

The Summit, April 2011

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have been blessed with two springs this year. One in Prescott with all the glorious pink blossoms on my ornamental cherry and fruit trees, and daffodils in the neighbor's yard. The second spring has taken place here in Lincoln, Nebraska during my visit to our daughter and family. The crocus, daffodils, hyacinth and snow drops are all decorating the yards of the houses here.

I also visited a couple of antique shops and saw some well loved quilts. The quilt collectors in our midst would have loved the hand pieced, hand quilted grandmother's flower garden done in 1 ½ inch hexagons. The year on one of the quilts I saw said 1910 and on another was 1859 and it was very fragile. As I wandered around this eclectic collection of memories from years past, I thought of the painstaking efforts of the hands that created the items and thought of the times of the days when they were made. My hope is that the quilts and other creations we make and give to our loved ones receive the same care and attention that the items in the antique store have received, so that they are still in existence 100 years after they were made.

See you at April Meeting.
Beverly.

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the May newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 499-8792. **Deadline for the May newsletter articles is Wednesday, May 4th at noon.**

MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Barrett

Welcome to our newest member, Joyce Goodwin.

Renewal time is here! Thanks to all of you who have already completed your renewal!! Sharon Heilman, our Webmaster, has placed the AQG and MTQ forms on the newsletter page of our website. Please print and fill out BOTH forms and bring a check or cash in the amount of \$35.00 to the meeting to complete your 2011-2012 renewal. I will have a stack of forms available at the meeting if you don't get them printed. If you have any questions, just let me know.

If you have any updates, changes of address, phone or e-mail, you can call me at 775-8706, e-mail me at AZBARRETTSC@CABLEONE.NET, or see me at the meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR VOLUNTEERS

Susan Perry

Volunteering to chair one of our committees is a great way to serve the MTQ chapter and you are guaranteed to meet more of our members and make new friends. Check out the Committee Chair volunteer board next to Hospitality when you check in at April's meeting and please consider putting your name down for one of the openings. In particular we need someone (or several of you) to chair Community Quilts. Many organizations in our community benefit from the beautiful quilts generously made by all of you. We need someone to take charge of this effort for the coming year. Maybe it's YOU! Please say yes, and give Susan Perry a call.

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www.mountaintopquilters.com

The board is asking everyone to please reserve the right front pew in the sanctuary for our photographer, board members and guest speakers. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

A grandfather had his grandchild for the day and wanted to give him something to do. He found a picture of the world. He tore the picture up to make a jigsaw puzzle out of it and gave it back to the child to put together. Five minutes later the grandchild returned with it all done. The grandfather, astonished, asked how he did it so fast. The child replied "On the other side was a picture of a man. When I put the man together the whole world fell into place."

We also do puzzles that fall into place as we arrange and stitch fabric pieces together making wonderful whole creations shared here at MTQ.

For breaktime, wonderful shared treats provided by the following this month: *Kathy Barrett, Lynn Beck, Sally Becker, Gloria Bess, Betty Blanset, Jeannine Bleicher, Kathleen Bond, Jennifer Bossom, Betty Bourgault, Beverly Bowe, Elena Bowker, Charlotte Brennan, Noel Broadston, Joan Burr, Sally Cantwell, Jennifer Carpenter, Beverly Carr, Joan Carrell, Sherrill Chapman, Ivy Chavez*

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Alice Obrenovich, Tina Mc Cowan, Linda Coppola

Several ladies need my thanks this month: Susan Peterson, Susan Perry, and Kathy Barrett for their help in setting up and taking down at Community Quilts workday in March. Such willing helpers they are and always say yes when asked or helping even when not asked. Thanks also to Diana Ramsey for again bringing and demo-ing the Accuquilt Go Cutter. Hopefully we will all become so familiar with the machine that we will get a lot of use out of it in making our own quilts, quilts for friends and family, quilts for our quilt show and for any challenges that come along.

The CASA adoption ceremony usually held in May will this year be held at the courthouse on June 3, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come; it is a very rewarding ceremony to witness the happiness of the parents and children receiving one of our quilts. Quilts this month have been or will be delivered to CASA, and all the hospices.

HOBBS BATTING PROGRAM:

Community Quilts collects UPC codes from Hobbs and Mountain Mist batting who give us a large discount on batting.

ECHOS

Evelyn Russell, Jimmie Johnson

There will not be an ECHOS program this month due to a scheduled workshop. However, we are taking sign-ups for the class next month on how to make T-shirt quilts, taught by Diana Ramsey. Don't have a lot of T-shirts? Make a small wall quilt to commemorate a special event you want to remember.

Coming up this summer will be an English Paper Piecing class taught by Beverly Markham. She promises to have a quilt finished by June to show you how this technique can grow into a beautiful full quilt. Also on the agenda is a machine appliqué class by Joan Carrell and a Bargello class later in the fall.

We still have one month to fill - any ideas or requests?

QUILT CAMP

Linda Coppola

It's time again to plan ahead to October and quilt camp. This October 11, 12, and 13 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) 30 campers will be at the Emmanuel Pines Campground. They will be finishing UFO's, starting new projects, exchanging ideas, making friends and in general having a great time.

I will begin taking reservations at the May general meeting. The forms are available on our website and, to hold your reservation, I will need the **emergency form filled out and a check for \$50** made out to **Mountain Top Quilters or MTQ**. The \$50 check is non-refundable unless we are able to fill your reservation from the wait list.

The total cost of camp is still \$120. The second payment of \$70 will be due by the end of August. Check your calendar and plan to place your name on the reservation list in May.

Fun Day

MTQ Board Members

Sign up for this all day workshop. Cost is \$60 and includes your fabric already cut and ready to be sewn. We will even do the ironing for you! You must sign up and pay at the April meeting so the team can begin buying and cutting your fabric for the quilt you will make that day. Remember, no refunds once they start shopping!

PROGRAMS

Kathy Dunn and Pat Folsom

Monday, April 18 Nationally known teacher, Sue Benner, will present the lecture "Fusing the Grid: Variations on a Square Theme" and trunk show. Sue offers many ways to work with rectilinear designs using fusible web, and creates a series of several art quilts based on the grid.

This will be a day and a half workshop: Mon. afternoon, Apr 18 and all day Tues., Apr 19, Sue will teach her techniques for developing new directions in color, working in a series, and experimenting with silk and other fibers. The resulting quilts can then be quilted in the class. The cost of the day and a half workshop is \$50.00. Call Pat or Kathy to sign up for what will be an exciting workshop and we will email the supply list to you.

Monday, May 16: Toad Queen, Kay Denny, and her "Toadies" will show us their completed Toad projects. As we all know the participants have been slaving over their projects for the past year, so, Kay has planned many rewards for her 'Toadies' hard work. And, the finale will be a Grand Prize.

Also, on the agenda: The Mysterious Ladies and Laddie mini-group will show their most recent mystery quilt. Stunning!

Monday, June 20: Our annual June luncheon.

Monday, July 18: The annual garage sale.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS & SUPPORT

Dear Friends, I want you all to know that a recent MRI on my granddaughter, Leah, has found no residual tumor on her brain. She will be monitored for five years, as are all surviving cancer patients. I can't thank you enough for the prayers and support you gave me during Leah's illness, and for the darling quilt you gave to her. Now it's time for prayers of thanksgiving!
Betsy Quinn



THINGS TO REMEMBER



General Meeting

Monday, April 18th 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Remember to Bring:

Refreshments: Names Barrett thru Chavez

Community Quilts: Finished quilts

Library: Books that are due

Fun Day: Payment

LIBRARY

Linda Marley

The MTQ library and magazine sales will be operating in April and May, but closed for the June Luncheon and July Garage Sale. Remember, we have two books by last month's speaker, Mary Mashuta. We will be weeding out the collection in the next few months and those not-so-popular titles will be sold during the July sale.

Starting in July we'll need a new Librarian & additional volunteers as Linda Marley is hoping to become the new Program Chairman. So let our nominating committee know if you are interested.

SNIPPETS

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

There are a couple of quilt shows coming up soon nearby---time to hit the road! On Saturday, April 30th, the Red Rock Quilters present "Sedona in Bloom", an outdoor quilt show at the Quilter's Store, 3075 W. Highway 89 A, Sedona. Admission is free, but who can ever get away without dropping some bills in the store or buying some opportunity quilt tickets? Then, on the following Saturday, May 7th, the Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild hosts its Tea and Quilt Show at The Mountain Valley Church of God, 8123 E. Manley Drive in Prescott Valley. Admission is \$3---refreshments are free. Fresh air, beautiful quilts, and yummys for the tummies---all's right with the world!

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, April 25th, 9:30 – 3:30

Las Fuentes Retirement Center

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at 9.30am at the home of Sheri Hubbs.

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

Mountain Top Quilters AQG General Meeting
March 21, 2011, Sherri Hubbs Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Markham at 9:30 AM.

Announcements: Treasurer Marty Lensink is out of town and Beverly will also be out of town. The National Quilt Museum in Paducah sent 8 tickets for the show this year. See Beverly for the tickets.

Hospice: Diane Hall explained about the Foley bags. We gave her some fat quarters so that they can make them. She showed us what they look like and told us how they are made. She gave us the dimensions so that any one could help make the bags for them.

There was no treasurer's report or secretary minutes this month due to cancellation of the February meetings.

Sunshine: Adrienne Morrison sent a thank you card to the guild and Corinne Windett fell and broke her leg. Kathleen Howe passed away this month.

By Laws: Susan Perry shared the changes that the by laws committee made to the guild for approval. She had changes printed in the latest newsletter and copies were also available to members. A change was made to change our fiscal year to coincide with AQG, and we will not loan out the quilt frames that are co-owned with Thumb Butte to another guild. Judith Ritner made the motion that the changes be approved and Julie Dodd seconded it. The vote was presented to the guild and was approved.

Membership: Kathy Barrett reminded us that renewal for membership is due by June 1. She had membership forms available and they are also on line. We have one new member, Mollie Harkness and Joyce Goodwin renewed her membership.

Appropriations Committee: Diana Ramsey request that we purchase 4 additional strip cutters size 1 ½, 2 ¼, 3 ½, and a 5 ¼ rag cutter. The cost will be \$263.18. The motion was approved by the guild members.

Hospitality: Thann Tolman introduced following guests: Pat Schoenfeldt, Lynda Oglesby, Carol Perry, Phyllis Henley, Helen Pickens, Carol Cone, Fran Reinecke and Valerie Reid.

Quilt Show: Kay Wentworth passed around a sign up sheet requesting for volunteers for the Quilt Show in April 2012. She needs committee chairman and committee members. The show is April 14 & 15, 2012.

Nomination Committee: Susan Perry and her committee are looking for a Program chairman. Susan will also be calling all current chairmen to see if they still want to remain where they are. Next month she will send around a signup sheet for any interested in serving on committees. Connie Massner volunteered to send an article to the AQG Chatter News letter 6 times a year.

Programs Pat Folsom: Coming up programs are Sue Benner in April. She will be teaching a day and a half class on Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday. In May we will have the TOADS program. June will be our spring luncheon and July a garage sale.

Fun Day will be May 17. The workshop will include fabric already cut, ruler and pattern to complete a small quilt top. The board will have kits cut and will do the pressing so members only have to sew. There will be a potluck lunch. Susan Perry has signup sheets on the program table. Those who sign up will be asked to select the fabric they want. The fee is \$60.

June Luncheon: Annette Ladehoff will pass around a sign up sheet for the spring luncheon at our next meeting.

Opportunity Quilt: Carol Cooley will need help in manning the Opportunity quilt table for the Thumb Butte quilt show in June. It is June 3 and 4 at the Prescott High School. Sharon Watt said it is about finished and this will be the first time it will be shown. Sharon needs someone to put the hanging sleeve on the back of the quilt.

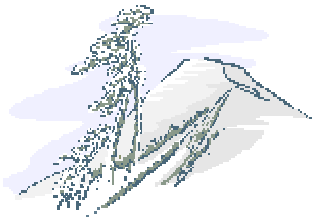
Library: Linda Marley encouraged everyone to continue to use the library.

ECHOS: Jimmie Johnson announced that in May Diana Ramsey will teach a T shirt quilt class.

Community Quilts: Six quilts were given to YFAC. They sent a thank you note to the guild. Thanks to all who have brought in quilts and donated fabric to community quilts.

Gail Van Horsen told us Carol Hood has been nominated into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame for this year. We can look on their web site for more information about voting. You have to be a member to be able to vote.

Show and Tell: Nancy Gullikson, Gisela Hoeger, Beverly Bowe, Shirley April, Carol Cooley, Kay Wentworth, Connie Massner, Betty Blanset, Judy Dallner, Sharon Watt, Judy Hughes, Audrey Jessee, Gail Van Horsen, Dorothy Philblad, Carol Hood, Thann Tolman, Ellen Van Brentano, Julie Dodds, Jan Adams, Barbara Merkel, Kathleen Bond, Beverly Markham, Pam Easley, Marti French, Sandy Wright, Mary Fordell and Maxine Everaert.



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