



Calico Cut-Ups Newsletter

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You have heard the saying “April showers bring May flowers,” but, did you know the official flower of May is the Lilly of the Valley? Did you know that its leaves were once used to produce green pigment? And here is a new one on me – it is in the asparagus family! So, what flowers do you think of in May?

...and now the news from Calico...

Our meeting on April 25th was a showcase of amazing quilts made by Lexi Burg. She is a true artist! Her trunk show exceeded all our expectations. Then she gave us tips and tricks on thread painting and even tried to teach us how to create our own masterpiece. Personally, I do not think I could ever master this skill. She is an artist – not just a quilter. Check out the photos of her works of art on our website.

You will not want to miss our May 23rd meeting. Diana Lykins has volunteered to show us tips and tricks to quilting on a domestic machine. She will speak about preparing your quilt for machine quilting, quilting a large quilt in a small space, what threads and needles to use and planning a quilting design. She will also demonstrate a few designs that are quick and easy to do on the machine and will provide a practice handout. If you would like to try quilting on your machine, bring a quilt sandwich of two fat quarters with batting.

Do you enjoy all the snacks available at our meetings? We need you to sign up to bring a snack to one of the meetings. The sign-up sheet on the Membership Table is looking pretty empty. You do not need to bring anything fancy. Stop by the store on your way to the meeting and pick up some cookies. That is what I would do. Think about helping Calico in this small way. Contact Marian J. if you have any questions.

Many of you will be “heading north” for the summer, but do not forget to renew your membership with Calico before you leave. Renewal is due June 30, 2022. You can sign up and pay on our website: <https://calicocut-ups.org/join-us> Dues are \$15 per year. You will also need to renew your Arizona Quilters Guild membership (\$25) and select Calico Cut-Ups as your membership guild. Here is a link to their site: <https://arizonaquiltersguild.org/join-us> If you have any questions, contact Lizzette M.

Our Membership Chair is updating the roster. At your next meeting, stop at the Membership Table and pick up a member information form. Just fill it out and give it to Lizzette. We want to be sure we have the most up to date information for our members.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The date for the Christmas Party has been set – December 12, 2022. I have heard different tidbits from committee members, and it sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Stand by for more information.