

The Summit, April 2008

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of April is a beautiful time of the year. It is a time of renewal, a time when we can dare to think that winter is finally behind us. But for many, it signals the most dreaded time of the year--SPRING CLEANING!

I myself look forward to spring cleaning. Besides clearing out old clothes and other unwanted items, I love to tackle the task of cleaning my sewing room and I urge you all to do the same. Look through your books and magazines. If you know you will never make a project in them, donate them to our library. Weed out your stash. Everyone has fabric that makes them wonder "What was I thinking?" And we all have projects that will forever remain unfinished. Make donations to Community Quilts or put them aside for our annual garage sale. By doing so, your accomplishments are twofold. First, someone else may get some use from an item that you have no use for. Secondly, you will have more room in your sewing room to fill with something new! And you may find a long-lost project that you have just enough time to finish for entry in our quilt show or donation to the small quilt auction. So I encourage you to start your spring cleaning now for everyone's benefit!

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

Have you ever given thought to or pondered over a smile? Its meaning, reception, importance, effect...

A smile can be read in any language.

Smiles that come from the heart are the best kind.

It lights up a face and adds warmth to any meeting.

When you give one, you usually get one in return.

Did you know there are lots of smiles in the kitchen during break time? Come see them for yourself this month when we have the pleasure of enjoying treats provided by the following members. To each of you, we say thank you for your treats that will bring smiles to our faces.

Phyllis Sager, Jeanne Sellers, Marjorie Senior, Bettie Setz, Hildy Smith, Carol Stafford, Carol Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Helen Swanson, Marsha Swirsky, Kathy Tavares, Jan Ticer, Jackie Tillotson, Rose Tuttle

Membership

Kay Harlan

March New Members: *Arvilla Gregor, Thann Tolman*
Please take a moment to welcome our newest members.

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the May newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the May newsletter articles is Wednesday, May 7th at noon.**

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

Please notify Corinne at chucori@commspeed.net or 775-8982 if you know of anyone in MTQ who needs some sunshine in their life because of illness, surgery or loss.

JUNE LUNCHEON

MTQ Board Members

Our June luncheon will be held Monday, June 16, 2008. The theme of this year's luncheon is "A Quilter's Picnic" and will be sponsored by the Mountain Top Board. At the April membership meeting we will be asking for volunteers to host and decorate tables (the decorations will NOT be given away), bring a salad or dessert or donate a door prize. Please mark this fun event on your calendar.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, April 28, 2008

9:30a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Wanted: Challenge Quilts at the April Meeting!

Heartfelt thanks to each quilter who tweaked their gray matter (or pulled their hair out), tested their skill levels, and for their participation in the challenge by creating something unique from those 6" squares. Viva la difference, ladies!

Please bring the challenge quilts to one of the rooms by the library before the meeting as early as possible for numbering, etc. The quilts will be shown during the meeting and everyone in attendance will be able to cast 2 votes. We could use a couple of volunteers to man (or woman) the CQ table before the meeting and at the break. We will need some assistants to hand out the voting tickets at the meeting and also to show the quilts and place them on the pews at the back of the sanctuary. Kathleen could use a helper to tally the votes. Thanks.

These quilts will be displayed as a part of Community Quilts at the MTQ quilt show in June. The quilts will then be distributed to the various organizations that CQ supports.

Don't forget the fun workday at Las Fuentes! Bring your walking foot to do some quilting and remember to bring: \$2.50 for pizza, or a sack lunch. Salad and dessert are provided.

The CASA Adoption (Court Appointed Special Advocates) at the Courthouse is coming up May 10th at 10 a.m. (this is the first spring arts/crafts show on the square, so make a day of it). The adoption ceremonies are a wonderful affirmation of what Community Quilts is all about and they love to have MTQ as guests. Please plan to attend and bring those tissues! (allergies...yeah, right!)

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts is collecting **UPC codes** from **Hobbs** and **Mountain Mist Batting** to purchase batting at a discounted rate. Please bring the codes to the meeting and give them to Kathleen or Susan at the Community Quilts table. Thanks for your continued efforts.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkens, Evelyn Russell

First, everyone wants to thank Barbara Merkel for planning and presenting such a great workshop in March. Photos are under ECHOS photos [March 2008](#). Well done Barbara....

APRIL: Ann Novak has asked Geo Mickelson to present a miniworkshop on beading, ruching, and smocking/tucks after our monthly meeting. These techniques are for the next few months' hearts. You have a choice on how you would like to participate in this workshop as:

1) a full participant which means you will need to bring items on the supply list below and let Geo Mickelson know by April 16 (if you are not signed up yet) because she will be purchasing beads for the participants, OR

2) a viewer, watching the demonstrations and participants working. For this you do not need to let us know ahead on time. We will have information sheets you can take home explaining each technique.

SUPPLY LIST

Ruching

Fabric - 1 pink strip of fabric 1 1/4" x 42"

Other - a regular needle and a spool of pink thread

Beading

Beads, needle and special thread will be provided

Fabric - A large pink heart already attached to a tan or cream background.

A small pink heart formed using the dryer sheet (or same fabric) method, but don't attach it to the large heart yet.

Tucks/Smocking

Fabric - 2 pieces, tan or cream 10" x 18"

Other - Needle, pink or tan thread, 12 inch ruler or larger, and a pencil

MAY: The boutique ladies will gather finished boutique items and encourage everyone to contribute items if they haven't already. Can you believe it; our show is almost here...

After the May meeting, Erna Greenway will teach the traditional log cabin. Sign up and supplies list will be available at the April meeting. This will make a great 4th of July table runner or better yet, a bed quilt.

PROGRAMS

Udean Helton

Apr. 21st: Heidi Pridemore lecture on "Exploring Color".

Apr. 22nd: Heidi Pridemore half-day workshop, "The Whimsical Workshop" playing with color. This class is open for registration \$40.

Visit www.thewhimsicalworkshop.com for more info. I've talked to Heidi and she is really excited about doing her workshop for us. You don't want to miss this one, so better get signed up I've heard she's a wonderful teacher and her class is very informative and fun. THERE ARE STILL 5 SPACES LEFT FOR HEIDI'S CLASS! REMEMBER, SHE IS SUPPLYING THE PATTERN AND KIT SO THE SUPPLY LIST IS SHORT. E-MAIL OR CALL UDEAN HELTON

May 19th: Quilt Show Chair for last minute show planning. And Udean Helton will do a short program on putting a sleeve, label & blocking your quilt for the show.

June 16th: June luncheon "A Quilter's Picnic" FUN! FUN! FUN!

July 21st: Christmas in July. This is our yearly Garage Sale so start saving the things you clean out of your sewing room to donate to the guild. This is one of our great fund raisers.

There are still spaces open for the Sharon Schamber class in September

LIBRARY NOTES

Linda Marley

Thanks to a number of donations and enthusiastic buyers, the new project of reselling used quilt magazines for 25¢ each brought in \$13.50 last month for the purchase a new library books. We still have two boxes of magazines to sell so be sure to stop into the library to pick out your favorites.

With the library's funds, we've purchased three instructional DVD's, something new for our library. These can be checked out for one month, the same as any of the books. There is one for beginning quilt makers by Diana McClun & Laura Nownes. Another is by Sally Collins teaching precision piecing. The third DVD is by Carol Doak, noted author and expert on paper piecing.

The library has also purchased Bold Batik Quilts by Heidi Pridemore and Sharon Schamber's Piece by Piece: Machine Appliqué. Heidi is the featured speaker at MTQ's April meeting while Sharon is slated speak to us at the September meeting. Both will also be conducting a workshop the day following their talks. Thanks to many of you for suggesting titles and authors. Input is always appreciated.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

Your heart creations have been lovely. In April, our blocks will feature embroidery by hand or machine. Backgrounds will be tans or creams and hearts will be shades of pink. You can trade more than one if you care to do so. As usual place them on the back pew in baggies with your name on them. However, look for us in the main Fellowship area with all the tables. We need to spread out more so you can better see future block examples and purchase little baggies of goodies for a quarter or get your questions answered. We will be giving a workshop this month on ruching, beading and tucks. See the ECHOS article for the Supply list.

AQG QUILT SHOW WINNERS

Thank you to all who participated in this year's AQG show, either by volunteering your time or by entering a quilt in the show. Special recognition goes to these ribbon winners:

Susie Martin: 1st Place, appliquéd, machine quilted, medium quilt

Carolyn Edwards: Honorable Mention, mixed technique, machine quilted, professional, medium quilt; Honorable Mention, scrap, other categories

Marcia Petroni: Honorable Mention, mixed technique, machine quilted, medium quilt

Marjorie Senior: Honorable Mention, any technique, hand quilted, medium quilt

Susan Perry: 2nd Place, pieced, machine quilted professional, small quilt

Carol Hood: Honorable Mention, any technique, hand quilted, small quilt

Congratulations to all!

Quilt Show Hostesses

Linda Coppola

Thank you to those people who signed up to Hostess at the show. We do need a few more ladies to help on Friday from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and four ladies from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. On Saturday, we need four ladies from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., three ladies from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and four ladies from 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

This is a fun job and I have enjoyed doing it for the quilt shows that I have worked in. You meet a lot of interesting people and get to say 'Hi' to some you may not have seen for a while. It's surprising how fast the time goes by. Please contact Linda at 541-1087 if you can help with any of the available slots.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Susan Perry and Jeanne Vick

Thank you for all the wonderful items that have been donated to date for the Quilt Show Boutique! We are looking forward to future contributions. Please try to have everything completed by the May meeting. Items can be placed in the donations basket in the Fellowship Hall on meeting days.

Have some of you tried to make the iron travel covers? A great suggestion came in to just gather the back instead of trying to make a pleat. A few more kits will be available at the April meeting for those that missed out and the pattern will include the gathering instruction.

We still need a couple volunteers to make cell phone bags; we have the pattern with fusible interfacing ready to go.

Once again, thanks to all and please keep sewing!

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Kay Denny & Sally Plummer

We have received the most wonderful small quilts for the upcoming small quilt auction and are still accepting your terrific donations at the general meetings. Please remember we need to have the completed registration forms with each quilt. The forms are available at the meetings and online at the guild website. Kay will be out of town for the April meeting and Sally will be taking them at that time. As always, we thank you.

Everyone's Hometown

Quilt Show

June 5, 6, & 7, 2008

Prescott, AZ

Carol Miller, Quilt Show Chair

Everybody's Hometown Quilt Show is rapidly becoming *everybody's!* - at MTQ, that is. Thanks so much for signing up to help with our various shifts - our committee chairs are feeling grateful and relieved to have your support for the show! Any quite frankly, we're getting excited We do have a few empty work-at-the-show time slots, so those sign-up sheets will again be available in case you didn't have a chance at our last membership meeting. One area in particular that needs more help is the white-glove/hostess duty at the show. Thanks in advance for any help you can give us.

PLEASE NOTE: This April meeting is the final meeting for turning in your registration forms (for regular exhibit quilts, that is - the deadline for small auction quilts and for the quilt turning will come later). You can retrieve extra registration forms on our website & at the membership meeting. Please place them in Kathleen Bond's mailbox (look for the red flag) at the Apr. 21st meeting or mail them to her right away. And just remember your quilt doesn't have to be finished yet. Your promise to get it done in time is good enough.

We will again have Advance-Purchase Tickets available at our membership meeting in April. These give you the chance to give a gift-of-the-quilt-show to friends or relatives beforehand. Please see Carol Miller at the meeting to purchase any of these advance-purchase tickets.

There's Gonna Be a Quilt Turning!

Carolyn Edwards and Julie Nanke

WANTED: Volunteer Helpers for Quilt Turnings!

Quilt Turnings are scheduled for Friday, June 6, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., AND Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. We need 4 helpers for each time slot. The job involves two quilt-holders, taking turns with two other quilt-holders. Two would hold up a quilt while its story is being read. Then, the quilt would be folded down at the foot of the bed, while the next two quilt-holders hold up the next quilt as its story is being read. A Quilt Turning is expected to last 20 to 25 minutes. As a quilt-holder, you would hold up a quilt for a minute, then rest, and then hold up another quilt. This rotation would continue until all quilt stories are told. How hard is that?! Sign-up sheets will again be available at the April MTQ meeting. Think about it...and SIGN UP!

WANTED: Quilts With Stories!

We still need you and your quilt stories! We have about ten good quilt stories...but would like that many more! Go to MTQ's website and print off the "Quilt Turning Form"...and write your quilt's story! We will also have forms available at the meeting. Just ask Julie Nanke or Carolyn Edwards. Forms are due back to us by May 19th. We don't need a picture--just your story! Quilts for the Quilt Turning will be brought to the Yavapai College Gym at the same time as your other quilt entries on June 5th.

Let us know if you have questions. AND...let us know if we can include your quilt's story!!

Show Pins from the Past

Show pins from past Mountain Top quilt shows are available. If you have lost one, want to use it to trade with someone, make a gift to someone, or just keep it for yourself, you can purchase them from Linda Coppola for \$1 each.

YOUR MOUNTAIN TOP REPORTER

Kay Wentworth

Creative Pursuits – Check out the new quilt shop in Prescott. At the Southwest corner of Hillside and Ruth Streets lies a new and very cute little quilt shop in Prescott - Creative Pursuits and Harvey Eugene. Carmen showed me around the store recently and told me that they are starting classes in April. This new quilt shop is very cute and well stocked, with 2 floors of great quilt fabric, notions and fun goodies. I highly recommend that you stop by and check it out. AQQ guild members can receive 10% off all purchases by showing their guild member cards.

MENEHUNES

Carolyn Edwards

Menehunes are The Islands' version of a leprechaun. They can do in a night what the rest of us would take a year to do! So, it's a good thing to befriend a Menehune! This group will meet in June, July, August, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at the Prescott Country Club POA Building, from Noon to 3 p.m. Margaret Mecca will again be available with all her many patterns, and will share anything and everything she knows about Hawaiian Quilts. Menehune Quilters is open to anyone interested in learning or continuing Hawaiian quilting.

THE APPLIQUÉ SOCIETY

Carolyn Edwards

There are two meetings of TAS held each month in the Prescott area. "Scattered Threads" meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Prescott Country Club POA building in Dewey, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. As there is not a restaurant in the immediate area, we suggest you bring a lunch. Please contact Susie Martin for more information. "Spooling Around" meets the fourth Monday of the month at The Bonn-Fire Restaurant, 1667 S. Hwy 89, Chino Valley, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please contact Linda Gergen for more information. These groups are open to all who love appliqué. There is lots of show and tell, as well as instructions and discussions about what's new in appliqué around the world. For more information about The Appliqué Society, you may go on line at www.theappliesociety.org.

Rosie's Calico Cupboard Quilt Shop

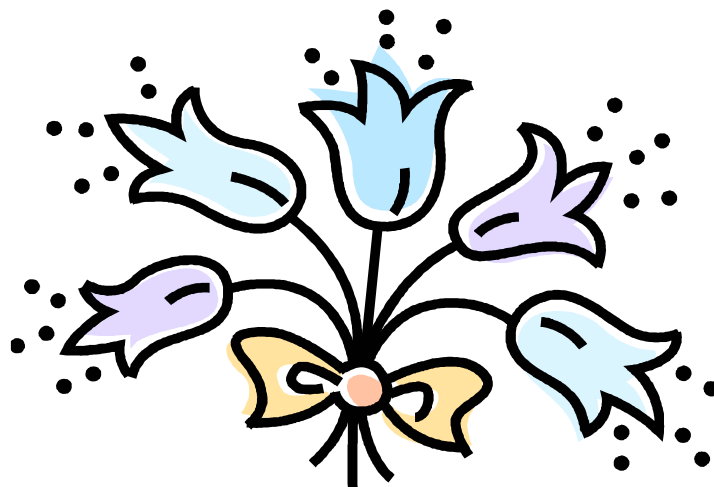
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MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

March 17, 2008

Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Joan congratulated the guild members who won ribbons at the AQG Show and mentioned how proud she was to see the large number of quilts entered by Mountain Top members. It was also good to see so many members at the show. Joan thanked Carolyn Edwards for setting up the rides to and from the show and arranging the pick up of quilts entered in the show. She also thanked Pat Folsom for collecting the quilts after the show and returning them to the members. Next year's AQG show theme will be music related. The AQG spring meeting will be in Coolidge, Arizona on April 19, 2008. It was announced that there will be a quilt basting after the meeting today. Please note that there are new red lines painted on the curbs in the parking lot. Please DO NOT park there.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report are posted in the back of the room.

Sunshine - Corinne Windett: The family of Don Guthrie invites the guild members to a "Celebration of Life" on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn on Highway 69. Jeanne Vick's shoulder surgery is coming along nicely and it was good to see her at the meeting. Bea Johnson's husband is ill. Audrey Jessee announced that she has a new great granddaughter.

Membership and Quilt Show Publicity - Kay Harlan: We have two new members: Arvilla Gregor and Thann Tolman. Kay announced that we should watch for an article and pictures in "Arizona Highways" magazine about the Mountain Top Quilt Show. She also has more bookmarks with quilt show information on them for distribution. Please let her know where they are being distributed.

Directory - Pat Folsom: Membership directories are in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up. Pat will be ordering the Fons and Porter quilting magazine this month for members. It is \$20 for one year with a \$5 rebate for the guild. You will receive two spools of thread and two booklets free with your order.

Quilt Camp - Diana Ramsey, Judy D'Avignon: See Diana to sign up for the October 2008 camp.

Library - Linda Marley: Magazine sales brought in \$13 and the money was used to purchase DVD's for the library. Books purchased were: Heidi Pridemore's, Sharon Schamber's, and One Block Wonders. The book Smashing Sets was donated. They are now available to be borrowed from the library.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: Today's project (Off-Set Log Cabin) will be taught by Barbara Merkel. The April project will be Block of the Month with Ann Novak, Julie Nanke, and Geo Mickelson demonstrating pleats, rushing, and beading. You can do it that day or at home.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: The Challenge Quilts are due next month for display and voting by the members. No label or sleeve is needed. Kathleen has more batting cut and ready for pick up in the fellowship hall for anyone who is making a community quilt.

Hospitality and Quilt Show Boutique - Susan Perry: Susan introduced the following guests: Brianna McIntosh (Gloria Bess's great granddaughter), Arvilla Gregor, Thann Tolman, Gale Willcox, and Kristen Kauffman (Kathy Kauffman's daughter). Susan announced that the donation basket for the boutique is filling up and thanked everyone who has been contributing. She has more patterns and material ready, so please consider helping to make items for the Mountain Top boutique. Susan has kits for iron covers and thanked Udean Helton for the pattern. Carol Miller was thanked for the pattern and sample for a green grocery sack. There are three kits for cell phone holders. The quilt remade by Jeanne Vick from an old quilt top has been quilted by Susie Martin and Susan Peterson volunteered to put the binding on it. The quilt will be sold in the boutique. Car bag patterns and material is available. Please call Jeanne or Susan with any questions or problems.

Small Quilt Auction - Kay Denny: Remember to get your application forms and quilts in by May 19th.

Opportunity Quilt - Kristi McHugh and Pat Folsom: The quilt has been shown at three local shows and at the AQG Show which brought in \$524. New members can see Kristi for an envelope of 12 tickets to sell. If you are interested in showing the quilt to a group that you belong to, please make arrangements with Kristi.

Programs - Udean Helton: Udean thanked everyone for the concern expressed for her father. The program for today will be Cindy Banna (traveling teacher) who will give a lecture class. April's program will be Heidi Pridemore talking about exploring color with 'outside the box' quilts. The class the next day is \$40 and will include the pattern and kit. May will be last minute things for our quilt show. Udean will demonstrate how to put a sleeve on your quilt and where the label goes. June is our summer luncheon. July will be the rummage sale with Christmas in July. August is Susan Vassallo who will do a trunk show and lecture. September we will have Sharon Schamber do a presentation and workshop. The workshop is \$45. In October we will be preparing for Quilt Camp and Sam Logan will do a program. November will be a presentation by Rita Blocksom on convergence quilts. In December we will have our Christmas luncheon. Udean has already been able to book some dates in 2009. Udean is in need of a helper to take deposits for programs while she is helping the speaker. If you are interested, please contact Udean.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 14 ladies who shared their projects with us: Gloria Bess and her great granddaughter Brianna McIntosh, Sam Logan, Dawn Valanas-Moser, Nancy Gullikson, Marcia Petroni, Carol Hood, Marge Senior, Phyllis Sager, Nancy Stewart, Bettie Setz, Susan Perry, Carolyn Edwards, and Ginnie Rafti.

Quilt Show Committees and Sign Up: Carol Miller gave an update and said that the show will require a total of 430 volunteer hours by the members. Each committee chairman gave a brief description of the jobs you are to consider volunteering for. Advance purchase tickets are available for \$5. Show pins will be sold in the fellowship hall. It was announced that Thursday Quilt show workers will have a pizza lunch. Everyone was then asked to go out to the sign-up table and volunteer to help with the show.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember to Bring:

✂ **Food:** If your last name begins with Sager to Tuttle

✂ **Community Quilts:** Completed Challenge Quilts and any finished Community Quilt projects.

✂ **Library books:** Return overdue material

Community Quilts

Monday, April 28th, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Las Fuentes Resort Village (level 1)

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.

General Meeting

Monday, April 21st, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Board Meeting

Monday, May 5th, 2008 at the home of Sam Logan.

Please refer to your Membership Address Book for address and phone number.

Remember: Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Joan Carrell.



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