

The Summit, March, 2014

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other word would smell as sweet.
Wm. Shakespeare

"A Rose is Still a Rose By Any Other Name"...or is it? Do you know we have over 185 members and are still growing each month? But that does not mean we have 185 different first names. Many of you share the same first name with others such as Barbara, Linda, Carol, Carolyn, Sharon and Jan. And yet no two of us are really alike. We may have similar traits or styles or backgrounds or names, but we are all very much an individual in our own way. Just like our quilts.

Each quilt is a unique creation in its own way, too. You can especially see how our individual choices make our quilts our own when the Mystery Quilters mini-group gets up for show and tell. Oh, sure, they all used the same pattern but their quilts are as different from each other as each quilter is from the next. What a joy to see such diversity among similarities!

So, as you are getting your quilts ready to enter them in the quilt show, think about the names you have given to your works of art, and remember that it will be its very own distinctive, remarkable entity even if it shares the same name or pattern or fabrics as another's.

Happy Quilting,
Diana

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

Nominating Committee

Darlene Gatewood, Pam Hendricks, and Connie Massner

We are still seeking a president elect to complete the slate of officers for the MTQG 2014-15 board election. Please call [928-636-5850](tel:928-636-5850) or [928-778-7312](tel:928-778-7312) if you have a suggestion or would like to volunteer for this position.

Membership

Suzy Davidson

The 2014-2015 membership year is July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Dues will be \$35.00 and I will start collecting renewal forms at the March meeting. Please fill out the renewal form found on our website or attached to your newsletter if you receive it in the mail. I will continue to take renewals thru the June meeting. If you are unable to attend the meetings the form can be mailed to Mountain Top Quilters Guild.

Newsletter Note

The **deadline for April newsletter articles** is Wednesday, April 9th at noon.

Refreshments

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

These are busy days for all of us as we complete projects and prepare for our quilt show. Thank you to the following for taking time to provide a finger-food treat for our members this month. Julie Dodds, Carolyn Doyle, Sandy Duncan, Kathy Dunn, Pam Easley, Carolyn Edwards, Jean Ehlers, Judy Eppler, Mazine Everaert, Lucy Fields, Vera Flores, Betty Foley, Pat Folsom, Lois Fox, Lois Frank, Darlene Gatewood, Pat Gentner, Ella Gertonson

Sunshine

Tina McGowan and Alice Obrenovich

We wish our members born in March a very Happy Birthday. Have a wonderful fun filled day.

B. Johnson	Phyllis Pohlman
Kristi Mc Hugh	Terry Robertson
Beth Marie Miller	Patti Taber
Donna Morgan	Ellen Von Brentano
Phyllis Moss	

Library

Terri Robertson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie

Our library books are arranged by number which indicates their subject. For example the 500's are books on applique, the 600's cover the many patchwork patterns and the 700's are embellishments. We have a detailed printout available at the checkout/in table.

Two new books are [Alice's Tulips](#), by Sandra Dallas #191 and [Modern Quilts from the Blogging Universe #695](#).

The Library Ladies

P.S. Remember to bring any library materials that are due!

Quilt Show News (June 6-7)

Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry

We can hardly believe it, but it's only three months until our next quilt show. Are you finishing up your quilts? Quilt registration forms will be at the monthly meeting and can be found on our website as well. Registration forms are due back by our April 21st meeting. You'll need to attach a 4 x 6 picture at the top of the form, though it can be a picture of just the top (as long as the quilt itself is done in time for the show). (Susan is thinking her picture might just be of the completed blocks if she doesn't get to work).

Here's a piece of trivia: MTQ's first show was held in 1982 at Ponderosa Mall with 21 quilts. We have come a long way! We expect to have close to 300 quilts at the show and now we've expanded to Tim's Toyota Center. This is all thanks to you, the members. It's so fun to show off the quilts made by this talented group. Be sure to have your friends mark the date on their calendar or get a bookmark from Arvilla Gregor or Suzy Davidson to send off to them as a reminder. We hope to make this our best attended show yet.

Where Quilter's Gather Quilt Show Vignette

Carolyn Edwards

There are always lots and lots of opportunities to volunteer at any and every Quilt Show! But I will have one that won't seem like 'work'!! The Quilt Show entrance will feature a vignette "Where Quilters Gather". And the plan is to feature a 'sewing bee' in action--doing what quilters do when they get together--working on their own projects, hand-piecing, hand-quilting, talking, and laughing. So, when the Volunteer Sign-Up sheets are posted, plan to spend a little time in the Girlfriends Sewing Circle.

Small Quilt Auction

Hildy Smith and Julie Dodds

We need your help! As of the end of February, we only have 19 quilts. Our goal is to have at least 80 for our Quilt Show in June. There are only two months left to prepare for the Auction. We would like to have your donation to us by May 1. The paper work for your donation is on the MTQG website). Your effort for the success of the Auction is appreciated.

Friendship Quilts

Carolyn Edwards

It's time to be filling out your Quilt Show quilt entry forms. We want to hang all the Friendship Quilts together, so please...under **Category**, check "Mini Group and/or Challenge, Other Quilts to be Hung With:", and write in "Friendship Quilt Challenge". Even if you didn't get your Friendship Quilt top finished by last June's challenge deadline and the Viewer's Choice competition, you are still encouraged to finish and enter a Friendship Quilt or two! :-). Remember..."quilting binds friends together"!

National Quilt Museum

We have 8 tickets for FREE entry to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Please see Diana Ramsey if you would like to have a few for your next trip there. They expire March 1st, 2015.

New Members Group

Lynne Gray

I have a very special meeting planned for this month. We will be meeting on Tuesday (March 18th) this month. Please join me at Seams So Right Quilt Shop (220 West Goodwin St. Prescott). Maylee, the shop owner, will be giving us a trunk show which should be inspiring. In addition I believe she or Julie will be giving us a demonstration of new tools and techniques. It is always fun to browse and shop here so we will have time for that as well before

those of you who want to "do lunch" head out for some quilt talk and visiting.

I hope to see you all there at 10:00. Until then, happy quilting.

Quilt Camp Spring 2014

Kathy Barrett and Annette Ladehoff

Spring Quilt Camp, April 8-11, is almost here! My, how time flies!! Camp is full, and we're planning on having a great time again this year. Unless you've already paid the full \$185 for camp, please bring your balance of \$150 to the March 17th meeting or mail it to us by that date. We will be emailing camp details prior to the meeting, so watch your inbox and start getting those projects ready!!! If you have any questions, you can see us at the meeting or just give us a call...

Programs

Sherri Hubbs

March: Our program will be with the Toad Queen Kay Denny. Hope everyone has their TOAD done.

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, and hand sewing with large stitches.

May: Quilt Show

June: Spring Luncheon

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

Just for your information: Everyone had a great time with the Lumberyard Quilters that we are working on getting them back in November to teach a class on Monday afternoon (same class they taught last month)

YARNELL WELCOME HOME QUILT PROJECT

B. Johnson and Diana Ramsey

This special project between Mountain Top Quilters Guild and Thumb Butte Quilt Guild is winding down. Members from both guilds have given fantastic support to the project and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! At the last workshop we stitched labels and binding on 19 quilts. Over 35 full size bed quilts have been finished. Sixteen have been delivered to Yarnell before Christmas last year and another 19 will be given to Yarnell residents who are in the process of rebuilding their homes. The additional quilts being completed will be donated to local women's shelters that will be determined within the next few weeks. There are still 10 quilts that need to be picked up for quilting and about 8 or 10 more that are in process of being quilted. As these come back in they will be at the meetings to go out to you for binding and labels.

B. Johnson will have the quilts that need work at meetings until they are all taken by volunteers and returned completed. Please pick up one of these quilts during break at the monthly meetings they will be available at both TBQ and MTQ. We ask that you please return any quilt you have finished as soon as possible.

Hotshot Memorial Quilts Project

Diana Ramsey

With the quilt show just around the corner, it's time to start work on the Hotshot Memorial Quilts Project. At this time, I have received over 150 shirts from various fire departments, districts and union locals across the state and even around the world. It is my vision to make them into several quilts for display at our quilt show. The quilts will exhibit the tremendous outpouring of grief and support displayed when shirts began showing up along the fence surrounding the fire station and will commemorate the event and its effect on our community.

Several workdays have been scheduled and, with a lot of help, I anticipate that we can get these quilt tops ready for quilting by the end of March. It's a

fairly easy project to do and all you will need to bring are: cutting mat/ruler/cutter, sewing machine and lunch! Hope to see you at one (or all) of the workshops!

Monday, March 17: We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the general meeting

Wednesday, March 26: 10 am to 4 pm at Granville Club House off Glassford Hill Rd. on Granville Prkwy

Directory

Jennifer Mees

If you haven't submitted a picture for the next directory (or you want a different one than last year), please email me a digital picture (approx 1 mg) as soon as possible. I will also be available to take pictures for a few minutes during break at our monthly meetings.

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

If you have not been to Community Quilts, then you are missing a great opportunity to get to know your fellow quilters. As I walk around the room, I hear snippets of conversation about upcoming trips, moving and downsizing, problems with grown children, excitement over newly graduated grandchildren, new grandchildren arriving any day now and the latest dissection of Downton Abbey. The whole experience of being with these ladies working on community quilts resembles the quilting bee that used to take place in times gone by, where children played under the quilt while mothers, grandmothers and other relatives and friends worked together to complete the quilt and swapped community news.

On Monday 24th February, the big excitement was to go through the donated fabric that has resided at Diana Ramsey's house for a couple of months. As the plastic bags were emptied onto the table, the exclamations ran from 'oh I have that fabric', to 'what do you think we could put with this fabric for a quilt' to 'please sort into usable pieces and the small pieces need to go to the Lumber Yard pile'. When I described this excitement of sorting through the

Community Quilts continued:

donation, my husband observed, "I guess it was just like playing in a huge new toy box!" And so it was. Charlene Coxworth has become our 'Lumber Yard' lady and as such is the recipient of many fabrics that are too small to use in a quilt but are very suitable for the Lumber Yard process. She put together a number of rows of crazy eights and then someone put up a purple fabric for the border and the whole ambiance of the quilt changed. This Lumber Yard approach seems to be a very efficient way to use the smaller pieces of fabric. Good luck Charlene, we appreciate your enthusiasm in this system. Our quilt distribution for the month of February consists of four quilts to the VA, four quilts to Marley House, four quilts to Hospice Family Care, ten children's quilts to CASA and ten comforting quilts to Rachel's Vineyard. This makes a total of thirty two quilts distributed to the various agencies in our area. Marty and I are extremely grateful for your productivity in the Community Quilts effort. At our business meeting on 17 February, there were twenty nine quilts turned into us for distribution. Thank you once again for your efforts in this endeavor. Alice Obrenovich delivered twelve Foley bags to the VA, fifteen to Granite Mountain Hospice, fifteen to

Marley House and fifteen to Hospice Family Care. We are grateful to all those members who make Foley Bags and to Alice for delivering them. To give you some idea of the scope of our efforts - since July when Marty and I took over the Community Quilts and Foley Bags effort, we have delivered 228 quilts and 252 Foley Bags. Our productivity is commendable. When you come to our MTQG business meeting, please come to the back of the room and visit the Community Quilts table and pick up a quilt that needs to be quilted or bound or needs finishing in some other way. We always have something for you to do for our Community Quilts effort. We invite our members to come to our next Community Quilts meeting at Las Fuentes on the fourth Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 24th from about 9am to 2.30pm. Please park on the west side of the Las Fuentes building and if you wish to eat Pizza for lunch, please bring \$3. Assignments have already been made for salads and desserts. See you there.

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RENEWAL FORM 2014-2015
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 P.O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ., 86304-2961.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Date _____ Check# _____



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

- Library materials that are due
- Refreshments Names beginning with Do-Ge
- Items for the boutique

General Meeting

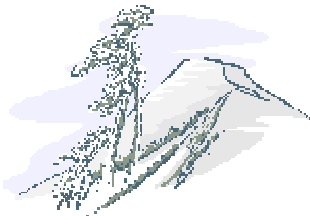
Monday March 17th, 9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, March 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, April 7th at the home of Carol Cooley. 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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