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The Summit, March 2016

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's no better time to be a Mountain Top Quilter than in these coming months. Of course, there's our quilt show in June, followed by a delightful Spring Tea at our June 20th meeting. Just a heads up -- we're planning a tea cup competition so be picking out your favorite china cup and recipes to prepare.

This month, we're so fortunate to have the singing quilter, Cathy Miller, sharing her songs and quilting skills all the way from Canada on her final US tour. She's written songs just for quilters, including "100 Ways to Hide Your Stash," "You Can Quilt That Out," "Done is Better than Perfect," and "You Just Might Be a Quilter." As a member of MTQG you can also contact our program chair Judy Dallner and reserve a space for dinner Monday, March 21st with Cathy and her husband John. Call by the Saturday before, the 19th so Judy can make reservations at a restaurant still to be determined. It's Dutch treat.

These events and more are made possible because our members have such giving hearts and are willing to share their skills and time. With only 4 months left in our fiscal year, it's time to consider how each of you might contribute in some capacity in the coming year. Having volunteered for several positions over the years, I have been blessed to make so many new and dear friends who make up this wonderful quilting guild. It takes every one of us, old and new members alike, for this community of quilters to continue to touch lives and make a difference.

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 April **newsletter articles** is **Wednesday, April 6** at noon.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

For this month of March, the following members are asked to bring a ready to serve finger food treat to share with others during break time. Be sure to label containers with your name. Thank you for bringing an item to share.

Norma Schambach, Michele Schneider, Pat Schoenfeldt, Dolores Schrock, Stephanie Schuck, Lapreil Schwan,

Marty Scotillo, Jeanne Sellers, Bettie Setz, Rosemary Shellhorn, Connie Sieh, Donna Skurla, Hildy Smith, Jan Smith, Judy Smith, Linda Smith, Vicki Smola, Dona Speights, Jan Stanfield, Irene Starr.

ECHOS

Jan Walls and Jimmie Johnson

ECHOS The March program for ECHOS will be making a small wallet taught by Sam Logan. If you don't have the materials for this project Sam has kits available for \$15 - you just bring your machine and black thread. Sam will also be teaching the May ECHOS class with an over-the-shoulder Zip Bag. A sample of the bag and the sign-up sheet will be at the ECHOS desk.



Programs

Pam Easley and Judy Dallner

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.

But that was before. Now, Cathy and her husband John 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!. 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." Cathy will be teaching her reverse applique technique called "Moca Mola." She will help each participant design their own piece and teach the group to use Moca Mola to complete the piece by the end of class (hopefully). See the sample she sent at the programs table and check out her website to see other students work. Wow! Signup for Cathy's class at the Programs table the cost is \$50 and is limited to 20 people. There is more information available at her website: <http://www.singingquilter.com/>.

April 18, 2016 Pam McMahan trunk show. Her website is: <http://www.piecebypiecequilt designs.com/>. Pam is a national pattern designer. Her designs are traditional, using both traditional blocks and fabrics. She likes to use Reproductions or fabrics that have a "prairie" feel to them. She finds using triangles, flying geese and stars allow the graphic design to "pop".

April 19, 2016 Pam McMahan will offer a workshop about creating a feathered star. She says, "If you love feathered stars as much as I do, this quilt is for you. This 48" quilt requires accurate piecing skills. The extra effort is well worth the result! You will become proficient in making half-square triangles!" Skill level- Advanced beginner and beyond. Take a look at the sample and signup for this class at the Programs Table.

May 16 we will be getting ready for the quilt show!

June 20 is our spring tea and officer installation. Start thinking now what you like to volunteer for next year.

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Please join me in welcoming our newest members Sondra Haile, Gail Cansdale and Marilyn Withrow. 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

March Mini-Group News - There are 9 Mini Groups in Mountain Top Quilters that are still welcoming new members. See the List under Mini-Groups and call the contact person to find out location & time of meetings as most mini-groups meet in quilters homes. Some groups stitch on their own projects, others have a specific form of quilting. Usually at these meetings somebody shares a new quilt trick or gadget & there is always lots of laughing. Stop in & check out what these ladies are stitching on & why they are having so much fun.

Quilt Show

Terri Brown, 2016 Quilt Show Chair

MTQG's next show will be "Every Day Is a Quilting Day," June 3 & 4, 2016, at the Prescott Valley Event Center. Quilt Show pins are in and will be on sale at the March guild meeting. Pins cost \$5. See Terri Brown.

The deadline for Quilt Registration forms is April 18, 2016. Registration forms will be collected on the front table next to the entrance door by the kitchen.

Thank you to everyone working on the show but we're just getting started. If you want to help with the show, please contact myself or any committee member.

The next Quilt Show meeting will be held at First Lutheran Church, March 21, 2016, following the guild meeting.

Small Quilt Auction

Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry

Are you working on a small quilt for the Small Quilt Auction? We have several turned in so far and need YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS! The Small Quilt Auction is one of the activities at the show that is unique to MTQG and is a great fund raiser. We would like to have roughly 70 small wall quilts to auction that are no bigger than small lap size. All quilts should have a sleeve and label. The label should have "MTQG 2016 Small Quilt Auction" and "Your Name". We have an entry form on the web. Please support our Guild and make a quilt!

Quilt Show Boutique

Marcia McMullen & Michele Schneider

June 2016 MTQ Boutique Donations

We hear those sewing machines humming.....this guild is so generous with their talents and time. There are only three months left until our Quilt Show and we want to keep up the push to make boutique items. We will be bringing a few more orphan blocks to the guild meeting for apron starters. We could use: credit card holders, quilt themed baby bibs, sewing machine foot peddle holders, hand towels that hang on kitchen handles, fabric purses and whatever you have been working on!. We will have sign-ups again for patterns at the March meeting.

Thank you for all your support...bring your completed items to guild meeting in March.

Wanted: Quilts With a Story

Kay Harlan and Joan Carrell

If you don't know if your "QUILT" with a story is what we are looking for, call Joan or me and visit with us. You may not think it is special but it could be just what we are looking for. The forms are on the web site. We need a color picture of the quilt attached to the quilt turning form.

We need your form in by May 1st. We are going to have the Happening Quilt Show in Prescott. Be part of it in a special way of sharing your quilt story.

Opportunity Quilt

Suzy Davidson and Arvila

The Wickenburg Show was a very successful event for our quilt. We sold \$388 of tickets. The AQS show was not as successful, \$483 but we have now have ticket sales of over \$4,000! I want to thank everyone who has helped make this year's quilt sales so successful. Remember we have asked each member to purchase 12 tickets for \$10. If you haven't gotten yours yet I will have tickets available at the meeting. There are currently no events scheduled for the quilt until our show in June so if you know of an event were we could display the quilt and sell tickets let me know.

New Members Group

Kristi Mc Hugh

The MTQG New Members Group will next meet on April 4th, 2016 at 10:00 in the Hidden Valley Activity Center in the down stairs meeting room, 1645 Coyote Road, Prescott, 86303. Susan Perry will be sharing information about our 2016 Quilt Show. If you are interested in attending and are not on the New Members email list please contact Kristi McHugh.

Community Quilts

Sandi Allen, Lapreil Schwan, Maureen Carr, Kay Denny

The next Community Quilts workday will be Monday, March 28, 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.



MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
February 15, 2016

President Linda Marley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and reminded all to silence their cell phones. The minutes of the January meeting as amended and treasurer's report were approved with a motion from Bobbie Turnbow, seconded by Sherri Hubbs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Linda Marley -Margot McDonnell won 2 awards at Road to California. Margot will be giving a trunk show and class for MTQG in September. Ann Novak received an honorable mention at the AQS show.

New guidelines for submitting information to our website will reduce the burden on our webmaster. Submittals should be limited to the first part of the month in when the newsletter is due or within 2 days after our meeting. In addition, the grapevine is available for sending information to members. The guidelines are in our bylaws and standing rules. These can be found at the end of the membership directory.

A volunteer signup sheet for the Thread Brigade for next 3 months and for the June tea will be passed around. Next month we will ask for volunteers for the nominating committee to fill the board positions for the next year.

A request for a hand quilter has been received through the web site. If anyone is interested, see Linda. Carol Cooley has scraps for dog beds if anyone is interested. Dishes left over from a past meeting are on the ECHOS table. Please pick up if they are yours.

HOSPITALITY/DIRECTORY- Diana Ramsey- Today's visitors: Maggie Wychunas, Kathy Weinhold, Carey Behel, Marie Love, and Susan Cupp. There are extra directories available if any member needs one.

MEMBERSHIP-Suzy Davidson- Our new members are Gail Cansadale and Sondra Haile.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT-Suzy Davidson, Arvilla Gregor- The Opportunity quilt sales were \$388 at the Wickenburg Quilt Show and \$488 at the AQS show. YTD sales are \$4063.

SPRING QUILT CAMP-Patti Taber and Suzy Davidson- Spring camp is April 5 - 8. The camp is full with a waiting list if plans change. Full payment is due by next month.

PROGRAMS-Judy Dallner and Pam Easley- The Guild policy is that classes are for members. If the class is not full by the month before, it will be opened to members of the other area guilds.

Today's program is TOADS. March is Cathy Miller the singing quilter. Her class is Mock Mola from 9 - 4 with room for 20 at \$50. April is Pam McMahan. Her class is not recommended for beginners. The cost is \$35. May's program will be the upcoming quilt show. June is the spring tea.

ANNOUNCEMENT-Patti Taber- Thumb Butte Quilters Guild has openings for their Drunkards Path Class. See Patti at break if you are interested.

ECHOS-Jimmie Johnson, Jan Walls, Darlene Williams- Today's class is Jan Wall's double disappearing 9 patch. In March, Sam Logan will teach her small purse class again and a future class on a walking bag. ECHOS classes are free and scheduled after the monthly meeting. Remember to bring a lunch. Information is in the newsletter and on the web site.

QUILT SHOW- Susan Perry for Terri Brown- The Quilt Show committee meeting has been rescheduled to Friday February 19, 9:30 at the Gateway mall food court. Included in the May MTQG meeting will be voting on the Community Quilt Challenge entries. Volunteer sign up for the Quilt Show will be during the April and May meeting. Diane Stackhaus and Charlene Coxworth are the quilt registration chairs. The registration form for entering a quilt is on the web site with instructions. Photos should be in color and not attached with staples. Five is the maximum number that can be entered. The entries should be prioritized in case hanging room becomes limited. The deadline for entering is the April meeting. The new Boutique chairs are Michele Schneider and Marcia McMullen.

The small quilt auction chairs, Susan Perry and Kathy Barrett, showing a small quilt reminded members that the form and label information is on the web site. The quilts and forms are due by the May meeting. They asked for a volunteer to quilt and finish a small quilt. Marty Lensink donated McKenna Ryan patterns for any member to use and make a quilt for the auction.

Boutique chairs, Michele Schneider and Marcia McMullen showed aprons, foot pedal cover and a mouse pin cushion as ideas for members to make for the boutique. Items for quilters sell well, but baby items are not needed. There are more ideas and patterns at the Boutique table in the fellowship hall. A list of patterns is also available on the web site. They asked that most items be ready at the March meeting which will give enough time to price each for the Quilt Show in June.

Quilt turning chairs, Joan Carrell and Kay Harlan asked members for quilts with a story. It could be humorous, historical, sentimental, etc. Any size quilt is welcomed that is in the member's possession. Forms and information are on the web site.

NEW COMERS GROUP-Kristi McHugh- The group meets the first Monday of the month. March 7 Joy Swartz will present a trunk show at 10:00. At the April 4 meeting, Susan Perry will give information on the upcoming quilt show. May 2, Julie Dodds will talk about batting and quilting. See Kristi if you wish to attend and she will send meeting reminders.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH-Marcia McMullen, Mary Jane Godwin- Marcia and Mary Jane showed 6 (3 appliqué and 3 pieced) blocks. 2 blocks were in addition to January's and 4 for this month. Next month will be the last patterns so the quilts can be finished in time for the Quilt Show.

COMMUNITY QUILTS- Lapreil Schwan, Sandie Allen, & Maureen Carr- February 22 is the next meeting. UPC codes are needed as it saves MTQG \$125 per roll of batting. Kay Denny delivered quilts to the following agencies: 3 to Birthline, 2 to CASA, 7 to DCS-Prescott Valley, 7 to Good Samaritan Care Center, 1 to Horses with Heart (raffle), 8 to Granite Mountain Hospice, 6 to the VA Hospital, 3 to Yavapai Family Advocacy and 1 to Special Olympics (raffle and a new recipient). 38 quilts were donated in February, the YTD total is 303. Lapreil is looking for a correct address for Kay Guthrie to send a thank you for a large fabric donation. Wal-Mart donated a \$25 gift card to MTQG which will be used by Community Quilts.

SPECIAL PROJECT-Betty Bourgault- Betty has been working on updating the KIA plaque on the plaza. 7 names are missing of Yavapai servicemen killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The ceremony will happen on Flag Day, June 14, 2016. She is looking for volunteers to make small patriotic quilts for the surviving family members. So many members volunteered that there will be quilts for all 28 missing names from WWI to the present.

ANNOUNCEMENT-Linda Marley -March treats are members with last names from Sc through St. Today's Thread Brigade volunteers are Sherri Hubbs, Jan Adams, Dona Speights, and Marie Willison. Linda reminded all members to pick up threads.

SHOW AND TELL-Sam Logan, Donna Skurla- Charlene Coxworth (finished a Gloria Bess quilt), Jan Sullivan, Marie Willison, Susie Neil, Lois Fox, Barbara Phiel (2), Patti Taber, Sherri Hubbs, Karen Adams, Audrey Jessee, Gail Henry (2), Loraine Owen (pillow cases and a quilt), Merristitchers Mini Group (Sharon Watt, Susan Perry, Marie Love, Veronica Sandoval, Marty Lensink, Carol Cooley, and Jan Walls), Kathleen Bond.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted, Terry Robertson, Secretary



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Things to Remember

Remember to Bring:

Library Books

General Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2016

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, **March 28, 2016** 9:00 – 2:30

Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 pm, Monday, April 4th, 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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