

The Summit, July, 2013

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What would you take with you if you had to evacuate your home suddenly? Some of us had to make that frightening decision recently. Our family has talked about it over the years when we discuss emergency safety procedures at home. As usual, the first items would be loved pets, important papers and family photos and movies. But as a quiltmaker, all of my quilts would be the next most important item on my list. They represent so many different events in our lives, both for my children and for me and my husband. Most of you probably think the same about all of your quilts. They are as precious as the family photos.

As many of you know, we are a firefighting family. Each day my husband goes to work, we all say a little prayer for his safe return. Our house has been solemn this week after the devastating tragedy that has happened in Yarnell. Although we did not personally know any of the fallen, they were a part of our firefighting family. If you have not done so already, I urge you to donate to one of the many charities that have been set up here in Prescott. The families are hurting and need our support, our prayers and our appreciation.

Respectfully,
Diana Ramsey

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Membership dues are set at \$35.00 for next year. Please use the form included at the end of this newsletter to renew your membership.

Hospitality

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

The salads and desserts were delicious at our June luncheon, and the women at PAWS appreciated the "remainders". Thank you for your generosity in sharing.

Would the following please bring treats for our July meeting? Fruit, and cheese and crackers are always welcome for those who can't have sugar. Please bring in two plates/dishes if you can: Vance, Van Den Hout, Van Dyke, Van Horsen, Vick, Vinson, Von Brentano, Vroom, Walls, Watt, Wentworth, Williams, Whann, Windett, Wolfe, Wright, Yanak and Younker. Thanks.

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 August **newsletter articles** is Wednesday, August 7th at noon.

We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born in July. Have a great day!

Carol Cone	Linda Marley
Lucy Fields	Susan Perry
Marjorie Senior	Jeanne Sellers
Colleen Harlow	Sharon Phelps
Bettie Setz	Jane Hofbrauer
Dana Ramsey	Kathleen Tavares
Audrey Jessee	Judith Ritner
Gail Van Horsen	Sandra Wright
Judy Larson	Julie Rouse

ECHOS

Jimmy Johnson and Evelyn Russell

ECHOS resumes this month with Bev Bowe's "Victorian Hankie Dresses." It's not too late to gather a colorful hankie, a 12 by 16-inch piece of white fabric, white thread, needle & thimble, and a pencil (for copying the pattern onto the fabric). Bev is supplying the pattern for a lovely lady who'll be wearing the hankie that she will be teaching you how to transform into a dress. To see a sample picture, check out our website for the TOAD program from last March. Optional supplies include a light box and black fabric pen (to draw your lady's face -- or you can embroider it later). P.S. No hankies will be harmed in the making of this quilt block.

For August 19th, the class is full with Pam Easley teaching the Disappearing Four-Patch. Those who have already signed up should come by the ECHOS table during the July meeting to get your supply list for the class.

We're looking for ideas for the rest of the year, especially in September, so contact Jimmie or Evelyn. These free classes are held right after our regular Monday meeting in the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch, learn something new, and plan on meeting some new quilting friends.

Fall Quilt Camp (October 8-10)

Charlene Coxworth

Mountain Top Quilters Guild Quilt Camp runs Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am through Thursday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided on Tuesday, three meals on Wednesday and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Again, we will be staying in the beautiful pines at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. The cost for the three-day event is \$125.00 per quilter which includes all meals, snacks and door prizes.

Registration will begin at the July 15th MTQG meeting. You must be a member of MTQG to attend camp. To sign up you will need a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit check made out to MTQG or cash and your registration form filled out. Camp forms are available on MTQG website.

MTQG Friendship Quilt Challenge

Carolyn Edwards

Friendship Quilt Challenge quilt tops and quilts were shown at MTQG's June meeting. Thank you to all who 'showed your stuff'! It was a delightful ending to a delightful year of Friendship and Friendship Quilts!

And the Viewer's Choice winners are...

1st Place - Barbara Merkel (prize: book--"Memory Quilts in the Making")

2nd Place - Joan Carrell (prize: book--"Friendship Quilting")

3rd Place - a TIE ~ Jan Adams and Kathleen Bond (prize: a panel of quilt labels)

Congratulations, Quilters! Luckily, the 3rd place prize could be equally and easily divided! The real winners will be all MTQG members when the Friendship Quilts now in the works are completed and can hang together in next year's Quilt Show--"Quilting Binds Friends Together"!

And...if you didn't quite get your Friendship Challenge quilt top ready to show in June, keep working on it! I challenge each of you who have a Friendship quilt 'in the works' to keep going on it!! As soon as you have the top put together, please share it in a monthly Show & Tell. It will encourage the rest of us to 'keep going'! And then, of course, the real goal will be to have it finished to hang in our Show!

ORPHAN BLOCKS? If you've been meaning to give me an Orphan Block, please do so by MTQG's September meeting (9/16/13). My goal was 100% participation in this Friendship Quilt Challenge. I'm keeping a tally. You can still participate! The final count will take place at our Quilt Show! So...give me an orphan block, or hang a Friendship Quilt in the Show!

And a big THANK YOU! to all of you for your Friendship this year! There is nothing greater than the friendship of a quilter!! I love you all!

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

You are all invited to participate in the Community Quilts project to help us get the tops sandwiched and quilted ready to give out. All members are welcome to join our work day, which is the 4th Monday each month, at Las Fuentes resort activity room.

In our inventory at Community Quilts, we have 19 quilts ready to be delivered, 7 or 8 of which are children's themed quilts. We also have 31 layered quilts ready to be quilted. Our inventory of tops ready to be sandwiched and quilted stands at approximately 250.

As a quilt guild, we have the opportunity to be of great service to the less fortunate who live amongst us. To help with this arm of Mountain Top Quilters Guild, kits have been put together as a challenge project for our next quilt show. These will be available at our next meeting for \$2 each and we have set a goal for these quilt challenges to be completed by April 2014. They will be voted upon and the winner will receive a prize. We provide quilts for about 20 charities, many of them for children as well as hospice patients.

We have received a request for quilts from the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. They report that they serve a lot of children at their center. These children come in for various reasons including Sexual Assault exams and or Forensic interviews with Law Enforcement due to a traumatic incident. Some children are in crisis and need comfort items such as quilts, blankets, stuffed animals etc. Right now they are in need of small quilts. They have had about a 54% increase in clients over this past year.

Marty and I encourage you to extend your helping hand in our community quilts effort.

Programs

Carolyn Doyle and Sherri Hubbs

We have three workshops with registration openings in this month, and registration fees are now due for

all classes. Openings including a workshop by Marcia McMullen teaching reverse applique in August, Barbara Polston teaching fabric painting in September (rescheduled due to illness), and in October a wearable art jacket workshop with Leslie Peacock. While the Ken Casey's Class set for later this month is filled, class fees are due this month and members may sign up on a waiting list.

Monday, July 15: Local designer Susan Joy Noyes will be sharing her unique quilting designs from the simple to the incredible which she says are ideal for a variety of decorating projects including quilts, of course. She's soon going to be making these designs available on her website. <http://www.ShowcaseDesignElements.com> If choosing quilting patterns is a challenge for you, you won't want to miss this great source of inspiration.

Wednesday, July 31 – Thursday, August 1: "Tie a Yellow Ribbon," Workshop only has a waiting list. At the July meeting those already registered need to pay their class fee of \$40 total for both days. Ken Casey will conduct this workshop for Margaret Miller's pattern that uses her AnglePlay™ templates. There will be several template sets available for use, including one MTQG has purchased for check-out in the future. If anyone wants to purchase from Ken the starter set primarily called for in the pattern with accompanying pattern book, you must order it by July 15th. The class will be held at our usual meeting place in the church on Smoke Tree.

Monday, August 19: "Joy of Quilting" trunk show by new MTQG member Marcia McMullen featuring her hand-pieced and hand-quilted works of art.

Tuesday, August 20: Registration is still open for "Album Joy"-- All-day reverse appliqué workshop with Marcia. The \$15 class fee is due this month. Participants will work on or two 12-inch finished reverse appliqué blocks, all done by hand. Patterns for all four blocks plus other tips and tricks will result in the 40-inch square quilt entitled "Album Joy." This is a great opportunity to learn from this highly experienced teacher as well as a fun time to meet with other MTQG members.

RENEWAL FORM 2013-2014 Dues are \$35.00

Please fill in your name and any information that might have changed since last year. Also include the date and check number if applicable. Return to: Suzy Davidson, MTQG Membership Chairman.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-mail _____

Date _____ **Check#** _____

Renewals can be mailed to:

Mountain Top Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 12961, Prescott AZ 86304-2961



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

Library items that are due
Membership renewal form
Membership dues

General Meeting

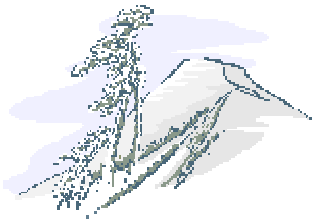
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
Monday, July 15th 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, July 22nd, 9:30 – 3:00
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 10:00 am. August 5th will meet at the home of Lapreil Schwan. 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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