

The Summit, August, 2013 **MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, my turn finally came! My sewing area is complete! We have been in constant remodeling mode on our house ever since we bought it seven years ago: expand the outer walls, put in new kitchen, remodel upstairs bath, new hardwood flooring, new master bath, flower beds, garden walls, and so on and so on. And there sat my disorderly, jumbled up sewing area in the basement, forgotten and neglected. Oh yes, I could still get to the machine to sew, and sew I did! I made quilts, I made costumes for the school plays, I made curtains and covers and anything else I could do on my machine. But finding everything I needed for each project was a challenge to say the least! Have you ever gone out and bought something even though you KNOW you have it somewhere in your sewing stuff but can't find it? Like fabric? Or thread? Or tools? Or..? Of course you have! Me, too.

Now those days are long gone! Yippee! I am organized and ready to get going again on all those UFO's and new ideas (that were quickly becoming old ideas sitting in a box somewhere.) So be inspired by me and get organized! You'll be amazed at the treasures you may find in there.

Happy Quilting,

Diana Ramsey

2013-2014 MTQG Officers

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Community Quilts	Beverly Markham, Marty Lensink
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ECHOS	Jimmie Johnson, Evelyn Russell
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Membership	Suzy Davidson
Mini Group Coordinator	Jeanne Vick
New Member Group	Lynne Gray

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Membership dues of \$35.00 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year are due at or before the August meeting. If you have already paid your dues, thanks. If you will not be at the August 19 meeting and still need to pay your dues please use the half page RENEWAL form on the website or attached to this newsletter and only fill in information that has changed. Forms and payments can be mailed to:

Mountain Top Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 12961
Prescott, AZ 86304-2961

Hospitality

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

For treats this month the following are asked to bring a finger-food item to share with MTQ members. Both sweet and non sweet treats are appreciated...please bring on two plates: Jeanne Sellers, Marjorie Senior, Bettie Setz, Rosemary Shellhorn, Connie Sieh, Hildy Smith, Jan Smith, Carol Stafford, Joan Stanfield, Carol Stewart, Charleen Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Joy Swartz, Patti Taber, Kathleen Tavares, Marilyn Thompson, Thann Tolman, Linda Tremper, Arlene Tribble, Carol Trumpfheller. Many thanks.

Quilt Stand Pledges

Marty Lensick

Several months ago, many members of our group pledged to fund the purchase of new quilt stands to be shared with Thumb Butte Quilters. Hearing from TBQ how much easier it was to set up for their show lets us know we made a good decision.

Some of you have already paid and we thank you for fulfilling your pledge. For those of you who have not yet paid, you may bring your check made to MTQG to our meeting August 19. If you prefer, you may send your check by mail to MTQG at P O Box 12961, Prescott AZ 86304-2961. We hope to receive all payments by the end of August. Please help us to complete this effort as soon as possible. Your pledges are so appreciated.

If you have forgotten how much you pledged, call or email Marty Lensink, Diana Ramsey(president) or Arlene Tribble(treasurer).

Treasurer

Arlene Tribble

I would like to thank everyone who has made their payments for their Annual Dues and the donations for the Quilt Stands. We still have about 25 outstanding pledges for the Quilt Stands. Please bring your checks to the August meeting or mail to the guild. I will be available at the next meeting to accept your checks and look forward to meeting you!

Directory

Jennifer Mees

Members whose dues are paid by the August MTQG meeting will be included in this year's Directory. If you want your picture included too, it must be received by Jennifer Mees no later than August 20th. The picture can be emailed, texted, mailed, or hand delivered – just get it there!!! We want to see your smiling face in the Directory – so don't delay – send it today.

Quilt Show

Susan Perry and Kathy Barrett

Susan and I are putting together our team for the 2014 Quilt Show, "Quilting Binds Friends Together", which will be held on June 6th. We have volunteers for most of the positions, but are looking for a few more talented members to fill a couple important spots. There are openings for "Quilt Registration" and "Viewer's Choice Ribbons". We can't have a show without quilts and you can't get a ribbon without a Chairman, so if you'd like to Chair or Co-Chair either of these positions, please give Kathy a call!! We'd like to have a meeting with all the Chairs in early September. We're planning on having a lot of fun, so don't miss out!!

We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to our members born in August. Have a great day!

Sally Cantwell	Maggie Keller
Joan Carrell	Genny Kerutis
Marcy Cook	Janice Key
Erna Greenway	Annette Ladehoff
Barbara Harber	Connie Massner
Kay Harlan	Evelyn Russell
Debbie Hancock	Rosemary Shellhorn
Barbara Hinds	Nancy Stewart
Gisela Hoeger	Joy Swartz
Carol Hood	Nadeen Van Dyke

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

ECHOS

Jimmy Johnson and Evelyn Russell

This month we are all excited about the class taught by Pam Easley on the disappearing four-patch. Please let Jimmie know if you cannot attend as we do have a waiting list.

We also would like to have your ideas about things you would like to have in this important part of MTQG - its your class and it is free. We have many, many talented members who would be happy to share their knowledge and experience - just need to ask them.

Block of the Month

Jennifer Mees

The 2013 – 2014 Block of the Month program started in July. Printed copies of the current monthly block will be available at the MTQG meeting, with a few leftovers from past months. The block is also available on the website under the Miscellaneous tab and on the homepage, along with a sample quilt layout. Join the fun, start making those blocks and you'll have enough for a quilt by next year.

Fall Quilt Camp (October 8-10)

Charlene Coxworth

We still have a few places open for campers Mountain Top Quilters Guild Quilt Camp runs Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. through Thursday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided on Tuesday, three meals on Wednesday and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Again, we will be staying in the beautiful pines at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott.

The cost for the three-day event is \$125.00 per quilter which includes all meals, snacks and door prizes

You must be a member of MTQG to attend camp. To sign up you will need a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit check made out to MTQG or cash and your registration form filled out. Camp forms are available on MTQG website.

Community Quilts Challenge

Lapreil and Patti have put together a challenge from the fabric at Community Quilts. These challenges are offered to you for \$2.00 and the rules are as follows.

1. A medallion and some matching fabrics are found in each challenge bag.
 2. You have the opportunity to shine as you take these fabrics and medallion they have chosen for you and create something wonderful. Your creations will become a part of the Community Quilts Challenge display at the Quilt show next year at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley.
 3. Prior to these magnificent quilts being displayed at the quilt show, they will be displayed in our regular business meeting for the membership to appreciate and vote upon. The quilts that garner the most votes by the members will win prizes.
 4. In the challenge bag there is also a piece of flannel for you to use for the backing. To assist you with your needs for the challenge, we encourage you to come shopping in the fabrics at Community Quilts during our meeting on the 4th Monday of each month and find fabrics that will fit with and flesh out your design. We can also supply you with batting for your quilt.
- The bags will be available for you to purchase at our next general business meeting on August 19 at the Community Quilts Table.
- We encourage you to participate in this challenge and we look forward to seeing all the remaining bags sold to our excited and very creative quilters on August 19.
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New Members Group

Lynne Gray

The first meeting of the "MTQG New Members Group" will be Thursday, August 22nd at 10:00 am. We will meet at "Cloth Plus" ([928-772-5010](tel:928-772-5010)) which is located in Prescott Valley at 6479 Copper Hill Rd. We will have an opportunity to see many of Whitney's beautiful quilts displayed as well visit with her while we shop, fondle or just get great ideas for our future quilts. I will do a demonstration on different ways to make a basic block and someone from the guild will give us an insight into her quilting experience. You are welcome to join me for lunch after our gathering.

If you have joined MTQG in the last year you are part of this group. Any new members or potential new members are welcome at these gatherings, please invite them to join us for friendship, fun and education. Reservations not necessary but I would appreciate a call or email if you plan to attend. See you soon.

Newsletter Note

The deadline for September newsletter articles is Monday, September 2nd at noon.

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

Marty and I had a busy time contacting the agencies in our area trying to assess their needs. We have discovered that there is a great need in our community for the quilts that MTQG quilters produce.

It seems that OUR biggest need is having quilts quilted ready to hand out. These can be tied, stitched in the ditch, long-arm quilted, and meander quilted, etc...

We offer you the opportunity to slide a quilt under your sewing machine needle and stitch the quilt together and before you know it, you will have a quilt ready for handing out. You can do the stitching in your home or studio or you can join us at Community Quilts on the fourth Monday of each month. Our next meeting is 26th August, come rain or shine. We encourage you to assist in this effort of MTQG The activity takes place in the Social Room in the Lower Level of Las Fuentes. When you come, we ask that you park on the western side of the building or in their overflow parking lot which adjoins the main campus. We look forward to seeing you there. We have a map available to assist you in knowing where to park.

We have 47 quilts that have been prepared to be quilted and we have 37 ready to give out. During the week of August 5-9, a total of 26 quilts will be distributed to the following agencies:- Yavapai Family Advocacy Center, Birthline, Catholic Charities, CASA and Stepping Stones. We will also deliver 3 Quilts to the Las Fuentes Care Center and 3 quilts to Hospice Family Care.

The quilts needing to be quilted are available at the Community Quilts table (back of the room) and we encourage you to come by and see what wonderful things you can do for our MTQG cause.

We still have 10 to 15 challenge quilt kits for you to purchase for \$2.00. Your challenge is to make something wonderful for community Quilts and these challenge quilts will be part of our quilt show next

year which will be held at Tims Toyota Center, Prescott Valley.

When we contacted the VA they mentioned that they could use some Foley Bag Covers. We made some for them some years ago but the need is still there and we would appreciate it if some people could help make these Foley Bag covers to be given to the VA.

The food and clean up assignments for August 26 are as follows: Breakfast Treat, Ginnie Rafti; Lunch salads, Susan Perry and Kay Denny; Desserts Jan Adams and Fran Leslie. Clean up is Kathleen Bond. We still need set-up help at 8:15am.

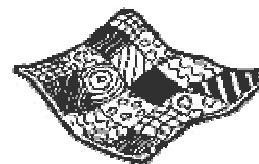
We are very grateful for all your efforts and the recipients of your handwork are even more grateful. Thank you for all that you members of MTQG do for the community quilts effort.

Library

Terri Robinson and Meg Roberson

In conjunction with Ken Casey's class last week, we ordered both of Margaret Miller's books on Angleplay. The one is "AnglePlay Blocks: Simple Half-Rectangle Triangles" which is a paperback book containing 84 quilt blocks. The other, also a paperback, is "Stunning AnglePlay Quilts: 6 Projects, 42 Exciting Blocks." They will be in the Library and ready for you to check out at the meeting in August.

A REMINDER, please check your own personal library to make sure there aren't any of our MTQG library books hiding there.



Programs

Carolyn Doyle and Sherri Hubbs

Aug. 19th, Marcia McMullen will share her "Joy of Quilting." On Tues, she will teach a workshop on reverse applique.

Sept. 16th, Joyce Huett will lecture and show "The Art Form of Indonesian Fabrics"

Oct. 21st, Leslie Peacock will lecture on "I don't Exaggerate, I Embellish". She will teach a workshop "Fantasy Fabric Jacket".

Nov. 18th, Helene Knott is coming from Oregon. Her lecture and quilt sharing will be about Garden Quilts.

Dec. will be our Holiday luncheon.

RENEWAL FORM 2013-2014 Dues are \$35.00

Please fill in your name and any information that might have changed since last year. Also include the date and check number if applicable. Return to: Suzy Davidson, MTQG Membership Chairman.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

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Date _____

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Renewals can be mailed to:

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THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

Library items that are due
Membership renewal form
Membership dues

General Meeting

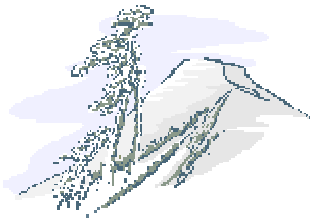
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
Monday, August 19th, 9:30 am
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, August 26th, 9:30 – 3:00
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, September 3rd, at the home of Arlene Tribble. 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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