

The Summit, November 2017

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all make quilts for different reasons at different times. We make quilts to have wearable art, in preparation to teach others, to learn a new skill, as gifts, as a piece of your legacy, for love or just because.

When making a quilt with love, your quilt's purpose may be to help someone who is going through a rough time. The quilt is meant to not just keep someone you care about warm. The recipient now has a lasting, usable gift to remember you are there for support, comfort and love.

Or is it a congratulatory gift for a wedding, graduation or new baby? It could be a lasting gift to a family member celebrating a special time to be handed down through the years.

For whatever reason you create a quilt, your work does not have to be perfect to touch someone in ways you may never know. It will however, at the very least, bring comfort and remembrance. We may not, as individuals, be able to make peace in the world or end world hunger, but we can share love and comfort through our quilting.

Making a quilt is just the beginning. It's when you share it with others that you really know what it means. Quilters are always "making small things with great love." Making a quilt is just the beginning.

Carol Cooley

Please leave the first two pews on the right available for our photographer and those giving reports during the guild meeting. Please reserve the last two rows for the display of Show and Tell quilts before refreshment time.

Newsletter Note

The deadline for November newsletter articles is **Wednesday, December 6th at noon.**

ECHOSOCIAL

Diane Stockhaus & Marie Willison

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social

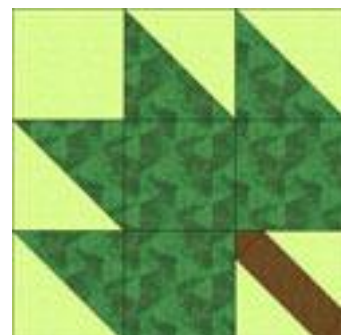
For the November ECHOS meeting, we will be holding our "Let's Get Acquainted" Social, postponed from last month. Bring your sack lunch, and we will provide cookies for dessert. We have compiled a small number of ice-breaker questions which will be used to help everyone learn about our fellow guild members. See you at the Social!

There will NOT be an ECHOS class in December, due to the annual Christmas luncheon. We look forward to seeing you at the Social!

Refreshments

Dolores Schrock

Holidays ahead, projects to be finished, plans to be made, and time to gather with fellow MTQG quilters. Such a busy time! For our gathering this month the following are asked to provide a treat. We all say thank you for sharing with us. Kathy Weinhold, Kay Wentworth, Darlene Williams, Kathleen Williams, Marie Willison, Corinne Windett, Martie Winkelman, Sandra Wolf, Pat & Wayne Wolfe, Dina Wos, Sandra Wright, Jan Adams, Karen Adams, Sandie Allen, Anna Marie Ansbach, Yolanda Arp, Bunny Autrey, Pat Autrey.



Programs

Pam Easley

November: Trunk Show by Marti Winkelman

December: Christmas Luncheon

January: Pending

Program Survey Results

Ronnie Sandoval and Susan Perry

We asked, and you answered. Thank you for providing Ronnie and Susan with ideas of speakers and telling us where your interests lie so we can plan the 2018-2019 MTQG year! (Doesn't that sound far away?) The biggest vote getter in terms of general interest and highest level was applique. This was followed closely by paper piecing and then machine quilting (ruler work). We will try to plan programs in these areas and perhaps influence a few ECHOS classes. Second level of interest was in piecing, landscape and basic machine quilting. Okay; we have our instructions! Again, thanks for participating.

Membership/Directory

Diana Ramsey

We have two new members, Kathy Hofmeister and Barbara Renoux, and four returning members, Anne Brutsche, Angie Christy, Norma Schambach and Cyndie Van Hook. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our newest members, and give a hug to our returning members.

There are still some Directories that have not been picked up. Please stop by the table before the meeting and get your copy (and a friend's, if you will be seeing her/him before the next meeting!) Also, please take the time to write in the new and returning members' information in your Directory to keep it up to date!

YOUTH QUILTING PROGRAM

Diana Ramsey

Our program will have its first class on Wednesday, November 1st. We have 6 girls signed up and 4 members to help them get going. We would like to have one more member to help with the Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec 13 classes. Please contact Diana if you can help out on any of those days. The classes start at 3:00 and end at 5:00 and are located at the LDS church near Las Fuentes, 1001 N. Ruth St.

Community Quilts

Dona Speights, Maureen Tritle, Judy Larson, Deb Mulcahy, Ivy Chavez, Jan Wall

Community Quilts is a Service Project for Mountain Top Quilters. We meet the 4th Monday of each month for a workday. Finished quilts are distributed throughout our Community to over 27 non-profit organizations. These include, but not limited to Hospices, children adoptive services, family and women's shelters, hospitals, veteran's organizations and special needs. We are most grateful to Las Fuentes which allows us to use their community room for our monthly workday!

November 27th is our next work day.

- 10:00 – 3:00 We are able to get into our room at Las Fuentes for Community Quilts by 9:30 a.m. to set up.
- 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 10:00-11:00. After that, enter at the main entrance and go downstairs.

Community Quilts Team for 2017-2018: Dona Speights-Chair; Maureen Tritle-Co-Chair; Jan Walls-Quilt Deliveries; Judy Larson and Deb Mulcahy do everything; Ivy Chavez- Memory Album; and all the incredible women who work tirelessly on creating these beautiful quilts each month!

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.

ALWAYS NEEDED: HOBBS UPC CODES!

Hobbs Charity Batting Program gives us a HUGE discount on 90" x 30 yd. rolls of batting. We use about 2 per work day. We need 5 UPC's per bolt ordered so you can see our need for the UPC's. The UPC's can be from any size package of Hobbs batting you may personally use. Both Michael's and Hobby Lobby carry Hobbs.

First 2018 Quilt Show Meeting

Jan Adams and Linda Marley

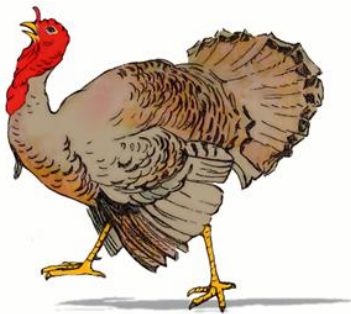
The Quilt Show Committee Chairs held their first meeting and are making great progress in putting together our Quilt Show for June 1-2, 2018. We now have all chair committee positions filled with Carolyn Edwards again coordinating our entry vignette, Joan Carrell and Kristi McHugh heading up admissions, and Angie Christy making award ribbons and the individual quilt labels.

There will be five categories for entries in the show for Viewers' Choice Awards: Applique, Pieced, Mixed Techniques, Art, and Wearables and Miscellaneous (i.e. purses and table runners). Viewers will also be asked to vote for the Best of Show. We also hope to involve the local mayors to come choose their favorite quilt, and special ribbons will be presented to the Youth Participants. Angie is asking for volunteers to help her make the ribbons.

Sue Ely announced the Boutique Committee is preparing kits for the membership to make into items for sale. She said kits will be for wallets, mug mats, microwave bowls, wine bottle caddies and octagon center pieces, to name a few. She also needs to know plans any mini-groups have to make items for the boutique in order to insure a good variety of things to be sold.

Program and Publicity Chair Lori McCarthy is looking into producing a 5x7 booklet for visitors at the quilt show. It will include a listing of quilt entries and special exhibits, information about the guild, and a map of vendors, along with local advertising to help cover the cost of publication.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, January 5,, 2018, at 10 am at Miller Valley Baptist Church in Prescott.



Thread Brigade

Diane Stockhaus

November Volunteers are: Jan Adams, Maxine Everaert, Veronica Sandoval, and Marcia Jacobson. As a reminder, if you are unable to help clean up in the month that you volunteered, it will be helpful if you can find a replacement volunteer, so that the job gets done quickly.

Maintaining a clean space at the church helps to insure our continued use of the facility for our monthly meetings. The Thread Brigade is responsible for vacuuming carpet in the aisles, between pews, and in the podium area; and using sticky rollers to pick up loose threads on the pews themselves. All volunteers should meet prior to the general meeting to assign tasks, and supplies will be distributed after the general meeting concludes.

As always, thanks for your help with this essential task.

Mini Groups

Fidget Quilts

Anne Brutsche

At the last meeting I stated that we had given out over 50 quilts to people who suffer from Dementia or Alzheimers, brain disorders. The quilts have been given to Margaret T. Morris facility in Prescott and Granite Gate Senior Living also in Prescott. I have also distributed some quilts to Caroline Pruet, who is the general manager of Home Instead Senior Care. She is a neighbor and friend. It is a privilege to have a group of quilters who are interested in sharing their talents with people who can no longer do things. But they enjoy the touchy-feely, happy fabrics we use on these 24"x24" little lap quilts. Our group also attaches a small stuffed animal and other flip-flop things that can be hugged, or keep one's hands busy. If anyone has gently used stuffed animals they would like to donate, that would be really nice. See you all at the next MTQG meeting and thank you for the mega donations of fabric, zippers, and all kinds of stuff to tweak and play with. My dedicated group has such fun being creative with what goes on top. Truly inspiring and loads of fun. Happy Quilting to all, Anne Brutsche Fidget Quilt Coordinator. p.s. by the way, both senior facilities have enough quilts now so we have fulfilled what is needed. I will keep you up to date with where the next donations are going.

Getting to Know Our Board

Diane Stockhaus -President Elect

I was born and raised in Queens, NY, and moved to San Diego in 1977, where I lived until moving to Prescott in 2015. I have one daughter, Melanie, who is married to Matt, and they have two wonderful sons, now teenagers; they live in the Puget Sound area. My husband passed away in 2016, after a long battle with cancer. In my former life, I worked for a number of different defense contractors. For 20+ years, I worked on various programs, lastly as a software configuration manager. After that, I moved into the business side of the house, mostly as a business operations manager. In that position, I oversaw and managed all the support functions of the business, and the staff who worked in their specific disciplines, to include (but was not limited to) IT, financial analysis, contracts, human resources, security, facilities, and the corporate ethics program.

My mother taught me how to sew at around six, and I received my very own sewing machine for my 13th birthday. I spend lots of time making most of my own clothing while I was in high school, but didn't venture into other sewing projects until much later. Like most people, raising your own child and working interfered with sewing. After my daughter went off to college, I became interested in quilting, after seeing a beautiful quilt wrapped around a life-sized Santa in one of those pop-up stores we often see in the malls at holiday time. My husband challenged me to make one myself, rather than spend the \$500 the store was asking for the quilt. Little did he know...!

I've traveled to 40 of the 50 states, and would like to see the remaining 10 before travel becomes too hard. I've been to Europe and Asia, and would love to go back to Europe, especially Ireland...I really liked those greens.



Holiday Luncheon

Vicki Smola



Our Christmas Party for Mountain Top Quilters Guild is almost here (On December 18th)! This year we are going to play a little "exchange" game with the Quilt related gifts that we all make (preferred) or bring to the party. A limit of \$10 is placed on any bought gifts, but if you make the gift, you are to use your best judgement. Please bring the gift wrapped or in a gift bag and we will distribute them after we have had lunch. If you feel led to bring an extra gift, thank you. No one should leave without a gift. Speaking of lunch, this will be a pot luck lunch. I will be sending out sign-up sheets for everyone to sign-up for Main dishes, side dishes, salads, Gluten free and the ever popular desserts at our next meeting. Oh, and everyone will wear a Christmas Sweater, vest or outfit (think judging). If you do not wear a Christmas sweater (or vest), please wear Christmas colors to our annual Christmas Party. This is "An Old Fashion Christmas". We will have lots of fun and good food. See you December 18th. Contact Vicki Smola with any questions.

November Birthdays

Bunny Autrey

Patricia Autrey
Kathy Barrett
Pat Little
Gale Lovelady
Beverly Markham
Susan Masse
Chris McGrew
Martha McLellan
Ann Novak
Ann Ramsey
Barbara Phiel
Veronica Sandoval
Erin Sullivan
Jan Sullivan
Sharon Watt
Wayne Wolfe

Michele Schneider - Treasurer

My name is Michele Schneider. I am currently married to an executive Chef from Germany. His job has given us the opportunity to live in 7 states while he worked in the hotel industry. We have 3 sons, 2 grandsons, and 5 granddaughters.

I have college education in accounting, interior design and logistics. I've worked as an Accountant for a CPA firm in CA. I worked as a controller for a business that owned and operated cafeterias and restaurants in Houston, TX. I have been a General Manager for automated distribution centers shipping over 150,000

sku's for union and nonunion facilities. My last job was as a Vice President and General Manager for a company owning a fleet of trucks moving mostly refrigerated loads.

I also have received a green belt in the Six Sigma process improvement used widely in the manufacturing and distribution world. As you can see, I have quite a diverse background. Always looking for a challenge.

I have always been a sewer, in fact I did craft shows in Illinois selling my handcrafted items. So when I moved to Arizona, a neighbor who learned of this invited me to a MTQG meeting and the rest is history.



MTQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 16, 2017

9:32 am - Meeting was called to order by President Elect Diane Stockhaus, with the request that reports be kept brief because of upcoming church event immediately following the MTQG meeting.

Announcements: ECHOS Social will be postponed to November meeting, as the church needs its facility this afternoon. The Tucson Quilt Guild is collecting quilting supplies for guilds affected by the hurricane in Texas. They are collecting in Scottsdale, and supplies will be delivered to TX. MTQG will send a check for \$100 as a donation for them to purchase new supplies.

Motion to approve minutes by Sherri Hubbs; seconded by Gail Henry.

CHAIR REPORTS

1. Welcome Visitors and Winter Camp - Gail Henry- Three visitors were welcomed: Nancy DuPree, Betty Antony, and Chantel Golden.

Winter Camp: There are two spots left and a wait list will be available. Camp is Tuesday - Thursday January 16-18 starting at 8am.

2. Membership - Diana Ramsey - Diana welcomed new members Kathy Hofmeister and Barbara Renoux, as well as returning members Anne Brutsche, Angie Christy, Nora Schambach, and Cyndie Van Hook. She also reminded members to pick up their directories and update them monthly when notified of new members.

3. Youth Quilting - Diana Ramsey - Seven girls have signed up for youth quilting (maximum enrollment is 10). The first session will run from the beginning of November to Mid-December, and the next session will begin in January. MTQG members are asked to volunteer for one or more classes; at least three will be needed at each class. The meeting place will be the LDS church near Las Fuentes. They still need sewing supplies such as mats, rotary cutters, rulers, thread, scissors, pins, irons, and ironing boards.

4. Programs - Pam Easley - Today's program will be presented by Carlotta Brandenburg.

November's program will be a trunk show by Martie Winkleman and December will be the Christmas Luncheon. The January speaker had to cancel and other possible speakers are being contacted. Susan Perry and Veronica Sandoval will be in charge of programs next year. They plan to invite two national speakers, in addition to local and Arizona presenters.

5. Sunshine - Bunny Autrey - Bunny announced illnesses, bereavements, and new grandchildren so that members could send cards as appropriate. October birthdays were recognized: Betty Bourgault, Kay Denny, Pam Easley, Carolyn

Edwards, Judy Eppler, Laurie Kelley, Sally Plummer, Ginnie Rafti, Lapreil Schwan, Connie Sieh, Carol Stewart, Irene Stonecipher, Marilyn Thompson, Corinne Windett and Pat Wolfe.

6. November Treats - Diane Stockhaus - Check newsletter for list.

7. Thread Brigade - Diane Stockhaus -Today's Thread Brigade: Marie Willison, Gail Henry, Bunny Autrey, and Susan Masse

8. Fun Day - Diane Stockhaus - Fun Day will be Tuesday, Feb 20 in the fellowship hall after the guild meeting. Sign-up will be available at the December meeting; maximum 20. Cost: \$40.

9. ECHOS - Diane Stockhaus - The ECHOS social has been postponed, and will follow the November meeting. All members are invited, and are asked to bring their lunch and wear MTQG name badges.

10. Quilt Show - Linda Marley & Jan Adams - Linda - The quilt show is scheduled for June 1 & 2, 2018. There will be a meeting Nov 3 at Miller Valley Baptist Church - a notice will be sent out. Will establish categories such as pieced, appliqued, apparel, etc. Ribbon awards will be presented to various categories and special awards, such as youth participation ribbons. Volunteers will be needed to make ribbons. There will be special exhibits, a community quilt challenge, fun day quilts, mini group projects and an AQS/Paducah exhibit. Linda requested more volunteers for admissions, ribbons, quilt labels, etc. Jan requested 35-45 additional 8x8 inch "do not touch" quilted signs for the quilt show, and noted the Hopi quilters have not yet requested to exhibit their quilts at the show. Jan will contact them to invite them to attend and to clarify whether or not they will exhibit any quilts.

11. Opportunity Quilt - Lapreil Schwan - Lapreil reminded members that they are requested to pick up an envelope of 12 tickets (\$10) to support the opportunity quilt raffle. She announced that the Prescott Art Department allows any individuals or groups, such as mini groups, to arrange a showing in the library (Prescott and Prescott Valley), and that they welcome classes to be taught at the libraries. The opportunity quilt brought in \$523 at the Cottonwood show, and it is currently displayed at the Quilter's Quarters shop in Cottonwood.

12. Christmas Luncheon - Vicki Smola -It will follow the December 18th meeting. Vicki asked that everyone wear a Christmas sweater or Christmas attire. There will be a gift exchange game, so everyone is asked to bring a reasonably priced wrapped gift. There will also be drawings for prizes. Sign-up for the pot luck luncheon will be taken at the November meeting.

13. New Members Mini Group - Martie Winkleman -The New Members group will meet at Cloth Plus November 8 at 9:30am.

14. Fidget Quilts - Ann Brutsche - To date approximately 50 fidget quilts have been given out. They are 24 x 24 inch quilts with tactile and visual interest for dementia and Alzheimers patients. Donations of tactile and colorful items and textured fabrics, and especially very small stuffed animals are welcome. The first session of the youth quilt group will make fidget quilts to teach students the value of giving. Granite Gate would like a fidget quilt class to be taught there. Ann showed several examples of fidget quilts.

15. Fall Camp - Charlene Coxworth and Mary Jane Godwin -Fall camp for November 7-9 is full with wait list. Final payment and form are due today. They will email a map for participants.

16. Community Quilts - Dona Speights -Dona thanked the guild for the finished quilts turned in for the adoption ceremony Nov 18 at 10 am, and for the hurricane victims in the Houston area. There are additional quilts available for work (piecing, quilting, binding) and Community Quilts will meet next Monday at Las Fuentes. A photo of the quilters who worked on today's quilts was taken for publicity. Jan delivered 57 quilts last month for a total of approximately 200 quilts donated in the past three months.

17. Show and Tell - Suzy Davidson -The following displayed their placemats and quilts: Patti Taber, Lucy Fields, Betty Foley, Marie Willison, Carolyn Edwards, Bunny Autrey, Cheryl Giovenco Dona Speights, Susan Masse, Iris Lacey, Vicki Smola, Charlene Coxworth, Sue Von Hagel.

Jan Adams and Linda Marley were congratulated for the quilting awards they won at the Rim Country Round-up quilt show in Payson on October 13-14. Jan won Best of Show for Embroidery and First Place for Mixed Techniques with her quilt, "Jewels in the Garden." Linda won Third Place for Mixed Techniques for her mystery group quilt that was shown at the September guild meeting. Her quilt was based on a museum quilt by Sarah Johnson.

Following the refreshment break Carlotta Brandenburg presented a trunk show highlighting some of the special techniques she uses for her art quilts.

☞ **THINGS TO REMEMBER** ☞

Remember to Bring:

Library Books
Treats - if it is your turn

General Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017
9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, November 27, 2017 10:00 – 3:00
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott
No workshop in June.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 on Monday, December 4 at the home of Diane Stockhaus. Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Carol Cooley.



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