

The Summit, April, 2014

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in April already! Is the year going faster this year than last year for you, too? It seems to be really flying by for me and there is still so much to do before the end of my term as President! Whew! Before I know it, we will be voting for a new set of Officers and filling in the Committee Chair positions to get ready for the 2014 – 2015 MTQG year.

And now, here is the dilemma I am facing: we have NO nominee for President-Elect yet we have over 185 members in our guild – OUCH! It's not that we haven't been asking and cajoling and whimpering at you for the past few months. At this point, it's coming to downright BEGGING!

Mountain Top Quilters Guild is a wonderful, inspiring group of quilters who really have a lot of heart for the guild and want to see our operations keep running smoothly and efficiently for the next year. But it won't happen without some help from YOU! Do you need to be an expert quilter to be on the Board? Heck no, just have a real desire to see that the guild stays on target with its programs, plans and purposes. Can a newer member be on the Board? Absolutely! I was Secretary the first year I joined the guild, and I had never, ever been in a guild before. I just wanted to be helpful in some way and get to know all of you wonderful ladies and gentlemen better.

Com' on, friends! Step up to the plate and help out your fellow quilters today! Yes, it's a little more work, but it's more fun and satisfaction than you may think. Call me....we'll talk about it!

Keep on quilting!

Diana Ramsey

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

MTQG is required in our by-laws to hold a regular annual meeting each year. Our annual meeting will be held during the May 19th general meeting. We will be voting on the new Officers for the Board of Directors. If you are unable to attend, you may vote by proxy which must be executed in writing by you and filed with the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Committee Chair Signups

Diana Ramsey

Good news: we have most of our Committee Chair positions filled for the upcoming year. Please look for the sign-up poster at the April and May meetings which will list which positions are filled and which are now open and needing new leadership. The

previous Chairpersons have done a super job and will be happy to pass on their knowledge and information to their successor. These are the positions that are now: 2015 AQQ Bus Trip Coordinator; ECHOS, Hospitality, Library Helper, New Member Group, Show & Tell, and Sunshine. Remember that two or more can co-chair these positions to make it easier.

Please leave the first two pews on the right available for our photographer and those giving reports during the guild meeting.

Urgent: We desperately need someone to be our President Elect for the 2014-15 year and work with Lapriel in readiness to be the President for the 2015-16 year. Please think about this opportunity and if interested contact Pam Hendricks.

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Welcome our New Member for March: Norma Kurr

Please make sure to let me know if you have any changes to your contact information and I will make sure it gets distributed.

Refreshments

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

Happy Easter, and may the Easter Bunny bring you lots of chocolate eggs! Speaking of good things to eat, would the following please bring treats for our April 14 meeting: Gloria Bess, Jeannine Bleichter, Yvonne Blicht, Anne Blohm, Kathleen Bond, Betty Bourgait Beverly Bowe, Terri Brown, Joan Carrell, Ivy Chavez, Ruth Ann Clark, Marcy Cook, Carol Cooley, Linda Coppola, Charlene Coxworth, Joyce Cummings, Judy Dallner, Suzy Davidson and Kay Denny.

Sunshine

Tina McGowan and Alice Obrenovich

We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born in April. We wish you sunshine and flowers.

Bunny Autrey	Joyce Godwin
Gloria Bess	Linda Hill
Carol Cooley	Jimmie Johnson
Linda Coppola	Lynda Kinnear
Joyce Cummings	Jennifer Mees
Carolyn Doyle	Carol Miller
Sandy Duncan	Joan Stanfield
Maxine Everhaert	Jan Walls

Newsletter Note

The **deadline** for **May newsletter articles** is Wednesday, May 7th at noon.

Library

Terri Robertson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie

Stop by and checkout our new purchases: FIESTA MEXICO by Karen Kay Buckley (#500.1), BIG-PRINT PATCHWORK (#603), and SPECTACULAR SCRAPS (#615). Spectacular Scraps was the book mentioned by the Lumberyard Ladies.

Also we received a donated Jennifer Chiaverini novel: SONOMA ROSE (An Elm Creek Quilts Novel).

Thanks! The Library Ladies

Are You Making a Friendship Quilt?

Carolyn Edwards

Last chance to fill out your Quilt Show quilt entry forms! They are due to Patti Taber NLT April 21st...our next meeting! We want to hang all the Friendship Quilts together,

So please, under Category, check "Mini Group and/or Challenge, Other Quilts to be Hung With:", and write in "Friendship Quilt Challenge". Even if you didn't get your Friendship Quilt top finished by last June's challenge deadline and the Viewer's Choice competition, you are still encouraged to finish and enter a Friendship Quilt...or two! :-)
Remember..."quilting binds friends together"!

Small Quilt Auction

Hildy Smith and Julie Dodds

The Small Quilt Auction still needs your help. We only have one month to get prepared for the Auction. Please have your small quilts to us by May 1. The paper work for your donation is on the MTQG website.

Julie or Hildy will also have copies of the paperwork at our next meeting. See us if you need a copy.

Quilt Show News

Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry

Spring is here, the sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom, and the Quilt Show is less than two months away!! Your Quilt Show Committee Chairs are all in full swing working to make 'Quilting Binds Friends Together' one of our best shows ever. We will have the volunteer sign-up boards at the meeting this month, so please take the time to stop by and see what you would like to do. You can help hang the show, work Admissions, the Boutique, quilt drop-off (check-in) or (check-out), assist at the Small Quilt Auction or Quilt Turning, sit with the Opportunity Quilt, be a part of the Friendship vignette and do some hand work or help with take down of the show. There's even room for husbands, especially with loading and unloading the quilt stands (bases weigh 12 pounds each). Everyone is needed to make the quilt show work.

Registration forms, with a picture of your completed 'top', will be due at the meeting this month, April 21st. You still have until Thursday morning, June 5th, to complete the quilt and turn it in for hanging! Hopefully, you won't have to cut it that close. Forms are available on the website and we're all anxious to see what great quilts will be at our show this year.

If you have a quilt with an interesting story to tell, please let Joan Carrell or Kay Harlan know, so it can be included in the Quilt Turning.

Julie Dodds and Hildy Smith are still looking for small quilts for the auction. Maybe you have one that just needs a little more work and it can be added to the display.

Arvilla Gregor and Suzy Davidson are always looking for new locations for posters and bookmarks. So if you're going out of town or have a friend coming from out of town, see about getting bookmarks! And think about places in your area that would be willing to put up a poster or take bookmarks, such as your HOA, club house, beauty parlor, pet shop, restaurant... the list goes on. Please do what you can to get the word out.

So look for us in the Fellowship Hall, and sign up for as many jobs as you can. Remember, members get

in free, and the more you're there, the more time you'll have to enjoy the quilts and pick up those special items at the vendor booths or boutique!

Where Quilters Gather

Carolyn Edwards

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter that "volunteer sign-up sheets" will be at the April 21st MTQG meeting. Think about spending some time "playing" in the Quilt Show entrance vignette during the Show! The Quilt Show entrance will feature a vignette "Where Quilters Gather". The plan is to feature a 'sewing bee' in action--doing what quilters do when they get together--working on their own projects, hand-piecing, hand-quilting, talking, and laughing. So, plan to spend a little time in the Girlfriends Sewing Circle! You can even sign up for more than one stint!

Hey –

Leslie Peacock Jacket-

If you took Leslie's class and have your jacket completed please think about entering it in the quilt show. We think a display of the jackets in the wearables section would be great fun.

Quilt Show Boutique

*Marty Lensink, Carol Cooley,
Jeanne Vick & Pat Schoenfeldt*

Two months until show time! Hope you are finishing up items for the boutique. Please bring finished items to the April and May general meetings. Everything needs to be inventoried before we can begin pricing. If you have any kits you are not going to be able to make, please return them to us and we will find someone who can finish them. The response from our membership has been great. We are on course to exceed the number of items at the last quilt show. Thank you for all your help.

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

Our guild is a very busy guild - especially at this time of the year when many of our members are feverishly stitching on their quilts for the upcoming quilt show.

We are hoping that the ladies who accepted the challenge to make medallion quilts, from the 'shopping bag' of medallion and fabrics, will have their finished quilts for display at the May meeting.

They will be displayed and voted upon by the membership and the three quilts that garner the most votes, will receive a gift certificate for.....you guessed it.....to purchase more fabric. One can never have too much fabric.

This month we received 20 finished quilts for distribution. 8 quilts were taken to CASA, 5 were taken to Hospice Family Care and 7 to Yavapai Family Advocacy. For our new members information, the quilts taken to CASA are given to the children who are adopted through the court process. The quilts taken to Hospice Family Care are given to the patients and the bright colors help lighten the lives of patient and family. The Children who pass through Yavapai Family Advocacy are victims of abuse and the worker there explained to me that the quilts are given to each child as they pass out of the agency and go on to a (hopefully) better life and the quilt helps to provide some means of comfort for the child.

The agencies we donate to are very appreciative of the efforts of the members of MTQG. Marty and I are happy to be able to administer this charity arm of Mountain Top Quilters Guild.

Community quilts activity is on the fourth Monday of every month (except December) and it takes place in the multi- purpose room in the basement of the Las Fuentes Resort on Scott Drive. We meet from 9am to around 2.30pm and our purpose is to work on making quilts for our dependent agencies. Please bring \$3 for Pizza for lunch. If you so desire, you can sign up to bring either a breakfast treat, lunch salad or a dessert. Please contact Beverly Markham at 541-0296 if you would like to participate in providing the above mentioned food offerings.

We ask you to park on the west side of the building or in the overflow parking lot close to Sun Street (west side parking lot) and we welcome any and all members who wish to join us in this charity effort for MTQG. You can bring your finished community quilts to this meeting, or to the general business meeting, or you can bring your sewing machine to Community Quilts, and we will put you to work helping make quilts for donation. We have lots of fabrics on hand for you to use.

At the general meeting of MTQG, you can find the community quilts table at the back of the general assembly room and we have quilts for you to bind, quilt or tie. This is a wonderful project for our members to practice their machine quilting or general quilting skills. Our projects that we have on hand are already sandwiched and the binding is included so please stop by and pick up a project

We are grateful to Alice Obrenovich for delivering 12 Foley bags to Granite Mountain Hospice and to Hospice Family Care. The agencies to whom we deliver the Foley Bags are really happy to receive them.

Spring Quilts at the Prescott Chamber Visitor Center

Carolyn Edwards

It's official! Spring has sprung! Now showing at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center...a new group of SPRING quilts! When you're cruising downtown Prescott, peek into the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center on the south side of the Square! Besides our new display of quilts, there are oodles of pamphlets and fliers about things to do in Prescott!

Next up will be red, white, and blue patriotic little quilts! If you have one that we can put up, let me know. We'll change the quilts the last week in May--right before Prescott's Sesquicentennial Birthday Celebration (May 30 through June 1). It's projected to be a mini BEST FEST. It only happens once, every 150 years! Be there!

Spring Brunch'n

Lapriel Schwan

The June luncheon is right around the corner. The theme this year is "Brunch'n". It will be a brunch potluck. We will have sign up sheets going around at our next meeting so we can get an idea about what people might bring.

Some ideas are: breakfast casseroles, breads, donuts, buns, muffins, pancakes, crepes, quiches, souffles, coffee cakes, breakfast tacos, french toast, frittatas, waffles, blintzes, stratas, tarts, hash browns, yogurt, fruit, or any other delectable item.

We will also need people to help set up and clean up afterwards. The more the merrier.

Programs

Sherri Hubbs

April: Kay Wentworth will be doing a trunk show. After the Guild Meeting, Monday afternoon, she will be teaching a class on the Red Dress Wall Hanging. No Sewing machine is necessary unless you are super fast. You can make your own pattern or use Kay's. There will be demonstrations on how to make letters (ABC), no hand sew binding and hand sewing with large stitches. We still have room for more students.

May: Quilt Show

June: Spring Luncheon

July: Gail Van Horsen lecture on Quilt Appraisal.

August: Kendra MacLean will do a trunk show and on Tuesday will teach you how to make a quilt card with matching envelope and also how to build a box.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

- Library materials that are due
- Refreshments Names beginning with Be – De
- Items for the boutique

General Meeting

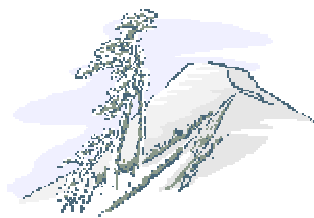
Monday, April 21st, 9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, April 28th , 9:30 – 3:00
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 10:00 am, Monday, May 6th at the home of Sherri Hubbs. Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Diana Ramsey.



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