

AQG Presents Challenge Yourself Lecture

by Mel Beach

Date: January 7, 2021

Time: 6:30—7:30 PM



AND

Free Motion Quilting by Mel Beach

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 9:30—10:30 AM

Complimentary events as part of your 2020-2021 membership!

2nd Workshop by Popular Demand Online Bead Embellishment 2 Day Workshop

By Lisa Walton, Textile Artist

Date: January 14 & 21, 2021

Times: 4:00—7:00 PM

Workshop Cost: \$36



***You must be logged into your account on the AQG Website to register
for this event!***

From the President ...



Hello Members,

I have high hopes for 2021. The board members at our last board meeting are rolling back dues for 1 year. Early renewal will be \$25.00. New Members or late renewals will be \$30.00. These rates will be effective April 1, 2021. AQG board is working on the leadership manual and the policies & procedures to go along with our new bylaws.

Our lecture & workshop series is going well. We have them booked up to November 2021. I will be joining the January class with Brita Nelson – the four patch workshop on January 30. Only 4 spots left.

In March Ray Steeves of 3 Dudes Quilting Design will be doing several in person Workshops at Mesa Hilton.

Patti Pearce will be hosting an in person workshop at 35th Ave Sew & Vac, May 2021.

Don't miss your emails announcing when they become available to register, or check the website regularly under our events tab.

I wish you all a Very Happy New Year!

Keep on quilting,

Nancy Laswick,

President

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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 as listed on this page.

Next Chatter Issue = January 1, 2021

Deadline for submissions = December 12, 2020

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Chapter Reports

Kingman Quilters of Kingman

submitted by Sally Bradley, Secretary

Getting cold here in Kingman, but we continue to meet on our Bee days.

In October we lost a long time member Bonner. There was a memorial held to celebrate her life at Metcalf Park in downtown Kingman. A lovely display of some of her items and photos was made by her friends. Bonner was very active in our Quilt of Valor program for many years. She will be greatly missed.

Speaking of Quilts of Valor, we held our annual presentation to Veterans in November where quilts were given to them in appreciation for their service.



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Penny Boese

Nimble Thimbles learned about the process of long arming a quilt at our Nov. 17 meeting when members and long armers Cindy Stohn and Penny Boese presented. We learned several tips about finding a long armer, as well as how to prepare your quilt top and backing for a long armer. Some of the tips: quilt backs should be a minimum of 8 inches wider and longer than the top, giving the long armer 4 inches of space around the quilt to be able to move the sewing head freely while quilting to the edge of the quilt. Backs should be pressed and squared without torn edges. Quilt tops should be pressed with threads clipped. Cindy and Penny also gave tips on applying borders to prevent them from being wavy and difficult to quilt.

In December, Nimble Thimbles had a short meeting, sharing projects that were in process or had been completed. Our January meeting will be our Holiday Party with games and a quilt block challenge. Thank you to Beverly Heiberger and her committee for putting this event together. It's quite a bit more challenging planning everything by Zoom!



Penny Boese



Heather Domarad



Phyllis Rettke



Chapter Reports

Desert Threads

submitted by Pat Sinclair

Desert Threads members are keeping in touch with ZOOM, just like everyone else. This enables us to visit online and have Show and Tell. It's fun to visit with other members at these sessions and there's always time for chatter. Each time goes a little better as skills with ZOOM develop.

Pam Matassarin created a Facebook page for the group where we share ideas and post photos. Many members have chosen to participate in a Quilted Post Card exchange. Diane Mitchell suggested this idea matching members and selecting a theme each month. It's a fun way we are getting to know each other.

Blanca Sanchez has been planning programs. Members were able to take a class on ZOOM with Heidi Pridemore of Whimsical Workshop on various ways to make flying geese. For October's "meeting" we gathered at Sweet Pzs in Gilbert for a brief class and Shopping! Protocols were followed for safety. It's hard to talk in a mask and "meet new people" but everyone was so happy to be able to socialize.



Delivering Placemats



Glenna's sampler quilt



Chapter Reports

Care Trick Quilters of Pinetop

submitted by Ellen Yacovone

Card Trick's Quilters of the White Mountains met for a socially distanced holiday celebration. While our group was small (11), we still enjoyed the event planned by our own Maggie Smeh, queen of celebrations.

Kathy Bowers presented a small trunk show of about 10 of her quilts created over the last 40+ years. All of us were inspired by her beautiful work. A few photos are attached.

Barbara Yetter presented our new Block of the Month project, a sampler from Moda originally called "Stitch Pink." She handed out the patterns for the first two blocks. Each person will use whatever colors they choose and bring these blocks to next month's meeting. Should be a lot of fun to see what different perspectives can bring to the same pattern. There are 30 blocks so the finished quilt will be approximately 60 X 72, and we'll be getting at least two patterns each month. Maggie shared a poem she wrote with all of us:



Blessed are the piecemakers
for they shall be...

Sewing is a stress reliever
When you are a true believer.
Give yourself a healthy reason,
Come forget your pain and sorrow
Notions, fabric you may borrow
And immerse in crafts you'll find,
To restore your peace of mind.
Seeking wisdom from above
Prompting us to sew with love
Working projects fair and bright
Then your burdens will be light.
Piece by piece we'll stitch together
Cherished heirlooms blessed forever.

...Amazing
by Maggie A Smeh
September 2, 2020

Chapter Reports

Cotton Patchers of Coolidge

submitted by June Batty

Coolidge Cotton Patchers have been very busy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many a mask for family, friends, and medical personal were made and continue to be made and distributed by our members. Great job, friends! President Laurie Spencer presented 81 Community Service Quilts to the Coolidge Police Department, Coolidge Fire Department, and City Magistrate and to the Hope Center in Coolidge. Also, Vice President and Quilts of Valor chairperson Liz Davis presented 8 QOV to veterans at the same time; then presented 6 more QOV to veterans at the Casa Grande Masonic Lodge last Saturday. In addition, the group made 70 zippered bags containing fabric masks, pens, automatic pencils, cheese and crackers, candy, toothbrushes and toothpaste, spiral notebooks and erasers for the children of The Nazarene Church in Coolidge.



Chapter Reports

Night Owls of Phoenix

submitted by Penny Liston and Anne Roberts, Chatter Reporters

It has been a wild and wonderful year in many respects. We have worked through the trials of zooming, and our PPT has worked together to present our Night Owls with programming that informs and entertains the group. We have put together a slide show for the last few months that can also be viewed by members on our Facebook page. Many thanks and virtual hugs to Beth Norris, Kimm Murray, Cindy Miller, and Teresa Darling for all their skills and talents to make this possible. It's quite comforting to see our friends faces and longer hairdo's. We have missed each other but will be back to St Paul's in 2021.

Our Charity team has outdone their giving this year: Thank you to Janet Kraus and your team for all that you do .

- St Paul's adopt a family - 152 quilts, 219 pillow cases
- For 2020: 444 quilts, 7 afghans/fleece blankets, 34 lb of toiletries, 1099 eyeglass cases, 216 pillowcases



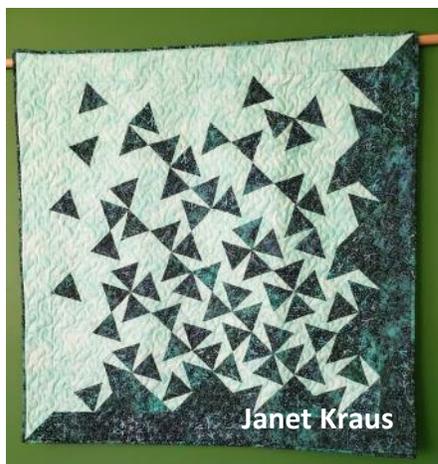
UFO challenges have been completed under the direction of Mary Lynott. Prizes were awarded. Here are a few of the UFOs.

Our block of the month has evolved into a little history of the block and variations. Thanks this month to Barb Spitalny for sharing information about the Irish Chain. Enjoy the pictures of UFO completions and other misc. photos from the night.

Our guest presenter this month was Penny Sturges from Quilts Illustrated. She presented a new bag called WIP bag (Work in Progress). It will be useful for our many projects that we work on and also useful for gifts to our fellow quilters.



Barbara Spital-



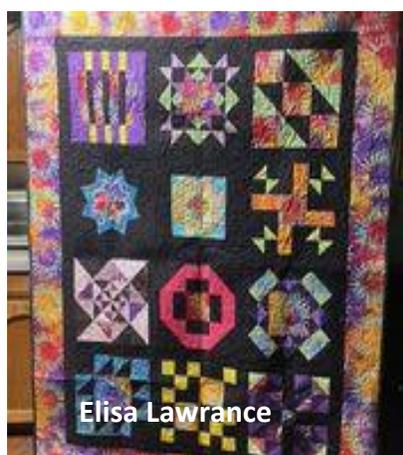
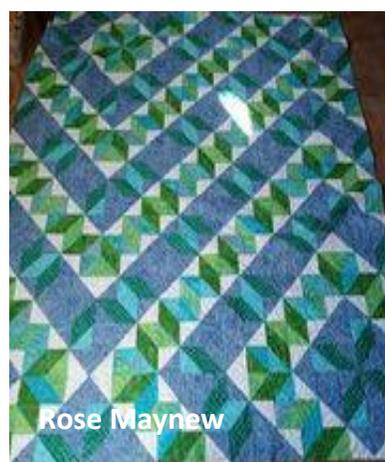
Janet Kraus



Beth Norris

Chapter Reports

Night Owls of Phoenix continued



Sunrise Stitches of Scottsdale

submitted by Nancy Cisar

December is normally our Christmas party when we get together with our favorite food dishes, showing our Christmas quilts and playing games. This year our president, Eva Kilgore, tried to replicate the agenda, minus the food while we were on Zoom. In place of the food, we had a cookie recipe exchange to which each of us submitted our favorite cookie recipe. 23 of us participated, including 2 in Canada.

Some of the quilts shown include these:



Chapter Reports

Sunrise Stitches' (continued)

For Christmas our group collects food for the Foothills Food Bank but due to Covid we did a monetary donation that totaled \$1,135. We also gave \$50 to the VA. Our member in Ottawa made 9 pairs of woolen socks to a local charity.

We played 2 games, just as if we were all together. The first was like "Family Feud" where each of us had to name as many things in a particular subject related to Christmas in a very short amount of time. Each one was given a different subject. As we were in teams, the team with the most right answers won. The 2nd game was a Christmas trivia, more difficult than the first. We all laughed and had a lot of fun. It is amazing what one can do on zoom with a group!!!

This month retired our UFO projects for 2020. Each year each of us list 6 projects. Every 2 months a number is picked for completion. Some completed all 6 during the year. Many completed the 4. We will continue this next year since the quilters feel it is one way to complete some of the projects we never seem to finish.

We decided that we will also resume our block of the month and a tip of the month.

Some in the group will be attending the AQG classes/lectures. Discussion expressed the thought that it was a great opportunity to see many different quilting techniques in our own homes with great teachers. For the year, our group has made and donated the following:

- AZ blankets for kids—21
- Pillowcases for Ryan's Smiles—18
- Hospice of the Valley quilts —11



Chapter Reports

Havasu Stitchers of Lake Havasu City

submitted by Susan George

HOWDY and GREETINGS from Havasu!!!

It's just a few days before Christmas and I am sitting here reminiscing events of 2020. I can tell you, and I'm sure you would agree, that the Havasu Stitchers are a resilient crowd of quilters in this challenging time of Covid-19, social distancing, and masks.

We have met these challenges with our usual determination to share our quilting talents and experiences with our family, friends, and community. When the COVID-19 pandemic began earlier this year, our dedicated quilters banded together to make and provide thousands of masks for local medical personnel, first responders and the Havasu community at large. This was done in addition to our commitment to providing walker bags, adult bibs, quilts, etc., to a variety of local health care facilities here in town. I wish I had the room to record the names of our 125+ quilting angels, because each of them is SEW very, special and should be acknowledged for their dedication to quilting, sharing and love of community.

One of the things we have had to overcome is the limitations that were placed on gatherings. It wasn't until October that we were able to meet again as a group of quilters. It was SEW great to visit with friends and share those quilted treasures constructed while locked down in our quilting studios. (And what a relief, too, to see our friends were happy, healthy. and well.)

I could go on and on about our joyous reunions and quarantine quilts, but I really must save those stories for the next time we "speak".

Anyhow, we pray that 2021 brings you great joys in quilting and that your quilt adventures are abundant. But, most of all we pray that you are blessed with good health and remain safe in these challenging and troubling times.

With all that being said, DON'T LET YOUR BOBBIN RUN DRY.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Calico Cut- Ups of El Mirage

submitted by Jeri Pfister

Day in the park, cold but fun. Luncheon for Christmas at a restaurant Members are concerned about Covid so small numbers attending all wearing masks. Nice to see Holiday clothing. CCU charity continues if we do or do not meet.

Phoenix Police 3 lap Quilts; Group Home for Infants 54 quilts, 7 crib sheets;
Honor House Veterans 24 lap quilts , and 9 pillowcases.

We are looking forward to 2021 to get back together again.

Chapter Reports

Cactus Patchers of Tempe

submitted by Jackie Smith

Won't we all be glad to see 'this challenging year' come to an end?!

While the Strawberry Patchers are being as cautious as possible during the holiday Covid surge, quilt making and community service are both still very active—yet distant. A joyful pastime for some members is to sort and cut donated fabrics into comfort quilt kits, while other members are happily sewing the kits together, and others are quilting and binding with glee. Santa's quilt-making elves don't stop, no matter what.

Meanwhile, donations for masks are still the major fund raiser for this year--since our fund-raising quilt show and auction were cancelled. Mask donations have actually been enough to cover charitable giving for 2020 and well into 2021. Remarkable! Nevertheless, we will be truly delighted when the need for masks and social distancing is past, and the ability to gather at a quilt show or any social event is the norm once again.

Have a Happy, Hopeful and Healthy New Year!

AQG Education

Important Update – AQG Teacher Network a.k.a Traveling Teacher Program

After much discussion and deliberation, the board voted to disband the Arizona Teacher Network as it currently stands. This is due to the 2020 Membership Survey results, plus where we are as a guild at this time. The Education wants to extend a huge thanks to the many teachers and chapters who were involved in this program.

Speaker Bureau: A list of speakers contact information has been updated on the AQG Website. Here is a link: [AQG Speakers Bureau](#) to view who is available. Want to be included? Please send your name, phone number, email and subjects to education@aqgmail.org. You do not need to be an AQG member to be listed on the speakers bureaus. It is the responsibility of the speaker and chapter to negotiate and pay for expenses incurred.

Shout Out:

A big Shout Out goes to Audrey Longhurst who volunteered to help with Education activities. She has been moderating the lectures and suggesting speakers. Thanks Audrey.... Many hands make the work light(er).

Upcoming Events – These have now been opened to everyone. If you are not an AQG member, you will be required to pay the \$10 Membership for a Day fee. Go to the [AQG Events](#) page for more information and other listings. Events scheduled in the 2020/2021 member year will be opened in June. Please make sure your membership is up to date to obtain the reduced rate!

AQG Teacher Network

Date	Start	End	Presenter	Topic
1/7/2021	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Mel Beach	Challenge Yourself
1/12/2021	9:30 AM	10:30 PM	Mel Beach	Free Motion Quilting
1/14&21/2021	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Lisa Walton	Beading Embellishment
1/30/2021	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Brita Nelson	Disappearing 4 Patch
2/11/2021	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Kellie Willey	Little Challenges
2/12/2021			Kellie Willey	Little Challenges Workshop not managed by AQG
2/18&25/21	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Lisa Walton	Advanced Bead Embellishment
3/11/2021	6:30 PM	7:30 AM	Linda Sullivan	ColourWerx Trunk Show
3/25/2021	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Raymond Steeves	One Block Wonder at Delta Marriott, Mesa
3/26/2021	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Raymond Steeves	Five to Sixty at Delta Marriot, Mesa
4/6/2021	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Eleanor Levie	A Trip Down Memory Lane – Quilts from the 1970's to 2000's
4/8/2021	9:30 AM	3:00 AM	Terry Pyland	Featherweight Maintenance
4/10/2021	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	Eleanor Levie	Weave an Art Quilt with Me
4/22/2021	9:30 AM	4:00 PM	Joyce Holley	LeMoyne Trails @ 35 th Ave on Northern
5/1/2021	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Patti Pearce	Handker-chief Quilts @ 35 th Ave on Northern
5/11&13/2021	6:30 PM	9:30 AM	Jennifer Rapacki	Design That! EQ8 Beginner-

Dear Aunt Quiltie,
 Instead of answering a question, Nimble Thimbles shared this very informative flyer.



Borders, Borders, Borders

Do you struggle with wavy borders distorting your quilt top and making quilting difficult? Following the steps can help you bring your quilt under control.

Measuring Your Quilt For Borders:

1. Measure the width (or length) in three places: the top, the bottom, and the center.
2. Average the three measurements.
 ⇒ (example: $34 + 34.5 + 35 = 103.5$ $103.5/3 = 34.5$, which equals the length of border to be cut)
3. First measure two sides. Attach borders to those sides.
4. Repeat process, including measuring, for the second set of sides.

For an online tutorial on applying straight borders to your quilt, watch American Patchwork Quilting at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9elWvtwLV8>

Tips for Straight Borders

1. Cut border strip the correct length (see *Measuring Your Quilt For Borders*).
2. When sewing border strip to the pieced top, for any side that needs to be eased, sew with that side on the bottom (against the feed dogs). This will help ease in fullness.
3. Once the border is sewn to the quilt top, set the seam by pressing as is, then press the seam toward the border.
4. Be sure to repeat the measuring process for the second set of borders after the first set of borders have been sewn to the quilt top.



Applying Miter Corner Borders

1. Square up the corners of your quilt top.
2. Measure quilt top (see *Measuring Your Quilt For Borders* above).
3. Mark the center of each side of the quilt top.
4. Mark the center of each border strip.
5. Starting at center of border strip, measure in each direction half of the quilt top measurement (10 inches in this example). Mark this position on border strip.
6. Pin border strip to quilt top matching center pins and aligning quilt top edge to outer pins in the border strip. Add additional pins as needed.
7. Mark on border strip 1/4 inch in from the edge of quilt top.

Mitering Border Formula Example

Using 5.5 inch border

Size of first border strip	20.0
Width of your cut border times 2	$5.5 \times 2 = 11.0$
Room to fold	4.0
Border length	35.0



8. Sew border onto quilt top, starting and stopping at the 1/4 inch marks. Secure stitches at both ends.
9. Use steps 1-6 to prepare borders for the remaining two sides of the quilt
10. Sew last two borders on using the stitching line from the first two borders as the start/stop markers. Secure stitches.
11. Once all borders are attached, putting right sides together, fold at the corner aligning a length and width strip. (Move seam allowance out of the way).
12. Mark a 45-degree line connecting the intersection of the border seams to the outer edge of the border. This creates the mitered corner.
13. Stitch along the drawn line of the miter, starting at the quilt top (where the seams come together) toward the edge of the border strip.
14. Check the seam - verify no puckers etc.
15. Trim seam allowance (excess) and press seam open.

For an online tutorial on applying mitered borders to your quilt, visit Fat Quarter Shop at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMWQABZwis8>



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