

The Summit, December 2017

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you have Holiday music playing as you sew, sew, sew? My routine is to sew deep into the night singing along as I work. Well, actually it's not work because I love the process. Right? I have found a few gifts have worked out nicely using those scraps I have previously mentioned, so that's a good thing. So, when all of you finish up those gifts, enjoy a good holiday season and I will see you in January as we start finishing more projects for the quilt show.

Carol Cooley

Please leave the first two pews on the right available for our photographer and those giving reports during the guild meeting. Please reserve the last two rows for the display of Show and Tell quilts before refreshment time.

Newsletter Note

The deadline for November newsletter articles is **FRiDAY, Jan 5th at noon.**



ECHOS

Diane Stockhaus & Marie Willison

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social

There will NOT be an ECHOS class in December, due to the annual Christmas luncheon. We look forward to seeing you at the Social!

Refreshments

Dolores Schrock

Remember to bring luncheon food that you signed up for.



Our Christmas Party for Mountain Top Quilters Guild is almost here (On December 18th)! This year we are going to play a little "exchange" game with the Quilt related gifts that we all make (preferred) or bring to the party. A limit of \$15 is placed on any bought gifts, but if you make the gift, you are to use your best judgement. Please bring the gift wrapped or in a gift bag and we will distribute them after we have had lunch. If you feel led to bring an extra gift, thank you. No one should leave without a gift. Speaking of lunch, this will be a pot luck lunch. Everyone should have sign-up for main dishes, side dishes, salads, Gluten free and the ever popular desserts at our last meeting. Oh, and everyone will wear a Christmas Sweater, vest or outfit (think judging). If you do not wear a Christmas sweater (or vest), please wear Christmas colors to our annual Christmas Party. This is "An Old Fashion Christmas". We will have lots of fun and good food. See you December 18th. Contact Vicki Smola with any questions.

Programs

Pam Easley

December is our Christmas Luncheon. We all look forward to this luncheon all year. Remember your favorite Christmas Sweater and the game we are playing.

We have an absolutely fabulous program for **January**. It is Barb Willis. She is a Prescott residence who has had her quilts all over Europe and Asia. She is truly an International Instructor and lecturer. She quilts and dyes a lot of silk, velvet and unusual fabrics for her pieces. We are so lucky to have her as our program in January. She will be discussing how she creates her fabrics for her quilts.

She will have a class after the January 15 meeting on dyeing a silk scarf. You will not have to bring a single thing to class; Barb will provide everything including the silk scarf. Limited to 10 members at the UNBELIEVABLE PRICE of \$25. Nothing to bring, just show up, can you believe it? If we get more than 10 members for Monday 1:00 p.m., Barb will come back on Tuesday all day for the same class. (This might be a good one for NEWBIES as Barb will have more time to spend.) Look at the Program Board for photos of student's scarfs. What a wonderful gift for yourself and/or a Christmas gift for someone special.

Ladies, you will never see such a great workshop for such little money and no requirements to bring anything. We need to have more sign up and what day you would prefer. After the December meeting I will assign you days!

In **February** we have from Minnesota, Debbie Sullivan. She has such different quilts that she has designed, dyed or created a background. She was the Featured Artist of the guild in Sun City West. How amazing her work is. And, all the way from Minnesota and we are so lucky she will be in the Phoenix area for 3-4 months.

Happy Holidays, a good New Years Resolution - to support your Guild's Programs. We look forward to seeing you!!

Membership/Directory

Diana Ramsey

Please welcome our newest members, **Nancy Clover** and **Elaine Ketchum**. Take a moment to introduce yourself and find out a little about these ladies. Also, if you have any changes to your address, phone or email, please let me know.

YOUTH QUILTING PROGRAM

Diana Ramsey

The students are having the best time learning how to use their machines to make something fun and useful. This session everyone made a pillowcase, a fidget quilt and a Christmas stocking. We have sent out notifications regarding our next session, starting on January 10th and going through February 28th. Our classes are limited to 10 and the slots are filling up quickly.

Our needs at this time are 24" rulers, heavy duty extension cords, and power strips. Our goal is to have at least 4 teachers each class to help with one-on-one instruction for the newer learners and to do the rotary cutting. Please sign up during the guild meeting to help teach on a Wednesday afternoon or contact me to put your name down on the list. .

Community Quilts

Dona Speights, Maureen Tritle, Judy Larson, Deb Mulcahy, Ivy Chavez, Jan Wall

Community Quilts is a Service Project for Mountain Top Quilters. We meet the 4th Monday of each month for a workday. Finished quilts are distributed throughout our Community to over 27 non-profit organizations. These include, but not limited to Hospices, children adoptive services, family and women's shelters, hospitals, veteran's organizations and special needs. We are most grateful to Las Fuentes which allows us to use their community room for our monthly workday!

No workday in December. Our next workday will be January 22, 2018.

- 10:00 – 3:00 We are able to get into our room at Las Fuentes for Community Quilts by 9:30 a.m. to set up.
- 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 10:00-11:00. After that, enter at the main entrance and go downstairs.

Community Quilts Team for 2017-2018: Dona Speights-Chair; Maureen Tritle-Co-Chair; Jan Walls-Quilt Deliveries; Judy Larson and Deb Mulcahy do everything; Ivy Chavez- Memory Album; and all the incredible women who work tirelessly on creating these beautiful quilts each month!

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.



Hobbs Charity Batting Program gives us a HUGE discount on 90" x 30 yd. rolls of batting. We use about 2 per work day. We need 5 UPC's per bolt ordered so you can see our need for the UPC's. The UPC's can be from any size package of Hobbs batting you may personally use. Both Michael's and Hobby Lobby carry Hobbs.



First 2018 Quilt Show Meeting

Jan Adams and Linda Marley

The next quilt show committee meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at 10 am at Miller Valley Baptist Church. We will be finalizing the quilt entry form with Registration Chair Terry Robertson. We aim for it to be available in January at the meeting and hopefully on our website. Also at the meeting, each chair will be able to give updates and get input on aspects of her job.

For all our members, in the coming weeks be thinking about

- Ø What quilts and items you want to enter in the show
- Ø What you can be making for the boutique (see Erin Sullivan)
- Ø What you might donate to the small quilt auction (see Susan Perry or Kathy Barrett)
- Ø Consider a quilt you own that might have a story (see Kay Harlan)

Thread Brigade

Diane Stockhaus

Volunteers who signed up for December 2017 are Angie Christy, Lori McCarthy and Kathy Hofmeister. Please help if your schedule permits, as it's important we keep the church clean after our meetings. Maintaining a clean space at the church helps to insure our continued use of the facility for our monthly meetings.

The Thread Brigade is responsible for vacuuming carpet in the aisles, between pews, and in the podium area; and using sticky rollers to pick up loose threads on the pews themselves. All volunteers should meet prior to the general meeting to assign tasks, and supplies will be distributed after the general meeting concludes.

As always, thanks for your help with this essential task.

Mini Groups

Sherri Hubbs

Woolies- Focus is on hand-work, especially working with wool. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday from 10-2 PM. They meet in members' homes and work on projects involving wool. Participants bring their own lunch. Contact person is Kathleen Bond.

December Birthdays

Bunny Autrey

Karen Adams	Janet Bailey
Ruth Ann Clark	Linda J. Cox
Linda Craig	Kathy Dunn
Lois Frank	Darlene Gatewood
Phyllis Henley	Peggy Knox
Iris Lacey	Carole Owensby
Becky Renfroe	Jan Smith
Bobbie Turnbow	



Getting to know our Board

Pam Easley

Born and raised in Caldwell, Idaho on a potato and milk cow farm

Our family was involved in rodeos when I was growing up. I did competitive barrel racing through youngster to teens

Was a 4-H member till about 12, raising Holstein calves for our meat during the harsh winter months.

Graduated from Middleton High School in 1963, left Idaho and met up with my father who was now in construction in Long Beach, California as he had lost the farm in a large crop failure.

Met and married my husband in Long Beach. We have been married 52 years.

Had a daughter in 1967 and we have 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson with one on the way.

Husband worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft for 30 years. We currently live at The Villages @ Lynx Creek in Dewey.

Work record includes: working in accounting depts. for major corporations, Kelly Girl Temporary Services supervisor for 12 years, managed a large auto detail shop and car wash for 15 years. I had 20 employees and processed about 200 autos a day. I taught myself Spanish in order to communicate with my employees. Went to school and got my license as a Nail Tech but retired before I could get started.

Started quilting after we retired and was living between Mexico and here.

I was fortunate to have met a wonderful quilter from Canada in one of the RV parks and she really taught me a lot that I would never have had privy to. I was introduced to MTQG by Marti French and became a member right away.

Susan Masse

- Born and raised in rural New England, I grew up with my brother and sister and several cousins who lived close by. We spent most of our time outdoors riding bikes, ice skating, and water skiing, which was all the rage back then. I was also an avid reader and went to Rhode Island College, majoring in English.

- After following my Air Force recruiter husband around the country (with our two kids), we finally settled in North Carolina when he retired. I worked for 20 years at the University of NC at Charlotte as an administrative

assistant, and later as an academic advisor. While there, I was able to finish second BA and MA degrees tuition-free, so I took full advantage of that opportunity. Because our families were in New England, our vacations were always to visit at Christmas. In spite of that annual trek, I've been able to travel to the Caribbean, England, Scotland, Hawaii (for our 40th anniversary), and Alaska several times (where my sister lives).

A while before I retired in 2010, a co-worker friend decided on a group project to make a flannel rag quilt for a professor who was having a baby. I always loved crafts, and had made all my clothes in high school and college, so naturally I volunteered. I went with her to select the pretty baby prints, and was assigned the task of sewing some of the little "quilt sandwiches" together. When I saw how beautiful the finished baby quilt was, I was hooked! By the time I retired, I had collected a stash of fabrics, ready to go when we moved to Arizona. I met several quilter neighbors and joined the guild, and I'm learning new things from each project. I laugh when I see a pattern labeled "confident beginner," and always wonder what the next step is. It can't be "intermediate" - I'm certainly not there yet! Maybe it's "sometimes confident beginner who often regresses to beginning beginner but who occasionally gets something right." That's me. Inspired by my MTQG sisters.



FUN DAY

Diane Stockhaus

Sign up for the February 20, 2018 Fun Day Mystery Quilt will be taken on a first-come / first-served basis, before the December general meeting. This event is limited to 20 members only, and will consist of all the ingredients needed to finish the top of a lap-sized quilt by the end of the day. All you need to bring is your sewing machine, some thread, and whatever other sewing implements you want to bring along. The cost for the day-long event is \$40 (cash or check only), with lunch to be included. I will be in the Fellowship Hall beginning around 8:30 with sign-up sheets. A list of alternates will also be made, in case someone has to cancel at the last minute. Come join in the Fun!

Newcomers group

Martie Winkleman & Karen Adams

The MTQG Newcomers met on Wednesday November 8 at Cloth Plus in Prescott Valley. It was a wonderful program and Whitney told how she and Bill started the business more than 18 years ago. She showed many of her quilts and explained how they were made and quilted and the type of batting she used in each quilt to obtain the softness or loft. Her passion came through

and the group was inspired and overwhelmed with her talent. After show and tell by the newcomers, we shopped and Whitney gave a 10% discount to MTQG members.

Our next meeting is January 29 at 10:00 at "Quilt and Sew Connection". The presentation called "Tools of the Trade" will focus on gadgets and new tools you can't live without. Bring your Show and Tell and in progress work. If you are a newcomer to Mountain Top take time to come, meet and learn from other quilters.

Newsletter Note: Lucy Fields will be away from her computer from 12/20/17 until 1/4/18. As result, Grapevine messages should be sent to Diana Ramsey who will send them to the members. The newsletter will be out a few days later than usual in January.

MTQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 20, 2017

9:33 am - President Carol Cooley welcomed members, new members and visitors and thanked the group for cards celebrating the birth of her twin grandchildren.

Approval of October minutes: Sherri Hubbs moved and Rosalie McDowell seconded.

Announcements - Carol Cooley-Thanked the guild members for accommodating the church's schedule last month.

Reminded everyone to check spam folder if they are not getting the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Outreach Position - Carol Cooley-The position is up and running, having been filled by Lori McCarthy, who has lots of new ideas. Because the outreach person is required to attend all board meetings, Carol recommended that it become a board position, which would necessitate minor changes to the guild by-laws. Many guild members participated in discussion as to the merits and disadvantages of making the outreach position a board position. Following the discussing a show of hands indicated that the membership did not approve making the outreach position a board position.

2. Visitors - Gail Henry-Terry Yokum is a returning visitor.

3. Membership - Diana Ramsey-Diana welcomed two new members, Elaine Ketchum and Nancy Clover, and reminded members to pick up directories and write in new members.

4. Youth Quilt Group - Diana Ramsey-There are seven girls in the first session of the youth quilt group, ages 10-17. The youngest (10-year olds) are new to working with sewing machines and notions, so members are asked to volunteer to attend the youth sessions so there are enough adults to work one-on-one as needed, especially with the youngest girls. Meetings are scheduled for November 29, December 6 and December 13 from 3 to 5pm at the LDS church near Las Fuentes. The next 8-week session will begin around January 10, and helpers will be needed on an on-going basis. Lori McCarthy will be publicizing the class, which is limited to 10 students. Money from the fees is paying for equipment.

5. Programs - Erin Sullivan for Pam Easley (absent)-January: Silk scarf dying class. Winter Camp: final payment is due today. The camp is full, with two on the wait list. Boutique: Mini groups who want to make items for the boutique can see Erin or Sue Ely at the break. The boutique committee will have kits available in January to make items for the boutique.

6. Sunshine - Bunny Autrey-Several illnesses and hospitalizations were announced, with a request to send cards.

November Birthdays: Patricia Autrey, Kathy Barrett, Roseanne Clark, Pat Little, Gale Lovelady, Beverly Markham, Susan Masse, Chris McGrew, Martha McLellan, Ann Novak, Sharon Phelps, Barbara Phiel, Ann Ramsey, Veronica Sandoval, Erin Sullivan, Sharon Watt, Wayne Wolfe, Sharon Wright. Bunny also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7. Thread Brigade - Diane Stockhaus-Today: Linda Marley, Maxine Everaert, Ronnie Sandoval, Suzy Davidson

8. ECHOS - Diane Stockhaus-The ECHOS social is today following the meeting. It will be a "get to know" each other program, and to bring up ideas and ask questions.

9. Fun Day - Diane Stockhaus-Fun Day will be Tuesday, February 20. Signups will be at the December meeting, first come, first served. Cost will be \$40, which includes supplies and lunch. Max 20.

10. Future Programs - Ronnie Sandoval-She and co-chair Susan Perry handed out a survey last month to determine interest in various aspects of quilting. The results showed that members are interested in paper piecing, applique, machine quilting, piecing, and landscape quilting. They are looking for volunteers to teach sessions on these techniques.

11. Mini Groups - Carol Cooley-Carol invited new members to look into the various mini-groups that are part of the overall guild. They can see Sherri Hubbs for more information.

12. New Members Mini Group - Martie Winkleman-The November meeting was at Cloth Plus in Prescott Valley. Owner Whitney talked about the many quilts she has made that are displayed in her shop. The next meeting will be January 29th at 10am at Quilt & Sew Connection. The topic will be "Tools of the Trade."

13. Holiday Luncheon - Vicki Smola-Vicki invited everyone to participate in next month's "Old Fashioned Family Christmas" because guild members are a family. Dress in Christmas sweaters or Christmas attire. To participate in the gift exchange game, bring a wrapped quilt-related gift and put giver's name inside package. The gift can be hand-made or purchased, with a \$15 limit. The luncheon will be pot-luck and a sign-up sheet will be sent around for main dish, salad/side, or dessert.

14a. Quilt Show - Linda Marley -The MTQG quilt show will be June 1-2, 2018 at the Prescott Valley Event Center. There was a planning meeting two weeks ago; the next meeting will be January 5. All chair positions are filled. Need more 8" square "do not touch quilts" signs. Terry Robertson is working on the registration form, which will be finalized in January and posted on-line. On form there will be a place to indicate quilts that are to be grouped together, such as Fun Day quilts or mini group quilts. There will be several ribbon categories and awards, and youth participants will get a ribbon. Angie Christy is making the ribbons and labels and needs help from volunteers. Also, she would like members who have embroidery machines to help embellish the centers of the ribbons. Susan Perry and Kathy Barrett are in charge of the small quilt auction.

14b. Quilt Show Publicity - Lori McCarthy-Lori asked if anyone is traveling to quilt shops out of the immediate area to take bookmarks. She will email all AZ shops to remind them of the show. Advertising is in progress. This year for the first time, there will be a quilt show brochure to tell who we are, to provide a map of the venue, and each quilt/quilter will be listed individually. She is getting estimates from printers for cost as well as advertisers to help offset the cost.

14c. Quilt Show Challenge Quilts - Marsha McMullen-Marsha reminded everyone who is participating in the challenge, "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," that the finished projects are due in April.

15. Community Quilts - Dona Speights-Jan delivered 58 quilts last month and set aside six for special requests, and reported that 24 children were adopted at the November adoptions. She anticipates requests from homeless organizations, and gave approximately 40 quilts to the fall drive, at which over 400 requested assistance. Apparently there is a rumor that Community Quilts does not need fabric donations at this time. This is absolutely not true. Donations are always needed, which are used for quilts, placemats, fidget quilts, and even dog beds. Nothing goes unused. At this time they welcome donations of Christmas fabric. She proposed that they make permanent decorative wall hangings to donate to Las Fuentes, instead of requesting loaner wall-hangings from MTQG members each year. Las Fuentes generously allows Community Quilts to use their facility and storage for no cost, so it is reasonable to provide them with decorative Christmas items.

Carol Cooley announced appreciation for all the chairs and the work they do and encouraged new members to consider volunteering. The guild has a folder with descriptions of each committee and the work they do. Because of the complete information it is easy to step in as chair or committee member.

SHOW and TELL - Suzy Davidson-Quilts were displayed by Betty Foley, Mary Jane Godwin, Charlene Coxworth, Angie Christy, Gail Henry, Jan Sullivan, Bobbie Turnbow, Sherri Hubbs, Kay Wentworth, Kay Hoff, Marcia Jacobson, Sandra Wolf, Ronnie Sandoval, Lois Frank, Marcia McMullen, Lori McCarthy, Ann Novak and Michele Schneider.

PROGRAM

MTQG member Martie Winkleman presented a trunk show of her quilts, including many unique art quilts.

ECHOS

"Getting to Know You" social.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Masse, Secretary



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

Food for luncheon
Exchange gift for Holiday Party

General Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2017
9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, **January 22, 2018** 10:00 – 3:00
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott
No workshop in June.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 on Monday, January 8 at the home of Susan Masse. Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Carol Cooley.



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