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# ***The Summit, December 2015***

## **MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we close out this year, I want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas. I hope in the busy-ness of this season, we will each be inspired to do not just what is good, but to do that which is better. Giving a warm quilt is certainly good, but giving a warm smile can often be better. Rather than wrap someone in a comfy quilt, take time to wrap that one in loving hugs.

Secondly, as we start a new year, the guild hopes to make our meetings even more rewarding. So, please plan to stay at our meetings until at least 12:30 pm starting in January. We have some wonderful national teachers lined up who are coming a long way and are contracted to bring us programs that will take longer than one hour. And with our upcoming quilt show, we have much to discuss, so cutting back on the business portion of our meetings won't be an option. Of course, we still want to continue with refreshments and Show 'n Tell, so we hope you'll agree that the extra time spent one Monday a month will be worth it.

*Linda Marley*

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

### **Newsletter Note**

The **deadline** for January **newsletter articles** is **Wednesday, Jan 6** at noon.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

*Dolores Schrock*

No refreshment break in December. We will enjoy sharing a festive "**Christmas with a Twist**" luncheon.

### **ECHOS**

*Jan Walls and Jimmie Johnson*

December will be our annual Christmas Luncheon - Christmas With A Twist. So there will be no ECHOS meeting. Everyone come to the luncheon. In January we will have a presentation by Gail Van Horsen on Quilt Appraising. Gail will give us some of the details we should be aware of and some of the tricks of quilting that make for a blue ribbon quilt.

Thus far, February is open. If anyone has a project or technique that would be of interest to our members please call Jimmie Johnson.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

#### **CHRISTMAS WITH A TWIST**

MTQG's annual Christmas Luncheon will follow the December 21st meeting.

Our hostesses will have some creative tables for us and there will be nice door prizes.

Many thanks to those who volunteered to bring all those luscious goodies for the luncheon.

We will be glad to accept any donations of non-perishables or gift cards for a gift to Stepping Stones.

Just a reminder to those bringing food items, **DO NOT** bring serving spoons or forks. The kitchen committee will provide them. That way no personal items will be forgotten or lost.

If you forgot what you planned to bring, call Jan Walls, Kay Hoff or Vicki Smola.

Everyone come and lets have a festive luncheon.

## Programs

*Pam Easley and Judy Dallner*

**January 18, 2016** Wendy Knight from San Diego, CA will give a trunk show designed to inspire the artist within. She specializes in piecing watercolor painting quilts. Wendy says "Born and raised in the beautiful city of San Diego, sewing and creating were a large part of my childhood. Later, sports and horses dominated my time but the love of color, texture, and fabric was always there. I began quilting in the early 80's and soon found my passion in creating art quilts. I remember thinking how lucky I would be to be able to teach quiltmaking and soon found myself in that very place - teaching, motivating, and inspiring people to quilt. I love the idea of unlocking that door in people's minds, freeing them to see things in a new way, allowing them to play and create."

For examples of Wendy's work, see her website: <http://www.wendykquilts.com/>.

Wendy is offering a class on Tuesday that you won't want to miss.

**January 19, 2016** Wendy will offer a class "Piecing Painterly Pictorials" from 9am to 4pm. The class will focus on learning a technique for totally accurate piecing of curved seams to get the look of a painted art quilt. There will also be some hand dyed fabric available for purchase in the class. Please take a look at Wendy's website, <http://www.wendykquilts.com/>. The cost is \$40.00. Sign up at the MTQG meeting.

**February 15, 2016** TOAD with Kay Denny. This is a fun guild challenge you can read about in Kay's article. Please sign up at the program's table to participate.

**March 21, 2016** The Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller will present "Sing A Song of Quilting" during our general meeting with a class the following day. Cathy and her husband, John, have been traveling for over 15 years and claim this is their last tour. Canadian singer/songwriter Cathy Miller used to be a folksinger with a slightly jazzy bent. She performed at folk festivals, clubs and house concerts all across Canada and released five CDs of her music. She was a member of "Trilogy" (with Eileen McGann and David K), touring a very successful Christmas show each year called "Two Thousand Years of Christmas". After growing up in London, Ontario, she started her career in Ottawa, moved to Calgary Alberta in 1990 and in 2000 to Victoria BC, where she now lives.

But that was before. Now, Cathy and her husband John Bunge (a former member of The Gumboots from Yellowknife) travel the world, singing for quilting events, guild meetings and shows, and she is known as "The Singing Quilter". To date, they have performed for 700

quilting guilds and events on three continents. That's an audience of over 60,000 quilters in all!!! They are having the time of their lives.

You can learn more at Cathy's website: <http://www.singingquilter.com/>

We are blessed to get them into our schedule and looking forward to loads of fun.

**March 22, 2016** Cathy is also a teacher! "Now, she's also set her hand to teaching quilting. "It's a great way to get to know people, and I love watching students learn to step beyond their comfort zones", says Cathy. Being a creative person in many ways, Cathy is never interested in "cookie cutter" workshops, preferring to encourage the creative spark in each and every class." Signup for Cathy's class will begin in December the cost is \$50 and is limited to 20 people. The class is "Mock Mola." There is more information available at her website if you can't wait. <http://www.singingquilter.com/>.

**April 18, 2016** Pam McMahan trunk show. Her website is: <http://www.piecebypiecequilt designs.com/>

Also, save the date --- Rob Appell will join us for the guild meeting and a class in October, 2016. Rob is popular on YouTube and is known for being the "man quilter." His website: <http://mansewing.com/>



## Opportunity Quilt

*Suzy Davidson and Arvilla Gregor*

With your help we are having a terrific time selling tickets for our opportunity quilt. It is currently on display at Seams Sew Right. Our next event will be at the "Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Bazaar" December 19 at the Old Armory. And then in January at the Wickenburg Quilt show the 29th and 30th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting. In February we will be at the American Quilter's Society (AQS) Quilt Week. This event is from Thursday the 11th to Sunday the 14th. I will have a sign-up sheet for ticket sales but in addition we need to provide help at the show. There is information in the opportunity quilt article on the web that includes a link to sign up to help at the show. Thanks in advance for your help.

## Library

*Meg Roberson, Peggie MacKenzie, Ann Novak, Jan Mawk*

The Library will not be open at the December meeting due to the Holiday Luncheon. Hang on to the books you currently have at home, and bring them to the January meeting.

Happy Holidays from the Library Ladies!

## Membership

*Suzy Davidson*

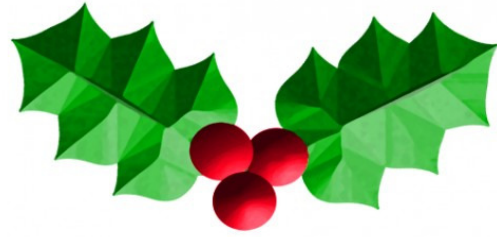
We did not have any new members in November. Bet everyone was home staying warm or maybe working on those holiday project. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. If you have any changes to your contact information please let me know so I can keep our data base updated and let the membership know. Thanks.

## Mini Groups

*Fran Leslie*

Featured MTQG Mini-Group for Dec - "ART QUILT GROUP" - Meets the 4th Friday of each month in members homes to share ideas & techniques for Art Quilts. New members welcome. Contact Suzy Davidson Also

Featured MTQG Mini Group - "SCATTERED THREADS" - Meets at the Prescott Country Club Community Room the 1st Wednesday of each month. Starts at 9:00. Bring a sack lunch & STITCH till 2:00. New stitchers are welcome. Contact Carolyn Edwards



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## Community Quilts

*Sandi Allen, Lapreil Schwan, Maureen Carr, Kay Denny*

- 9 AM to 2:30 PM
- Las Fuentes Resort Village- 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott
- Bring your sewing machine, \$3 for pizza, or your own sack lunch. Coffee, salads, and desserts are provided.
- Please park on the west side of the building. The garage door is unlocked 8:30 – 10 am. After that, enter at the main entrance and go downstairs.

There will NOT be a workday in December due to the holidays.

Please consider giving a gift of fabric (one-half yard or more) to Community Quilts this holiday season.

**General meetings:** Look for the Community Quilts table! You can pick up quilts that need quilting, tying or binding. We also have quilt top kits available. Bring back your finished quilts and any UPC codes from Hobbs batting. We thank all of you for your help.

**WANTED: HOBBS UPC CODES!** For every 5 UPC codes we send to Hobbs we receive over \$100 off on a roll of batting. That's a large roll of batting for \$75! This is a huge savings for us since we use a roll of batting each month. Please bring us your Hobbs UPC codes.

## More on Where our Community Quilts Go---

*Kay Denny, quilt delivery gal*

There are some agencies that only receive one to three quilts per year. These quilts are used as raffle or silent auction quilts for fund-raising purposes. I save the more intricate quilts and/or larger quilts for this purpose in preparation for these requests, but right now I only have one backup---so if you see any agency from the following with the kind of quilt you'd like to make, please put that on your "to do" list for 2016.

- The 100 Club of Arizona needs one quilt for delivery in May. This will be in an early June fundraiser collecting funds "supporting families of first responders when tragedy strikes". They would like a patriotic quilt.
- Horses with Heart receives three quilts from us, two in January and one in July. Obviously, the theme for these quilts is horses/cowboy/Western.
- Life Connections/Rachel's Vineyard, in addition to regular deliveries, also has one raffle quilt per year---any theme.
- United Animal Friends gets two quilts each year. One is needed in May for the Woof Down Lunch

Extravaganza at the Court House Square---that, of course, should be a dog-themed quilt. The other quilt is needed for their December silent auction at The Palace. The theme could be either a dog or a combination of dogs and cats.

- Special Olympics will receive in January a quilt for their basketball tournament. The themes they are looking for are sports, music, Disney, cartoon comic strips. This is a new request and I will have a couple of quilts for them to choose from.
- Community Partnership for Comfort Care is also a new agency that requested a raffle quilt for a fund-raiser in early November---any theme.

If I get more than needed for these particular events, these themes are super popular at many of the other agencies which receive our quilts---so keep them coming. The reception I get when I deliver quilts is heart-warming and the stories I hear about how our quilts are joyfully accepted generally brings me to tears. Thank you to all of you for taking the time to make somebody else's day just a little bit warmer and cheerier!



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## Announcements

Update: Patricia Autrey had her double knee surgery on Tuesday December 1 and is now being transferred to Mountain Valley Rehab in Prescott Valley. Get well wishes would surely be appreciated as she had a tough week. Thank you, Bunny

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
November 16, 2015

President Linda Marley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and reminded all to silence their cell phones.

In case of snow cancelling the monthly meeting, an email will be sent to the members and Adrienne Morrison will call those with no email.

The Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the September General Meeting were approved with a motion from Jan Walls, seconded by Hildy Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Linda Marley- Over 200 placemats have been turned in for delivery to Prescott Meal on Wheels.

Angela Petrocelli of Prescott Valley won Viewer's Choice and 1st place in Traditional Piecing at the Houston Quilt show.

A link to the Community Quilts YouTube video by Teri New is on the web site. Linda thanked Kay Denny for her remarks in the video.

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY- Suzy Davidson, Diana Ramsey- MTQG had one guest today, John Ramsey, and no new members.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON- Linda asked a pianist to volunteer to play carols for the Christmas luncheon at the December meeting. Joan Carrell volunteered. A show of hands was requested of those who plan to attend and 3 more volunteers for table hostesses were requested and filled. The signup sheets for food and help were passed around.

SPRING QUILT CAMP- Patti Taber, Suzy Davidson- Spring Quilt camp April 5 - 9 is full with a waiting list. Patti & Suzy are retiring so new chairmen for the 2017 spring camp will be needed.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT- Suzy Davidson, Arvilla Gregor- The next showings of the quilt will be Dec. 19 the Stocking Stuffer Bazaar at the Armory, Wickenburg Quilt Show Jan. 29 and 30, and the AQS show Feb. 11 - 14. To show the quilt at the AQS show 20 hours of volunteer service is required and information is on the MTQG web site. Members can volunteer at the membership table to sell tickets.

AQS BUS TRIP-Linda Marley for Terri Brown- The trip will be Friday Feb. 12 and the signup will be at the December meeting. Payment is required when you sign up.

QUILT SHOW-Linda Marley for Terri Brown, Janet Nieuwenhoff- There is a copy of the Quilt Shop Navigator with our Opportunity Quilt on the cover for members to view is in the Fellowship Hall. Copies can be ordered through Veronica Sandavol for \$6.95. The Quilt Show Committee Chairmen will meet later this week. Several of the "Do Not Touch" 8-inch quilts were displayed on the quilt rack.

PROGRAMS-Judy Dallner and Pam Easley- Today's program is by Helen Robinson a trunk show and lecture on her quick curve ruler. Wendy Knight will present a trunk show with a workshop Tuesday, "Piecing Painterly Pictorials" in January.

Kay Denny described the TOAD (treasured objects almost done) program beginning in February. 20 participants can sign up at the Programs' table. They will choose 2 TOAD projects and members will vote

which one is to be finished by Feb. 2017. Kay also reminded members about the Community Quilt challenge. One kit is still available and the finished quilts do not need hanging sleeves.

ECHOS-Jimmie Johnson, Jan Walls, Darlene Williams- Iris Lacey is presenting today's program, a stack and slash star. She will repeat it later. In January, Gail Van Horsen will show how to document your own quilt. Any quilt that currently resides in Arizona can be documented.

NEW MEMBERS GROUP-Linda Marley for Kristi McHugh-The next meeting is Dec. 7 at 10 AM at Kathleen Bond's home. The program will be on longarm quilting and the Jan. 4 meeting is on pressing. Please RSVP to the reminder email.

MINI GROUPS-Fran Leslie- Carolyn Doyle is starting a New Quilter's mini group. If you are interested, see her during the break.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH-Marcia McMullen, Mary Jane Godwin- This month's 2 blocks were shown. The directions are on the web site.

COMMUNITY QUILTS- Lapreil Schwan, Sandie Allen, & Maureen Carr- Lapreil reminded members to watch the YouTube video. The next meeting will be Nov. 30. There will be no meeting in December. If you need information and a map for the January meeting check at the Community Quilts' table in the Fellowship Hall.

The CASA Adoption day is Saturday Nov. 21, 10 AM at the Juvenile Justice Center. A show of hands of those planning on attending was requested to reserve seats.

Quilt for boys are needed and 193 quilts have been donated this year. Kay Denny delivered 63 quilts in November to the following groups: 5 - Birthline, 12 - CASA adoptions, 10 - DPS in Prescott Valley, 7 - Good Samaritan Care Center, 5 - Granite Mountain Hospice, 15 - Open Door, 8 - VA Hospital

THREAD BRIGADE- Linda reminded and thanked this month's Thread Brigade volunteers.

SHOW AND TELL-Joan Carrell for Sam Logan- Art mini group - Betty Foley, Pam Easley, Judy Dallner, Pat Little; Barbara Phiel 7; Sherri Hubbubs 1; Joan Stanfield 1; Kay Wentworth 1; Marty Scotillo 3; Beverly Bowe 1; Sandra Wolf 1; Priscilla Albrecht 1; Ann Novak 1; Susan Masse 1; Peggy Nehring 1; Marilyn Thompson 1; Lorraine Owen 1; Carolyn Doyle 2; Linda Marley 2; Joan Carrell 1. Jean Ehlers also showed the St. Luke's raffle quilt, tickets could be purchased in the foyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted, Terry Robertson, Secretary





## Things to Remember

### Remember to Bring:

Dish for luncheon  
Non-perishable food for Stepping Stones

### General Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2015  
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott  
First Lutheran Church

### Community Quilts Workshop

No workshop in December  
Monday, **January 24, 2016** 9:00 – 2:30  
Las Fuentes Retirement Center  
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 pm,  
Monday, January 4th, at the home of Terry  
Robertson. Board Meetings are OPEN  
MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to  
attend. If you would like to be placed on the  
agenda, please contact Linda Marley.



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