

The Summit, September, 2013

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you a hand quilter? A machine quilter? Or both? I taught myself to hand quilt over 20 years ago because that is how I thought a quilt was supposed to be finished. I didn't know how to machine quilt and really had no interest in learning; that is, until a slight tragedy struck – I had the beginnings of carpal tunnel syndrome! Now, the condition was NOT caused by hand quilting but because I became over zealous about the mass of weeds in my new back yard and spent a whole week doing nothing but pulling them, by hand, of course, until I had filled eight – yes EIGHT – large black yard bags full. The weeds were gone, and so was my wrist! I knew I had to learn how to machine quilt to save my wrist from further damage.

Well, two years of classes (I'm a slow learner) and several practices later, I found myself enjoying machine quilting even though I am far from being a master at it. I could actually finish more than three quilts a year, which was my all time record back when I hand quilted. I do still need a lot of practice and I found that I could take home a layered quilt from Community Quilts, have fun doing some simple stitching and get my practice in at the same time.

I have heard that some of you are wary of trying to quilt for CQ, but I want to tell you that even the simplest stitching on your home machine can make those quilts look adorable. You many not be able to do all the fancy, large patterns that a long-arm quilter can, but it doesn't matter! Every quilt looks perfect no matter how or who quilts it. There is a backlog of layered quilts that are desperately in need of quilting at CQ. I urge you to pick up one at the next general meeting and just have fun adding your stitches to the finished product. You'll be learning and practicing new skills in addition to generously giving back to our community.

Happy quilting!

Diana Ramsey

Membership

Suzy Davidson

Welcome to our new members:

Anne Blohn, Phyllis Pohlman, Shirlee Smith, Veronica Sandoval, Mary Hagberb and Joyce Raglin.

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

Hospitality

Corinne Windett and Dolores Schrock

For treats this month the following are asked to bring a finger-food item to share with MTQ members. Both sweet and non sweet treats are appreciated...please bring on two plates: Suzy Palmer, Susan Perry, Cindy Phare Sharon Phelps, Barbara Phiel, Nadine Pierce, Sally Plummer, Phyllis Pohlman, Ginnie Rafti, Joyce Raglin, Diana Ramsey, Judith Ritner, Meg Roberson, Terry Robertson, Evelyn Russell, Pat Schoenfeldt, Dolores Schrock, Stephanie Schuck and Lapriel Schwan.

Quilt Show

Susan Perry and Kathy Barrett

Are you new to MTQG? Have you attended one of our past quilt shows? Do you want to know more? Information about our 2014 quilt show can be found on our MTQG web site (click on the Quilt Show link) along with pictures from the 2012 show. There will be close to 300 quilts to see and 20 vendors to visit. One of our unique events is a quilt turning held several times during the show in an area set up with seats and a bed. Roughly 20 member quilts (stored on the bed) will be held up and a narrator will read a story about each quilt that explains why it's special. Maybe you have a quilt to share at the show! We also have a live small quilt auction where we sell member donated quilts to the highest bidder. This is a great fund raiser and is always fun. You'll hear about the various activities associated with the show as June 6, 7 of 2014 gets closer.

What are some of the ways you can help? 1) It would be wonderful if each member entered a quilt in the show. Start thinking about what you'd like to finish and share. There will be room for a several if you're one of the over achievers. 2) Consider making a quilt for the small quilt auction. Julie Dodds and Hildy Smith will share more in the coming months about sizes and will show some donated quilts to give you an idea. 3) Consider making something for the Boutique. Marty Lensink, Carol Cooley, and Jeanne Vick will have demos, samples and patterns to share at future meetings and ECHOS. 4) Volunteer to help on a committee, on hanging day (June 5) or at one of the many spots during the show (i.e. Admissions, Opportunity Quilt, ticket sales).

Quilt Show Boutique 2014

Marty Lensink, Carol Cooley and Jeanne Vick

It is never too early to start working on Boutique items. Our committee will be bringing some items we have made to share with you at our next Guild Meeting. If you have items to contribute or ideas to share, we want to hear from you. We suggest that items that seem to sell the fastest are those made using some of the newer, brighter fabrics. We have been looking on Pinterest for new ideas. Perhaps

you have seen something there you would like to share. Looking through some Japanese books, we have found some great ideas – just a little different – that we think will sell well.

Our committee would like to try something different this year. We would like to sell actual quilts – crib size to full/queen/king sized. We don't want to compete with the Small Quilt Auction, but we know visitors have expressed interest in purchasing quilts. If you contribute a quilt, we want you to pin your name on it, give a suggested price and let us know what to do with the quilt if it does not sell. We can return it to you or contribute it to Community Quilts. We are hoping mini-groups will be willing to work on projects for the boutique. If your group needs help with ideas, please contact us. This is a large group project and we need everyone's help.

We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to our members born in September. Have a great day!

Betty Blanset	Margot Mc Donnell
Charlene Coxworth	Joan Mc Givern
Judy Dallner	Barbara Merkel
Pat Folsom	Adrienne Morrison
Pat Gentner	Alice Obrenovich
Pam Hendricks	Suzy Palmer
Joy Hughes	Lynn Ray
Karen Lamb	Lilly Schamberger
Candy Lara	Hildy Smith
Sandy Lawson	Thann Tolman
	Darlene Williams

Art Quilt/Fiber Arts Mini Group

Suzy Davidson

If you would be interested in a group like this let me know. Your skill level is not important. We can all learn together and from each other. I will have a sign up sheet for those interested at the membership table before the September meeting, during the break and after the meeting. I'll be contacting those interested to set a time for our first meeting. Thanks.

Directory

Jennifer Mees

The Directory is currently being prepared for review by our members at the September monthly meeting, with distribution at the October meeting. If you have any changes to contact information, please be sure to submit them right away so that we have the most current information possible. I'm not making any promises, but if you send me a picture, I'll try to get it in the Directory.

ECHOS

Jimmy Johnson and Evelyn Russell

No ECHOS in September.

Block of the Month

Jennifer Mees

The September Block includes a template to assist in placing two side triangles for stitching. The copies available at the Sept meeting will have the template stapled to the instructions. The website copy will need to be printed and cut out on the outside of the drawn lines. Be sure to mark the little line B for easy placement. Thank you to the members who contributed an extra block for Community Quilts. If you want to contribute a block, please give it to Jennifer Mees or Carol Trumpfheller. Participation is optional. We hope you are enjoying this year's Blocks.

Newsletter Note

The **deadline for October newsletter articles** is Wednesday, October 9th at noon.

Fall Quilt Camp (October 8-10)

Charlene Coxworth

We have room for one more camper!

MTQG Quilt Camp is Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. through Thursday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided on Tuesday, three meals on Wednesday and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Again, we will be staying in the beautiful pines at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott.

The cost for the three-day event is \$125.00 per quilter which includes meals and snacks.

You must be a member of MTQG to attend camp. To sign up you need to pay \$125.00 at the guild meeting on Sept 16th. Make checks out to MTQG or cash. Registration form is required. Forms are available on MTQG website. You can call Charlene or Joan Carrell with questions.

New Members Group

Lynne Gray

Welcome all new and nearly new members. We had a great time at Cloth Plus last month and I am looking forward to seeing you at our next gathering. We will be meeting on Wed. September 18th at Seams So Right Quilt Studio, 220 W. Goodwin #4, Prescott. They open at 10:00 so that's when we should get there. Julie is going to have some quick demonstrations planned and I will be asking another member to join us and share some quilts and inspiration. As always shopping will be part of the excitement. As an added bonus we can also check out the wonderful bargains at Love It Again just across the way. As always, I would enjoy visiting with you over lunch after our meeting. Hope to see you there and yes, I will bring cookies! Any questions, give me a call.

Community Quilts

Beverly Markham and Marty Lensick

I never cease to be amazed at the industry of quilters at the community quilts meeting at the Las Fuentes facility. On August 26 we had 30+ members in attendance and it was a beehive of activity. We had some people layering quilts, some people cutting fabrics for kits and we had some people doing quilting on their machines. It is a very happy atmosphere to be in and we invite our members to keep coming and participating. You can make new friends easily under these conditions.

We will devise a system where we can identify 'newbies' to the Community Quilts activities. We ask our regular members to lend a helping hand to make the 'newbies' feel welcome and introduce them to the various activities that are taking place, and invite them to participate.

This month we delivered two quilts to the U.S. Vets - United States Veterans Initiative. Also we took 12 quilts to CASA and 6 quilts to Prescott Area Women's Shelter and Marty delivered 7 quilts to the Good Samaritan Nursing home. At the request of Crystal Coons of Catholic Social Services, we donated a spectacular quilt to be raffled in their fund raiser on September 13 at American Lutheran Church. They were very appreciative of this donation and the money is earmarked to purchase undergarments for the girls who are served by their Teen's Closet Outreach Ministry. I have three quilts at my house and Marty has 47 quilts in need of quilting or tying. We invite you, our wonderful members, to try your hand at quilting one of these quilts. You can stitch in the ditch, free motion quilt, or tie the quilt and someone will then bind it ready for distribution. Marty will have these 'sandwiched- ready- for- quilting' quilts at our next business meeting for you to work your magic. We are still in need of finished quilts for the CASA National Adoption Day on November 23. The exuberance of the children being adopted is contagious and their joy is even greater as they choose a quilt, from those we donate, to remember their special day.

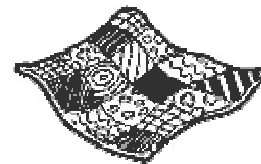
We have received Thank you notes from the agencies where we placed the quilts. We have been informed that the VA is in need of Foley Bag covers. We have delivered 15 of these bags to the VA but they need many more. We have some kits ready to be taken for you to finish, and these kits will be available for you at our next meeting. The instructions have had to be amended and they are included in the kits. If you need an amended instruction sheet, we have them at the Community Quilts

table. Primarily, the bottom hem is turned up 1/4" and then turned up another 1/4" and sewn, and the top hem is turned down 1/4" and then another 1/2" and then sewn. It is to this 1/2 inch hem that you attach the velcro pieces. If you need fabric to make Foley Bag Covers, please come shopping in our fabric bins at Community Quilts.

We received the following note from Susan Perry.

"I noted you mentioned the Community Quilts Challenge would be due in April and voted on then. The program for that month is Tips and Tricks while May is set aside for quilt show preparations. I recommend you move the deadline from April to May. It will be closer to the show (allowing everyone more time) and there will be more time program wise. Originally the quilt show was planned for May so a deadline of May might have been in the works when Lapreil and Patti first worked on the kits." Thank you Susan for bringing this to our attention. So, you have a little extra time to finish your purchased kit. We have sold kits for the challenge and we wish you all good luck as you pursue the challenge of making something wonderful from the fabric they chose.

I have been in touch with Action Graphics and they are to print more Quilt Labels for our Community Quilts. We are very pleased with the efforts of our members to provide finished quilts for the National Adoption Day and we applaud those efforts. Thank you very, very much. You Members of MTQG are awesome.



Library

Terri Robinson, Meg Roberson, Fran Leslie

The Margaret Miller Angle Play Templates with booklets are ready to check out in the library. The packet includes 4 booklets and 13 templates (A - M).

Also we've received a donation of four "Someday Quilts Mystery" books. Taking a break from actually quilting, these mysteries are quick and fun to read.

A REMINDER, please check your own personal library to make sure there aren't any of our MTQG library books hiding there.

Programs

Carolyn Doyle and Sherri Hubbs

Sept. 16th, Joyce Huett will lecture and show "The Art Form of Indonesian Fabrics"

Oct. 21st, Leslie Peacock will lecture on "I don't Exaggerate, I Embellish". She will teach a day and a half workshop "Fantasy

Fabric Jacket". There are numerous spots available, the fee is \$80 which includes the pattern and other needs. Sign up at the September meeting.

Nov. 18th, Helene Knott is coming from Oregon. Her lecture and quilt sharing will be about designing landscape quilts followed by a one day workshop on "Garden Windows."

Dec. will be our Holiday luncheon.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

Library items books and DVDs that are due
Block of the Month

General Meeting

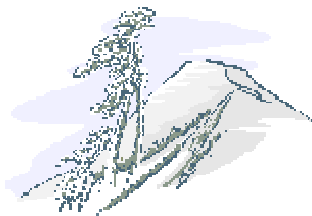
Monday, September 16th, 9:30 am
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott
First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, September 23rd, 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, October 7th, at the home of Carol Cooley. 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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