

The Summit, October, 2013 **MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Autumn has arrived once again. The evening air is crisp, the nights are longer and some of the leaves are looking a little pale. Growing up in the Phoenix area, I really had no idea what fall was like. There was a house in an older part of Glendale that had several huge, old, magnificent trees whose leaves would change to a vibrant yellow-orange and then all fall to the ground sometime in December. The whole event lasted about one week and then it was over, and within about two weeks more, new leaves were already growing! If you didn't drive by there at just the right time of the month, you missed the spectacular show. That was my entire experience with fall other than what could be seen in magazines, movies or on TV. Sometimes a relative would visit from "back east" and bring us a shoe box of gorgeous orange, yellow and burnt red leaves. I had started a quilting group at my church and many of the ladies would make quilts using all the rusts, oranges and yellows that are associated with autumn. Needless to say, I couldn't really understand some of my friends' absolute love of the fall season. The colors seemed sad and lonely to me. My favorite colors were the soft, fresh spring or bright, hot summer hues.

Now, after living in Prescott where we actually have four distinct seasons, I have begun to really appreciate the change in the weather in September and love to see all the fantastic colors the trees display as the months progress. Our exchange student from Thailand was under strict orders from his mother to take a picture of a tree as the leaves changed and fell off. She had never seen such a thing in her life. I could relate to how she must have felt, never experiencing the glorious, colorful season we call autumn. I have learned that each season has its own identity and I find myself often gazing at all the fabrics in my stash and thinking which season they would "fall" into.

Happy quilting!

Diana Ramsey

WANTED: PROGRAMS CHAIR

Due to extenuating circumstances, we are in immediate need of a new Programs Chair. This job is a Board position and is vital to continue our history of quality speakers and classes. At this time, the speaker's agenda is filled to June 2014 which will give the new chair time to start planning and contracting with speakers for next year. There is an abundance of resources available to help you get started. Additionally, if you have a friend that would work with you, then the job can be shared between two members. Please consider getting involved and helping out your Board and Guild ASAP! Contact Diana Ramsey at liv2quilt@cablone.net or 928-499-8792 if you can volunteer.

Directory

Jennifer Mees

The 2013-2014 MTQG Directories are now 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. If you missed the deadline, in a few months I plan to do an addendum page with new member pictures. Please

email me your (1MB or less) picture to the email address listed in the Directory.

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 for September are:

Margie Prechtl and Roxanne Sacchetti

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

Fall is beginning to really show its colors and this month our MTQ treats will also be colorful and tasty. The following are asked to bring a finger-food treat to share with the members. Sweet AND non-sweet are much appreciated. Please bring treats labeled with your name in two containers, one for each serving room. Many thanks. Jennifer Mees, Sharon Melpolder, Beth Marie Miller, Carol Miller, Donna Morgan, Adrienne Morrison, Phyllis Moss, Elin Myers, Ann Novak, Alice Obrenovich, Lorraine Owen, Eve Pelletier, Margie Prechtl, Roxanne Sacchetti, Veronica Sandoval, Joan Stanfield

Chamber of Commerce Quilts

Carolyn Edwards

Fall is in the air at the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. If you're downtown, walking around the Square, go check out the Fall Quilts in person. Or...the pictures are on the website. Take a look! All of these quilts were treasures found at a Small Quilt Auction somewhere! Know that Small Quilt Auction quilts are loved!

Quilts at the Visitor Center publicize the Quilters Guilds in the area, and have continually been on

display since April of 2009. This is a joint project shared by Mountain Top Quilters Guild and Thumb Butte Quilters. Because of the space, the quilts are small, averaging 30" x 30", and they are up high enough that they are very safe. The Fall quilts will be up for a couple of months. Then we'll be looking for Holiday quilts, Snowman quilts, a cardinal or two. If you have any that fit the requirements, let Joan Carrell or me know.

We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born in October. Have a wonderful day.

Betty Bourgault	Sally Plummer
Kay Denny	Ginnie Rafti
Pam Easley	Lapreil Schwan
Carolyn Edwards	Connie Sieh
Judy Eppler	Carol Stewart
Lorraine Owen	Marilyn Thompson
Eve Pelletier	Arlene Tribble
Nadine Pierce	Corrine Windett

AQS Show Bus Trip

Jan Smith and Jan Mawk

Are you ready to go to the American Quilter's Society (AQS) show at the Phoenix Convention Center on **Thursday, February 6th**. It is time to start signing up for the trip. Jan Smith and Jan Mawk will have the signup sheet available starting at the October meeting. Sign up will continue until the December meeting. There are only 55 seats available so sign up early. If the seating is not filled by the December meeting, seating will be opened to non members. The cost is \$32 which includes admission to the show. We will be loading at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Prescott at 7:45 am (ugh!). Departure from Phoenix will be at 4:30 pm.

That should make a bus load of very tired but happy quilters. Information about the show is available at AQSshows.com.

Newsletter Note

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

New Members Group

Lynne Gray

Welcome all new and nearly new members. We had a good turn out and learned a lot at the September gathering. We met at Seams So Right where Julie did 3 demonstrations to make our piecing easier. Betty Foley wowed us with her Family Series of quilts and shared many of her secrets on inspiration, construction and embellishing. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next gathering. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at Central Sewing. They are located at 8532 E Hwy 69 in Prescott Valley. Their phone number is 445-8017 and they open at 10:00so that's when we should get there. Jamie is going to demonstrate the new sit down quilting machine and some quilting techniques. I will be asking another member to join us and share some quilts and inspiration. As always, I would enjoy visiting with you over lunch after our meeting. Hope to see you there! Any questions, give me a call.

Friendship Quilts

Carolyn Edwards

My goal was to have 100% participation in the Friendship Quilt Challenge. If you didn't get a Friendship Quilt or quilt top made by the June meeting, you are encouraged to keep going! You can still get a Friendship Quilt made before the Quilt Show in June! As soon as you have the top done, please share it in a monthly Show & Tell. It will encourage the rest of us to "keep going". The Quilt Show theme is "Quilting Binds Friends Together". The word is that there will be a special Friendship Quilt exhibit!

If you're pretty sure you won't be getting a Friendship Quilt done, you can still give me an Orphan Block! This is Last Call for Orphan Blocks! Dig one out, sign it, and bring it to me at the October meeting! You'll be glad you did...and so will I!

Library

Terri Robertson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie

Our thanks for all the magazine donations. They are sold very quickly and the money helps buy new books & DVD's. We would appreciate suggestions for future purchases.

Christmas Luncheon

Jan Walls

Mark your calendars for the Mountain Top Quilters annual Christmas luncheon. It will be on December 16th following our regular meeting.

The theme this year will be "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A sign-up sheet will be passed at the October 21 meeting for Table Hostesses. The Hostess will provide decorations and table-ware for 9 ladies.

As this is a pot luck we would like the first half of the alphabet (A-M) to bring salads - the last half (M-Z) desserts.

Your Christmas committee is Beth Marie Miller (chariman). Ronnie Sandoval, Fran Lesley, Joyce Raglin, Suzy Davidson, and Jan Walls.

More details later.

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).

Programs

Carolyn Doyle and Sherri Hubbs

FANTASY FABRIC JACKET LESLIE PEACOCK

October 21 "I don't Exaggerate...I Embellish" Trunk show of wearable art garments by Payson's award winning wearable artist and teacher Leslie Peacock. She will be sharing information about the fabulous threads and techniques she uses. Check out her website:<http://www.lesliepeacock.com/index.htm>. On Monday afternoon October 21 and all day Tuesday October 22 she will do a 1 ½ day workshop with Leslie making Fantasy Fabric Jacket. Students will participant making their own fabrics on Monday and then adding it to their jacket on Tuesday. The class fee is \$80 will include your jacket pattern, fusible material and tulle.

GARDEN WINDOWS HELEN KNOTT

November 21: 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 "Broiderie 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.

LUMBERYARD LADIES
Cheryl Coffman and Patty Bowers
February 17 and 18

March 17 Presentation of TOAD finalists with TOAD Queen Kay Denny

Recipe from Pat Schoenfeldt

The little pizzas from Hospitality last month are called **Cheesy Greek Swirls**

1 pkg (17oz) frozen puff pastry
8 oz of cream cheese, softened
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
1 cup chopped kalamata olives - I use black olives
1 cup marinated artichoke hearts, chopped
1 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1 cup jarred red peppers, chopped
2 cups (8 oz) shredded Gruyere or Swiss
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp garlic powder

Thaw puff pastry according to package directions. Arrange one sheet of pastry on hard surface (you may roll out the sheet a little to seal the folded seams) and spread with 1/2 of the cream cheese. Layer with 1/2 the feta cheese, 1/2 the olives, 1/2 the artichokes hearts and so on. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Roll tightly. Cut the roll into about 1/4 in slices. Arrange the slices in single layer on cookies sheet that has been sprayed with Pam and lined with parchment paper. Repeat process with remaining sheet of puff pastry, starting with the cream cheese and layer remaining ingredients. Bake at 400F for 15 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown.

Serve warm or room temperature. Freezes well.
Makes between 20 to 25 slices.

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

The Best News of all is that there are now 60 quilts at CASA in preparation for the National Adoption Day in November. Thank you to all the members who have worked to make this number of quilts find their way to CASA. The majority of the quilts that they have on hand are themed for small children, especially girls. At the time of this writing, there are 9 quilts earmarked for CASA, 4 lap quilts, 3 quilts earmarked for PAWS and, 3 donated finished quilts, 1 quilt earmarked for distribution by Roxanne Sacketti to the new shelter, and 2 quilts that have not been earmarked for any agency. That makes a total of 22 quilts at my house ready for delivery.

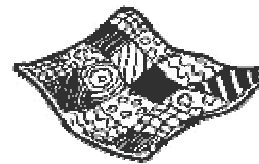
We have a special request from CASA for male themed fabric quilts that are larger than the usual lap size that we make. Quincey (from CASA) said that some of the boys who are being adopted are teenagers and they go for the quilts featuring dinosaurs, cars, trucks, baseball, football etc. So if you have any of these themed fabrics that you do not have a need for, would you please consider donating them to Community Quilts? We would be ever so grateful for such donations.

All told, since July we have delivered 82 quilts and in our inventory we have 46 layered quilts waiting to be quilted and we also have 165 tops waiting to be layered, 30 of which are child friendly.

We have conscripted Alice Obrenovich to head up our Foley Bag endeavors. Alice has reported that she has delivered 10 Foley Bags to the VA, 10 to the

Marley House and 10 to Granite Mountain Hospice. These organizations were glad to receive them. These Foley Bags are colorful and we suspect that the Prescott Area leads the nation in colorful Foley Bag covers. We are truly grateful for her endeavors in this area. We hope to have kits available for you to sew and you can pick them up at the Community Quilts table at our next meeting.

Once again, we are ever so grateful for your efforts to support our Community Quilts effort. Thank you for all that you do.



ACQUILT GO! CUTTER

Diana Ramsey

Members of MTQG can check out the cutter for a week or more to take home and play with the many fun and useful cutting dies we have on hand. We have several different sizes of strips that are great for all your binding and sashing needs; circles, stars, hearts and flowers for appliquéing; various triangles and squares: and specific patterns such as Winding Ways and Drunkard's Path. Several of us have used the Winding Ways die recently to make some beautiful quilts. Call Diana Ramsey at 499-8792 or email at liv2quilt@cablone.net for more information. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall each meeting, too!

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

Library materials that are due
Block of the Month
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General Meeting

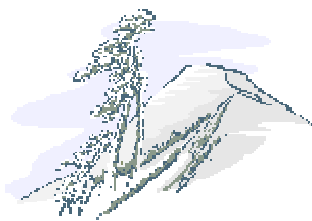
Monday, October 21st, 9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, October 28th, 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, November 4th at the home of Sherri Hubbs. 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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