

The Summit, February, 2014

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Along with colder weather, February always brings Valentine's Day when we think of love and romance and hearts and, of course, chocolate. Do you remember the first time you fell in love? When you were obsessed and could think of little else but your new-found love? Maybe it snuck up on you gradually. Or it could have been one of those "love at first sight" sort of situations. No, I am not talking about some boy or girl you met, silly! I am talking about the day you fell in love with quilting?

I remember when I first fell in love with quilting. I did not come from a quilting family, although my mother was a wonderful seamstress and my grandmother liked to sew clothing, too. I started sewing when I was 10 or so but I got hooked on the idea of quilting in my late 20's. I bought a how-to book and read it thoroughly from cover to cover, twice. Then I bought some construction paper and cut out triangles and squares and played with them for months on end auditioning different configurations for quilt blocks. When I finally took the plunge and bought fabric for my new love, my husband was absolutely stunned because he secretly thought I was never going to quit playing with paper shapes and get down to actually making a real quilt out of fabric!

Ever since that time, I have been totally in love with all things quilting and have learned so many new ideas, methods and techniques after joining the guild to keep my love fresh and exhilarating. I wish all of you Happy Valentine's Day with your love of quilting!

Diana Ramsey

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

Nominating Committee Needed

Diana Ramsey

At this time, I am looking for three members to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. This committee only functions for a month or so and is vital in helping us find capable, willing members to serve on the Board for the next fiscal year, July 2014 through June 2015. Voting for the new Board members takes place in May and the Officers are sworn in at the June meeting. If are willing to help, please let me know. I can be reached at liv2quilt@cablone.net or [928-499-8792](tel:928-499-8792).

Membership

Suzy Davidson

We have four new members to welcome. Beverly Berg-Hansen, Cathi Gundlah and her daughter Angela Petrocelli and Sandra Wolf. Sandra joined in October but do to an error on my part was left out of the directory. Please join me in welcoming these members and get to know them and their interests.

As a reminder our dues will change to \$20 for members who join between February and May. Renewals for our 2014-2015 fiscal year will begin in April. Watch for forms and details in the April newsletter.

Refreshments

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

MTQ members often comment on the great finger-food treats they enjoy each month. For this month, we ask the following to bring a treat: Mary Jane Godwin, Joyce Goodwin, Lynne Gray, Erna Greenway, Arvilla Gregor, Nancy Gullikson, Mary Hagberg, Babs Harber, Kay Harlan, Colleen Harlow, Sharon Harris, Sharon Heilman, Pam Hendricks, Dori Hendrickson, Phyllis Henley, Diane Hill, Linda Hill. Remember-Label food containers with your name. We thank each of you for sharing your treat with us.

Sunshine

Tina McGowan and Alice Obrenovich

To our members born in February we wish you a very Happy Birthday. Have a wonderful fun filled day.

Beverly Bowe	Sheri Hubbs
Julie Dodds	Jo Isaac
Betty Foley	Fran Leslie
Ella Gertonson	Jo Ann Mawk
Arvilla Gregor	Sharon Maxwell
Nancy Gullikson	Dolores Schrock

Newsletter Note

The **deadline** for **March newsletter articles** is Wednesday, March 8th at noon.

Fons & Porter Magazine Sales

Arlene Tribble, Treasurer

We have been given a special offer by Fons & Porter for subscriptions to Love of Quilting magazine at a reduced price of \$15 per member (\$20 is the regular price). **This is your last chance!!** If you are interested, please see Arlene Tribble during the break at the general meeting. Checks should be made out to Mountain Top Quilters Guild (MTQG).

Library

Terri Robertson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie

Thanks to all who donated magazines or books for the MTQG library. These are the new titles in our library this month:

PINK RIBBON QUILTS (A Book Because of Breast Cancer)

QUILTASTIC CURVES

THE ART OF FABRIC COLLAGE (An Easy Introduction to Creative Sewing)

THE DOUBLE WEDDING RING (A Someday Quilts Mystery)

Remember to bring and return any books or DVD's that are due or overdue. The overdue fines are used to purchase new materials. We would love some suggestions for new items of interest to our members.

The Library Ladies

Small Quilt Auction

Hildy Smith and Julie Dodds

The amount of items made for our Boutique is growing every day. We are very pleased with the response from our members. We want to encourage you to check your patterns and see if you have something that might be a good addition to our stock. If every member contributed a few items, we will have a great selection for people.

We will continue to share patterns and kits at our monthly meetings. This is a good time for you to bring in completed items so we can log them into our inventory. Looking forward to seeing your contributions soon.

Quilt Show News

Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry

Did you get a chance to visit the American Quilter's Society show in Phoenix earlier this month? Were you in awe of some of the wonderful quilts on display? Did they inspire you to get your quilts finished for our June 6th and 7th, 2014 show, "Quilting Binds Friends Together"? Sure hope so, 'cause we know our members are very talented and produce some gorgeous quilts. Just listen to the "ooh's and aah's" at Show and Tell each month!

Quilt Registration forms will be available at the February meeting and will be due back by our meeting on April 21st. Your quilt does not have to be completed by April 21st, you'll just need a 4 X 6 picture of the top to attach to the form by that date.

Joy Swartz has made the 2010 American Quilt Study Group's "Stars!" challenge quilts collection available for our show. A few of us got a sneak-preview last week, and "WOW", are they ever awesome. These quilts are smaller representations of 19th century quilts containing stars, and are going to be a great addition to our show.

Committee Chairs will soon be asking for your help and we're counting on every member doing their part to make this the best show ever, so grab a friend and volunteer!

New Members Group

Lynne Gray

We had a great turnout at Quilt N' Sew Connection last month. Demonstrations by the staff introduced us to great notions that will make our quilting easier.

Thanks to Kathleen Bond we all left inspired to stretch our creativity and use embellishments on our quilts. Our next gathering will be at JoAnn Fabrics on Gail Gardner Way in Prescott. We will be meeting at 9:30 this month because they have a class at 11. I will do a demonstration of my "Go Baby" Accuquilt and send you home with a block to make for Community Quilts. As always there will be cookies! We will decide where to go for lunch for those of you who want to join me.

Quilt Show Boutique

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

MTQG members have gotten busy making items for the Boutique and we thank them for their contributions.

At our January general meeting, we will display samples of items we have made. Patterns can be emailed to you. If you need, we can print them for you. We also have patterns that were printed up for use in prior years and you may pick these up. We hope you will come and see these ideas. We need everyone to help produce enough to make our Boutique a big success. We will be set up before the meeting, during our break and stay after the meeting.

We will be selling new/vintage/antique quilts that members have contributed. We are looking for a few more quality quilts to add to the boutique. We can only accept a few more, but hope to find some unique additions to our collection.

Members who make larger items for the boutique have the option this year of having the item returned to them if it does not sell. We ask that you mark these items with your name on a slip of paper and pin to item so we can properly track these.

Quilt Camp Spring 2014

Kathy Barrett and Annette Ladehoff

Spring Quilt Camp, April 8th through 11th, was full, but due to a scheduling conflict we now have one more opening! If you are interested in joining us at United Christian Youth Camp for 3 nights and 4 days of fun, please contact Annett Ladehoff or Kathy Barrett as soon as possible. A \$35 non-refundable deposit is due at sign-up with the \$150 balance due at the March 17th meeting. Give us a call...the more, the merrier! Hope to see you there!

Programs

Sherri Hubbs

March 17, 2014 Presentation of the TOAD Finalists with TOAD queen Kay Denny

April: Kay Wentworth. Kay will share a trunk show of her unique art quilts and will focus on showing us how to make quilts that tell a story.

Kay will give a half-day class on making an easy art quilt that features a dress. 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, etc)
- no-hand-sew binding
- hand sewing with large stitches.

May: Quilt Show

June: Spring Luncheon

July: Gail Van Horsen will do a lecture on Quilt Appraisal

TOAD Queen Message

Kay Denny

Ok, my little toadettes----you do realize **TOAD** time is near, don't you? And it's actually not too late to complete your project--if it makes you feel any better, mine is yet to be finished----I promise it will be. Showtime is Monday, March 17th----that gives you about one month to either finish or invent your excuses! The guild and I are expecting all twenty-two of us to get up and strut our stuff. If you have **finished** your project, your name goes into the GRAND PRIZE drawings. If you haven't, you must also get up and show your progress with lots of explainin' to do. All the toadettes who show their project completed or not, get a participation prize. See you all at the March program!

WANTED: Quilts with a Story

Kay Harlan and Joan Carrell

Now that the holidays are over its time to think about those special quilts you have around you home with a special story. Please share your quilts with us at the Quilt Turning. The forms our on the web site and please submit a picture of the quilt with your quilt turning form. If you need help filling out your forms give Joan Carrell or me a call. We need the forms no later than May 1st.

ACCUQUILT CHECK-OUT

Diana Ramsey

The Accuquilt GO! fabric cutter is feeling neglected and unloved! She would love to be taken home and used to make a beautiful quilt, or just have fun cutting out strips for another project - maybe the Lumberyard Ladies will inspire someone to put her to good use. Please let Diana know if you would like to have her for a week (or more if no one else is waiting!) liv2quilt@cablone.net or [928-499-8792](tel:928-499-8792)

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

Marty and I are very happy about the Community Quilts activity that we held at Las Fuentes on Monday, January 27. Our goal was to have an old fashioned work meeting and that is exactly what happened. Judy Eppler demonstrated hand tying and there were many ladies who tried their hands at that. The best part of hand tying is that it is a group effort and turned out very well. Other ladies machine quilted and we also had some who came just to observe. A very successful Community Quilt day all round.

We were able to donate 8 quilts to CASA, 4 to Hospice Family Care, 8 to Marley House and 4 to the VA. That is 24 Quilts that have been donated for the month of January. Alice Obrenovich delivered 24 Foley Bag covers in January. At each of the facilities where items were donated, the staff

expressed great appreciation for the efforts of the members of MTQG.

We received a nice thank you from the Adult Center. When they had their Duck Dynasty event, Charlene Coxworth delivered a quilt for their silent auction. The event was a success.

We have a request from Rachel's Vineyard for 10 quilts. We have 4 on hand and are hoping for the remainder to be brought to MTQG meeting in February because their retreat is in March, before we have our regular meeting.

Casa has told us that their next big adoption day has been moved from April to May but as yet we have no numbers as to how many adoptions will take place. They have had a spate of boy adoptions lately and so their quilts on hand count is down for boys.

Marty and I are very appreciative of all your efforts and the community that we serve with our quilt and Foley bag donations are even more appreciative of your efforts. Thank you from us all.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

- Library materials that are due
- Refreshments Names beginning with Hi – La
- Items for the boutique

General Meeting

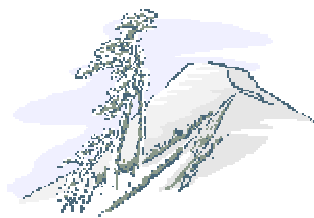
Monday February 17th, 9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, February 24th, 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, March 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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