

The Summit, February 2018

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This winter has been so odd with its warm temps and almost no moisture. The birds are acting like its spring and once February appeared, I agreed with them. Even though there is valid concern for our yards and trees that desperately need rain, it's been warm enough to sit outside and enjoy the sun.

Spring then has me segueing to more thoughts about the quilt show that is coming soon. Our quilt show committee has the planning well in hand and is ready for your entries. You will see on the form more categories this year for you to choose from. This year, there will also be a brochure given to each attendee with each quilt listed, a map of the arena, and other information to look for at the show.

It's time to get yourself in gear, and finish up those projects so they are ready to display. And if you are overextended and a quilt or two to enter aren't in your future, then perhaps a small wall hanging for the small quilt auction will work? With your contributions, it promises to be another great quilt show.

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, March 7th at noon.

Refreshments

Dolores Schrock

For February treats, the following members are being asked to bring one for a tasty bite to enjoy with a beverage at break time. Your willingness to provide a treat is very much appreciated. THANK YOU. Carol Cone, Carol Cooley, Rae Cooper, Linda Coppola, Linda Cox, Charlene Coxworth, Linda Craig, Colleen Cristea, Judy Dallner, Suzy Davidson, Kay Denny, Julie Dodds, Carolyn Doyle, Kathy Dunn, Pam Easley, Carolyn Edwards, Pam Edwards, Suzanne Ely, Judy Eppler, Maxine Everaert



Programs

Pam Easley

This month we have Debbie Sullivan all the way from Minnesota. She has such different quilts that she designs from watercolors or dyes. They are just beautiful, her work is amazing. She was the featured artist of the guild in Sun City West. We are lucky to have her, she is here in the Phoenix area for 3-4 months.

In March we have Nancy Lee Chong from Washington State. She will be doing a program on her Hawaiian Quilts and a workshop the next day on the Hawaiian Quilting method. I have examples at the program table, which are just beautiful, stop by and see.

In April we have Jenifer Dick from Missouri, her lecture will be on because it's Applique and her workshop will be the Invisible Zig Zag Applique. I have an example of her workshop also. Again, come by.....

These will be the last of the programs I will be involved in as May has to do with our Quilt Show and June is our Spring Luncheon. It will free up a lot of my time to do some quilting of my own.

The new program chairs have stepped in early, Susan Perry and Veronica Sandoval, please give them all the support they deserve, this is a time consuming job. Thank you both for stepping up..... Best of Luck to you both...

ECHOS

Diane Stockhaus & Marie Willison

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social
February's session will be conducted by Erin Sullivan and her crew, discussing recommendations for Quilt Show boutique items.

In March, Jan Walls will demonstrate a double disappearing nine patch technique.

Newcomers group

Martie Winkleman & Karen Adams

The Newcomers met on Monday, Jan 29 at "Quilt and Sew Connection". After introducing all 19 guests, we shared our favorite tools to use when quilting. There were demonstrations and show and tell. It was a super fun event.

The next newcomers meeting will be Feb 21 at 1:00 at the Bassett Room at Hidden Valley Ranch, 1615 Coyote Rd., Prescott. Directions will follow in an email.

Michele Schneider and Marcia McMullen will be demoing rouching, hand appliqué tricks and making YOYO's. Fabric will be provided. Bring your own appliqué needles and regular thread—any color is good. We look forward to another great event.

Thread Brigade

Diane Stockhaus

February volunteers are Jan Walls, John Ramsey, Ann Novak, Sharon Watt and Carolyn Hamilton. Remember, if you are unable to help clean up during the month you volunteered, please help by finding a replacement volunteer to take your place. Thanks for our help with this necessary task!

Membership/Directory

Diana Ramsey

We are welcoming the following new members to our guild: Susan Barrett, Carol Covert, Karen Danknick, Jill Davis, Kay Fitzgerald, Sandie Hoppe, Diane Masters, John Ramsey, Lynn Vache', and Ingrid Vorava. Please introduce yourself and get to know some of these

quilters. Remember to let Diana know if you change any of your information for the Directory.



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!

February 26, 2018 is our next workday.

- 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.

Fun Day

Diane Stockhaus

Fun Day will be on Tuesday, February 20th, starting at 9am, in the church's Fellowship Hall. We will be able to get access to the Hall starting at around 8:30, for set up. If you signed up to participate, plan to bring your sewing machine, with essential sewing supplies (scissors, pins, clips, etc.). Fabric for the quilt top has already been pre-cut and sorted, ready for us to begin the mystery project. Thread color should be whatever you normally piece blocks with...the Kaffe Fassett package is bright, the batik package is darker, so plan accordingly. Lunch will be provided (wraps and salad, with dessert) but if you have special dietary restrictions please bring along whatever you can eat. Bottled water will be available.

Please contact Diane Stockhaus if you have any questions.

Spring Quilt Camp

Dona Speights

DON'T FORGET - SPRING CAMP REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 19TH! It will start before our MTQG Monthly Meeting! Camp dates at UCYC are April 10-13.

Please make your \$100.00 non-refundable check (or cash) out to MTQG and have your form completed when signing up. Your final payment of \$130.00 will be due at the March 19th MTQG Monthly Meeting. The form is available on the Forms Page. We have room for 25 campers but will take a waiting list because "life" happens! Please contact Dona Speights or Maureen Tritle for any questions.

Wanted Quilts with a Story

Kay Harlan

We are having a quilt turning with your stories. This is a highlight of our Quilt Show. These quilts will delight and amaze you. We need you to lend us your quilts that have a story. Don't be shy, if you think you have a quilt that we might want, please give me a call or e-mail.

What is a Quilt with a Story you ask? This is a special time when Quilt Show Spectators gather to hear enchanting quilt stories. Every Quilt has a story...but some are better than others. Please look over your quilts and let us know if you have one.



Quilts of the High Desert Quilt Show

Linda Marley, Jan Adams

There are just a little over 100 days to go before our show opens and we want our members' quilts to display for Viewers' Choice Awards, Quilts with a Story, Small Quilts Auction, and Welcome Vignette, not to mention the Community Quilt Challenge. Also, there are the boutique items that are starting to come in, but much more is needed.

Just make note of the deadlines and the different ways quilts are to be turned in. Forms and instructions are on the website, or contact the committee chair.

You can start turning in your registration forms at the meeting this month. There will be a receptacle available as you check in.

Our upcoming quilt show committee meetings will move to Wednesdays at 10 am, Feb. 28 and March 28. Any member is welcome to join us at Miller Valley Baptist Church in Prescott, AZ.

Quilt Show Brochure Advertising

Lori McCarthy

This year, for the first time, we will have brochure for our quilt show. I am currently approaching businesses to buy advertising to help defray the cost. We have 5 options available:

1/8 page for \$20

1/4 page for \$40

Half page for \$75

Full page for \$150

Back Cover for \$200

This is a great way to get your business in front of the 1500+ attendees to our quilt show.

If you have a business and would like to advertise in the brochure please contact Lori McCarthy. If you know people interested in advertising with us, please pass their information to me. Deadline for all advertisers is 4/16/18. Appreciate everyone's help to make our first quilt show brochure a success.

Quilt Show Hanging

Kathleen Bond and Diana Ramsey

Quilt show entry forms can now be found on our website. You must be a paid member to enter your work in the show. Please fill out the form as completely as possible, attach a color picture of your entry to the top right corner using tape or glue (no staples, please), and turn in the form to Terry Robertson. She will have a basket at the sign-in table in the Fellowship Hall at each meeting. Your quilt/entry doesn't have to be completely finished but there must be enough of it to take a color photo, as this is one of the items we refer to when we are arranging the quilts for hanging. You may submit up to 5 entries, however, if we have more entries than we can accommodate, not all of your entries may be included in the show. This is why it is very important to number your quilts by priority, which is noted on the form under the Quilt Name line.

When choosing the Category for your entry, pick the one that MOST represents the project. If you are unsure, you can call Kathleen or Diana for assistance. If you have a quilt/project that you would like to be handled delicately, you may include a clip-type hanger (skirt hanger) with your quilt for handling purposes only. The quilt will NOT be hung in the show by the hanger and will still need a proper sleeve.

Award Ribbons

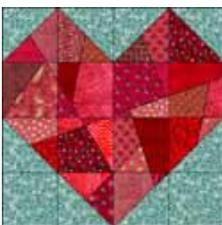
Angie Christy

A volunteer is needed who has the software to digitize our quilt show logo into an embroidery machine format, either to PES or HUS. Also let her know if you embroidery machine owners are willing to help make some or all of about 25 centers needed for our award ribbons.

Boutique

Erin Sullivan and Sue Ely

We are asking minigroups to check in with us regarding items they are making so we have no overlaps and get a better idea of what to expect.



Small Quilt Auction

Susan Perry

Once again, we will have a small quilt auction at our June quilt show. Please consider contributing a new quilt you've made. What do we mean by small? Think wall hanging size (definitely smaller than a throw). Turn your completed quilt into Kathy Barrett or Susan Perry along with a descriptive form (found under forms on our website) by May 21st. Thank you!!

Opportunity Quilt

Lapreil Schwan

Just a reminder that all members should pick up their Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets. We have the envelopes for \$10 available at each meeting. This is an important way to support the guild and the lovely ladies that worked so hard on the Opportunity Quilt.

Quilt Show Welcome Vignette

Carolyn Edwards

The first thing Quilt Show attendees will see upon entering MTQG's quilt show will be a circle of happy quilters, doing what quilters do--stitching and chatting, laughing and enjoying each other's company, as well as their projects! And they'll be surrounded by "Quilts of the High Desert"! If you have a Southwest quilt that you can loan for display in the Welcome Vignette, please let me know. It should not be a new quilt--your new quilts need to be entered in the Show. Quilts for the Welcome Vignette may have been shown before, but this time around, they will be gathered together in a special grouping in our entrance exhibit. It doesn't matter what size they are. Quilts for this display need to include an identifying label (as does any quilt you make!). Instructions for "handing over" your Southwest quilts will be provided closer to Quilt Show time. Right now, I am only collecting names of quilters willing to share a Southwest quilt in the 'Welcome Vignette'. Can I count on you? Let me know. :-)

MTQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 15, 2018

9:34 am - President Carol Cooley expressed wishes that everyone enjoyed the holidays, and welcomed members and guests.

Approval of December minutes: Sherri Hubbs moved and Diane Stockhaus seconded.

Announcements - Carol Cooley - Thank you notes were read from Las Fuentes, Firefighters' Association, and Yavapai CASA. There were others received, but not read.

There are two tape measures available for making snap purses. Both were given to Creative Gypsies for making purses for the boutique.

Visitors - Gail Henry - There were nine visitors, including Susie Martin, a past president. Also Georganne Kappas, Karen Danknick, Ingrid Yotava, Sandi Hoppe, Lynn Vache, Jill Davis, Lorraine Heckel, Kay Fitzgerald.

Membership/Youth Quilt Group - Diana Ramsey - Diana welcomed past president Susie Martin, and invited other guests to join. Two new members: Diana Ramsey's husband and Diane Masters. There are additional membership directories available if any member lost or never picked one up. There are 11 girls signed up for the current session of youth quilting, so she could use more volunteers on Wednesday afternoons at the LDS church (enter at the back door).

Programs - Pam Easley - Today's program: Barb Wills, international teacher and exhibitor, will present a program on her quilts. Following today's meeting her workshop will be on dyeing silk scarves. February: Debbie Sullivan - watercolor dyed backgrounds and quilts. March: Nancy Lee Chong - Monday's presentation will be on Hawaiian quilting; Tuesday's workshop will be on how to cut out Hawaiian patterns. April: Invisible zig-zag applique.

Sunshine - Dona Speights for Bunny Autrey (absent) - Dona asked January birthdays to stand and be recognized. She also announced that a guild member was out of the hospital and doing all right.

Spring Camp - Dona Speights - April 10-13. Signups start at the February meeting at 8:30. The registration form is on the website and will need to be submitted along with a \$100 deposit.

Thread Brigade - Diane Stockhaus - Today: Sue Ely, Cyndie Van Hook, Sherri Hubbs, Erin Sullivan. She will pass around a clipboard to sign up for upcoming months.

ECHOS - Diane Stockhaus - January: Silk scarf dyeing workshop. February: Erin Sullivan demonstrating boutique suggestions for individuals and mini groups. March: Jan Walls demonstration of disappearing 9-patch and double disappearing 9-patch blocks. Diane explained ECHOS briefly, due to the large number of guests/potential new members.

Fun Day - Diane Stockhaus - There are still four spaces available. She explained that at Fun Day participants are given a mystery quilt kit with pre-cut fabrics in choice of two colorways (batiks and K Fassett). The design is simple, but allows for creativity. Guests who join the guild now, at the reduced rate of \$20, are eligible for Fun Day, February 20, starting at 9am. \$40 covers all materials and lunch.

Newcomers Mini Group - Karen Adams - The next meeting will be January 29 at 10am at Quilt 'n Sew Connection, on "New Tools of the Trade." Bring one or two quilting tools you love, as well as show and tell quilts to share.

February's meeting, arranged by Michele Schneider, will be on the 21st and will be a demonstration on ruching, hand applique, and yo-yo flowers. Time/location to be announced.

Quilt Show - Linda Marley - Registration form is now on line. Quilter chooses category for her quilt: pieced, applique, mixed techniques, art quilt, or wearables. A picture (in color) must be attached to the form, even if the quilt is still in progress, with a written description. A 4" sleeve must be attached - directions are on the website. If group quilt or quilts, list all members in group, and all quilts in a group so they will be kept together at the show. There will be a bin at the sign-up table at guild meetings to collect completed forms. April 16th is the deadline. There is a limit of five quilts per member, to be listed in order of priority, in case all cannot be used. For the Community Quilt Challenge (due at April meeting), do not attach hanging sleeve, and do not fill out entry form.

Community Outreach - Lori McCarthy - Lori described details of the quilt show brochure, which is new this year. It will describe each quilt/quilter and include a map for exhibits, vendors, quilt auction, quilts with a story, and the welcome vignette. Because the brochure must be printed ahead of time, the April 16th quilt entry deadline is firm. Business entities such as restaurants, radio stations, retailers, hotels, etc., will have the opportunity to advertise in the brochure, to offset the cost of printing. Show pins (100) will be ordered.

Boutique - Erin Sullivan - The February ECHOS will be a demonstration of ideas and how to make items that are appropriate for the boutique. Any suggestions of quick and easy items are welcome. She noted that the Lonesome

Valley guild made over \$8000 at their December boutique, so is very encouraged that the potential for the MTQG boutique is favorable if everyone pitches in.

Welcome Vignette - Carolyn Edwards - The welcome vignette, with live quilters, is the first thing visitors will see as they enter the show. The show theme is "Quilts of the High Desert," so please contact Carolyn if anyone has southwest themed quilts to loan for the display.

Linda summarized the opportunities to show quilts: members' quilts to be exhibited, community quilt challenge, small quilt auction, and quilts with a story, as well as quilts for the vignette.

Small Quilt Auction - Kathy Barrett and Susan Perry -They received nine quilts this morning. The entry form is on the website, and each quilt must have a label attached with quilter's name, date, and "MTQG Quilts of the High Desert."

Quilts with a Story - Kay Harlan - This is a highlight of the show. These quilts have a separate form, and quilters must be MTQG members to exhibit. There are two sessions on Friday and one on Saturday. She needs four helpers to turn quilts and two to narrate.

Do Not Touch mini-quilts - Jan Adams - She received three today, but would like to have more. These are small 8 x 8" cute/humorous quilts that convey that guests may not touch the quilts.

Paducah Quilts - Linda Marley - Negotiations are underway to have several (probably 6) quilts from the quilt museum in Paducah, KY at the MTQG show for a special display.

Reminder: the show is June 1-2 at the PV Event Center. Linda thanked everyone for their great work on preparing for the show and encouraged everyone to enter quilts.

Bus Trip to Quilt Show in Mesa - Vicki Smola -The AQG show is Friday, March 23. The cost is \$37, which covers the bus, show entry, and snacks on the bus. Also, a cash collection will be taken to tip the driver. See Vicki to sign up (limit 50). The bus will board at 7am at the Walmart parking lot on Rt 69.

Announcements - Carol Cooley- She encouraged guests/new members to sign up to volunteer for quilt show set-up, even if they have no experience. It will be an informative and fun time.

Carol congratulated Karen Adams on having two quilts, and Margo McDonald having one quilt, accepted at Road to California. This is a significant accomplishment.

February's refreshment list (Carole Cone through Maxine Everaert) will be in the newsletter.

Community Quilts - Dona Speights - Next Community Quilts meeting is next Monday at 9:30 at Las Fuentes. She explained that anyone who shows up will be able to work on quilts in some capacity, whether or not they bring their own sewing machine. Bring your own lunch or \$3.00 for pizza. There are approximately 27 organizations in the county that receive charity quilts from MTQG. To date, from July 1, 2018, there have been 295 quilts donated.

Show and Tell - The following displayed quilts at show and tell: Gail Henry, Betty Foley, Sue Van Hagel, Barbara Phiel, Kay Wentworth, Jan Smith and Kathleen Bond.

Carol asked the group to reconvene at 11am for the program by Barb Wills.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Masse, Secretary



February Birthdays

Beverly Bowe	Midge Clause	Julie Dodds
Betty Foley	Cheryl Gioenco	Arvilla Gregor
Nancy Gulkinson	Sherri Hubbs	Fran Leslie
Jo Isaac	Jan Mawk	Dolores Schrock
Martie Winkleman	Dina Wos	

If your name is not on our February Birthday List, please contact Bunny Autrey. Thank you and a Happy Birthday is wished to you all year long.

☞ **THINGS TO REMEMBER** ☞

Remember to Bring:

Library Books

General Meeting

Monday, February 19, 2018

9:30 am

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, February 26, 2018 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, March 5th at the home of Diane Stackhaus. 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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