

The Summit, January 2018

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are so many reasons that quilts have been made through time. Storytelling, artistic expression, for domestic needs, gifts and celebrations for special events. Our quilts may not have such specific reasons for their making; being made for simply the pleasure of the design, fabric and construction. However, they will linger after we are gone and future quilters who may see them will want to know you and why you made the quilt. I have been shown family quilts that were not labeled and the story and even the quilter lost. I found it sad to not be able to know what the quilt was made for and something about the quilter. So, remember how important it is to put not only your name, but information about the quilt, date and place and reason you made it. Even add your photo! And for quilt show viewers, add the name of the designer so they can find the pattern and make it too.

If you are new to quilting, MTQG has many members who would be more than happy to help you if needed. Just ask!
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, February 7th at noon.**



ECHOS

Diane Stockhaus & Marie Willison

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social

There is no ECHOS workshop in January due to the silk dying workshop arranged by the Programs ladies. 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.



Refreshments

Dolores Schrock

NEW YEAR! Time to review! Treats for monthly meetings are finger-food ready to eat, sweet-non sweet-gluten free, variety is welcomed, 2 containers are labeled with name for the two serving tables, and members provide the treats. For this first month of 2018 the following are being asked to bring a treat for our break time. Thank you for bringing a little something for all to enjoy. Janet Bailey, Kathy Barrett, Dorothy Bates, Lynn Beck, Jeannine Bleicher, Beverly Berg-Hansen, Kathleen Bond, Betty Bourgault, Beverly Bowe, Lynda Brady, Carlotta Brandenburg, Anne Brutsche, Maureen Carr, Joan Carrell, Ivy Chavez, Angie Christy, Ruth Ann Clark, Midge Clouse, Nancy Clover

Programs

Pam Easley

We have an absolutely fabulous program for **January**. It is Barb Willis. She is a Prescott residence who has had her quilts all over Europe and Asia. She is truly an International Instructor and lecturer. She quilts and dyes a lot of silk, velvet and unusual fabrics for her pieces. We are so lucky to have her as our program in January. She will be discussing how she creates her fabrics for her quilts.

She will have a class after the January 15 meeting on dyeing a silk scarf. (For more information contact Pam.)

In **February** we have from Minnesota, Debbie Sullivan. She has such different quilts that she has designed, dyed or created a background. She was the Featured Artist of the guild in Sun City West. How amazing her work is. And, all the way from Minnesota and we are so lucky she will be in the Phoenix area for 3-4 months. (Editor's note: Considering the weather, I imagine she feels lucky to be in the Phoenix area, too.)

In **March** we have Nancy Lee Chong from Washington State. She will be doing a program on her Hawaiian Quilting and a workshop the next day on the Hawaiian Quilting method. I don't think we have had an instructor at the guild teaching the Hawaiian Method. I hope to have the pattern decided and (maybe) an example by the general meeting.

Newcomers group

Martie Winkleman & Karen Adams

Our next meeting is January 29 at 10:00 at "Quilt and Sew Connection". The presentation called "Tools of the Trade" will focus on gadgets and new tools you can't live without. Bring your Show and Tell and in progress work. If you are a newcomer to Mountain Top take time to come, meet and learn from other quilters.

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!

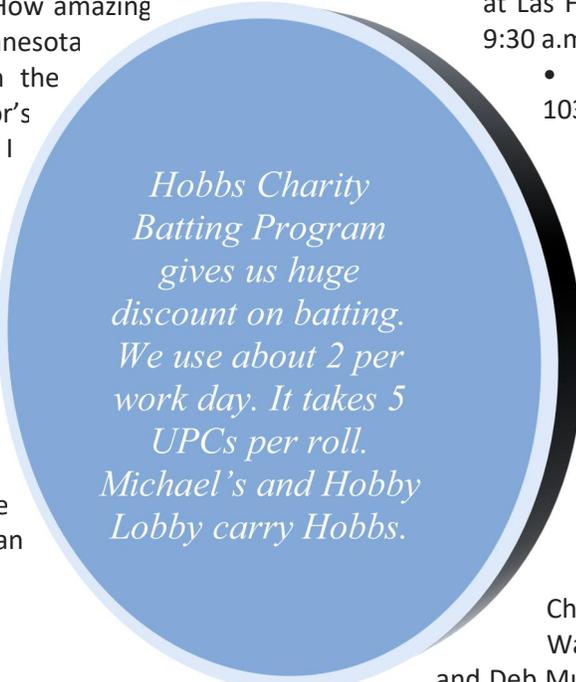
January 22, 2018 is our next workday.

- 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.



*Hobbs Charity
Batting Program
gives us huge
discount on batting.
We use about 2 per
work day. It takes 5
UPCs per roll.
Michael's and Hobby
Lobby carry Hobbs.*

Thread Brigade

Diane Stockhaus

January volunteers are Sue Ely, Cyndie Van Hook, Sherri Hobbs, and Erin Sullivan. Thanks so much for volunteering. If you are unable to stay to help clean, please find a replacement, so that we can finish the task quickly, and participate in the silk dying workshop. 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.

Membership/Directory

Diana Ramsey

Please welcome our newest member, Carol Cone. Take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know Carol. As always, if you have any changes to your address, phone or email, please let me know.

Fun Day

Diane Stockhaus

There is still room for a few more members to join in Fun Day, in both available colorways. I'll set up a table in the Fellowship Hall starting around 8:30 before the next general meeting to take names for the remaining open slots, and for alternates. The cost is \$40, cash or check. See you then!

YOUTH QUILTING PROGRAM

Diana Ramsey

We had an awesome start to our new program, with 7 girls learning to use their machines and many, many MTQG members helping them each week. We want to thank all of the members who volunteered to spend an afternoon sharing their knowledge and friendship with the young sewers. Without your kind assistance, this class just could not happen. Also, thanks to those of you who generously gave us more supplies and equipment. At this time, we seem to have everything we need to continue our success in the next session. We have 6 girls registered for the January-February session, with room for 4 more. There has been a lot of interest in the session and we hope to have the class full with 10 students.

In our next session, we will begin teaching the students how to make a simple four-patch quilt with a heart theme for Valentine's Day. We will be teaching basic rotary cutting skills, accurate piecing and ironing, and how to sandwich, bind and tie the final product. Please sign up to help during one of our sessions, especially on Jan 31, Feb 14, Feb, 21 or Feb 28.

January Birthdays

Bunny Autrey

Jan Adams
Lynne Beck
Kathleen Bond
Ivy Chavez
Mary Jane Godwin
Carolyn Hamilton
Sharon Heilman
Marcia Jacobson
Marcia McMullen
Janet Nieuwenhoff
Susie Opdahl
Carol Trumpfheller



MTQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 18, 2017

9:33 am - President Carol Cooley welcomed members, new members and visitors.

Approval of November minutes: Sherri Hubbs moved and Dona Speights seconded.

Announcements: Please do not park near the trash receptacle. Anyone parked there now please move your car. Please silence cell phones. Christmas luncheon today following meeting.

CHAIR REPORTS

1. Visitors - Peggy Knox for Gail Henry (absent) - There were two visitors: John Ramsey and Elizabeth Quibell

2. New Members - Diana Ramsey - One new member (declined to be introduced).

3. Youth Quilt Program (YQP) - Diana Ramsey - First session (6-weeks November-December) has been completed; students made pillowcases, Christmas stockings, and fidget quilts. Next session (8-weeks) begins January 10 to end of February. Have 6 signed up and hope to have 10 (limit) due to upcoming publicity. They still need 2 long heavy duty extension cords or power strips and more rotary cutters, preferably the newer easier to use kind, if anyone can donate them.

4. Opportunity Quilt - Diana Ramsey for Fran Leslie - They need more venues to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. Wickenburg does not have room at their show, which will result in less revenue. The committee would like to show the quilt at craft fairs or other guild meetings, or any other appropriate venue. If any members have suggestions, please contact Fran Leslie or Lapriel Schwan.

5. Programs - Pam Easley - January: Barb Wills, an internationally known quilter specializing in silks and velvets, will present a lecture on unusual and unique quilts at the meeting, and will teach a workshop on dyeing silk scarves that will take place after the general meeting. Cost is \$25, which covers all materials. The workshop is currently full, but if enough members would like to sign up for a second session, Barb is willing to do a second workshop the following day, Tuesday. If interested, please see Pam immediately.

February: The presenter will be Debbie Sullivan, who will lecture on colors and backgrounds. She is a featured artist in the Sun City West guild. There will be no workshop in February.

6. Sunshine - Bunny Autrey - Bunny reported on surgeries and health problems and encouraged members to send cards.

December Birthdays: Karen Adams, Janet Bailey, Ruth Ann Clark, Linda Cox, Linda Craig, Kathy Dunn, Lois Frank, Darlene Gatewood, Kathi Gundlah, Phyllis Henley, Peggy Knox, Iris Lacey, Carole Lewis, Lori Owensby, Becky Renfro, Jan Smith, and Bobbi Turnbow. Bunny wished everyone great December celebrations and Happy New Year.

7. ECHOS - Diane Stockhaus - January: The normal ECHOS time will be used for the silk scarf workshop.

February: Erin Sullivan and others will demonstrate popular sellable items that can be made for the boutique.

March: Jan Walls will demonstrate disappearing 9-patch and double disappearing 9-patch blocks.

8. Thread Brigade - Diane Stockhaus - Today's volunteers: Angie Christy, Lori McCarthy, and Kathy Hofmeister

9. Fun Day - Diane Stockhaus - Will be an all-day workshop on February 20. Cost is \$40 that includes all materials and lunch. There will be two colorways, Kate Fassett and batiks. Signups started today, and Diane will continue signups at January meeting if there are spaces available.

10. Newcomers Mini Group - Karen Adams - Last month the group met at Cloth Plus where Whitney talked about the quilts in her shop. Next meeting will be January 29 at Quilt & Sew Connection in PV at 10am. The topic will be new and old tools of the trade. The shop will offer a discount for shoppers. Anyone who is interested in the group but is not on the contact list may contact Karen to be added.

Announcement - Carol Cooley - Thanked members for thoughts and encouragement while her son was overseas.

11. January Winter Camp - Erin Sullivan - Will be January 16-18. Anyone who wishes hotel accommodations please see Erin right away, as the hotel will release the room block soon.

12. Boutique - Erin Sullivan - If mini-groups are making items for the boutique, please let Erin or co-chair Sue Ely know, if you haven't let them know already. She reminded members of the February ECHOS demonstration of items that can be made for the boutique.

13. Quilt Show - Linda Marley and Jan Adams - Linda - Next meeting will be Friday, January 5, at 10am at the Miller Valley Baptist Church. Gail Van Horsen will be at the Wickenburg quilt show and will be available to do appraisals. Her contact information is in older MTQG directories if anyone wants to make an appointment.

Jan - They need more "Do Not Touch the Quilts" signs for the MTQG show. Because of the AQS exhibit, they want numerous signs in that area due to the value of the quilts. The signs are to measure approximately 8x8 inches and can be creative and cute with the quilter's name on the back. They will collect them over the next few months.

Linda - They are taking entries for the small quilt auction at this time. All committees are filled, but Kay Harlan, Story Quilt chair, could use some help.

14. Thumb Butte Workshop - Carolyn Edwards - There are still two openings for the January 8th workshop on Featherweight maintenance. Cost is \$5.

15. Community Quilts - Dona Speights - Jan delivered 37 quilts last month, and they are on track to exceed last year's number, probably around 600 donated quilts this year. Thanks to all who help the Community Quilt program. They received a donation of eight large trash bags of fleece strips. Sue Ely sewed them together to make backings, which will result in considerable cost savings while producing soft quilts. The next Community Quilt meeting will be Monday January 22 at Las Fuentes. She encouraged "Come One, Come All - we will put you to work." The Hobbs batting cost has increased to \$80 per roll, so she hopes to take advantage of any possible upcoming sales at JoAnns, etc., to provide batting and avoid shipping costs.

16. Spring Camp - Dona Speights - Camp will be April 10-13. Registration starts at the February MTQG meeting. \$100 will be required to hold space, and remaining \$130 will be due at the March 19th meeting. Forms will be available in the January newsletter.

Dona read "The Night Before Christmas" altered as a humorous quilter's poem (author unknown).

Note: Most of the chair reports started with a Merry Christmas greeting. It was not repeated in each report.

Community Quilts were displayed.

SHOW & TELL

The following displayed their show and tell quilts: Sherri Hubbs, Barbara Phiel, Ann Novak, Kay Wentworth, John Ramsey, Maxine Everaert, Ruth Ann Clark, Sharon Watt

Carolyn Doyle, Suzy Davidson, Kathleen Bond

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Vicki Smola announced that the table was set, and please clean off each place after lunch. The present exchange will be a game, and if anyone who did not bring a present would like to participate, Vicki has a few extra, so please see her. Please visit with each other and someone will announce shortly when to enter the dining area for lunch.

December Program: Holiday Luncheon (pot-luck and gift exchange) - Vicki Small

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Masse, Secretary



Spring Camp

Dona Speights

Spring Camp Registration will start on February 19th 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.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

Library Books

General Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2018

9:30 am

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, **January 22, 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, Feb 5th at Pam Easley's home. 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.



Mountain Top Quilters
P. O. Box 12961
Prescott, AZ 86304-2961