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The Summit, November 2015 **MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD**

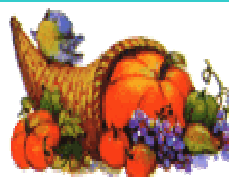
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since this is the season of Thanksgiving, there's no better time to take a moment to count our blessings of friendships, family, and of course, fabric.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Kay Denny's friend, Terri New, for producing a wonderful YouTube video highlighting our Community Quilts work. It was so great to see all the smiling faces of so many of our members donating their time and talent to this charitable activity. This really is a big part of the heart of MTQG. I hope you'll all take time to watch it because it is sure to warm your heart and make you thankful to be part of such a caring organization.

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 November **newsletter articles** is **Wednesday, Dec 9** at noon.

ECHOS

Jan Walls, Jimmie Johnson

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

November is here and there is much thanksgiving for all the members who have and those who will provide treats for guild members to enjoy each month. This month those being asked to bring a ready to serve finger food treat are: Iris Lacey, Annette Ladehoff, Kathy Lamoureux, Candy Lara, Judy Larson, Nancy Leitner, Marty Lensink, Fran Leslie, Pat Little, Sam Logan, Connie Lord, Gale Lovelady, Peggie MacKenzie, Beverly Markham, Linda Marley, Susan Masse, Jan Mawk, Sharon McAllister, Patti McClearn. Our thanks to each of you.

After the November meeting Iris Lacey will be giving a class on the Stack & Slash Technique for making a five pointed star. Those ladies who have signed up for the class remember to bring a lunch as the class starts shortly after our meeting.

December will be our annual Christmas Luncheon so there will be no ECHOS class.

January we will have a presentation by Gail Van Hosen on Quilting Appraisals. She will give us the details we should be aware of and some of the tricks of quilting that make for a blue ribbon quilt.

So far, February is open. If anyone has a project or technique that would be of interest to our members please call Jimmie Johnson.

Programs

Pam Easley and Judy Dallner

November 16, 2015 Helen Robinson of Mesa, AZ will present a lecture and trunk show entitled "Sew Kind of Wonderful." Helen taught herself to quilt from the Quilter's Complete Guide by Fons and Porter in 1997 when she wanted to offer an after-school sewing class to Jr. High students and needed an affordable teacher :-). The first quilt block Helen sewed was a Log Cabin Block, and she was hooked on the entire process! Learn more about Helen and combining straight and curved pieces at her website: <http://sewkindofwonderful.com>.

December is our holiday luncheon.

January 18, 2016 Wendy Knight from San Diego, will give a trunk show designed to inspire the artist within. She specializes in piecing watercolor painting quilts.

January 19, 2016 Wendy will offer a class "Piecing Painterly Pictorials" from 9am to 4pm. The class will focus on learning a technique for totally accurate piecing of curved seams to get the look of a painted art quilt. There will also be some hand dyed fabric available for purchase in the class. Please take a look at Wendy's website, <http://www.wendykquilts.com/>. The cost is \$40.00. Signups will begin this month!

February 15, 2016 TOAD with Kay Denny. More information to follow.

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. The class is "Mock Mola." There is more information available at her website if you can't wait. <http://www.singingquilter.com/>. Cathy and her husband, John, have been traveling for over 15 years and claim this is their last tour. We are blessed to get them into our schedule and looking forward to loads of fun. Signup for Cathy's class will begin in January the cost is \$45 and is limited to 20 people.

April 18, 2016 Pam McMahon trunk show. Her website is: <http://www.piecebypiecequilt designs.com/>

Also, save the date --- Rob Appell will join us for the guild meeting and a class in October, 2016. Rob is popular on Youtube and is known for being the "man quilter." His website: <http://mansewing.com/>

Opportunity Quilt

Suzy Davidson & Arvilla Gregor

With your help we are having a terrific time selling tickets for our opportunity quilt. It is currently on display at Seams Sew Right. Our next event will be at the "Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Bazaar" December 19 at the Old Armory. And then in January at the Wickenburg Quilt show the 29th and 30th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting. In February we will be at the American Quilter's Society (AQS) Quilt Week. This event is from Thursday the 11th to Sunday the 14th. I will have a sign-up sheet for ticket sales but in addition we need to provide help at the show. There is information in the opportunity quilt article on the web that includes a link to sign up to help at the show. Thanks in advance for your help.

Fall Quilt Camp

Sherri Hubbs

We had a great time at Fall Camp this year. We had 26 campers who each brought their own projects to work on. Some of us got them finished and some will be bringing them back next year to work on them again. We played the Left-Right game and did our yearly Quilt Walk. We had some amazing quilts that our campers showed off. We are already planning for next year. Fall Camp will be November 1 thru November 4 at the United Christian Youth Camp. We will have an extra day of quilting in 2016. We will begin signups in June so put the dates on your calendar now. We all had a great time this year and look forward to next year. See our camp pictures on our web site.

Spring Quilt Camp

Suzy Davidson & Patti Taber

Spring Quilt Camp will take place April 5-8, 2016. The camp will once again be at UCYC and cost \$225.00; the same as last year. There is a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit due when you make your reservation with the balance of \$175.00 due at the March meeting. We will start taking reservations at the November meeting.

Library

Meg Roberson, Peggie MacKenzie, Ann Novak, Jan Mawk

We have a couple of new books on order, but we are still looking for suggestions from our members. Just a reminder—bring back to our Nov. meeting any library books you have checked out, as the **library will not be open at our Christmas luncheon meeting.**

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Please join me in welcoming new member Connie Cleeton and returning member Sharon Melpolder. 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

New Member Group

Kristi McHugh

MTQG New Member Group meets the first Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M. at various locations. The November 2nd meeting was at Quilt N' Sew Connection. Our topic was Machine Quilting by Joan Carrell. The December 7th meeting will be at Kathleen Bond's home. Her topic will be Long Arm Quilting. Every new member on my mailing list will receive a reminder of our meeting. If you have a quilt or an item to share with us feel free to bring it. Anyone who considers themselves a new member, or who is interested is welcome. Please RSVP to Kristi McHugh.

Mini Groups

Fran Leslie

November Featured Mini Groups - Longarmers - Quilters with longarm machines gather to exchange information & exchange skills. We meet in members homes & new members are welcome. Contact person is Carol Cooley

Merri Stitchers - We work on various personal projects in members homes. We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. We welcome new members. Contact person is Marty Lensink

Community Quilts

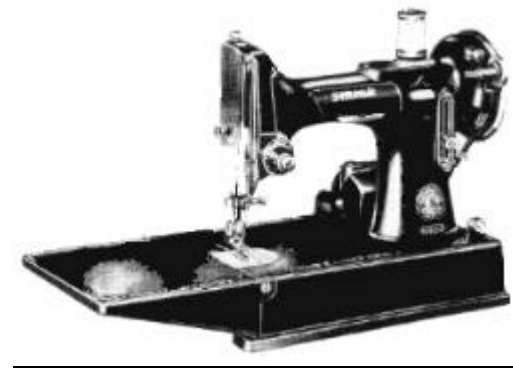
Sandi Allen, Lapreil Schwan, Maureen Carr, Kay Denny

- 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.

The November workday will be held on the **FIFTH** Monday, **November 30**, due to the holiday. There will NOT be a workday in December due to the holidays.

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.



Where do the quilts in our Community Quilts project go?

Kay Denny, quilt delivery gal

The CASA adoptions in Yavapai County get the largest amount of quilts from us throughout the year---last year they received 150. That may sound like a lot, but there are a large number of adoptions annually and we want to make sure there are plenty of great choices. At the last joint adoption ceremony, one little boy wanted a dinosaur quilt---and after much scrambling, we found the only one with dinosaurs---and the huge smile on that child's face was so worth it!

There are 2-3 adoptions per week (!!!) and each child gets to pick his or her special quilt from the stash we provide. Along with the individual adoptions each week, there are two combined adoption days. One is in May and the other in November---the November ceremonies are in conjunction with National Adoption Day; this year Saturday, November 21st. The local ceremonies are 10-2 at the Juvenile Detention Center, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway in Prescott.

The courtroom is beautifully decorated with quilts, balloons, stuffed toys, and books. After each individual legal proceeding, the families are invited to join the Judge for pictures. And then, each child picks his or her quilt---it is so much fun to watch them go from quilt to quilt to decide which one they want. They then pick a stuffed toy and book, which have been donated by other agencies.

We, the members, are invited to attend the joint adoption ceremonies. If you decide to attend, please wear your nametag. We are seated in a special place of honor along with the CASA volunteers. This year, they would like to know how many are attending. We will ask for a show of hands at the Nov. 16th general meeting. Even though the ceremonies are from 10-2, you don't have to stay for all the adoptions---you could leave between individual adoptions. They usually don't know how many adoptions there are until much closer to the actual day, so the ending time is quite flexible. Please arrive at least by 9:45. You will have to go through security first. And then about five minutes before the proceedings begin, we are escorted into the court.

One of the members last year wanted to come to the ceremonies specifically to see a child pick the quilt she had made. Unfortunately, I had to tell her that might not happen. Her quilt may have already been picked by a child during the weekly adoptions. And, not all of the quilts in the court on the days of the joint adoption

ceremonies are picked. The court is covered in quilts---there may only be a few adoptions, but there are easily 40 quilts out on display. On rare occasion, there are quilts in their stash that don't seem to get picked. If that happens, we swap those with new choices. Those swapped out go to other agencies.

Last month the CASA coordinator asked me if it would be OK if they used some of our quilts to decorate their offices. YES, YES, YES---OF COURSE!

By the way, they are low on boy's quilts---from toddler to teenager. So, if you have any ready, please bring them to the November general meeting and I will deliver them before the 21st.

On another note: At the October Community Quilts workshop, with permission from the board, a friend of mine came to interview and film us for a Prescott promotional video. There is a link to the video on the Community Quilts page of our website.

Christmas Luncheon

Jan Walls

Join us for a **CHRISTMAS WITH A TWIST** our annual Christmas luncheon. This year let's make it just a little bit different...maybe zany...maybe cute...maybe just plain fun.

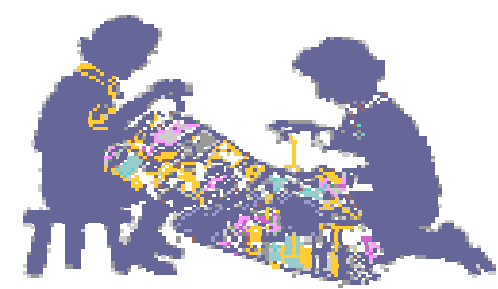
We will have a full potluck luncheon following our December 21 meeting. Please sign up to bring your special dish. Or be a table hostess and show us your creativity. Instead of a gift exchange we encourage you to bring a canned item or a gift card that we can give to one of our charities. We will have some nice door prizes. Plan to join us for good food...good friends...good fun.



Prescott Meals on Wheels Project

Patti Taber

I delivered 110 place mats to Meals on Wheels in October. That makes a total of 184 to date. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 200 place mats. We will be accepting placemats at the November meeting which will allow me to get the labels on and the place mats delivered to Meals on Wheels in time for their holiday deliveries. Thank you so much to everyone in the guild for making this project a success.



QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pat Autrey

The Boutique Committee is seeking an additional member (or two) to help us coordinate the event. Currently members are Pat Autrey, Bunny Autrey, and Jan Sullivan. Last year's committee noted that a minimum of four people are needed for the pre-show activities. It will be great fun! Please contact any of us if you can help. Thanks in advance.

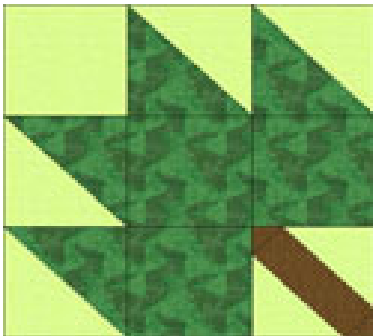
We have indexed all of the available patterns (Thanks Dona!) and the index is available on the website. We will e-mail you any pattern you desire; or if you prefer, let us know which you'd like and we will have patterns available for pickup at the monthly meeting.

Committee members will be contacting all mini-groups to see if we can be of assistance on group projects. We have a small (very small) **budget available** for materials.

In Memorium

Our dear, long-time MTQG member Gloria Bess passed away from pancreatic cancer on Friday afternoon, October 30th. Her daughter Marsha Swirsky informed Susan Perry there will not be any services held. If you wish, sympathy cards can be sent to Marsha and her husband Joel at Gloria's PO Box listed in the MTQG directory.

Gloria was so thankful for the outpouring of support for her Meals-On-Wheels placemat project these past few months. So, it will be a great way to honor her memory as we continue to gather placemats for Christmas gifts.



Contest Winner

Terri Brown, 2016 Quilt Show Chair

The Quilt Shop Navigator has mailed our copy of the Southwest Region Directory to us along with some flyers and posters. They should arrive next week. We will have the Directory at our November meeting and we will have a signup sheet for everyone who would like to purchase a copy/copies. The directories cost \$6.95. I would ask everyone to pay as you sign up and if you are paying cash, please bring \$7 as there won't be change for large bills.

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2015

President Linda Marley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and reminded all to silence their cell phones.

The Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the September General Meeting were approved with a motion from Bobbie Turnbow, seconded by Suzy Davidson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Linda Marley

Marcia McMullen won 7 ribbons for her quilts at the Yavapai County Fair.

Candy Lara's mother Joyce Cummings is downsizing and would like to return a quilt she won in a raffle. A MTQG member donated the purple lap size quilt. Alice Obrenovich indicated that she donated the quilt.

A quilt documentation will be held Nov. 10 at Sharlot Hall Archives. Contact Gail Van Horsen or Carol Hood for an appointment. The quilt index maintained by Michigan State University can be found on line at www.quiltindex.org or Facebook.

95 placemats for Meals on Wheels were received today. Gloria Bess sent her "thanks to all the members and to Patti Taber for her help". A photo of the first donation is on the Prescott Meals on Wheels Facebook page.

The Road to California January quilt show bookmarks are available on the check-in table.

The due date for the November newsletter is extended one day to Thursday Nov. 5 by noon. This is a one-time event as the MTQG Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday instead of the usual Monday. In addition, if any member's information has changed by sure to let Suzy Davidson know so it can be included in the newsletter.

Several Thank You notes were received for quilts donated by MTQG.

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY- Suzy Davidson, Diana Ramsey--Diana introduced 4 visitors, Donna Wagner, Debbie Conners, Sandy Branjord, and Teri Archer. New members this month are Sharon Melpolder, Connie Cleeton, and Marti French.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT-Suzy Davidson, Arvilla Gregor--Suzy reported that \$374 of tickets were sold for the Opportunity Quilt at the Cottonwood Quilt Show. So far, the Opportunity Quilt has raised \$2700. She reminded members to pick up their \$10 packet of tickets to sell. The next showings will be Dec. 19 at the Armory, Jan. 29 & 30 at the Wickenburg Quilt Show, Feb. 4 & 5 at Quartzsite Quilt Show and Feb. 11-14 at AQS in Phoenix. Volunteers to sell tickets can sign up at the membership table in the Fellowship Hall.

QUILT SHOW-Terri Brown, Janet Nieuwenhoff- Terri asked for a show of hands which day was preferred for the bus trip to AQS Show in February. Friday was the choice. The bookmarks and pamphlet for the Quilt Show are available at the membership table in the Fellowship Hall. The Chairmen for the Quilt Show boutique are Pat Autrey and Bunny Autrey. Information on the small quilt auction will be announced at the November meeting. There will be a display area at the Quilt Show for the Row by Row Experience quilts (www.rowbyrowexperience.com).

Carol Miller announced a challenge for the Quilt Show. Members can make an 8-inch square quilt that reminds show visitors not to touch the quilts. She will have samples and ideas in foyer. The quilts will become property of MTQG for use at future shows.

PROGRAMS-Judy Dallner and Pam Easley- Volunteers are needed to help set up for the program before the general meeting. Today's program is a trunk show by Martie Winkelman of her quilted clothing. November's program by Helen Robinson (sewkindofwonderful.com) is a lecture and trunk show. January's program is a trunk show and lecture by Wendy Knight (www.wendykquilts.com). Piecing painterly pictorial quilts will be the class on Tuesday. December is our annual Holiday luncheon.

ECHOS-Jimmie Johnson, Jan Walls, Darlene Williams- November's ECHOS is a stack and slash star taught by Iris Lacey. Sam Logan will repeat her bag class after the new year. The classes are free and sign up is in the foyer. The classes begin after the general meeting so bring a lunch.

NEW MEMBERS GROUP-Kristi McHugh- The next meeting will be November 2nd at Quilt N' Sew Connection. Joan Carrell will be sharing information about machine quilting. The December 7th meeting will be at Kathleen Bond's home to learn more about long arm quilting.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH-Marcia McMullen, Mary Jane Godwin- October's blocks were presented. The patterns are available on the MTQG web site.

REFRESHMENTS- November refreshments assignments are from Iris Lacey through Patti McClearn.

COMMUNITY QUILTS- Lapreil Schwan, Sandie Allen, & Maureen Carr- November 30th is the next Community Quilts meeting. There will be no meeting in December. Saturday November 21st is adoption day. Using the Hobbs UPC codes, 2 rolls of batting were purchased for \$250. From the Love It Again shop 34 yards of backing fabric was purchased for \$186 and Maylee donated 6 quilts. Kay Denny delivered 50 quilts this month to the following organizations: 12 to CASA, 9 to Hospice of the Pines in Dewey, 1 to Good Samaritan's Marley House for a raffle, 11 to the Coalition for Compassionate Justice's Warm for Winter program, 1 to the Coalition for Compassionate Justice for their Open Door raffle, 6 to Rachel's Vineyard, 4 to Stepping Stones, and 1 to Community Partnership's raffle. 130 quilts have been donated this year.

THREAD BRIGADE- Linda reminded all members to pick up threads as they leave and thanked this month's Thread Brigade, Terri Brown, Carol Miller, and Phyllis Pohlman

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON-Jan Walls, Kay Hoff, and Vicki Smola- The theme is "Christmas with a Twist" and will be a potluck with casseroles, salads, and desserts. Jan passed around sign-up sheets for food and table hostesses.

SHOW AND TELL-Sam Logan, Donna Skurla-The following members shared their quilts or related projects: Marcia McMullen 4, Judy Dallner 2, Dona Speights, Lorraine Owen 2, Kay Wentworth 2, Chris McGrew, Joan Stanfield, Susan Perry, Jan Adams 3, Jan Smith, Debbie Conners 2, Linda Tremper, Susie Neil, Gail Henry 2, Mini Group (Patti Taber, Terri Brown, Pam Easley, and Karen Adams), Pam Easley, Karen Adams, Linda Cox 2, Peggy Nehring 2, and Iris Lacey.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM

Respectfully submitted, Terry Robertson, Secretary

→Things to Remember←

Remember to Bring:

Library books that are due
Place Mats for Meals on Wheels

General Meeting

Monday, November 16
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, **November 30**, 9:00 – 2:30
The meeting is changed due to holiday
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 pm,
Monday, December 7th, at the home of Linda
Marley. 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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