

The Summit, March 2018

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After retiring, I have found quilting to not only be fun, interesting and stimulating, but it definitely keeps my brain learning and making those handy little synapse connections that connect our brain cells, so we remember something new. This randomly popped into my mind one day as I thought about the new techniques/skills I have learned just this year.

Yo-yos were simple enough - after I realized mine look wrong and I had to look up the 'right' way to make them. But they became my go-to hand work to take with me anywhere I might be idle.

Half square triangles: yes, I have made them for a long time. But they were generally wonky and if I didn't want to lose my mind over them, I had to learn a technique that would work for me. (besides avoiding patterns with them at all costs) New motifs on the long arm. Now, those are the perfect example of practice, practice, practice, which I imagine have made lots of little connections up there where it counts.

Then there was the Judy Niemeyer method of paper piecing points. It was a great class, but the project ended up in the "I will come back to it" dark hole. However, when it does move to the top of the to-do list, I know it will be a very good skill to have learned.

The MTQG's Quilt Show is such a fun opportunity to show off what you have learned and hopefully enjoyed making. Add to your label story the name of the class so we can also check out what you have learned since the last 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, April 4th at noon.**

Refreshments

Dolores Schrock

Break time offers each of us a chance to chat with those members we know but don't see often and to become acquainted with others members. This social time is enhanced with the treats and beverages available. The following are asked to provide a tasty item for break time this month. Thank you each for sharing something with us. Lucy Fields, Betty Foley, Lois Frank, Marti French, Darlene Gatewood, Cheryl Giovenco, Mary Jane Godwin, Arvilla Gregor, Nancy Gullikson, Carolyn Hamilton, Kay Harlan, Sharon Heilman, Pam Hendricks, Phyllis Henley, Gail Henry, Cindy Hernon, Barbara Hinds, Kay Hoff, Kathy Hofmeister, Sue Horst.

Programs

Pam Easley

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 had examples at the program table, which are just beautiful, hope you saw them.

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

Thread Brigade

Diane Stockhaus

The volunteers for March are Laurie Kelley, Kristi McHugh, Marcia Jacobson, Barbara Phiel, and Karen Danknick. Please remember to find a replacement volunteer if you are unable to be at the March meeting.

Membership/Directory

Diana Ramsey

Our new member for February is Lorraine Heckel. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know her. Also, please correct the spelling for Sandi Hoppe. Directories are still available if you would like to pick one up.

Fun Day

Diane Stockhaus

Fun Day - the 2018 Fun Day event was just that...FUN! Each participant finished a lap-sized quilt top, in a versatile quick and easy-to-make pattern, in two different colorways. Some pictures of finished tops are currently available on the Guild's Facebook page...please search for 'Mountain Top Quilters Guild' (four separate words) to visit our page. I want to give a special thanks the this years' Fun Day Committee Members - Sherri Hubbs, Jan Walls, Susan Perry, Ronnie Sandoval, Carolyn Hamilton, Dolores Schrock and Marcia McMullen - each volunteer helped the participants by pressing completed block components, sometimes picking stitches to fix slight mistakes, and generally helped where needed. A good time was had by all!

Community Quilts

*Dona Speights, Maureen Tittle, 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!

March 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 Tittle-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.

Community Quilt Challenge

For the April guild Meeting:

- 1.) Please safety pin to the center back side of your challenge quilt a piece of paper with your name on it.
- 2.) Keep the first two rows (on your left side as you enter) of pews in the front of the church empty and reserved for the challenge quilts.
- 3.) Check-in for the participants will be in the church Narthex.
- 4.) Winners will be announced at the Quilt Show

Spring Quilt Camp

Dona Speights

"Spring Camp Registration will continue between now and March 26th. We currently have openings for both Campers and Wait List. Camp dates at UCYC are April 10-13 and includes all meals, snacks and lodging in the pines. Total cost is \$230 cash or check. For those who made the first deposit of \$100 at February's meeting, your final payment of \$130 is due at the March 19th MTQG Meeting. We will be set up in the back of the Community Room at 8:30 prior to meeting start and will be available during break. We will have forms and information at the table. Don't miss out on the great experience!"

Please Contact either Dona Speights or Maureen Tritle for any questions."

Mini Groups

Sherri Hubbs

The **Mysterious Ladies and Lad Mystery Quilt Group** is now open. They have a few spaces for new quilters. They focus on mystery quilts. Members take turns within the group picking out and leading a mystery project. They meet on the first Thursday at the Miller Valley Baptist Church. Contact Linda Marley if you are interested.

Another mini group is also forming. It is called **Primitives**. They will be focusing on learning more about working with wool. The contact person is Maureen Tritle .



Library

Meg Roberson

Seven new books have been added to our Quilt Guild Library:

The Big Book of Strip Quilts by Karen Burns

A Little Something: Cute-as-Can-Be Patterns for Wool Stitchery by Roseann Meehan Kermes

Clever Combo Quilts by Kimberly Einmo

Quilt with Tula and Angela: A Start-to-Finish Guide to Piecing by Tula Pink & Angela Walters

Lunch-Hour Embroidery: 130 Playful Motifs from A to Z by Martingale

Fussy Cutters Club: A Boot Camp for Mastering Fabric Play by Angie Wilson

Imagine Book by Nancy Halvorsen

We are always looking for books that will interest our members, so please let us know if there is something you have seen that you would like to see in our Library.

Quilts of the High Desert Quilt Show

Linda Marley, Jan Adams

The countdown continues to the June 1-2 MTQG quilt show. As of March 9 there are just 12 weeks until the show opens at the Prescott Valley Event Center.

Angie Christy has her ribbon-making committee lined up to create some 35 awards to be given out to the show's participants.

We now have AQS Quilt Appraiser Joyce Larson coming to our show. If you'd like to get up close to see how the appraisal process works, please consider being one of her white glove helpers.

We still need the little Do Not Touch Quilts. Approximately 8-inches square, these mini-quilts really add a special and often humorous note to our quilt show. Think about making one for each of your regular quilt entries in the show.

Are you saving up to support the more than 15 vendors who will be featured at our show? There is still space available for businesses to sign up for a space with March 31st being the cut-off date.

And don't forget to pick up tickets for the MTQG Opportunity Quilt whose winner will be announced at the end of our show. This incredible appliquéd quilt designed by Karen Kay Buckley is a master piece of workmanship by our most talented members.

It takes the time and talents of all our members to make this show a success. At the April meeting everyone is needed to volunteer to fill the numerous positions needed. Be thinking of what you can do. Tasks include white gloving, helping to check in quilts, setting up quilt stands and hanging quilts, working at the admissions table, selling items at the boutique, and all that goes into wrapping things up at the end of the show. Helpers are needed to set up on Thursday, May 31st, as well as all during the show and until everything wraps up Saturday, June 2.

Our upcoming quilt show committee meeting will be at 10 am on Wednesday, March 28. Any member is welcome to join us at Miller Valley Baptist Church in Prescott, AZ.

Quilt Registration/Entry

Terry Robertson

It would be wonderful to see at least one quilt entered from each member. The entry form is available to print from our web site. If you don't have access to the web or a printer, see Terry in the library during our monthly meeting for a copy of the entry form. Be sure to fill out the appropriate information, sign the form and return it to the bin on the sign-in table or Terry during the meeting. ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY APRIL 16 (our April meeting date). If you are entering more than one item, be sure to prioritize each one on the form. Also, if one of the items is to be displayed as part of a group, please give it the highest priority of your entries. New this year is the need to mark one of five categories by which viewers will be casting their choices for favorite. And of course include a description giving information on the pattern and designer that will be used on each entry's identifying sign.

Quilt Show Pins & Program

Lori McCarthy

These new pins will be available for the first time at the March MTQG meeting. As in the past, the price is \$5. Members are asked to see Lori if they are interested in advertising their business in the program that's being put together for the quilt show. Also be thinking of any business that might want to advertise with us. A grapevine was sent out with all the details as to cost and size, with the deadline to participate set for March 30th. See Lori if you are able to help.

Small Quilt Auction

Susan Perry and Kathy Barrett

It has been so delightful to see the donations of small quilts that have already come in from members for this aspect of our quilt show. But there is still time to help us reach our goal of about 50 wall-sized quilts that are needed from members by May 21. Be sure to use the form from the website as well as information that's there on how to label your donation,

Boutique

Erin Sullivan and Sue Ely

Like the small quilt auction, our boutique provides financial support for our guild to promote quilting education and activities. Handmade items can be turned in at our regular meetings, no later than the May meeting. The committee will price items for sale. If you need inspiration on what to make, check out the kits and patterns at the meetings the committee has put together.

Quilts with a Story

Kay Harlan

This is a highlight of our quilt show not often seen elsewhere. Formerly known as a Quilt Turning, this is a special time when quilt show spectators gather to hear enchanting quilt stories presented several times during the 2 days of the show. Please look over your quilts and let us know if you have one to lend us. A form to submit entries is available on the website, or give Kay a call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Quilt Show Welcome Vignette

Carolyn Edwards

Many, many of you have promised the loan of a Southwest quilt for the Welcome Vignette at the "Quilts of the High Desert!" quilt show. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Instructions for "handing over" your quilt for the vignette are really simple: bring your quilt to me in the "Welcome Vignette" on quilt show set-up day, Thursday, May 31. I will have you sign a 'drop off' page when you hand your quilt over to me. Easy, huh?! If you want to give your quilt to me before that day, that's fine, too--same procedure. Let me know if you have questions...and again, thank you! thank you! With your help, the Welcome Vignette will greet Show spectators and make them glad to be there!

MTQG GUILD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 19, 2018

9:35 am - President Carol Cooley welcomed members and guests.

Approval of January minutes: Sherri Hubbs moved and Erin Sullivan seconded.

Visitors - Gail Henry - Six visitors: Judy Cramer, Kathy Grimes, Nancy Hall, Rosemary Rapp, Judy Spate, Linda Tredway
Membership - Diana Ramsey - New members are Lorraine Heckel plus three new youth members, Kieralynn Moshier, Parin Moshier, and Kirsten Moshier.

Youth Quilt Program - Diana Ramsey - Current needs are sewing machines in good working order, table top ironing boards (not full-sized), cutting rulers, and table risers. Sherri indicated that she has a table top ironing board to donate.

Announcement - Carol Cooley - Carol announced that Karen Adams and Margot McDonald won the First Place for Group Quilt award for their quilt, Slice of Norway, at the Road to California quilt show. Their quilt will be displayed at the MTQG show in June.

Programs - Pam Easley - February - Watercolors and Dyes presentation by Debbie Sullivan

March - Hawaiian quilt presentation and Stress Free Needle Turn workshop by Nancy Lee Chong. Sample quilts were shown. For the workshop, special scissors are required that are capable of cutting through 8-layers of fabric, available on Amazon for \$20. Participants will choose one Hawaiian quilt block pattern.

April - Presentation will be "Because It's Applique." Workshop will be Invisible Zig-Zag Applique. A sample was displayed. There will be a \$10 pattern fee.

Sunshine - Bunny Autrey - February Birthdays: Beverly Bowe, Midge Clouse, Julie Dodds, Betty Foley, Cheryl Giovenco, Arvilla Gregor, Nancy Gulliknson, Sherri Hubbs, Jo Issac, Fran Leslie, Jan Mawk, Dolores Schrock, Martie Winkleman, Dina Wos. She also reported on illnesses and hospitalizations. Get well cards are always appreciated.

Thread Brigade - Diane Stockhaus - Jan Walls, John Ramsey, Ann Novak, Carolyn Hamilton are today's thread brigade.

ECHOS - Diane Stockhaus - Diane briefly explained ECHOS for new members: Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunities, Social. Sessions are to learn techniques, solve problems, and to socialize. Sessions are free and normally follow the guild meetings. Today: Quilt show boutique demonstration of popular items by Erin Sullivan and her committee.

March: Jan Walls will demonstrate disappearing 9-patch and double disappearing 9-patch. April: Marcia McMullen and Kristi McHugh will demonstrate various applique techniques.

Fun Day - Diane Stockhaus - Will take place tomorrow (Tuesday, February 20) starting at 8:45 in the church hall. Bring sewing machine, thread, and sewing notions. There are two colorways, K. Fassett and batiks. Cost is \$40, and lunch and bottled water will be provided. The session is full, at 20 participants.

New Member Group (Newcomers) - Michele Schneider - The next meeting will be this Wednesday, February 21, from 1-4pm at the Hidden Valley Ranch Activities Center, 1615 Coyote Road. There will be demonstrations on ruching, continuous bias binding, and yo-yo flowers.

Facebook Page - Michele Schneider - For the new guild Facebook page, search for Mountain Top Quilt Guild (4 words). An older version may come up, but it should be clear which is the new version, as it has a picture of this year's opportunity quilt. Members are encouraged to share the MTQG Facebook page with friends, and to "like" it. Apparently 100 likes are required for the site to be official.

By-Laws Update - Michele Schneider - Michele summarized the recent activity involved in updating the guild by-laws to include and differentiate youth membership. She will send out a Grapevine message for members to review. Carol will take a vote at next month's (March) meeting.

June Luncheon - Carol Cooley - Asked for volunteers to organize annual June luncheon.

Bus Trip to AQS Show in Mesa - Vicki Smola - Thirty-three have signed up so far, and there is room for approximately 50. Please sign up before the end of February, as she must finalize order for show tickets on March 1. Cost is \$37, which includes bus trip, show admission, snacks and bottled water for the trip. Show admission is less for AQG members, so let Vicki know if that applies.

MTQG Quilt Show Reports - Special Exhibit from Paducah Quilt Museum - Linda Marley - The Event Center has agreed to accommodate the special security required, and, because the show is only for two days, the special lighting requirements will be waived.

The cost, including return shipping and insurance, will be between \$650 and \$1000. Linda asked for a motion to approve an additional \$1000 for the budget. Jan Walls moved and Marty Lensink seconded. Motion was approved. The Paducah exhibit will now be publicized on Facebook and the Chamber and City Councils to let them know about the exhibit and the fact that it is unusual and very prestigious.

Event Center Layout - Linda Marley - The layout will be done on Wednesday so that when quilts start arriving Thursday morning the venue will be ready for quilts to be hung. The Event Center apparently has found the drapes and poles/hangers that were previously thought to be missing. The parking lot has been paved. Insurance certificate is in progress.

Registration and Hanging - Diana Ramsey & Kathleen Bond - The registration form is on the MTQG website. Quilt exhibitors are requested to fill out the form, attach a color picture of the quilt they are entering, and bring the form to a guild meeting (deadline April 16). Current limit is five quilts per exhibitor, but if there are small projects, the limit is flexible. Art quilts should be hung on skirt hangers so they won't need to be handled.

Labels - Linda Marley - Angie Christy, who is making the quilt labels, needs someone to digitize the logo so it can be included on the labels. If no guild member can do this they will contact an outside source, perhaps Purple Sage or Quilt 'n Sew Connection.

Small Quilt Auction - Susan Perry & Kathy Barrett - The quilts for auction are donated by guild members. They presently have about 25 items, but would like to have at least 60 by the May meeting. The auction will take place on Saturday of the show at 1:00pm. It was noted that Susan Perry was responsible for organizing the special exhibit of quilts from the Paducah museum.

Quilts with a Story - Kay Harlan - This feature of the show consists of quilts layered on a bed. During the story times the quilts are held up and a narrator tells the story associated with the quilt. Kay has a notebook with stories from the 2016 show as examples, as well as the form required to enter a quilt.

Vignette - Carolyn Edwards - Members who have quilts or wallhangings with a southwest theme are asked to loan them to decorate the venue.

Do Not Touch Signs - Jan Adams - Jan requested additional "do not touch the quilts" signs. These are to be mini quilts, approximately 8"x8", and may be creative or humorous in such a way as to convey the "do not touch" message. Donators should put their name on the back, but no hanging sleeve is necessary.

Opportunity Quilt - Jan Adams - This year's quilt is on display today in the foyer. Members are asked to purchase at least one envelope of tickets (12 tickets for \$10).

Community Outreach - Lori McCarthy - She has a box of free Community Register publications, which has an ad for the quilt show, for members to pick up. She will try to get publicity for the Paducah exhibit in the April issue.

Lapel pins for the show will be available at the next few month's meetings and at the show for \$5.

Publicity for the show is going out to all quilt guilds in Arizona and Lori is starting to sell advertising for the brochure.

Announcements - Jan Adams - They are negotiating to get a quilt appraiser, Joyce Larson from Sierra Vista.

A group of Hopi quilters are planning to attend the quilt show. Next quilt show committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, at 10am at the Baptist Church on Miller Valley Road.

Community Quilt Challenge - Marcia McMullen and Kay Denny - They explained that this challenge consisted of volunteers taking a bag of mystery fabric and rules to make quilts for the show. After the show the quilts will be given to Community Quilts to be distributed to various charities. The fabric is by Mary Englebright and the theme is "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary." Quilts are due at the April meeting and must be completely finished with a MTQG label on the back, as well as the quilter's name on a piece of paper pinned to the back. The membership will vote for their favorites at the April meeting, winners will be announced at the show, and prizes will be awarded at the June meeting.

Community Quilts - Dona Speights - The Christmas decorative quilted items loaned to Las Fuentes have been returned, and three of them were permanently donated to Las Fuentes for future holidays. Jan Walls has delivered 344 quilts so far this year (since July). As always, they need Hobbs price codes. Next Community Quilts meeting is Monday, February 26. If anyone needs labels, they are available in the fellowship hall.

Spring Quilt Camp - Maureen Tritle - There are still seven spaces left. Camp will be April 10-13 (4 days/3 nights) at a cost of \$230. A \$100 deposit is required at sign-up, with the balance due at the March meeting.

Announcement - Carol Cooley - Carol welcomed the new members.

Show and Tell - Suzy Davidson - Gail Henry, Sue Von Hagel, and Linda Cox displayed their versions of an Ohio star variations block of the week quilt pattern they have been working on throughout 2017, and two of the youth quilt group members, Kirsten Moshier and Parin Moshier, displayed their quilted projects. Other Show and Tell participants: Charlene Coxworth, Barbara Phiel, Sally Cantwell, Marilyn Thompson, Diane Stockhaus, Jan Walls, Maxine Everaert, Kathleen Williams, Sandra Wolf, Dona Speights, Peggy Knox, Gail Henry (additional quilt), and Suzy Davidson. Pam Easley, Michele Schneider, and Bobbi Turnbow showed the hand dyed silk scarves they made at the Barb Wills workshop

last month. Respectfully submitted, Susan Masse, Secretary



March Birthdays

Sue Horst Karen Junger

Sam Logan Connie Lord

Kristi McHugh Lori McCarthy

Dona Morgan Terry Roberson

Marty Scotilla Patti Taber

Maureen Tritle

Cards would be so welcome to Corrine Windett and Gale Lovelady as they recover from their health issues.. Please contact Bunny Autrey if you have corrections or additions to the birthday list.

Vicki Smola reports that there are 3 seats left on the Bus Trip to Mesa on March 23 (Friday) leaving at 7:00AM for \$37.00 each.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☜

Remember to Bring:

Library Books

General Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018

9:30 am

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

First Lutheran Church

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, March 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, April 2nd at the home of Michele Schneider. 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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