

# ***The Summit, November, 2013***

## ***MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD***

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Ahhh, Thanksgiving Day. Think of Norman Rockwell's famous picture of the multi-generational family joyfully gathering around the beautifully set table with the platter of roasted turkey waiting to be devoured. So traditional, warm, and cozy with everything handmade from scratch.

But how about a Thanksgiving Day spent at a firehouse? The crew is dressed in uniform, scurrying about in the oversized kitchen, opening boxes of stuffing mix, cans of veggies, and packages of rolls to warm up. Will it be turkey, ham or roast beef? Or all of them? An enormous collection of goodies is piled on the countertops having been dropped off during the day from thoughtful members of the community. The dishes and silverware are a hodge-podge of unmatched sets and paper products. And the "family" consists of an assortment of the crew's wives, husbands, children, sweethearts or friends, most of whom have never met the others before. The alarm bell may go off at any moment triggering the crew to scramble out the door, leaving the guests to fend for themselves until they return. It's all very spontaneous, colorful, unexpected and diverse.

I have experienced many of both of these Thanksgiving Day celebrations over my lifetime. And because I am a quilter, the two different scenarios remind me of the diversity in quilting styles we see ranging from the precisely planned traditional quilts to the surprising, unconventional art quilts and everything imaginable in between. Let your life experiences inspire you! And just keep on quilting!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Diana Ramsey

### **Quilt Show Boutique**

*Carol Cooley*

The quilt show boutique committee will have a table of samples at the November guild meeting for you to view. Many of the items take less than a half hour to make. If you see something you would like to make from one of the sample patterns, it will be emailed to you. We also have paper copies of patterns available. Please feel free to make something from a pattern you have and like. All contributions are appreciated. Thank you to all who have turned in items already!

### **Directory**

*Jennifer Mees*

The 2013-2014 MTQG Directories are available. Be sure and pick up yours at our next Member meeting at the front table. If you find any mistakes, please let Membership know. Send digital photos by email for next year's directory to Jennifer Mees

### **Photographer needed for Directory Pictures**

If you would be willing to take digital photos during a few Member meetings, please contact Jennifer Mees.

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

## Membership

*Suzy Davidson*

Since the directory is complete, I will be letting you know of new and renewing members in the newsletter and online. If you want to keep track of these additions just jot them into the back of your directory.

New Members in October are:

Peggy Neumann, Lois Tribble, Marilyn Weber

Please make sure to let me know if you have any changes to your contact information and I will make sure it gets distributed.

## Hospitality

*Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock*

During this season of giving thanks we'd like to thank our kitchen crew: Lois, Pat, Sandie, Genny and Lois who have been so faithful at helping set up and clean up. We couldn't do it without you. We'd also like to thank all of you who have already brought delicious food to our meetings and ask the following members to bring treats for our November meeting: Candy Lara, Judy Larson, Marty Lensink, Fran Leslie, Pat Little, Sam Logan, Peggie MacKenzie, Beverly Markham, Linda Marley, Connie Massner, Jan Ann Mawk, Sharon Maxwell, Tina McCowan, Margot McDonnell, Rosalie McDowell, Chris McGrew, Kristi McHugh and Marcia McMullen. Thank you as always for your generosity.

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To our members born in the month of November, we wish you a very **Happy Birthday! Have a fun filled day!**

Patricia Autrey

Kathy Barrett

Lois Fox

Mary Hagberg

Dori Hendrickson

Judy Hughes

Pat Little

Beverly Markham

Chris Mc Grew

Ann Novak

Barbara Phiel

Sharon Watt

Wayne Wolfe

## Newsletter Note

The **deadline for December newsletter articles** is Wednesday, December 4th at noon.

## YARNELL "WELCOME HOME" QUILT PROJECT

*Diana Ramsey and B Johnson*

We are so thankful to all of you who have been helping to make quilts for the residents of Yarnell who will be rebuilding their homes. We have approximately 50 quilts in some stage of progress, a few of which have actually been fully completed. Kits have been taken home to be assembled into tops and returned for sandwiching. Our long-armers are generously quilting away and the labels have been ordered to attach to the back of the quilts. We are hoping that each long-arm quilter will pick up at least one of these sandwiches to quilt and return for binding.

Our focus at the next workshops will be to sew the kits that have been cut into tops, piece backings for each top, sandwich them, bind quilts that have been returned and sew on labels. We will not be cutting any more kits at this time. Please bring a sewing machine if you would like to sew a top or piece backings. Bring a basic sewing kit if you would like to hand sew the bindings and labels. And don't forget to bring your lunch!

Please mark your calendars for the next workshops scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, Nov. 14th** 10 am to 4 pm at Seams So Right

**Saturday, Nov. 16th** 9 am to 4 pm at Las Fuentes

Retirement Center

**Thursday, Dec. 5th** 10 am to 4 pm at Seams So Right

*Remember: those who help at Seams So Right get a free cup of soup from Prescott Lobster & Seafood Co. in the Firehouse Shops.*

## Fons & Porter Magazine Sales

*Arlene Tribble, Treasurer*

We have been given a special offer by Fons & Porter for subscriptions to Love of Quilting magazine at a reduced price of \$15 per member (\$20 is the regular price). Along with each new subscription you will receive three FREE spools of Sulky Thread and two quilting booklets: "10 Gift Ideas" and "Scrap Quilts."

This offer is good until March 14, 2014. If you are interested, please see Arlene Tribble during the break at the general meeting. Checks should be made out to Mountain Top Quilters Guild (MTQG).

## New Members Group

*Lynne Gray*

Although I was unable to attend our October Gathering at Central Sewing all reports are that many new faces were present and the demonstration and trunk show were a big success. Thanks to all of you who stepped in to make this day a success. We will not be having a New Members get together during November and December because I know you are all busy with the holidays. Our next meeting will be at Quilt 'N Sew Connection located at 6546 E. Second Street, Suite A, Prescott Valley. Details will be in the December newsletter. Any questions or suggestions for future meetings please contact me. Happy Quilting and Happy Holidays

## Library

*Terri Robertson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie*

We thank everyone for their magazine and book donations. We want suggestions for new purchases, too.

Don't forget to check your quilting room for any MTQG library materials to return.

We will be closed during the December meeting so the luncheon can be set up. Any books/DVD's you check out in this month will be due at the January meeting. Though we will put magazines on the counter in the library room for purchase and receive any books you don't want to keep out over the Christmas holidays.

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## Christmas Luncheon

*Jan Walls*

Christmas is almost here and it's time for the MTQ Annual Yuletide luncheon to be on December 16th after our regular meeting. Our menu will be baked potatoes with lots of yummy toppings and lots of good salads and desserts offered by you ladies. Sign-up sheets for salads and desserts will be at the November meeting. We also have several tables in need of decorators and hostesses. Those sheets will be there also.

We will play the game of Left-Right-Center so bring 3 fat quarters to play. We will also have several nice gifts to raffle.

Kristi McHugh has offered to make a collection box for donations of gift cards or non-perishable items for a local charity - in lieu of a gift exchange..

Our theme this year is "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

## Community Quilts

*Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick*

Our combined efforts to provide quilts for those in need are greatly appreciated. The following thank you note was received from the Prescott Women's Shelter speaks volumes, "We cannot thank you enough for the beautiful quilts. We have four young children staying here right now. One little girl fell in love with the Strawberry Shortcake quilt. Her brothers quickly grabbed their favorites. As Fall begins to turn to Winter, the women and families greatly need and appreciate your efforts." Signed Carmen, Edna, Katee and the women and families of P.A.S.S.

Marty and I are also greatly appreciative of your efforts to sandwich the quilts at Community Quilts on the fourth Monday each month at Las Fuentes. We set up between 8.30 and 9am and are finished around 2.30pm. We also appreciate you taking the sandwiched quilts with you to finish off so that we can take them to the charities that request them.

We are still waiting for a final count for the National Adoption Day, November 23. The adoptions begin at around 10am and the court room is draped with the quilts wherever they can find a space. Our members are invited to be in attendance if possible. You do not have to stay the whole time but it is an experience to see the excitement of the children being adopted and participate in the festive happy air of this momentous occasion in their lives.

Marty and I are grateful for the number of members who come to Community Quilts. In August we had 30 ladies come to participate and in September we had 22 and in October we had 23 sign in.

For the November 25 meeting Pam Hendricks signed up for Breakfast treat; Lunch Salad is Sandi Allen and Lois Fox; Desserts by Lynda Kinnear and Jean Ehlers. Pam has signed up to setup at 8.15am. November is the last meeting for 2013 because we do not meet in December. Marty has asked if there is someone who will volunteer to prepare the coffee and to order the pizza on our meeting day. If you would like to volunteer for either of these two jobs please call Marty at 778-0969 or Beverly at 541-0296.

Many Foley bags have been turned in and distributed. Alice Obrenovich delivered them to three Hospice facilities along with some lap quilts this

month. As a result of our efforts to make and deliver Foley Bags, it can be said that Prescott institutions have the most colorful Foley Bag Covers in Yavapai county.

We wish to offer a special thank you to Gisela Hoeger for her donation of quilt tops at our October Community Quilts meeting. We also wish to thank our members who are sewing for the combined TBQ/MTQG Yarnell project.

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## Programs

*Sherri Hubbs*

### **November 21:**

#### **GARDEN WINDOWS - HELEN KNOTT**

Helen Knott from Oregon is a well known quilt designer and teacher who has won awards at AONQ, Houston and Paducah. She has won best of show in Columbia River Gorge Quilt show. She has been a featured artist in Quilters Newsletter Magazines. She will be teaching her Garden Windows quilt on Tuesday November 22.

The class fee is \$35 and a kit fee of \$3. Leaves and blossoms swirl in through an open window. Flowering branches peek through and wander in. These quilts are fun and easy to make and celebrate the beauties of nature. In this class you will create a wall hanging with your own seasonal garden window with leaves, branches, flowers, birds and or butterflies. The finished size of the quilt will vary depending on the size and number of windows you wish to make but most likely be a small to medium sized scroll type wall hanging. Appliqué features will be added using floral or novelty prints in a "Broderie Perse" technique. You may design your own window arrangement or follow the suggested layout supplied in the class handout.

**December 16** will be our Christmas Luncheon

**January 20, 2014** The Old the New, The Modern trunk show by MTQG founding member Jimmie Johnson. A program that's sure to be a treat as she shares quilts and techniques from years gone by to today.

### **February 17 and 18**

#### **LUMBERYARD LADIES**

Cheryl Coffman and Patty Bowers

**March 17** Presentation of TOAD finalists with TOAD Queen Kay Denny

## ☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

### Remember to Bring:

Library materials that are due  
Block of the Month  
\$\$ for Fons & Porter subscription  
Refreshments for last initial L thru McM

### General Meeting

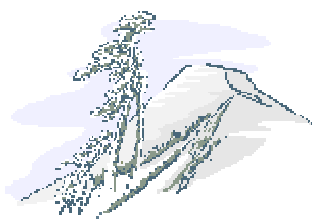
Monday, November 18th, 9:30 am  
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott  
First Lutheran Church

### Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, November 25th, 9:30 – 3:00  
Las Fuentes Retirement Center  
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 12:30 pm, Monday, December 2nd at Red Robin Restaurant on Highway 69. 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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