

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
OH NO the board will be down.....what will we do???????	I don't know about the rest of you, but I will probably be crouched in a corner, scarfing down chocolate. :lol:
Will pics be more likely to load when viewing a thread? In the past few months, that has been my biggest bugbear. Either non appearance, or having to go back and look later. (I am on broadband and the ones I post load OK, so I don't think its my system).	That's nearly impossible to predict. It will depend, in large part, on your own computer, internet service and browsing software.
Hope it will still work with dial up? I also can't use the new Adobe Flash without disabling my computer virus protection. Hope I can still view the board after the changes	It should work on dial-up. The rest will depend, in large part, on your own computer, internet service and browsing software.
Will the pages we have bookmarked for ourselves still be there?	Yes. They should be there, but in a different place than we are used to. By the end of this weekend, I hope to have a file uploaded to help everybody find what's been moved.
Will it be easier to post pictures to a previous thread?	Some of us find it easier to post photos. Some of us found it to be a bit more complicated. We found some bugs, but those seem to have been fixed.
Does this mean that the board will be "unavailable" less often? I miss it when it's isn't here.	We certainly hope so. That's one of the driving reasons behind the move.
Will the PMs come along? There are names and addresses in there that I would like to be able to still access.	Our Private Messages will be there.
	Most of use will have to do some housecleaning in our in/outboxes. Members are limited to 500 messages. Moderators are allowed to store more. You will not be able to send or receive PMs if you are over the limit.
Will PMs still even be possible? If PMs will still be possible, will we have to start over "fresh" from having 0 messages in our "boxes"?	DO NOT PANIC. WAIT UNTIL WE GET THERE TO START YOUR HOUSEWORK. The new site gives us the option to download our messages to our computers. There will be a help video, but I found it very easy to figure out and do right away ... long before the help video was posted. I downloaded mine and then emptied my boxes in just a few clicks. It's going to be an extremely useful feature. I'm very excited about it.

<p>I understand that we will be limited to 500 messages in the PM's. And that we will have the ability to store PM's on our hard drives. Does that mean that at the beginning all our PM's will be copied over and we will have a chance to store them, or will only 500 be copied over?</p>	<p>You should find all of the private messages that are in your boxes at the time the old site goes down waiting for you at the new site. If you have 500 or more, you won't be able to send or receive new ones until you clear out your in/out boxes. So, the first thing you'll want to do is download everything to your computer. Then you can safely empty each box with one click on that option. Or, you can sift through them and mark some for deletion by keep the rest in your box. Each member will need to make that choice for herself. I had approximately 46,000 messages stuffed into my boxes when i started the test. It took less than 5 minutes to download and clear them. That included the time it took to realize I had to do it and to figure out how without special instructions.</p>
<p>Will all the areas/sections still have the same guidelines/rules? Or will there be new things there, too, that we need to become aware of?</p>	<p>The rules will change a bit and be clarified for the Members Only Thrift Shop and Yard Sale. The rules for the other sections will remain essentially the same.</p>
<p>Will "the numbers" stay the same when transferring from one system to another?</p>	<p>Members' Post Counts will include only those things we post in the sections related to quilting.</p>
<p>I have become "very attached" to how the board is operating now and know we have some awesome features available to us.</p>	<p>Some of the convenience features we're used to won't be available at first. In a very few cases, we will have to learn to live without. BUT there are some new features I think will more than make up for that.</p>
<p>Will there be detailed, easy to understand "how-to" instructions on things like posting pictures, etc. - especially if the process/procedure will be different from the current one?</p>	<p>The Help information is still pretty limited. It was impossible to predict or anticipate everything we'll need in that regard. Over time, we will help each other develop Frequently Asked Questions and Useful Tips.</p>
<p>Will we be able to post pictures in PM's?</p>	<p>That is the intention. I just discovered a tiny bug while researching the question. I will report that to the developers. If they can fix it before we go live, that option will be available right away. Otherwise, we will have to wait for it.</p>
<p>Will the "owner" of a thread be able to delete it (double post or decide to remove the topic)?</p>	<p>Members will have 20 minutes to edit their posts. Members are not allowed to delete anything posted at the board.</p>
<p>Will the "owner" of a thread be able to edit the original post? This could possibly help with repeat questions through out the post (ex - what pattern is that?) I know this is possible on some topics currently but not on all of them.</p>	<p>Members will have 20 minutes to edit their posts. Members are not allowed to delete anything posted at the board.</p>

<p>Currently you have to subscribe to various topics to get them to appear in your "unread" message section...is it possible to have all the topics listed along the top of the screen so more members are aware of all the options? I read the directions but I'm willing to bet a lot of people don't realize the variety of topics available and miss out.</p>	<p>User-specific lists of "Recent" and "Unread" topics are not yet available at the new site. The developers might not be able to translate those operations into the new board language. There will be drop-down lists available for quick navigation between sections.</p> <p>Members who do not take the time or exercise their obligation to read the available tips and rules shortchange themselves and create inconvenience for their fellow members.</p>
<p>Hopefully the avatar / information that displays next to each post remains...it really helps me.</p>	<p>It will</p>
<p>If a member is not able to post to the sales area could there be a pop-up box or something to keep them from posting to avoid any hard feelings of a topic being deleted?</p>	<p>All posts to the Members Only Thrift Shop and Yard Sale will have to be approved first by a member of the Admin/Moderator team before they appear to the general membership. Ads that do not comply with the rules will be deleted and not appear at all.</p>
<p>Is it possible to have a "search" function within your own posts? Sometimes you have answered a similar question and want to provide a link and it is hard to go back and find it.</p>	<p>The search feature includes an option to narrow to a specific user's posts.</p>
<p>Can you put this "important announcement" as a PM to everyone? I almost didn't read it because it didn't say it was from you in the topic (bad me for not looking at the author) and sometimes what someone thinks is important turns out to be a FYI memo...imho</p>	<p>I do not have the ability to send mass private messages in our current setup. If a topic title indicates an important announcement has been stuck to the top of a section by an Admin or Moderator, all members should automatically know they need to check it out.</p>
<p>Will it remain a free site with all functions available to all members?</p>	<p>Absolutely.</p>
<p>Spell Check?</p>	<p>FireFox provides spell check. Explorer does not. If you use the advanced editing options, you will see a spell check icon. If you are using Explorer, clicking that icon for the first time will offer you the option to download and install a free spell checker for Explorer.</p>
<p>Will our Buddy List be fully transferred? including any of our notes which have been made?</p>	<p>Our Buddies will be listed as Contacts. I can't answer the question about notes because I have never created my own Buddy List. As far as I can tell, we won't be able to post notes in regard to our contacts.</p>
<p>I hope that posts will come in as the latest date posted and work back, like not one that says October 2010, then the next post says June 2011...You get this when you click on topics from Home page....</p>	<p>We can set our preferences to display either old to new, or new to old. Gaps in post dates within topics happen when members dig up ancient artifact topics and add new comments. Not necessarily a bad thing. Just a surprise. LOL</p>

		<p>The Personal Diaries and Announcement section will go away on the 21st of November. Members will be required to use Blogs instead. As with PDAs, members will be allowed to edit and delete Posts and Comments in their own Blogs.</p>
	<p>What about PDAs?</p>	<p>Members who want to keep some or all of their PDA content need to go through their own PDAs while they are still available. There will be a "Blog This Post" option under each post. When you click on that option, that post will be automatically copied to your Blog.</p>
		<p>There is one very important thing to keep in mind. Neither Admins nor Moderators can move or merge board posts over to Blogs. Anything posted in board sections (Threads) that should have been posted to a blog will be deleted immediately upon discovery and without notice. There will be no exceptions.</p>
	<p>Does the new upgrade mean we will have a place in our profile to post miscellaneous pictures, keep track of our stash and make project pages with notes and pictures, like Ravelry?</p>	<p>We will be able to create image albums. Blogs will provide for additional side pages. I don't remember what they're called. I haven't wasted any time comparing us to other sites. They are of no interest to me or relevance to our board.</p>
	<p>Will all the current postings move over - or will some get "lost" in the transfer?</p> <p>By that, I mean, will everything "from the beginning" be moved - or would there be a cut-off - such as everything posted before January 1, 2010 (or some other arbitrary date) would "disappear"?</p>	<p>everything should get copied over. Operative word is "should".</p>
	<p>Will it still be easily visible for those of us who have limited vision? This is always a concern for me in any website - being visually challenged is often times something that keeps me out of some websites.</p>	<p>The developers want to be as helpful as possible to members with vision problems and other challenges. The problem is that we don't always know what's best until somebody with a challenge can explain it to us and offer constructive suggestions.</p> <p>Once we go live, your feedback will be extremely important to us. I hope you'll send me an email or PM if you have helpful information to share.</p> <p>We will need to know exactly what your challenge is and how you think we might be able to help.</p>
	<p>What will it take to be a "Members Only Thrift Shop and Yard Sale" member?</p>	<p>The eligibility requirements will be slightly different but mostly the same as they are now. It will be more difficult for members to qualify if they don't contribute to the quilting fun in a way that's genuine and sincere. We will not tolerate blatant post-padding that is obviously focused on qualifying to sell.</p>

<p>When the new board goes "live" will our links to the site remain the same or will we need to do a search in Google to get the "new" main page of the site and make a new bookmark for it in our browser? I hope that made sense...</p>	<p>the web address will stay the same.</p>
<p>Will we be able to choose our time zone to display on the board?</p>	<p>yes. That's one of the kewl new options in our profile settings.</p>
<p>I love the tutorials QB members post - very grateful for those! So my question is this: 1 - Will a member be able to upload all photos in the tutorial screen all at once, so they are all in one post? 2 - Will there be a little "PDF - printer friendly" icon in that post?</p> <p>I ask because my computer is not in my sewing room, so I need to select all, copy to a word document, paste, delete, minimize any photos to large and then print the tut to take to my sewing room. I don't mind, but this would be helpful!</p>	<p>Yes. We will still be able to upload photos. We will also be able to surround them with text. If you want to print files as PDF, you need to download and install one of the many free PDF converters available on the internet.</p>
<p>Regarding Flash -- This wasn't directly answered in the FAQ. Will the site use Flash? I mostly read the board on iPhone & IPad which do not recognize Flash.</p>	<p>I had to forward that one to the developers. I might not have the answer until Monday.</p>
<p>When the PDA's become blogs, will the blogs be part of the Board or will they be independent of the Board?</p>	<p>If you look at the graphic image of the new Home Page, you'll see that Blogs are accessed using a separate tab. They are not "under" the board. If you think of the site as an apartment complex, the Blogs are in a different building than the board - which is found under the "Home" tab.</p>

		<p>Moderator action has never been based on whether or not a mod "likes" a post. It has always been - and shall remain - based on whether or not a post complies with the letter and/or spirit of the rules.</p>
		<p>No action has ever been taken "out of hand".</p>
		<p>Members who don't take the time to read, respect and follow the rules have no grounds for complaint when moderators take appropriate action in regard to infractions.</p>
	<p>So....on the new board, if mods don't like our post, then it will just be deleted out of hand with no reason given to the OP?</p>	<p>Our tradition has been to move or merge misplaced posts whenever possible. Although we have never been obligated to do that, we will continue that tradition at the new board because we understand that most mistakes are accidental. We all prefer to help preserve content when we can.</p>
		<p>In our current system, moderators have an option available to send an automatic notification so the user knows a post has been moved, merged, or deletion. We will not have that option in the new format.</p>
		<p>Since we cannot move posts from the board to a blog, we will have no choice but to delete posts that belong in blogs but got posted to the board instead. And, since we don't have a notification button anymore, we will no longer be sending courtesy notifications when we have to take any sort of action on a post.</p>
		<p>In the final analysis, it remains each member's responsibility to do the best they can to post only appropriate content, and to post it where it belongs.</p>
	<p>Will the daily digest still be put out with the most read topics listed? Will it still pick up all the empty and deleted threads?</p>	<p>As far as I know, the emailed topics lists will continue to function as they do now. So, my personal recommendation will continue to be as it is now. Do not rely on the emails to choose your reading for you. Come straight to the board so you can see everything available. Members who rely on the emails are not getting the full - and most convenient - benefits of our community.</p>

<p>Since I've never done the PDA here, I'm not sure how it works. If we start a topic on having a new grandchild, would that go in chit-chat? or go to a blog?</p>	<p>Birth announcement are a good example of posts that are currently supposed to be posted in PDAs, but have nearly always been posted in GCC instead. We have "looked the other way" and left them alone unless they turned into some sort of saga or continuously updated journal of the baby's growth & development, etc. In order to avoid confusion - and because we will no longer have the option of merging errant GCC content into blogs - I don't think we'll be able to indulge ourselves in that luxury anymore.</p>
	<p>Members who enjoy sharing the details of their personal lives will need to refresh their memories about which sort of posts go where. I will do my best to add some clarification to the policy descriptions for GCC and Blogs so they'll be available at the new site. When in doubt, members will still be very welcome and encouraged to drop me a line for advice. Moderators are members like everybody else. We, too, come here to have fun. It's much more fun to help a member enrich her experience here than it is to delete something.</p>
<p>I don't want to ask the same question but would like some clarification. To me a blog is out in the world for everyone to read. When you say this blog will be part of the QB this is where my confusion starts. Is the blog like all</p>	<p>Nothing posted at the board has ever been sheltered from outside eyes. All of it has always been visible to anybody with an internet connection. We have reminded members of this time and again. Moving PDA content to Blogs does not constitute a change in that regard.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the blog issues as well. I don't like blogs on the net. This board has become a source of sanity for me and I have posted some very personal issues and received much needed support and encouragement. If the blog portion will be openly accessible, I probably will not use it. Everyone on this board has become a friend to me and I have laughed, cried, celebrated and admired along with everyone.</p>	<p>Think about it. Even where we require registration and login for content to be visible, it is not sheltered. We can't run exhaustive background checks before granting membership. We ban members who've proven to be unsuitable, but that unsuitability is only evident after they have committed grievous infractions.</p> <p>Each of us is responsible for thinking first before posting. We are responsible for our own privacy. To expect the board to protect us from ourselves is unrealistic and unreasonable. The best rule of thumb is - and shall always be - if you don't want the whole world to know, then don't post it anywhere on the internet.</p>

<p>Will the WATCH TOPIC button with the check/uncheck space be moved to the top of the page with the WATCH/BOOKMARK/ADD TO TOPIC buttons? I would like to uncheck immediately before reading the posts and not have to worry about whether I did or didn't.</p>	<p>We will no longer have "Watched Topics" as we know them now. Instead, we will have what are called "Subscriptions". In order to watch a topic, we will have to "Subscribe" to it. When we "subscribe" to a topic (aka Thread) we can choose whether or not we want to be notified when it's been updated.)</p>
<p>I dislike it's current location and I always forget to uncheck it because I do not watch most topics. I only have about a dozen I really keep my eye on.</p>	<p>"Subscriptions" lists (which you can view under your own settings) are broken down into "Bookmarks" and "Watched" based on the choices we'll have made by the time the old site goes offline. Those choices will remain in effect until we change them ourselves.</p>
<p>Will I now be able to change my "USER NAME" so I can post comments without using my real name?</p>	<p>We will not normally grant requests to change user names. We will do that only if the current ID includes Personally Identifying Information, or if there is a bona fide reason to believe the current ID endangers the member's privacy or personal safety. (Example: User ID is the member's real whole name.) Members who want new names are welcome to send me requests AFTER 3 NOVEMBER, but I make no promises. It will be a case-by-case determination. "I don't like the one I have now" will not be a good enough reason.</p>
<p>OK, reviewed the 2nd FAQ update and still have a couple of questions. I host swaps on occasion and also do the cyber sews. Regarding the Cyber sews, I saw that there is equivalent link (for Topics) will be in settings, but will it function like a blog or a thread? Being able to just scroll and browse the pics of the posted blocks is so helpful in these situations. Sure would hate to lose that ability.</p>	<p>My own user name is a good example of one we would not change. I do use my real first name, but I do not use my <i>whole</i> name. There a a bazillion Patrices out there with the initial J to indicate either their middle or last names. I further protect my privacy by not including my location in my profile information. So, my user ID is not useful to a villain as a unique identifier.</p>
<p>Will the ability to leave feedback on swappers still be available?</p>	<p>The manner in which Swaps and similar activities are announced, long with associated posts & photos will be the same as they are now. They will be found in the same section and will function as Topics/Threads with comments/posts.</p>
<p>One question I have not seen addressed to this point is concerning My Pages. I have hundreds of links to pictures of quilts I like, tutorials I would like to use some day, patterns that have been shared. Will we still be able to access all of those links or will those no longer be usable? Will those all become dead links?</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Our individual "My Pages" will be automatically converted and serve as the beginning of our Blogs. In addition to the basic blog content, we can each add up to 10 "Custom Pages".</p>	

	IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT BLOG PRIVACY	A number of settings are available to us. I just discovered that we can use the settings to decide whether or not our blogs are visible to people who are not registered members who are also signed in. We can decide whether or not others can post Entries to our Blogs, as well as whether or not they can post comments to Entries. We can apply settings to our Blogs as a whole, and then choose to over-ride the default settings for individual Entries. On the whole, it's pretty kewl - or it will be once we figure it all out and get used to it. LOL
	IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT BLOG PRIVACY	The information above is provided with a serious caution. REMEMBER - just because somebody registers and signs in, there is no guarantee they are here with a pure heart. The rule still applies - if you don't want the whole world to know, then don't post it here or anywhere else on the internet.
	I wonder if instead of having to quote a reply to respond to someone's post, then have it show up pages and pages later, if it will be possible to have responses to a post added directly below it with a tab over as in an outline. Did that make sense?	We'll have several list and sort options not available in the current format. I haven't had time to explore all of them. I'm sure each of you will have fun testing and choosing for yourselves.
	Also I would like to see a way to sort the topics in order of newest to oldest instead of them all mixed up?	
	Would it be possible to have it so you can go to pages without having to go thru all of them to get there?	yes
	Under the new format will you Send e-mail notification when I receive a new private message or Send e-mail notification when I receive a new reply in a topic. At one time I received this and then I was unable to get these the last few months.	You will be able to select those as options. They should work more consistently than they do in the current format. I know the PM notifications work. I find the update notifications to be a nuisance, so I haven't tested them. Those of you who like them can be our guinea pigs. LOL
	I have what may be a trivial question. I love looking at all the pictures posted of people's pets. Will there be a place for those to continue to be posted?	This is not a trivial question. Pet photos can still be posted in General ChitChat as long as they are cheerful and brief.

	<p>Recipes, General ChitChat, Classifieds, Donations, Links & Resources(*), and PDAs (soon to be Blogs) do not relate to quilting. That doesn't mean we don't want members to use and enjoy those sections. It simply means they don't relate to our primary reason for existing as a community.</p>
<p>please clarify a point about "the numbers"? It was mentioned that only quilting-related posts will be counted. Does that mean that only posts in the current Main section will be counted?</p>	<p>It is EXTREMELY important to remember that post counts and user titles have no meaning at all unless a member wants to sell/trade in the Thrift Shop or to ask for donations. We love our Lurkers as much as we do our Chatterboxes. Every member is important to us whether they post several times a day or come here primarily to read posts. The sole purpose of the visible post count is to reinforce the fact that members should participate <i>actively</i> and contribute to our celebration of the art of quilting before they ask us to open our wallets/stashes to them.</p>
	<p>(*) Although the links we share usually point toward content that relates to quilting, we must travel away from "home" in order to access that content. So, sharing link to an off-site resource is not the same as adding to the content found here.</p>
<p>Will we be able to enlarge the pictures that have been posted?</p>	<p>Picture files can be uploaded either "directly" or as "Thumbnails". Direct photos will display as they do now and will most likely not need to be enlarged for a good view. Thumbnails will initially display in about the size of a postage stamp. When you click on a Thumbnail, the picture will open to full size in a pop-up window. That should be the case even if you have your browser set to disable pop-up advertisements.</p>
<p>1. Will it be easier to change the fonts/colors/italicized/ etc?</p>	<p>If you mean within our posts, it will be much easier.</p>
<p>2. Will we still have the smilies???</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>3. In the pay it forward section will that still be the same as it's stated here from your quote below? <i>"Members may choose to earn extra credits for posts related to Quilting/Quilters/Friendship (QQF) by posting Pay-It-Foward (PIF) topics in our Donations section. Each PIF offering item(s) worth at least \$10 will count as 2 QQF topics. Postage is not included in the calculation of value. This is entirely optional."</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p>I am wondering when it comes to our PDA's ...since the new blogs are not actually "under" QB ..they are a separate apartment building. Is it a blog we have to start up independently and post to that tab? Or will there be a function to start a blog using a QB address?</p> <p>I am just wondering so I can start transferring over the 6000 posts right way... I can't imagine what some of the other girls are going to do? I will be hiring my kids to do the clicking...LOL.</p>	<p>If you already have "My Pages" here, there will be a blog waiting for you at the new site. Just click your PDA posts to copy them into it. I'm not positive, but I think - if you don't already have a blog - the first time you click "Blog This" a blog will be started automatically. There's nothing you can do now. You'll have to wait until you get there to start.</p>
<p>Recipe section will it be transferred to new site or will all be gone?</p>	<p>All of the sections will be copied over. Only the PDA section will be retired after 3 weeks. The new Blog option is vastly superior to PDAs. Once members do all the annoying and tedious housework involved in copying their PDAs to Blogs, they will find a host of new features they can use to enrich the experience, enhance the odds of privacy, and to add to the fun.</p>
<p>Also if we have a link to a page on the old quilting board will the link still work?</p>	<p>They should work.</p>
<p>On some boards, if you hover over the title of the thread, the first few words are readable. A nice feature for the "I'm looking for" threads so you don't have to wait (on dial-up) to see what they are looking for. Will that be available here??</p>	<p>I don't know. I guess we'll find out sometime tomorrow. LOL</p>
<p>~What if I currently have more than 10 Pages in MyPages...will they all transfer over to the blogs or do I need to consolidate my current MyPages to 10 Custom Pages?</p>	<p>As far as I can tell, all "My Pages" will successfully move into our blogs.</p>
<p>~Within each page I have anywhere from 1 to a multitude of links saved. Will we be limited in the number of items (formerly in each MyPage-Page) allowed in each of the 10 Custom Pages?</p>	<p>some of the weblinks we posted might be dead. This is easily solved, I think, by copying them, and then pasting them back on top of the old one. You even can select the whole page and then paste it back onto itself. I think nearly everything translates successfully, though.</p>
<p>Will the blogs be open for all to view or will they be "access granted" ?</p>	<p>each blogger can decide that for herself. there are lots of privacy settings not available anywhere else.</p>
<p>Will we be able to attach photos to private messages?</p>	<p>We can embed links to images stored at off-site resources (e.g. PhotoBucket). We cannot attach photos uploaded directly from our computers.</p>