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The Summit, January 2016

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are as excited as I am about all the quilting opportunities we will have through our guild in this New Year. Of course, the biggest is our quilt show in June, just 5 months away, and it will take every one of us to make it a success. Wouldn't it be great if every member entered at least one quilt in the show?

And then there are the other quilt shows in AZ where our fabulous opportunity quilt is being displayed. Helping to sell tickets is a great excuse to go to the quilt shows in Wickenburg later this month, and at the AQS show in February. If you haven't been on one of our bus trips, you'll definitely want to sign up to go in 2016. While at either one, you may just find the fabric and inspiration you need to finish your quilt show entries.

So I challenge you to dust off your sewing machines, now that the Christmas decorations are down and company is gone. I know I'm looking forward to explore new avenues in the quilting world. Join me.

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, Feb 3** at noon.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

Welcome to 2016! As we move into the second half of our membership year here are a few treat reminders: Monthly treats are finger-food items ready to serve. Members value a choice of food types, especially those with health needs, Bring two containers of your treat labeled with your name. Pickup any leftovers of your treat after the meeting.

This month the following are asked to bring a treat. Your willingness to provide something tasty is appreciated. THANK YOU...Margot McDonnell, Rosalie McDowell, Chris McGrew, Kristi McHugh, Martha McLellan, Marcia McMullen, Jennifer Mees, Sharon

Melpolder, Carol Miller, Donna Morgan, Adrienne Morrison, Phyllis Moss, Eve Nadelberg, Peggy Nehring, Peggy Neumann, Susie Neil, Janet Nieuwenhoff, Ann Novak

ECHOS

Jan Walls and Jimmie Johnson

Following the January 18th meeting please join Gail Van Horsen for her presentation on DOCUMENTING YOUR OWN QUILTS. Gail will bring the forms that we can use for the personal documenting of our own quilts. No need to sign up - just be there. Plan to bring a lunch or light snack as we will run into the afternoon.

February: Several months ago we had a class in the Disappearing Nine Patch. Following the February 15th meeting Jan Walls will have an ECHOS class in the DOUBLE DISAPPEARING NINE PATCH. This is an easy square with several variations. Sign up for the class at the ECHOS table and get the list of materials needed.

March: Sam Logan will again present the ECHOS class in the SMALL PURSE. Sign up at the ECHOS table for this class.

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 quilt making 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.wendyquilts.com/>.

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

January 19, 2016 We have a few spots left in Wendy's 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. The cost is \$40.00. Sign up at the MTQG meeting or call Pam Easley or Judy Dallner. Check out her website.

February 15, 2016 TOAD with Kay Denny. This is a fun guild challenge you can read about in Kay's article. (below) 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 began 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 McMahon trunk show. Pam says: "My "passion" for quilts began over 30 years ago. My Grandmother, Katie, gave me the pieces of a Double Wedding Ring quilt that she started in the '30's and knowing that I enjoyed sewing, she suggested I might like to "finish it". Little did she know, that would inspire my love for both antique and scrap quilts! As my passion for quilting began, according to my husband so did his 30 year nightmare of sharing our house with my fabric and quilts!!!!

I began working in a local quilt shop in Portland, Oregon in the late '90's and soon began sharing my love for quilting through teaching beginning and intermediate classes. Teaching from some of my original designs, I was encouraged by students to write patterns for my quilts.

In 2002, I began selling my patterns through shops in Oregon. I relocated to Mesa, Arizona in 2006 and decided to offer my patterns nationally. In 2007, I displayed my quilts and patterns at International Quilt Market for the first time and continue to attend once a year. I am accompanied by my husband who does the driving and heavy lifting while I search for new quilt shops to visit to and from Market!" Take a look at her website: <http://www.piecebypiecequiltdesigns.com/>

April 19, 2016 Pam McMahon is offering a class teaching how to piece a feathered medallion. She teaches accurate piecing of traditional blocks to create her beautiful quilts. Signup will begin in January for her class. The class will meet from 9am to 3pm in the fellowship hall. The class cost is \$35.00.

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/>

The T.O.A.D. Project

Kay Denny (Self-proclaimed Queen of the TOADs)

It's TOAD time at the February meeting! What's a TOAD, you say? Well, a T.O.A.D. is a Treasured Object Almost Done. This is exactly the same as an UnFinished Object, or UFO, as it's more commonly known in the quilting world. We call ours a TOAD because the Queen said so. She, The Queen, will announce the program again at the January meeting and further sign-ups will be taken at the program table. There are openings for more---please sign up.

Anyway, in February, those who have signed up will bring TWO TOADs which need "encouragement and incentive" to finish. You will show each project, telling us a little background---such as what year you began the project, what kind of quilt project it is, and why you haven't gotten "a round tuit". Guild members will ask you questions about your projects and then vote to choose the one for completion. You will have nine months to finish your TOAD for presentation at the November 2016 meeting. Hmmmm---with a November deadline, maybe this is the year the quilt for Aunt Ethel's Christmas present will finally be finished??????

In November, there will be a show-and-tell of the completed TOADs. There will be little rewards for the participants, even those who don't finish (but they do need to get up and explain why they didn't). Those who DO finish their selected 2016 TOAD will have a chance to win one of the GRAND PRIZES.

By the way, TOAD participants shall sit in the first two rows on the left side in both February and November. Non-TOADs attempting to sit there shall grow warts with black hairs, by order of The Queen!

Opportunity Quilt

Suzy Davidson and Arvilla Gregor

This month's meeting is the last chance to sign up to help with ticket sales for the next two months. The Opportunity Quilt will be at the Wickenburg Quilt show on the 29th and 30th. The guild really needs your help with ticket sales so if you are going to the show please sign up to help. Or if you don't have plans to go, grab a friend or two and come and enjoy the show. 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. We currently only have 10 members signed up to help over the 4-day event so hopefully more of you than that will be attending the incredible show. Surely those going Friday on the guild

bus will volunteer, but if you are attending another day please consider giving an hour or two to help with ticket sales. For \$10 you will receive a vendor pass that is good for all 4 days of the show so please sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

In addition we need to provide help at the show in lieu of the \$1500 booth fee. We are half way to our goal of 20 volunteer hours. Show volunteers get in free the day they volunteer. If we don't get enough volunteer hours for this show I am sure we will not be able to have our quilt in future shows for no cost. Information on how to sign up to volunteer is below and on our website with the opportunity quilt information. If you can help please sign up, let me know if you have questions, or contact Melissa Winters from the website. I also need to know who has signed up to help at the show so Melissa and I can make sure the volunteers get the time slots they want. I checked the volunteer spot web page and know that slots are still available every day. I had to try the link twice to get the sign up schedule to appear. Thanks in advance for your help.

Please sign up for AQS QuiltWeek - Phoenix, AZ!

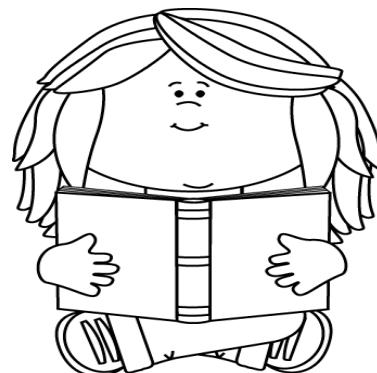
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/53JBxM>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Library

Meg Roberson, Peggie MacKenzie, Ann Novak, Jan Mawk

While this reminder is fresh on your mind, please pull out any MTQG library books you may have in your possession and put them where you will remember to bring them to quilt guild on the 18th.



Membership

Suzy Davidson

Please join me in welcoming our newest member Peggy Knox. We are starting 2016 with 195 amazing quilters in our membership! 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,

Mini Groups

Fran Leslie

Mountain Top Quilt Guild Featured Mini-Group for January is "VALLEY GIRLS" - These quilters meet the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 at Quilt 'n Sew Connection, Prescott Valley in the class room. They usually sew on their own projects, handwork or sewing machine. Sometimes there is a group project or a class taught by members. Lots of sharing, laughing & stitching goes on. We welcome new members. Bring your stitching & visit with these quilters. Contact Lois Frank or Diana Ramsey.

Beginning Quilters mark your calendar. The first meeting will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 1:00. There will be a Trunk Show, a sharing of Ideas & Skills. This information meeting will discuss where you are in your quilting skills, where you would like to be and how to achieve & better your quilting skills. Call for directions - Carolyn Doyle

AQS BUS TRIP

Terri Brown

On Friday, February 12, 2016, we have chartered a bus to go to the American Quilter's Society, AQS, Quilt Show at the Phoenix Convention Center. The bus will leave from the Walmart in Prescott (the one across from the mall) at 7:30 am. Everyone needs to arrive by 7:15 am and get checked in with me. The fee is \$35.00, which includes the entry fee to the show. We have 34 people signed up already and we have a 56-seat bus. So there are several seats left. I will be taking signups for the trip at the January guild meeting. Hope you can go!

Quilt Show

Terri Brown, 2016 Quilt Show Chair

Wow. The quilt show is only six months away. Thank you to Diane Stockhaus for taking the committee chair position for quilt registration. Glad to have you on board. Our next quilt show committee meeting is January 8, 2016, at the food court in the mall in Prescott. We have a terrific group of committee chairs for 2016. This is an exciting time. I would like to that have to be performed encourage everyone to be a part of the quilt show. There are a lot of jobs BEFORE and AT the show. We will need lots and lots of help. We all need to spread the word about the show and we will need lots of items for the boutique and the small quilt auction. There are so many generous and giving people in Mountain Top that I know our show will be a huge success.

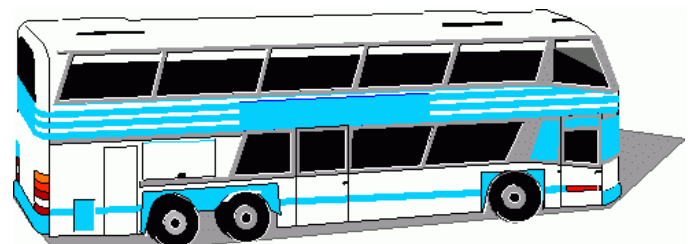
I also want to thank Susan Perry, Jan Adams and Linda Marley for offering to help me in my position. I am going to take you up on it!

Happy quilting,

Small Quilt Auction

Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry

MTQG will be holding a Small Quilt Auction on Saturday June 4th during the Quilt Show. The auction traditionally is a great fund raiser for MTQG. We would like to have roughly 70 small wall quilts to auction. Perhaps you are already working on a quilt for the auction (one has already been donated) and if not please consider making one. We are looking for new quilts that are no bigger than small lap size. Kathy and Susan will show samples at the January (and subsequent) meetings. All quilts should have a sleeve and label. The label should have "MTQG 2016 Small Quilt Auction" and "Your Name". We will have an entry form on the web in the next few weeks (and available at the meeting). Information on the entry form is used to create a program and by the Auctioneer to talk about each quilt before bidding. Please support our Guild and make a quilt!



Community Quilts

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

The next Community Quilts workday will be Monday,
January 25, 2016.

- 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.

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.



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

December 21, 2015

President Linda Marley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and reminded all to silence their cell phones. The minutes of the November meeting and treasurer's report were approved with a motion from Diana Ramsey, seconded by Suzy Davidson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Linda Marley- Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild's speaker on January 11, 2016 will be Suzi Parron (Barn Quilts) with a workshop the next day, Tuesday January 12. If any members are interested, see Linda or call Patsy (928.772.4807) for further information. Several members explained Barn Quilts.

The meeting times for 2016 will be extended to allow our speakers enough time for their presentations. The MTQG meeting will start at 9:30 and end at 12:30. ECHOS will begin at 1:00.

Hildy Smith, our photographer is absent today; Diana Ramsey volunteered to take photos.

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY- Suzy Davidson, Diana Ramsey- Our 2 visitors today were Gail Cansdale and Melanie Fuemmeler and our new member is Peggy Knox.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT-Suzy Davidson, Arvilla Gregor- At the Stocking Stuffer Bazaar, the amount of tickets sold (\$287) was the most from any one day showing. Volunteers are needed for the Wickenburg Quilt show, January 29 and 30, especially on Saturday and for the AQS show in Phoenix, February 11 -14. The shifts are 1 1/2 hours and if you are planning to attend more than one day check with Suzy for a \$10 vendor pass. The Quilt was shown at Seams Sew Right (tickets sold \$68). YTD over \$3000 of tickets have been purchased for the opportunity quilt.

SPRING QUILT CAMP-Patti Taber- 243 placemats were delivered to Meals on Wheels and Patti read the Thank You note from Meals on Wheels.

Spring Quilt camp is full with a waiting list. Last year spaces became available for those on the waiting list. See Patti in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

AQS BUS TRIP - Terri Brown- Sign up for the bus trip to the AQS show in Phoenix, begins today. The cost is \$35 and is due when you sign up. The trip is scheduled for Friday February 12. The tentative pick up time is 7 - 7:30 and the location will be announced.

QUILT SHOW-Terri Brown, Janet Nieuwenhoff- 6 members have ordered the Quilt Shop Navigator, if 10 or more are ordered there is no shipping charge. The cost is \$6.95 if paying by check and \$7 cash. See Terri if you are interested. Jan Adams volunteered to donate her copy to the MTQG library.

The Quilt Show needs a quilt registration chairman. If you are interested let Terri know.

The Boutique also requests volunteers to help the committee. See Bunny Autry if you are interested.

The next Quilt Show Chairman meeting is Friday January 8, 9:30 at the Gateway Mall food court.

The "Do Not Touch" 8-inch quilt challenge received 8 quilts last month and 2 today. The challenge will end in May.

ECHOS-Linda Marley for Jimmie Johnson- The class in January will be on documenting your quilt(s) by Gail Van Horsen. Remember to bring your lunch if you are interested. No class is scheduled for February. Linda ask who was interested in using the binding (book) machine as a possible February class. The March class is a repeat by Sam Logan on her mini purse.

PROGRAMS-Judy Dallner and Pam Easley- TOADS (Treasured Objects Almost Done) will begin at our February 2016 meeting. Participants choose 2 unfinished projects and the membership votes on which should be finished by the November 2016 meeting. Members interested in participating (limited to 20) sign up at the Programs table.

January's program is a trunk show by Wendy Knight with a 6-hour class on Tuesday. Only 6 have signed up for the class, 10 are needed. The cost is \$40 with a \$10 kit fee. Marti Winkelman and Susan Perry described Wendy's skill as a quilter and teacher.

February is TOADS and March is the Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller from Canada. The Class on Tuesday is on reverse appliqué. There is a sample of the project at the Programs table along with the sign up for the class.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH-Marcia McMullen, Mary Jane Godwin- The 2 blocks were presented and the instructions available in the foyer and on the web site.

NEW MEMBERS GROUP- Linda Marley for Kristi McHugh- New Members will meet January 4, 2016 at the Miller Valley Baptist Church with a program on pressing. February's meeting will be on batting by Julie Dodds. Kristi will email reminders to those on her mailing list. Any member is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Kristi at her new email .

COMMUNITY QUILTS- Lapreil Schwan, Sandie Allen, & Maureen Carr- The next meeting will be January 24, 9:30 at Las Fuentes. The CASA Adoption ceremony was "wonderful".

Seams Sew Right donated 34 yards of fabric (\$124) from their Love It Again shop.

Fleece was on sale at Jo-Anns, yardage was purchase to use as backing. The fleece was easy to quilt.

Kay Denny delivered 55 quilts this past month, 16 to CASA adoptions; 6 to Catholic Charities; 1 to Horses with Heart for a raffle; 9 to Hospice Family Care; 10 to Granite Creek Health Care (formerly Las Fuentes Care Center); 6 to Stepping Stones; 6 to Life Connections; and 1 to Terri New as a thank you for making the CQ video. YTD 248 quilts have been donated.

ANNOUNCEMENT- The following members need to bring treats to share at the January meeting: Margot McDonnell, Rosalie McDowell, Chris McGrew, Kristi McHugh, Martha McLellan, Marcia McMullen, Jennifer Mees, Sharon Melpolder, Carol Miller, Donna Morgan, Adrienne Morrison, Phyllis Moss, Eve Nadelberg, Peggy Nehring, Peggy Neumann, Susie Neil, Janet Nieuwenhoff, and Anne Novak

THREAD Brigade this month is the MTQG Board, Linda Marley, Jan Adams, Dona Speights, and Terry Robertson. A Merry Christmas from the Board

SHOW AND TELL-Sam Logan, Donna Skurla- Showing quilts today were Betty Foley, Jan Walls, Patti Taber, Charlene Coxworth, Sharon Watt, Chris McGrew, Martie Winkelman, Kay Wentworth, Terri Brown, Sandra Wolf, Kathleen Bond showed 2 quilts from Gloria Bess, Jan Adams, and Kathleen Bond.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM

Respectfully submitted, Terry Robertson, Secretary

Things to Remember

Remember to Bring:

Library Books

General Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2016
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, **January 25, 2016** 9:00 – 2:30
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, February 2nd, at the home of Judy Dallner. 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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