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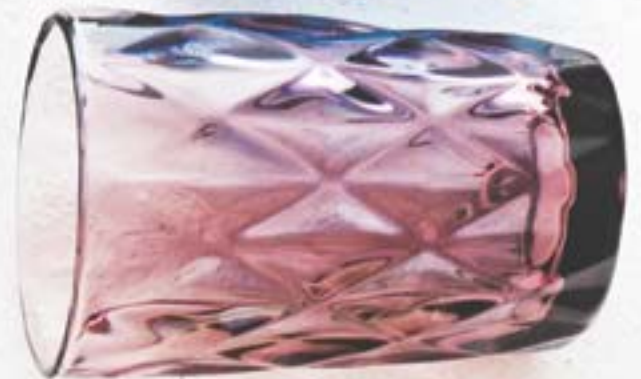
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Any Day Is Grandarents Day

Fall usually means back to school, back to work, and back to scheduled routines. It's also back to Grandparents Day—which is celebrated on the second Sunday of September each year. This year it falls on September 13. But my husband and I don't need an official holiday to celebrate with our grandkids. We enjoy time with them as often as we can.

When our grandkids arrive at our home, I often ask them, "What day is it today?"

Their usual reply is, "Funday!" Any day with them is fun for all of us.

Recently, when they arrived, they answered, "Workday!" That's because Anna, 12, and Owen, 16, along with their mom, had offered to help us with housecleaning and yardwork.

"We can still have fun," I said, as I began to sing *Whistle while you work*.

Work they did—and with a good attitude! After they vacuumed and washed the floors, cleaned the bathrooms and dusted furniture, our home almost shone "like the top of the Chrysler building," as Miss Hannigan says in *Annie*. The yard looked better, too.

Of course, it wasn't all work. We took time for tea and treats, enjoying the sunshine on our deck while sipping their favorite peach herbal tea.

"These cookies taste good," Anna said when she took a bite of the chocolate chip cookies I'd baked the previous day.

I also served oatmeal cake, gluten-free chips and fresh strawberries, which they love eating dipped into sour cream and brown sugar. They think it almost tastes like dipping them into caramel sauce.

Their help that day was a win-win situation. They were planning to attend an out-of-state church camp in a month so I wrote out a check to help cover some of the cost.

"That's a lot of money," Anna said when they started to leave.

"Thanks for helping us," I said and smiled. "Do you know what else you were doing?" They waited for my reply. "You were laying up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20).

They drove away smiling and I smiled as well when I stepped inside our clean home and I knew God was smiling, too.

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Look Out For Your Neighbors

by Jeff Cappis

It's good to check on your neighbors once in a while and that's what we all do.

One day I decided to visit our neighbors two acreages down. Their names are Roscoe and Mary-Louis Cornwall. A while back they had problems that involved a lightning strike, a burning tree, a henhouse, flaming chickens, a house fire and a dog who to this day still farts smoke. There always seems to be a dark swirling cloud over their house, but they take their challenges in stride. (See episode #79).

On this day I stopped by to find them both sitting on the step in front of their house.

"How are you guys doing?" I asked as I stepped out of my truck and swung the door closed. Something seemed amiss.

"Roscoe locked us out of the house," Mary-Louis said. "The bone head locked the door behind us now we can't get back in."

Roscoe gave her a dirty look. "If'n ya don't lock the doors behind ya, robbers can git in." They shared a look for a moment, then they both looked away.

Offering some constructive advice I asked, "Did you check the back door to see if it's unlocked?"

"We got a back door?" Roscoe demanded. Mary-Louis and I both nodded. Roscoe grumbled, "New-fangled houses. Who ever heard of a back door." He got up and disappeared around the house- muttering to himself.

"We've been sittin' here for two days. I can't believe he locked the door." We quietly watched the clouds go by for a spell. The dog farted a smoke ring. Eventually Roscoe came back and sat down next to Mary-Louis.

"I take it the back door was locked," I asked.

"No, it was open. Who can keep track of all these doors!"

"So, you went in?"

"What fer? No, I locked the door. Don't want robbers to get in." Then he looked at me sideways. "What if they figure out this house has a back door like I did."

"Now no one can get in," I replied.

Roscoe gave me a dirty look. "That's what locks are fer! God, how dense can you get?" I decided maybe giving out advice right now was a bad idea. But I had to ask...

"So, you don't have a spare key hidden somewhere?"

"Yup," Said Mary-Louis. "We keep it under a rock by the door." Now, I should have kept my mouth shut, but I had to know.

"So why don't you use that key to get in?"

"Roscoe wants to use the key pad, but he can't remember the code." Roscoe chimed in...

"I know the code!" he said in a controlled rage. Then he yelled, "It's your birthday! 61-02-01!"

Mary-Louis yelled back, "That's your birthday! Mine is 62-03-03!" They both calmed down and looked at each other for a moment. Then Roscoe got up and unlocked the front door.

"Thank God," said Mary-Louis. "Now I can close all the windows in the house. They're all wide open and it looks like rain." She got up, slid open the balcony door. "I need to go find a bathroom." Then she went inside.

Mary-Louis was right. It started to rain. So, there I was, sitting on their front step thinking about this whole stupid situation and in the end, I just had to laugh.



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At that point I would have gone home, but I'd locked my keys in the truck.

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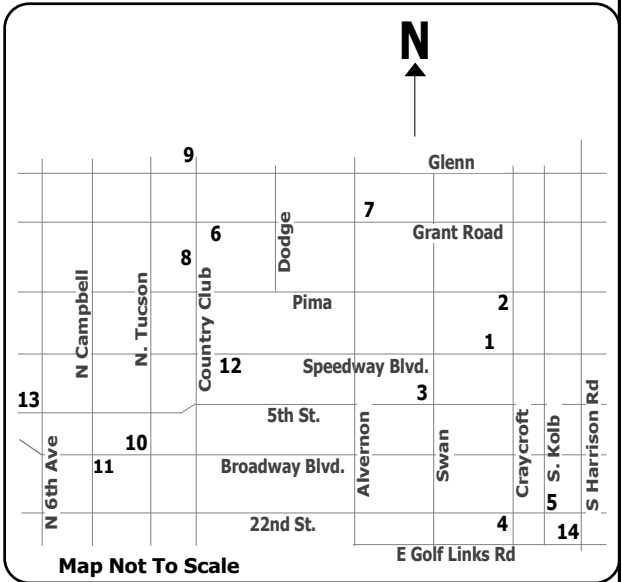
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Cup of Tea, continued from page 3...

Any day is Grandparents Day. And any occasion can turn into a tea party with fun memories that linger and bless others and ourselves.

Lydia E. Harris enjoys serving tea to family and friends. Her books for grandparents are: Preparing My Heart for Grandparenting, In the Kitchen with Grandma, and GRAND Moments: Devotions Inspired by Grandkids. All are available at amazon.com or can be ordered through local bookstores.

From Lydia's Cookbook—In the Kitchen with Grandma:

Popcorn Cake

(Fun to make with grandkids)

Gather with Grandma

3 1/2 quarts (14 cups) popped popcorn
1/2 cup butter (one stick), melted
1 10-oz package miniature
marshmallows

20 unwrapped caramels, cut in half
2 cups favorite small candies, such as
candy corn, M&M'S®, gumdrops, or a
mixture of candy

1 cup lightly salted or honey roasted
peanuts or mixed nuts (optional)

Make with Grandma

1. Lightly grease an angel food cake pan with butter or nonstick cooking spray.
2. Measure the popcorn into a large container that holds at least five quarts. Mix in nuts and candy, except the chocolate candy. Measure the chocolate candy into a separate bowl to add later, otherwise the chocolate will melt and turn the cake brown.
3. In a large saucepan or microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter and caramels together until the caramels are soft, stirring with a wooden spoon. Add the marshmallows and melt them completely.
4. When melted, pour the marshmallow mixture over the popcorn mixture. Mix the cake with a wooden spoon.
5. After the mixture cools slightly, stir in M&M'S or other chocolate candy.
6. Press the popcorn mixture into the cake pan using wax paper or fingers greased with butter. Press down until the cake is compact.
7. Refrigerate the cake for an hour or until firm.
8. Remove the cake from the pan and place it on a plate. Serve at room temperature. Slice with a serrated knife.
9. To keep the cake fresh, wrap it tightly with plastic wrap or foil or place it in an airtight container. This cake is best eaten in a few days. Wrap and refrigerate the uneaten cake to prevent it from becoming sticky.

Serves 12 to 16

Tip: For popcorn—use plain popcorn, kettle corn or lightly salted and buttered popcorn. You can buy it already popped if you prefer. (A package of 5.5 ounces of popped popcorn will give you 14 cups.)

See cookbook for variations.



Go Take a Ride On a Train

by Barbara Kalkis

Visiting family used to require enough driving to make me feel like a crunched-up candy wrapper at the end of the trip. I'd pack enough clothes and jackets for all four seasons and every eventuality, from hiking to yoga class to restaurant dining to slouching in front of the TV. Intent on filling every space in my car, I even packed camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, backpack and cookware. (Never can tell if the family wants to take an impromptu hike.) Finally, I'd throw in the necessities: maps, emergency road assistance supplies, snacks, chips, water bottles, a stack of CDs and my cell phone. Content that every contingency was addressed, I'd head off for several hours on seemingly always crowded highways.

The trips included stops at familiar cafes and boutique shops along the routes. Although I passed through beautiful farm lands, I could only glance at the blossoming fruit trees, ripening tomatoes, corn, hops, sunflowers and golden wheat. At freeway speed, it was just a colorful blur. Occasionally I'd see trains in the distance, moving at pace with and then ahead of us when traffic slowed. It looked romantic and alluring, but I needed my car and all of my possessions.

That changed in one moment on a drive home one holiday weekend. Traffic was heavy but moving fast. I had just crested a hill and was headed into the valley when a small car blew a tire. The force of the blowout threw the car across three lanes of traffic and spun it around, facing into the cascade of speeding vehicles. Miraculously, every traveler in every lane hit the brakes and stopped in time. After a collective gathering of breath and senses, the two young inhabitants exited the car and ran safely to the side of the road. It was a game changer.

On my next trip, I decided to try a train ride. I figured I'd hate it. After all, how could I get along without all my stuff? Downsizing is painful, whether it's a house or a roomy car. However, the freeway near-miss incentivized me. I packed only essentials in a backpack and carry-on. I am now a train loyalist.

While someone else "drives," I relax in the rolling comfort of a seat on the top level. I have high-speed Wi-Fi, so I can catch up on email, news and the daily crossword. Best of all, I have the luxury of time. I can study every aspect of daily life as it floats by. Trains capture the endless parade of sights: from smoking industries, to landfills, to condo villages, to mansions, to stunning wild lands, farms, forests, waterways and an endless sky. Graffiti "decorates" construction sites, yet the English teacher in me admires punchy philosophical bits of street wisdom and impressive artistic talent displayed in creative -- almost three-dimensional -- lettering that transcends calligraphy. Large-scale mural artistry is a real talent!

As we barrel down the tracks, the conductor sounds the whistle in a continuous shrill scream. The stopped highway traffic at the cross-roads seems like a dream. We pull away and continue the blissful rhythm of the rails.

Driving requires stopping to "stretch." Plane rides are cumbersome. When I want to move on the train, I sashay over to the café car. The train alone offers us a close-up look at how we live our lives, place by place.

The fabric of America is not in the sky. It is on the land. And it is the train that shows us who we really are. Don't take my word for it. Go take a ride!

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Mixing in a Jar-Beater Jars

by Jay Mark

No matter what they are called, they represent a long-lasting, popular and still useful kitchen appliance. They go by several names, beater jars, egg beater jars, whip mixer, mixing jar and rotary food mixer. Regardless of what they are called, they all do the same thing. And, in a beautiful way.



This photograph represents a minute sampling of the more than 1000 varieties of beaters, beater jars, and advertising beater stoneware jars that have been produced since 1856. Photo: Jay Mark

Throughout history, the kitchen task of whisking (or mixing) eggs and other things was a laborious and time-consuming chore not popular for work in the kitchen. All that changed in 1856, when Ralph Collier of Baltimore, Maryland proudly proclaimed in his patent application: "Be it known that I...have invented a certain new and useful Rotary Egg-Beater..." While many patent applications refer to "improvement," meaning a modification or enhancement of an earlier patent, "New," as in Collier's claims, tells us this was the first patent for such a kitchen appliance.

Collier explains his interesting justification for his patent: "The beating of eggs is a common operation in every household...where eggs are used as a principal constituent in the preparation

of many dishes but in a form less injurious to health than in their raw or coagulated state. Eggs prepared by beating are thoroughly charged with atmospheric air and would on account of their comparative easy digestion in this form, be used so, much more than they are. Were it not for the laborious, and fatiguing operation of beating the eggs by hand, which is usually performed with a fork or hand beater made for the purpose, by imparting to it a regular rotary motion passing alternately through the eggs and through the air. The air is thus drawn into and incorporated with the mass in small quantities, requiring thus a long and tedious manipulation, to accomplish the complete charging with air."

Collier's common-sense invention opened the floodgates for hundreds of similar patents that would follow. The next one came just a year later. Through 1940, about 350 patents were issued in an effort to build a better "mouse trap" ...er...egg beater. Since 1856, over 1,000 different beater styles and configurations have been designed.

Varying shapes of blades, complexity of the gearing mechanisms and other operating features offered almost unlimited opportunities to earn a patent.

The first mechanical beaters, and those that ensued, were hand operated, which meant the user had to find a container in which to do the mixing without spillage or splatter. In 1884, Alfred C. Rex introduced a solution – "Egg and Cake Beater," a mixer/beater accompanied by a custom-designed tin container. In manufacture, it was often embossed "King Beater."

Rex and his partner Louis Kyser were prolific inventors; best known for at least two-dozen patents for mechanical banks, bellringer and other toys and even a novel icepick.

It wasn't long before special beater "jars" came to the market in both glass and stoneware. Many of the earthenware containers had rounded bottoms to accommodate the shape of many beaters. Another benefit to manufacturers was advertising. Many of the beater jars had paid advertisements imprinted on them.

In 1897, Sears' 786-page catalogue only offered one beater. It was made by Dover, one of the earliest and largest metalware companies. Price? 9 cents. Just for perspective, that's about \$3.54 today. Between 1870 and 1890, Dover produced about 4 million beaters, demonstrating just how popular the appliance was in the American home. By 1914 Sears was offering beaters with jars for 29 cents.

While hand-operated mechanical mixers are still manufactured, they began to be supplanted in 1919 when the popular "Kitchen Aid" brand electric beater was introduced by the Hobart Manufacturing Company.

In the 1920s, after the introduction of a durable "plastic" called Bakelite in 1907, beaters with Art Deco-styled colorful handles were introduced.

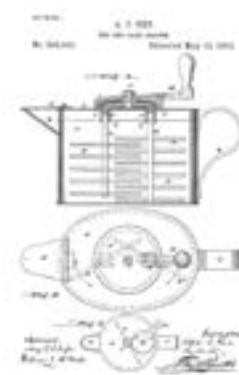
Regrettably, because of this brief article, I am unable to illustrate the incredible variety of beaters. You can view many of them on a Google image search, eBay, Facebook and other media. If you want to connect with other collectors, KOOKS-Kollectors of Kitchen Stuff on Facebook is the place to start.

An appreciation of the past. Think about this: So many early products, like beaters, were so well designed and crafted that they can still be used today. Unlike much of what we buy new today that has short lifespans. How many of those things will still be functioning a century from now?

WHAT ARE THEY WORTH: Because of the prolific number and variety of styles of beaters produced over 170 years, and that still remains, collecting these intriguing, durable, and often still functioning, kitchen tools offer something for almost everyone. New collectors can enter the field for relatively little. A recent survey of eBay showed nearly 700 listings with prices ranging from near \$10 to more than \$1000. Average prices averaged \$30 to \$60.

A GOOD BOOK: *The Eggbeater Chronicles*, by Don Thornton, 1999, provides the most valuable, comprehensive information about beaters with more than 1,000 pieces illustrated.

Virtually an antique himself, or maybe a "collectible," Jay Mark, has more than a half-century experience in the antiques business. He owns *Those Were The Days!*, an online specialty bookstore. A recognized historian, he also teaches, lectures and writes about antiques and history. Reach him at jaymarkhistorian@gmail.com © 2026



Alfred C. Rex was the first to earn a patent for a mechanical "Egg and Cake Beater," with an accompanying container in 1884.

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With approximately 70 amazing quilts entered by local quilters on display, the variety of categories include hand pieced & quilted, machine pieced & quilted, wall hangings, barn quilts and other quilted craft items. Some of the beautiful quilts on display may be for sale and will be individually marked. All arrangements for purchase will be made through the maker and the buyer.

The judges this year's show are accomplished quilters from the Flagstaff area. Their expertise will surely enhance the judging process. A "Viewer Choice" offers an opportunity for attendees to participate and vote for their favorite quilt.

The **Camp Verde Quilt Group** will be raffling off a spectacular floral applique quilt made by its members. The name of the quilt is *Enchanted Garden*. It is a definite showstopper made with beautiful batik fabrics. Tickets can be purchased during the show for \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawings for the winners of the quilt and basket raffles will be held on the last day of the show, Sunday, October 11th at 3:00 p.m. The winner does not need to be present to win.

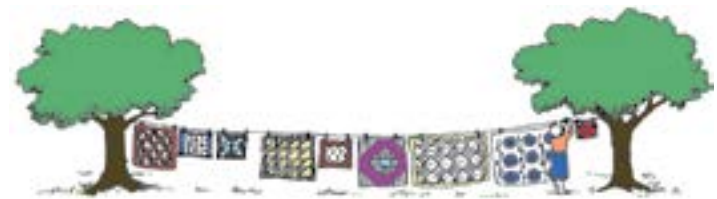
Other features of the show include a "Quilts of Valor" quilt on display in honor of those who have served and a fun variety of raffle baskets (tickets can be purchased during the show for \$1 each or six for \$5). There will even be a Betty Boop quilt included with the raffle this year! Sewing demonstrations will be held throughout the show by different members and are sure to be educational and inspiring. A new addition to the show this year is wood crafter Wayne Smith. He will have his handcrafted wood quilting related items on display for sale. These items include quilt hangers of all kinds, quilt racks and barn quilt kits. He will have finished barn quilts for sale as well.

Fort Verde Days has served as the community's annual homecoming while also celebrating the military post around which the town Camp Verde grew. A parade on Saturday, food & craft vendors, entertainment and a host of events at Fort Verde State Historic Park highlight this event. Fort Verde State Park is located at 125 E Hollamon St in Camp Verde. Not a pet friendly event, so only Service Animals will be allowed.

The **Camp Verde Quilt Group** is comprised of folks who love to quilt! They meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Camp Verde Public Library. Anyone interested is invited to join in the fun.

For quilt entry forms and/or more information, contact Allyn Watson, allynwatson3@gmail.com, 928-640-7578.

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The Inner Critic

by Shelby Kottemann

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Children express their creativity best. With no filter and no abandon, they create and share with the world. I remember in my little girl days, I used to sit and draw for hours. Time disappeared, and I got lost in the moment. I learned the piano with curiosity and openness.

Then, in my teen years, a not-so-friendly voice came along. Suddenly, my second time practicing a song should have been perfect and those drawings had glaring flaws. That voice robbed my joy for creating and replaced it with pressure.

Though I'm ashamed to admit it, I don't create as much these days. In a way, it's because I'm afraid of myself. Isn't that a funny concept? Well, I'm looking to change this, and it starts with a beginner's mind and the expectation that I will make mistakes. I'm practicing the act of telling myself, "I'm learning." or "I'm practicing." Along with it comes trusting myself that, if I can't fix a problem, I can turn any flaw into something even more beautiful. I'm creative after all.

Putting this all to practice, I recently made a needle book. I fell a half-inch short on my outer piece of fabric- no room for the seam! Well, I used pinking shears on that edge and hand stitched embroidery across the line where the seam would have been, turning a mistake into an opportunity for beauty and detail. My project turned out even better for it. I'm learning that, in all the pressure I was applying to myself over little things, I was missing out on so many opportunities to be the creative spirit that I am and allow my wings to soar. I'm doing much more of that now! If you've ever felt some of these same things, fly with me.

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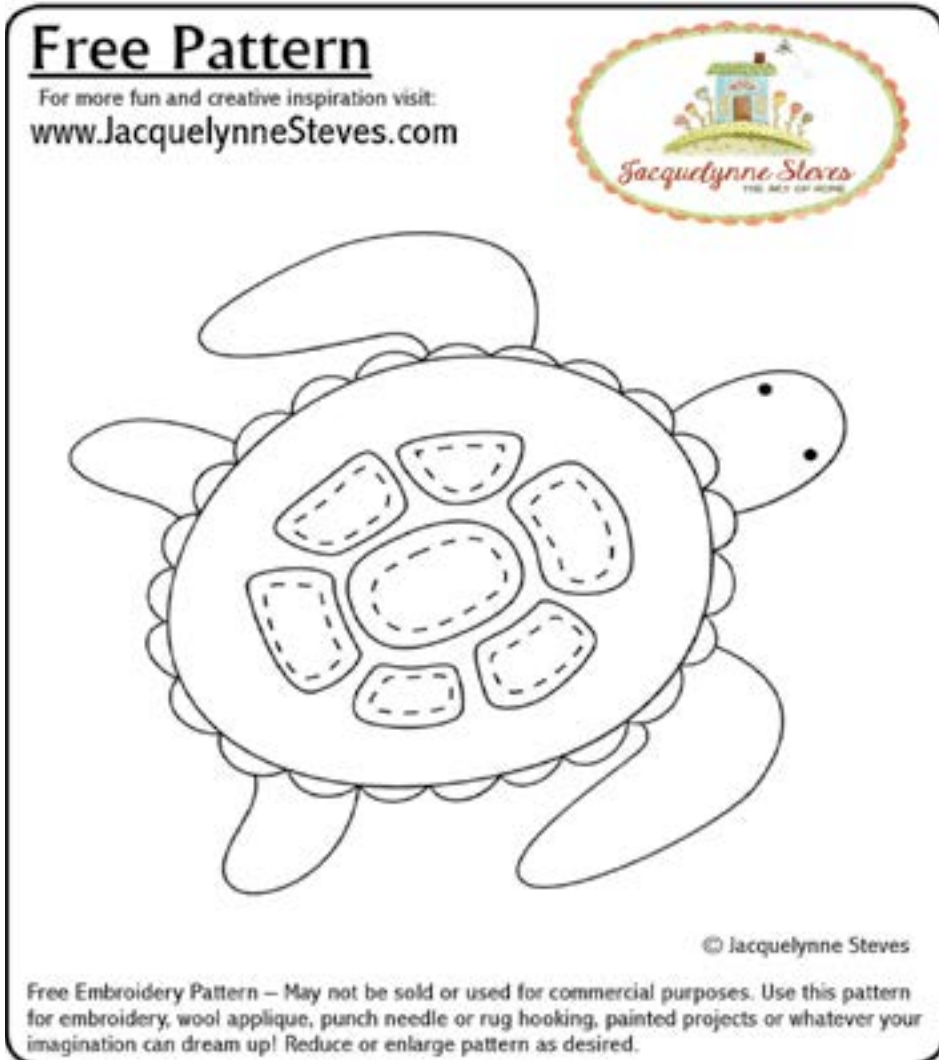
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Arizona Quilters Guild's Next Gen Program Offers Youth Sewing Classes

by Gail Bowdish

How did you learn how to sew? How did you become a quilter? Like many of you, I learned how to sew by watching my mother sew. Her fabric scraps became doll clothes, at first just armholes and a fabric strip for a belt, then I learned how to work the sewing machine and began making garments for myself. I even sewed costumes for high school plays. I became a quilter many years later, again with my mother as my teacher.

But what if you don't have that role model? A group of Arizona quilters is helping to mentor the next generation of quilters through the **Next Gen Program**. The goal of the **Next Gen Program** is to inspire the love of sewing and quilting in youth starting at age 10. Through classes, workshops and seminars sponsored by chapters of the **Arizona Quilters Guild** and by local quilt shops, young boys and girls are taught the basics of sewing and quilting, completing a fun and simple project in the process.

Some projects completed by former **Next Gen** students include a fall wall hanging, a spring wall hanging, a mug rug and a 'quilt as you go' place mat. The pride on their faces as they show their completed projects is rewarding. Several students take additional classes, bringing their friends or family members to share in their joy of learning how to sew. Feedback from parents indicates they would be interested in taking a class with their children. Most parents said they have a sewing machine at home, but don't know how to use it. The **Next Gen** committee is in the process of planning such a class, encouraging the parents to bring their own sewing machine, where experienced sewists and quilters can help them become familiar with the machine so parent and child can continue to sew at home, using the skills learned in class.

The **Next Gen Program** has twelve donated sewing machines, donated fabrics and supplies. Several volunteers as well as a lead instructor are available at each class. The ratio of student to teacher is two to one. At Next Gen classes, all fabrics are precut so youth can jump right into the fun of sewing. New volunteers are always welcome. Help is needed not only in the classes, but also to help put together the kits in preparation for the classes.

A youth quilting camp was offered in July at Modern Quilting, located at 4649 E Cactus Rd in Phoenix. Also annually in July, the Card Tricks chapter of the AQG holds a Kids Camp at Northland Pioneer Community College in Snowflake, AZ where youths complete a lap quilt during the four day camp. This year, a youth category has been added to the Show Low Quilt Show held August 13 through 14. Students who participated in the July quilt camp and entered the quilt they made in the August quilt show receive free long-arming for their entry quilt.

Next Gen seminars will be held on Saturday, September 5th at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the fall Rusty Barn Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival held at Westworld in Scottsdale. The participating youths will have the opportunity to sew a hobby apron or hexagon Christmas ornament. There is no charge to participants who will also receive free admission to the festival. Pre-registration is required so we know how many kits to prepare. Email nextgen@aqgmail.org to register. Event web site is <http://quiltcraftsew.com>.

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Diane Lewis of Sun City, AZ will receive a \$25 Gift Certificate to her favorite Country Register advertiser, **Sun Valley Quilts** also in Sun City, AZ. Diane told us why this is her favorite shop, "Sun Valley Quilts is the best. Their staff is always friendly and very helpful. It is my go to store for that thread that matches perfectly with my project. I go there to find help with picking just the right color to go with what I am sewing from my 'stash.' I take my ageing Bernina Virtuosa 160 Plus in for a spa day once a year and for surgery when/if it is necessary (not often as I take good care of my machine). And I try very hard not to miss their anniversary party each year. For the cake!!"

We love to hear from our readers about how they enjoy *The Country Register* and use it to discover great finds and fun events. In this issue, there is another \$25 Gift Certificate giveaway so be sure to enter and tell us where you pick up the newspaper.

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that would be interested in participating in a beginning sewing and quilting class, please contact us at nextgen@aqqmail.org.

If you know of any youth aged 10 to 18 who would like to learn about sewing and quilting, let them know about these events. Be sure to check out the **Next Gen** section of the **Arizona Quilters Guild** website: <http://arizonaquiltersguild.org> to stay informed about upcoming events.

Gail Bowdish is a member of the Sunrise Stitchers chapter of the AQG, a member of the AQG Next Gen committee and a volunteer helper at Next Gen classes. She is a retired Emergency Physician and lives in Phoenix, AZ, and sometimes Michigan.

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Originally founded in 1974 by Walter Larsen and Associates, the Truckee Boosters Benefit Antiques Show was created to raise money for Truckee High School scholarship, academic and sports programs. Over the decades, the event earned a loyal following among local collectors, antique enthusiasts and summer residents who returned year after year in search of exceptional treasures and unique finds.

In 2008, the show promotion was turned over to Twin Bridges Antique Productions under the direction of Carole Berry, who has now retired and graciously passed the torch to Dan and Paula Clements owners of Tanner's Marketplace. Tanner's Marketplace is proud to continue the long-standing tradition of presenting one of the region's finest antiques and vintage events.

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The year 2023 marked the final chapter for the Truckee High School location. Rising operational costs made it no longer economically feasible to continue hosting the show there. A search began for a new venue close enough to Truckee to remain convenient for longtime customers and friends of the show.

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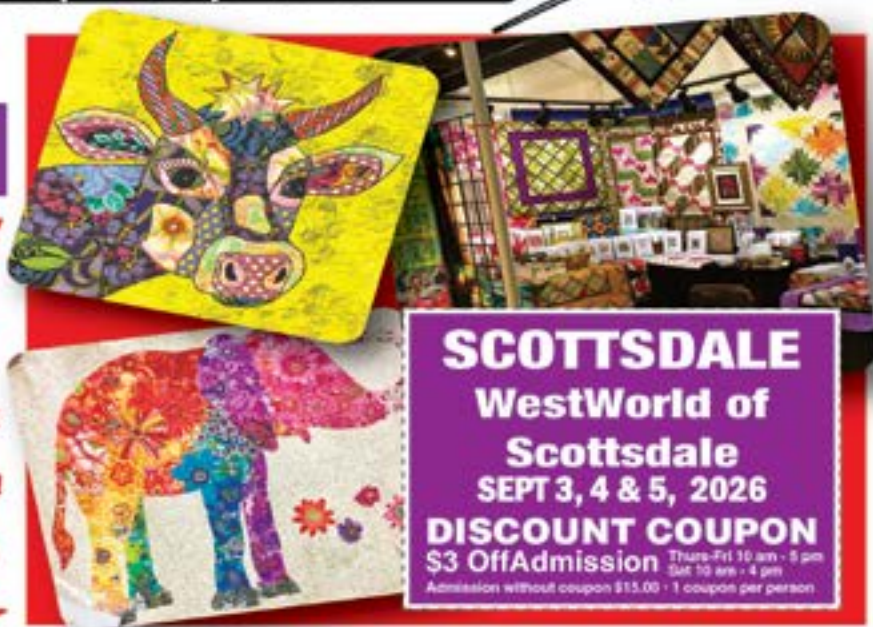
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