She is teaching a class after the meeting on designing creative quilt labels and will have a trunk show of some of her quilts.





When: January 26-28, 2023

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Thursday and Friday, 10AM – 4 PM Saturday

Where: Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W McDowell Rd Phoenix

Tickets will be available for purchase, through the AQG website, on 1/1/2023.

*Ticket distribution information will be announced at a later date.

Tickets:

General Admission tickets are \$12.00 for 3 days.

Tickets purchased through Rusty Barn, with a coupon, are \$10.00 for 3 days.

Tickets purchased through AQG are \$8.00 for 3 days.

Did you know that for each ticket sold by AQG, we will receive \$2.00 back from Rusty Barn. Please help us support this effort.

Volunteers:

We could use 3 volunteers each day during the hours of 8:30 – 11:30

If you would like to volunteer for one of these time slots, please reach out to one of us at the email address listed below.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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