

The Summit, March, 2013

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month was a very busy and this month looks to be the same. I am asking all members to consider volunteering for either a board or committee chair position. We have so many members and so few volunteers. Having the same folks filling positions over and over is not healthy for the guild.

Also, the issue of buying new quilt frames is still under consideration. Let's work together and make the best decision for our guild.

Kathy

Membership

Sue Davidson

Please join me in welcoming our new member Marcia McMullen and help me make sure she has all the information she needs to feel comfortable and enjoy our guild. As I am also a new member, please let me know if there are any changes to your contact information or anything membership can do for you.

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

We wish our members born in March a very Happy Birthday.

Pat Foat
B. Johnson
Karen Junger
Hazel Karetov
Kristi Mc Hugh

Donna Morgan
Phyllis Moss
Terry Robertson
Patti Taber
Ellen Von Brentano

Newsletter Note

The deadline for March newsletter articles is Wednesday, April 5th at noon.

ECHOS

Jimmy Johnson and Evelyn Russell

Special thanks to Lynn Beck for the great class about making string quilts, a great way to use all the left-over trimmings from making quilts. It is almost like making a free quilt. We should see some of these quilts in Show and Tell.

This month Diana Ramsey is demonstrating the many ways to use the Accuquilt. This machine is owned by MTQG and is available to all members to check out and use at home. Participants in the class will have the opportunity to try making cuts, from simple blocks to applique shapes. Diane will have fabric for you to try. And if you have something you want to cut for a project you are working on, bring your fabric to cut.

April is our yard sale, so we will not have ECHOS next month.

Hospitality

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

To each of the following: MANY THANKS for bringing a treat this month for all to enjoy. Having the treats on two serving containers has been a great help now that treats are served in two rooms. Joan Carrell, Ivy Chavez, Ruth Ann Clark, Carol Cone, Maryann Conner, Marcy Cook, Carol Cooley, Rae Cooper, Linda Coppola, Charlene Coxworth, Joyce Cummings, Judy Dallner, Kay Denny, Julie Dodds, Carolyn Doyle, Sandy Duncan, Kathy Dunn, Pam Easley, Carolyn Edwards, Jean Ehlers, Judy Eppler, Maxine Everaert.

SPRING QUILT CAMP

Annette Ladehoff and Kathy Barrett

This is just a reminder that we will be collecting the \$35 deposit checks at the next MTQG meeting. The camp requires a minimum of 20 people in order to have meals prepared, and we are still a couple of people shy of that number. We still have a couple of months until camp time, so if you are interested or know of any of your MTQG friends that you might be able to convince to join us, please have them let me know, and bring their checks to the meeting on the 18th. If you're new to the guild, or if you've never been to a quilt camp before, it should be a really fun 4 days of quilting, eating, and chatting with old friends, and making new friends!

TOAD Project

Kay Denny (Self-proclaimed Queen of the TOADs)

MARCH 2013 PROGRAM

It's TOAD time! On the off chance you've been hibernating and have no idea what we're talking about, 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. And we call ours a TOAD since the Queen didn't want to rule the aliens and have two

heads and 24 eyes, though she does think an extra hand or two would be most helpful whilst quilting.

Anyway, those wishing to participate are requested to bring TWO TOADs that you need "encouragement" to finish. You will show each project, telling us a little background on each (such as when you began the project, what kind of quilt project it is, and why you haven't gotten "a round tuit"). The guild will ask you questions about your projects and then vote on the one you have a year to complete for presentation at the March 17, 2014 meeting. Linda Marley, our Program Chair and quite the smart cookie, has timed this so that the finished objects may be displayed at our upcoming Quilt Show.

There will be little rewards (aka: another possible TOAD) for the participants. Those who FINISH their selected 2013 TOAD will have a chance to win a GRAND PRIZE.

TOAD participants will be sitting in the first two rows on the left side. Non-TOADs attempting to sit there shall grow warts with black hairs, by order of The Queen!

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Patti Taber and Lapreil Schwan

THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKDAY IN MARCH due to a conflict with the room use. The next Community Quilts workday will be April 22, 2013.

We distributed quilts to the following: 5 to the Hospice of the Pines; 10 to Yavapai Family Advocates; 10 to Good Samaritan Hospice; and 8 to Prescott Women's Shelter.

Please consider contributing any red fabric (not Christmas) and any orphan blocks that you may have. We appreciate all of your support.

MTQG Friendship Quilt Challenge

Carolyn Edwards

At January's Guild meeting, I mentioned that the theme of the February issue of The Quilt Life was "Perfect Combos". Well...here's my favorite paragraph in the whole magazine. These words are by Ricky Tims: "Today quilt guilds, quilt shops, shows, and workshops provide the vehicle for fostering lasting friendships. We learn from each other; we laugh together, cry together, and get through life together. ... Think about the companions you have in your quilting circle and I think you'll agree: quilting and friendship is a perfect combination!" WOW! That says it all, doesn't it?!

Every month, I'm hearing more of your stories about your Friendship Quilts and the plans and progress you're making! With each new signature you collect, the quilt becomes more of a treasure to you. Even since we've started this challenge, we've lost dear friends. And every time we brush across those names, we'll feel the tug on our heart strings. Remember to write dates on your quilt blocks. "Mountain Top Quilters Guild Friendship Quilt Challenge" would also be a really great notation!

So, keep on stitching, MTQG Friends. Here again are the deadlines we're looking at...or, maybe I should say, here are your Goal Dates:

June 17, 2013 - completed Friendship Challenge quilt TOP for participation in a Viewer's Choice vote at the Spring Luncheon.

May 2014 MTQG Quilt Show - completed Friendship Challenge quilt...where all our Friendship Quilts, and our friends, will hang together!

And one last thing, if you're still trying to select a block for your Friendship Quilt...per Barbara Brackman's "An Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns", the block we know as "bear's paw", among other things, is also known as "hand of friendship" and "best friend"!!!

AQG BUS TRIP

Sharon Maxwell and Diana Ramsey

Come with us to the Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show in Mesa on March 15th and leave the driving and parking to the Master's Touch bus driver! Have fun visiting with your friends on the bus there and back without all the hassles. Cost (which includes admission) is \$28.00 unless you are a current member of AQG, which would be \$24.00. We have only a few seats left so don't wait.

Contact Diana Ramsey at liv2quilt@cablone.net or 928-499-8792 if you are interested or would like to bring along a friend or two.

For those already signed up, remember that the bus will pick up at 6:15 a.m. at Walmart on Hwy. 69 in Prescott and again at 6:40 a.m. on Glassford Hill behind the BMO Bank in Prescott Valley. Please be a few minutes early so we can leave on schedule.

Programs

Linda Marley and Sharon Phelps

Monday, March 18th: T.O.A.D. Queen Kay Denny returns to challenge us to complete a "Treasured Object Almost Done" in time for our next quilt show. Bring two projects this day for our membership to choose between. Participants who complete their designated TOAD will be eligible for some great prizes.

Monday, April 15th: Biennial Rummage Sale – Are you cleaning out your quilt studios of unwanted quilting tools, fabrics, patterns, and books? Also consider to bring those UFOs you've decided you'll never finish, thus giving them a chance to find a good home. For fabric, be sure to mark yardage amounts, whether it's cotton or another fiber, and if prewashed. Give everything a price in 25-cent increments. Volunteers are needed to set up on the day of the sale, as well as ladies to tally and bag purchases.

Tuesday, April 16th: "Fun Day" has one last-minute opening for a spring/summer kit available for \$60. Those already signed up can check the program table to get their list of what sewing items to bring. This workshop will be at our regular meeting place in the fellowship hall starting at 8:30 AM.

Monday, May 20th: "The Art Form of Indonesian Batik" lecture and trunk show with Joyce Heuett, AKA "The Batik Lady." She'll introduce you to the history, process of design, and the people. Plus, she'll have fabrics for sale from Timbal (Patchwork) to the beautiful Prada cloth woven with threads of gold to be sold in sarong lengths (2 meters). Start saving your money and bring cash or checks as she can't take credit cards.

Monday, June 17th: Spring Luncheon
NEW!!!! Tuesday & Wednesday, June 18-19: Sign-ups begin at the March meeting for a 2-day painting workshop which Barbara Polston has offered to teach MTQG members at no charge. Students will just need to pay \$15 for each day's class to cover kit fees and a proposed facilities charge. Fees are due at the time of registration. Tuesday will be "The Courage to Paint," a class Barbara taught at Mountain Top Quilters in January, 2011, and is a prerequisite for the next workshop. (Those who took the January 2011 class may just register for the

second day's class.) Wednesday is the follow-up class "Vintage Roses Painted Appliqué." Details of the classes and supply lists are available on Barbara's lovely personal quilting website: <http://barbarapolston.com/teaching.shtml> Workshops will be held at Miller Valley Baptist Church, 815 Whipple St., Prescott, AZ.

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 informative quilting 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.

Monday, August 19: Marcia McMullen trunk show of her hand-pieced and hand-quilted works of art.

Tuesday, August 20: All-day reverse appliqué workshop with Marcia

Monday, October 21: "I don't Exaggerate. . . I Embellish" Trunk show of wearable art garments by Payson's award-winning wearable artist and teacher Leslie Peacock. She'll be sharing information about the fabulous threads and techniques she uses.

Check out Leslie's interesting quilting website at : <http://www.lesliepeacock.com/index.html>

Monday afternoon, Oct. 21 & all day Tuesday, Oct. 22: "Fantasy Fabric Jacket"

This 1½-day workshop with Leslie will have participants making their own fabric on Monday and then adding it to their jacket on Tuesday. Sign-ups will begin in July. The \$80 class fee will include the jacket pattern, fusible material and tulle.

2014

February 17-18: "A Quilter's Lumberyard" with Cheryl Coffman and Patty Bowers.

March 17: Presentation of TOAD finalists, with TOAD Queen Kay Denny

April 21: Tips 'n Tricks from our membership

May 19: Finalizing our Quilt Show



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

Library: all items that are due

Comm. Quilts: Finished quilts, Hobbs UPC's

General Meeting

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Monday, March 18th 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, April 22nd, 9:30 – 2:30

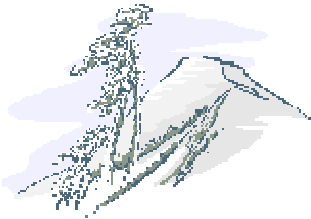
Las Fuentes Retirement Center

1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is April 3rd at 10 am. We are meeting at the home of Kathy Dunn. Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Kathy Dunn.



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