

The Summit, August 2009

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, MTQ.

Another month has gone by and I am still amazed by Susan's presentation. We are so lucky to have such great programs. I know this is the result of lots of attention to detail by our Program Chair and also the suggestions of the members. I look forward to the Alzheimer's quilt presentation and hearing Ami's presentation. Hope to see all of you there. In the mean time, contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Thanks again for all the positive suggestions and help you have given me.

Regards,

Sam Logan
President

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the September newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the September newsletter articles is Wednesday, September 9th, at noon.**

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Please welcome our new members:

Charlotte Brennan, Alice Obrenovich, Gloria Payne, Rosemary Shellhorn, Mary Fordell, and Suzy Palmer

Elena Bowker's name tag is missing. Does anyone have it?

If you have changes to your address, e-mail or name, please let me know at the meetings, by phone, or by e-mail at kharlan1615@q.net.

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

Please let Corinne Windett know of any members who are ill, having surgery or has lost a loved one at 775-8982 or chucori@commspeed.net.

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.

PROGRAMS

Susan Perry

Did you enjoy Susan Vassallo's trunk show at our July meeting? It was wonderful and if you were out of town be sure to check the pictures on the MTQ website. The workshop was full of easy techniques to add fabric pizzazz to theme fabric. If you attended the workshop and finished your top, please bring it to share at the August meeting; due to time constraints we'll share as a group. Also, a big thank you to all who attended and helped with room set-up and clean up.

This month we are delighted to have Ami Simms give her lecture titled "Living with Quilts: A Survival Guide". It's another "don't miss" program! Ami is teaching two classes and we currently have openings in both; tell your friends and contact Susan Perry to get a supply list!

August 17: Ami will provide an afternoon workshop: How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch (cost is \$18.00).

August 18: Ami will do an all day workshop on Twisted Sister. Ami created a template and pattern for a fun quilt. Look at her website to view a number of student photos and get fabric ideas. (Cost is \$23.00).

<http://www.amisimms.com/yourtwissis.html>

September 21: Quilting tools and techniques demonstration round robin

October 19: Rummage sale.

We are taking sign-ups at the programs table for Vikki Pignatelli's Crazy About Curves class this November (cost is \$37.50); stop by and check it out.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

ECHOS is taking a break this month since Ami Simms will be teaching hand quilting on Monday afternoon. However, we will be taking sign-ups for our September meeting when Geo Mickelson will be sharing her expertise for making crazy quilts. She will cover how to start the block and the stitches used. If you signed up last month, be sure to pick up your supply list.

Again - ECHOS is for everyone: learning, sharing and teaching

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

Sun rays are usually shown as a warm, bright yellow color. And, we know August is a hot, bright summer month. It seems appropriate that the birth flower for this month is the striking, beautiful yellow gladiola. Its name comes from Latin for its sword-shaped leaves and is called the flower of gladiators having the "dazzling beauty of a jeweled sword". Should you want a gift that expresses remembrance, sincerity, or strength of character, just give an arrangement of gladiolas. They are sure to be a hit with the recipient.

Born this month? *Wishing You a Happy, Special Day!*

To those listed below, many thanks for your tasty treat...a delightful way to celebrate birthdays.

Charlotte Caldwell, Sally Cantwell, Beverley Carr, Joan Carrell, Ivy Chavez, Carolyn Coe, Carol Cooley, Rae Cooper, Linda Coppola, Charlene Coxworth, Joyce Cummings, Sandra Darby, Kay Denny, Sara DeRouchey, Dolores Dickerson

LIBRARY NEWS

Linda Marley

Book donations accepted on a limited basis

The library will be accepting donations of quilt books in August and September so we can research and mark prices for the October Rummage Sale. However, we ask that individual members limit your donation to one small box and do not include any books on other subjects. We are currently suspending magazine donations as we are overstocked and will need all the space we have to deal with book donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Marley.

2009-2010 BUDGET

Marty Lensink

The 2009-2010 budget has been emailed to all members who have that option and copies have been included in the newsletter to those who get theirs via postal service. Please review the budget and prepare to discuss and vote on it at the August meeting.

"Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece"

August 14-15, 2009 – Fri & Sat - 9 am-4 pm

First Lutheran Church, 231 West Smoke Tree Lane

Ami Simms- Sat. lecture-10 am -"Quilting and Caring:

The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative"

Free admission to quilt show and lecture

QUILT CAMP 2009

Tuesday, Oct 13th – Thursday, Oct 15th

Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott

Diana Ramsey

Last payment of **\$70** is due now for those of you who paid a \$50 deposit for Quilt Camp. We have only 5 openings left. Non-members are welcome to join in at this time so get your girlfriends on board with us! Total cost for camp is \$120. **Please make checks payable to MTQ** and give to Diana Ramsey.

HOPI PROJECT

Marty Lensink

At the September meeting, I will collect items for the Hopi reservation. After visiting with Karen Tootsie, I have a list of items that will be most useful to these women.

Fabrics: cottons only; nothing smaller than a fat quarter; especially appreciate solid colors; batting - larger pieces; items for making baby quilts.

Tools: Olfa 6" rulers; scissors; rotary cutters; needles; other rulers and mats; clamps.

Machines: sewing machines; sergers; embroidery machines. If they don't work, that is ok. Mr. Tootsie is very good at making repairs.

Miscellaneous: any sewing patterns should be large sizes.

All your gifts will be appreciated.

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QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Jeanne Vick, Nancy Stewart

Beginning with the August meeting we will be accepting your donations to be sold at the 2010 Quilt Show Boutique. This can include completed items, suggestions, and patterns. Please use only quality fabrics as this will make a positive reflection on our Guild. Again, we are looking for potholders, table runners, wall hangings, pin cushions, baby quilts. Bright cheery colors along with Southwestern themes are excellent choices. We do not believe that Christmas or Holiday will be a hot ticket.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns. We would love hearing from you.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

*Kathleen Bond and team
Kay Denny, Reporter*

Community Quilts Work Day
Monday, August 24, 2009
9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Come join us for a rousing good day of fun and philanthropy while we make quilts for our charity projects. Some of us cut; some of us stitch (so bring your own sewing machine), and some of us brainstorm at the flannel board; and all of us feel great about helping our community.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP ATTENDEES:

Las Fuentes has requested that we park on the west side of the building (first driveway on right as you enter the lot.) If the parking garage door is open, go straight in to the door at the back and enter on Level 1. If it isn't open and you have a lot of stuff to take with you, drop the stuff off at the main entrance and then drive back to park.

For the work day, remember to bring:

\$2.50 for pizza or bring your own sack lunch. Coffee, salads, and desserts are provided.

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts collects 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 at the Community Quilts table.

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Nancy Stewart

August's color is **yellow**, including "sunflower, pastel", etc. So a yellow tone-on-tone or one that has yellow as the dominant color would be perfect. The theme is **stripes**, and this would include traditional stripes as well as those similar to Jenny Byer fabric. For those planning in advance, September's color is orange and theme is dots. Stop by the table for the list for this year's categories

Rules:

- Bring as many fat quarters for each category as you wish, with a limit of only TWO for each particular fabric. That way there will be a nice mix.
- Fill in the drawing slips for each fat quarter submitted and place in appropriate basket.
- Please bring only good quality fabric for the exchange.
- Each winner will receive at least 4 fat quarters, depending how many are in the "pot".
- A Fat Quarter is 18" by 22"

Eye-Spy Fabric SWAP – August

Julie Nanke and Carol Miller

An Eye-Spy fabric is a conversational print for kids that contains small objects children would be interested in – it could be animals, toys, objects around the house to name a few – think of things a child would find appealing – and make sure one of these objects appears in your randomly-cut 6 ½ inch square. And there you have found a suitable fabric for the SWAP.

Buy **5/8 yard** and cut your fabric into **6 ½ inch squares**. You will have **18** of them. Place them in a baggie and bring to the August meeting – you will participate in the exchange at the break in the lobby of the church. It will be fun!

Eye-spy quilts make for wonderful teaching opportunities as a child learns. He may first learn the objects on the quilt – then proceed with counting and color games. He can then learn simple sentences with an eye-spy quilt, and progress to making up silly stories, too. **Every child should have one!** And especially from you – since you are a quilter! It you think 18 squares would not be enough for your quilt, you may participate in the exchange twice – with 2 baggies of 18 squares – each of a different fabric. We'll see you at the Swap!

“Burden Bears” Project

Kathy Tavares

Thank you to everyone who contributed quilts to the project my family is doing for Christmas for Samaritan Village. I have all my bears with quilts now. And they are quite warm and cozy. I really appreciate all the time that everyone took to do this for us.

ARIZONA QUILTERS HALL OF FAME

Gail Van Horsen

The Hall of Fame inductees for 2009 have been named and three of them are from our area:

Emma Andres, deceased, formerly of Prescott.

Diane Lynne Holley, deceased, formerly of Prescott.

Bernadine Singer, Crown King.

For details of their accomplishments, visit the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame: www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org

QUILTERS ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

Marty Lensink---Our new Treasurer has worked and lived in Prescott for 36 years. She and her husband Joe moved here in 1973 from Chula Vista, CA, but she grew up in Glendale and Tempe, AZ. Marty's first job out of college was as an elementary teacher (grades 1 & 2), which she did for seven years. Then, after having children, she went into bookkeeping and established her own accounting practice after two years working for a CPA firm. She retired in 2003 and has been a member of Mt. Top for four years. Her husband Joe was a telephone lineman and passed away in 2006; their children are Sean, an engineer for Raytheon in Tucson, and Kelly, a VP with Bank of America. And, in case you didn't know this, Marty is Carolyn Doyle's sister (and Marty wants to make it perfectly clear that she is Carolyn's younger sister).

Marty's favorite aspect of the quilting world is the wonderful people in quilting. She's still learning about all aspects of quilting, saying that she thought she would hate appliqué, but has ended up loving it. She loves batiks in soft pastel colors and her least favorites are browns and ugly greens. Right now she's struggling to complete a Hawaiian quilt, but is enjoying learning the technique.

Other than quilting she loves keeping up with her kids and extended family. She also enjoys traveling---in 2009

she has gone to Belize, North Carolina and just returned from a cruise to Alaska. She's interested in personal growth and recently completed an advanced class in Psych-K here in Prescott. She loves reading and her kids have gotten her interested in investing.

She adopted a rescue pup in January---a one-year-old Schnoodle that has brought joy and laughter back into her life. New experiences are tops on her list---she jumped into a small tour boat with 11 others to see Mayan ruins in Belize. She's into adventure and we know she has the background and enthusiasm to take on the busy, busy job of treasurer.

Susan Perry---Our new Program Chair comes with experience in doing that job since she also was program chair in her guild in San Diego, where she lived for 26 years. She grew up in La Canada, a small town near Pasadena, CA.

She and Bud moved here three years ago and she's been a member of Mt. Top almost that long. She's mostly retired after working 26 years for SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation), but still does occasional consulting for that company. Bud works part-time from their home as a Program Manager and he's also a ham radio operator. Susan's children are Scott (25) who is a process engineer for Calloway Golf in Carlsbad, CA. and Linda (22) who is headed off this fall to Johnson and Wales in Denver for a four-year degree in culinary arts.

Susan took a beginning quilting class at a local quilt store in San Diego a little more than eight years ago and she hasn't stopped since. Her favorite part of quilting is the design process. She loves choosing fabrics and playing with how they combine. She loves to work with color and doesn't like earth tones, browns or gray. She says quilting is her main hobby, but does the Sudoku puzzle most mornings and probably spends too much time watching TV in the evening---saying that she's not in to much else---pretty boring. However, in the “fun fact” category, Susan says she celebrates Groundhog Day. When she was in grade school her doctor gave her a flyer with a ground hog on it which started this interest. The real celebrating began in college when she and her friends would have potluck parties. And, she thinks it's time to start a new Groundhog Day celebration tradition here in Prescott. Now that isn't boring! I wonder if she has a groundhog quilt that she would bring to show and tell. If not, the challenge is out there!

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

July 20, 2009, 9.30am

Presiding: Sam Logan

Secretary: Judy Hughes is in France so the minutes were taken by Beverly Markham.

Business:

Thank you to Merry Stitchers for the June Luncheon

Kathleen Bond accepted a presentation of a scrapbook prepared by the Workers from CASA. These were pictures of the children and their quilts on adoption day. MTQ has prepared 353 quilts and that equals 23 quilts per adoption day.

Marty Lensink: Budget not in the newsletter. Will be available next month. If you need reimbursement, please fill out the reimbursement form if you need one. The treasurer's report is on the table in the fellowship hall. We are also collecting things for the Hopi nation women. This collection will take place in September. The fabrics that are desired are 100% cotton - especially solids and at least a fat quarter size. We need notions, threads, needles etc. and other craft things are also appreciated - even sewing machines.

Sunshine/Shadows: Robin Yanak's husband has passed away as has Judy Eppler's husband and our member Mary Gen Buser. Kristi McHugh is to have surgery this afternoon in Phoenix.

Kay Harlan: a list of new officers is available and there will be a new member list next month. Two new members got their name tags and the members were reminded that their memberships are paid up till June 2010.

Susan Perry: for the class tomorrow, it is not necessary to have a zigzag machine. Batik panels available at the break and after the program today. In August there is an opening for the Ami Sims class on hand quilting. There is also an opening for her Twisted Sisters Class. In September we will have our Quilt Tips round robin presentation. October is the Rummage sale so please bring things priced. We need helpers to check out. In November we have the Pignatelli class and in December we have our Christmas Party and in January we are slated to have a traveling teacher doing English Paper Piecing.

Kay Denney: The Alzheimer's initiative show on August 14, 15, is from 9am to 4pm at the church. There is free admission but a donation would be appreciated which will be shared with the Alzheimer's Association of Northern Arizona. On Saturday there will be a lecture by Ami Sims on the "Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative." Setup will be on Thursday. There is a basket in the fellowship hall for you to deposit all your purple 2" X6" blocks. There are 52 quilts in the show and our guild is the first to show these quilts in Arizona.

Kathy Dunn: Quilt show information - we need to get a publicity volunteer. Sara has a family emergency and cannot do it. She has done a lot of work towards it so there is a lot of groundwork completed. Pat Folsom has sold 7 spaces for vendors and collected \$1160.00. She showed items for the boutique and asked for donations of items to sell in the boutique. She made a point of asking for newer fabrics - not old fabrics that you no longer need/use/want/like.

Library report: Linda Marley reports that we have many books to borrow in our library. Some will be culled and sold at the rummage sale. Magazines are 25 cents each and we have too many. Please do not donate more before September.

Thann Tolman: Today's visitors include:- Gloria Payne (a former president who is re-joining), Alice Obrenovich, Charlotte Brennan, Pat Armstrong, Rosemary Shellhorn, Macy Fordell, Anne Mills, Sarah Gale and Wayne Wolfe (Masako's husband).

Diana Ramsey: quilt camp has about 8 slots left. At the end of this month, we will open it up to non-MTQ members. Bring your own thing to work on and finish up the Christmas projects. The camp is October 13 - 15 and costs \$120.00 and is limited to 30 persons.

Carol Cooley: The opportunity quilt raffle tickets are available as well as 4x6 pictures. We would prefer that you print them off the website if you can.

ECHOS: Evelyn Russell reported that today we have Barbara Merkel teaching Appliqué and next month we will have Ami Sims and in September we will have Geo Mickelson teaching Crazy quilt, but that class is full.

Community Quilt: Batts were passed out for use with the quilt challenge.

Block of the month: Carol Miller and Julie Nanke are in charge of the BOM swap. They showed samples of past BOM that they had done. For this first Block exchange/swap, take 5/8 yard of 100% cotton and cut it into 6 1/2 inch strips then cut those strips into 6 1/2 inch blocks and you end up with 18 blocks.

Show and Tell: Rosalie McDowell, Sally Cantwell, Barbara Phiel, Betty Foley, Nancy Michalsky, Jan Ticer, Marjorie Senior, Joan Vroom, Carol Hood, R. Shellhorn, Barbara Merkel, Nancy Stewart, Hildy Smith, Julie Dodds, Helen Jacobson, Gloria Payne, Carol Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned until next month.

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

- ☞ **Community Quilts:** Finished projects
- ☞ **Refreshments:** Last names from Caldwell to Dickerson
- ☞ **Alzheimer's Purple Patch:** 2" x 6" purple fabric patches (light, dark, print, solid)
- ☞ **Fat Quarter:** Yellow & Stripes fat quarters to exchange
- ☞ **Quilt Camp Payment:** Final payment of \$70 if already registered, or \$120 for new registrants
- ☞ **Library:** Items that are due this month
- ☞ **Eye Spy Fabric Swap:** 6½" squares

Board Meeting

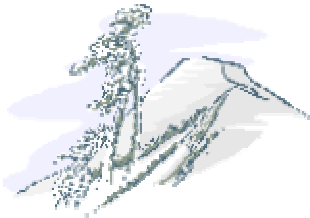
The September board meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 7th, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sam Logan
Remember: Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Joan Carrell

General Meeting

Monday August 17th - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, August 24th - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village (Level 1)
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.



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