

The Summit, December, 2012
MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As I look back over the past year, I am amazed at how many things we accomplished and experienced, as an individual and as a group. This year was a major turning point for our group.

I am looking forward to another year of friendships, quilting challenges and much laughter.

Kathy Dunn

Membership

Kathy Barrett

We had one new member join at the November meeting. Please welcome Peggie MacKenzie to the guild.

If you have any changes for the new Directory, please let me know and we'll put the info in the Newsletter Announcement e-mail.

Thanks, Kathy

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

To our members born in December, we wish you a very happy birthday.

Marilyn Anderson	Gerri Lindloff
Ruth Ann Clark	Elin Myers
Kathy Dunn	Jan Smith
Lois Frank	Carol Stafford
Darlene Gatewood	Jeanne Vick
Phyllis Henley	Kathy Vinson
Iris Lacey	

Please note: If you would like a copy of a show and tell photo used in the slideshow, contact Sharon Heilman and she will send you a copy.

ECHOS

Jimmy Johnson and Evelyn Russell

Thanks to Lynn Gray for a great paper piecing class; making a cute Santa wall quilt. Hope we will see some of these in Show and Tell.

This month we will not have ECHOS - instead we will enjoy a wonderful Hawaiian Holiday luncheon. We are looking forward to January when Lorraine Owen will teach the self portrait class. It should be loads of fun. If you have signed up, the supply list will be available this month. The cost of the class is \$5.00 to cover Lorraine's printing cost.

We are still looking for someone to teach the sweatshirt jacket class and redwork.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

MTQG Friendship Quilt Challenge

Carolyn Edwards

I want to re-state the Friendship Quilt Challenge rules, because I've been hearing a few questions:

- Quilt can be any size, any design (a printed pattern, a design of your own creation, or a combination of both). It'll be YOUR quilt.
- Completed friendship quilt top OR completed quilt will be due at the MTQG meeting on June 17, 2013.
- A membership vote for a favorite will take place at the June MTQG meeting--with a prize going to the quiltmaker.
- Completed Friendship Challenge Quilts will be displayed together at the 2014 MTQG Quilt Show.

I've also been hearing lots of you talking about the Friendship Quilt you are working on! Woo hoo! Doesn't it feel G-R-E-A-T to be working on a friendship quilt. So many great memories and good thoughts!! But, on the other hand, I received another orphan block from someone who has no hope of making a Friendship Quilt this year. That's a good thing. More of you can join in on this crazy fun, if you have no intentions of getting around to a Friendship Quilt for this challenge. Give me your signed orphan blocks and we'll get your blocks hooked up and friendly!

A really fun book I have recently come across is: "Patchwork Among Friends: From Patterns to Potlucks", by Judy Martin. The opening paragraph reads like this: "Since the days of the first quilting bee, quilting has been a social activity." The book includes lots of suggestions to get quilters quilting together! Luckily, we in MTQG don't have that problem, but this book includes many suggestions! There are ten new and fresh quilt patterns, each one presented in two sizes, as well as color variations. You'll also find twelve recipes good for group gatherings. It's a great book to have in your collection and use until the pages are dog-eared and raggedy!

Then there's "The Quilter's Kitchen" by Jennifer Chiaverini. It includes a recipe for "Friendship Squares" on page 62. I would have reprinted the recipe here if I didn't fear the 'copyright police'. Let's hope these goodies will appear on the Refreshment table sometime soon!

Programs

Linda Marley and Sharon Phelps

Monday, December 17th: Our Christmas Luncheon so there is no other program scheduled.

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Monday, January 21st: "Designing Themed Quilts" with Cindy Phare. She'll be sharing her award-winning "Pirate's Treasure" quilt and demonstrating how she creates a pattern. She's also inviting other MTQG members to contact her about sharing their own theme quilts during this fun and inspiring presentation. She has some surprises in store . . . more in upcoming newsletters.

Tuesday, January 22nd: Cindy will take a couple more students for this all-day workshop with a class fee of only \$10 for MTQG members (payable when you sign up). Who should sign up? . . . Anyone who wants advice on designing her own theme quilt. In this workshop Cindy Phare will share her techniques and tips to help you create your very own quilt pattern. This class will not require participants to bring any sewing supplies or machines. Participants just need tape, drawing supplies and possible images for inspiration. Workshop will be at our regular meeting place in the fellowship hall starting at 9 AM.

Monday, February 18th: "The Quilter's Workout" with Lynn McLaughlin. Lynn will instruct us on stretching and strengthening to keep us doing what we love to do.

Monday, March 18th: T.O.A.D. Queen Kay Denny returns to challenge us to complete a "Treasured Object Almost Done" in time for our next quilt show.

Monday, April 15th: Biennial Rummage Sale

Tuesday, April 16th: "Fun Day" is back with a new pattern put together by the MTQG board. Sign-ups for this all-day workshop will close in February 2013. The \$60 fee (payable when you register) includes all your fabrics pre-cut and ready for you to sew into a lap (?) sized top. You choose between spring/summer OR autumn/fall. Workshop will be at our regular meeting place in fellowship hall starting at 9 AM.

Monday, May 20th: "The Art Form of Indonesian Batik" lecture and trunk show with Joyce Heuett, AKA "The Batik Lady." She'll introduce you to the history, process of design, and the people. Plus, she'll have for sale fabrics from Timbal (Patchwork) to the beautiful Prada cloth woven with threads of gold.

Programs Continued

Monday, June 17th: Spring Luncheon

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February 17-18: "A Quilter's Lumberyard" with Cheryl Coffman and Patty Bowers.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Patti Taber and Lapreil Schwan

Community Quilts is the service project for Mountain Top Quilters. We meet the 4th Monday of each month for a workday. We distribute kits for piecing, quilting or tying and/or binding at our monthly guild meetings. The finished quilts are distributed throughout the community to non-profit hospices, children adoptive services, and family and women's shelters. We are most grateful to Las Fuentes who lets us use their community room for our monthly workday. Their address is 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott. If you have questions, stop by our table at the next guild meeting.

This month we delivered 10 adult quilts to Good Samaritan Hospice and 19 to the VA.

Our next workday is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. There will be no workday in December due to the holidays. Please give us a visit. You can sort fabric, press or cut fabric, sandwich quilts, piece tops, batting and backs, quilt, bind, and sew on labels. We would love to have you join us! Please park behind the building near the garage; otherwise, we take up the parking spaces for the elderly inhabitants.

See you next workday!



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

Library: Items are due next month!

Comm. Quilts: Finished quilts, Hobbs UPC's

General Meeting

Monday, December 17th at 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, January 28th, 9:30 – 3:30

Las Fuentes Retirement Center

1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

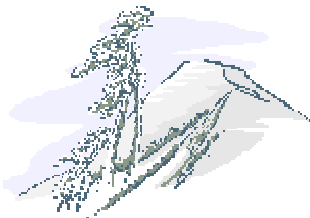
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be January 7th at 1:00 pm

at Jennifer Mees' house. Board Meetings are OPEN

MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Kathy Dunn.



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