

# The Summit, August 2010

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that the members of our guild are having a happy and healthy summer.

As our numbers climb towards 180 members, it bodes well for the skill of Quilting and all its aspects. I am sure the Quilt Shops are delighted to have us around as well. I was just in Washington State and a quilt shop I visited there has all their fabrics at \$12 per yard and higher.

On another note, I am happy to see so much information available on the internet. For the paper piecers in our guild, have you checked out the Carol Doak quilting pages? You can sign up for free to receive her blog and pictures from the ladies who are active on her pages.

An E-magazine called Quiltposium is also free when you sign up at [www.Quiltposium.com](http://www.Quiltposium.com). It has loads of advertising, for those in our midst who like to go on tours and cruises to quilt or visit far away quilt shops. It also has articles by well known quilters.

The American Quilters Society has 10 books that are available to download and read and use. If you surf the web, it is possible to download free quilt patterns, and get plenty of advice on quilting from the quilt chat sites. It is very exciting to be able to be in contact with quilters around the world via the internet.

Just a reminder, for the early birds in our midst, our quilt show in 2012 is only a little over a year away, and if you are one of the quilters who are already half way through your quilt for the show and figuring on only a year away leaves you time to get the quilt quilted and bound in plenty of time. However, in reality the show is 21 months away and we hope that you do not leave it to the last minute to get your quilt started, quilted, bound, and ready for the show. Have pity on the Long Arm quilter you wish to hire to get your last minute quilt done.....she has to have time to do what is asked.

Do we have any volunteers to chair the 2012 quilt show? I hope so.

Beverly

### Newsletter Deadline

*Diana Ramsey*

Please send all articles for the September newsletter to [MTNewsletter@cableone.net](mailto:MTNewsletter@cableone.net) or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the September newsletter articles is Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

Are you a member of Mountain Top Quilters and have an e-mail address? If so, you should be receiving at least 2 e-mails from [MTNewsletter@cableone.net](mailto:MTNewsletter@cableone.net) per month, more if there is news to send out on the Grapevine. Please let Diana know ASAP if you have NOT received any notices from her and she will check your current e-mail address against her records for any corrections or problems.

**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.**

### QUILT CAMP

*Linda Coppola*

Quilt Camp is almost here and I am looking forward to having a great time. I hope you have been getting your projects lined up to work on. August is the last month to get your final deposit in. Please make your check out to MTQ for \$70. I will be in the Fellowship Hall before the meeting and at the break time to receive it. If you are planning to room with someone, please let me know who it is so that I can make the room assignments.

## ECHOS

*Evelyn Russell*

This month we will see the completion of the bags in the class taught by Judith Ritner - all unique and beautiful. Our next program will be in November: learning how to make the clothesline baskets. This class is full with a waiting list - but there is a possibility of adding another class. For those who have signed up for the class, Jeanne advises that the clothesline must be 100% cotton, no nylon, and needs to be the firmer type, not the soft, off-white that is sold in some stores. For more info, stop by the ECHOS table.

Do you have an idea for an ECHOS program you would like to see, perhaps something you have seen at Show & Tell, or in one of your mini groups? Do you have a special technique or pattern you would like to share? Would you like some basic quilting classes in accurate piecing, hand or machine appliqué, or hand or machine quilting? Let Jimmie or Evelyn know.

## REFRESHMENTS

*Dolores Schrock*

### KEEPING FIT:

At the Sewing Machine with Good Sitting Posture

- Sit with your back against the chair back with your head directly over your shoulders. (Adjustable chair is a good investment)
- Keep your forearms parallel to the floor with elbows close to your body and at a 90° angle. (e.g. for a 5' 6" person the machine plate is 22" high)
- Hands to the side or in front of the needle while sewing.
- Keep your thighs parallel to the floor with knees at a 90° angle.
- Your feet should remain flat on the floor with your knees hip width apart.
- Good light source to avoid having to hunch over to see your sewing.

Members are fit and ready for MTQ treats and this month say thank you to: *Erna Greenway, Karen Grubb, Leticia Guizar, Nancy Gullikson, Carolyn Hamilton, Jan Hampton, Shirley Hanna, Kay Harlan, Colleen Harlow, Sharon Heilman, Linda Heithold, Linda Hill, Barbara Hinds, Gisela Hoeger, Jane Hofbauer, Mary Andra Holmes, Carol Hood, and Kathleen Howe*

## LIBRARY

*Linda Marley*

As summer florals fade, get inspired with two new appliqué books added to the MTQ library collection. *Another Season of Beautiful Blooms* by Susan Taylor Propst is a 2010 title. The second is *Paradise Stitched: Sashiko and Appliqué Quilts* by Sylvia Pippen. Both feature some exquisite floral designs and the sashiko is something new for those who haven't tried it. Let us know if you have any suggestions for other titles since we have a new budget to spend. ...And don't forget to check out the magazine sales.

## PROGRAMS

*Marti French*

The program for August will be a trunk show of Masako Wolfe's many wonderful quilts, many of which are hand quilted. Her husband, Wayne, will be showing the quilts and telling us about them. We are in for a real treat.

In September, Sarah Vedeler (a former traveling teacher) will provide a trunk show and several classes. Monday afternoon Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Sarah will teach "No Hands Piped Binding". We still have openings for this class so be sure to stop by the Programs Table at the August meeting and sign up.

Sarah's Tuesday, Sept. 22 classes - "Free Motion Quilting: Spirals" and "Free Motion Quilting: Peacock Feathers" are both filled with a short waiting list. We have a number of people who have signed up but not paid for these classes. Please drop by first thing at the August meeting and do this. I will automatically remove your name from the list and make it available to people on the waiting list after Aug. 16 if you have not paid. For those who want to take this class and are not on the waiting list, you might want to stop by and add your name to it. All Sarah's classes are \$15 each.

In October, we have one of our own members, Kay Wentworth, giving a trunk show and lecture about "Break the Rules - don't pay attention to the quilt police who are here right now". She will provide a workshop in the afternoon where you will get to let all the rules fly out the door and create a work of art. Start thinking of a picture or an idea for this workshop. Stop by the Programs Table to see a couple of Kay's samples. The class is being limited to 15 and is \$20 so hurry and sign up. You don't even have to haul your sewing machine to this class.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

Alice Obrenovich, Tina Mc Cowan, Linda Coppola

Community Quilts Workday

Monday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

9:30 - 3:30

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

A quilt was chosen from Community Quilts and sent to local man, Cory Tickner, wounded in Iraq and now recovering at Walter Reed Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and to him goes our appreciation for his service to our country. Thank you Kay Denney for agreeing to continue to honor our wounded local servicemen and women by sending them a quilt.

The next couple of months our focus will be on making men's and boy's quilts as they are in short supply. Thank you all for donating your time and effort to make these. If you have any spare man or boy themed fabric we would appreciate it.

See you at the next work day at Las Fuentes where you will enjoy getting together with other sewers and having a free lunch.

### **For the workday, remember to bring:**

Bring your sewing machine (optional). Coffee, coffee cake, salads, pizza, and desserts are provided. Or bring your own sack lunch if you prefer. Come early, stay late, come join in the fun.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WORKSHOP ATTENDEES:**

Las Fuentes requests that we park on the building's west side. If the parking garage door is open, walk straight to the end of the garage to the exit sign. Go through that door and straight across through the next door and you'll be on the first level where the workroom is. If the garage door isn't open and you have a lot of stuff to take with you, drop it off at the main entrance and then drive back to park.

### **HOBBS BATTING PROGRAM:**

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

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[www.mountaintopquilters.com](http://www.mountaintopquilters.com)

## QUILTERS ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

### **Meet Masako Wolfe**

I was born in Ashiya, Japan the youngest of 5 children. I graduated from Orio Girls School where I took the typical Japanese girls' courses which included a liberal portion of sewing, including pattern making, and housekeeping courses. I made over 100 sweaters on a primitive knitting machine as well as sewing almost all my own clothes and clothes for others.

I worked as a housemaid for 3 different American families during the 1950's. Subsequent to that I worked as a clerk in the BX at Ashiya Air Force Base. While there, I met and married Wayne, my husband of 51 years, in 1959. We have 3 wonderful children and a total of 5 delightful grandchildren.

All our kids have Japanese middle names. The oldest is Russell Masaru Wolfe who is an Ophthalmologist in Hollywood, Florida. Our second son is Jerry Hiroshi Wolfe who is a Chiropractor in San Diego, California. Our daughter is Dorene Midori Wolfe who is a Massage Therapist in Santa Barbara, California.

While Wayne was in the Air Force, we lived in Ashiya and Tachikawa, Japan; Fairborn, Ohio; Clark Air Force Base, Philippines and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We lived in Grafton, Ohio for 3 years after Wayne got out of the Air Force then we moved to the Atlantic City area of New Jersey where we lived for 22 years before Wayne retired from the Federal Aviation Administration with 38 years of government service.

I first started sewing by hand before I went to grade school at the foot of my mother and older sisters. I would take scraps of fabric and make doll clothes. I later became an accomplished seamstress and made most of my own clothes as well as for other people. I also learned to knit and crochet.

After my 3 children got old enough to look after themselves somewhat, I worked in sewing factories including White Stag, Joseph & Feiss, and Pembroke, a factory which made military uniforms using commercial sewing machines. For the last 15 years prior to moving to Prescott, I worked as a casino cashier at Caesars casino in Atlantic City, NJ.

Wayne and I moved to Prescott in September 1995. I went to the Mountain Top Quilters Christmas party as a guest of Helen Holton (a former MTQ member) that year and got hooked on quilting. I joined the guild in 1996 and have been an active member ever since.

I attended many workshops and finished each project. I have made over 100 quilts. Most of these were hand quilted. In 2007, I was diagnosed with Parkinsonism and can no longer quilt but I still enjoy coming to the monthly meetings as well as the Mystery Quilters mini group.

# SNIPPETS

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

I don't know about you, but right now it's just too darn hot to be doing much quilting. I remember as a kid spending the dog days of summer sitting in the shade and reading book after book after book so I recommend diving into some fiction with quilters as the heroines.

I just read two books by Marie Bostwick, *A Single Thread* and *A Thread of Truth*. They both are about some gals who become friends even though they initially have very little in common. Their friendships begin in a quilt shop where they bond through quilting and dealing with important women's issues. The first book is about breast cancer and the second, domestic abuse.

I suggest they be read in order. They can be checked out through the Yavapai Library Network. A third book in the sequence, *A Thread So Thin*, was recently published and I haven't read it yet---I'm third on the hold list, so I'm hoping to get it soon. It, too, covers a woman's issue---marriage vs. career. The author's web site says the quilters all give the youngest gal differing advice---sound familiar?

The plots hold no big surprises, but the books are good quick reads---and then you can get back to quilting. I leave you with a quote from the second book: **"behind every great quilter is a great big pile of fabric. So get back to work!"**



## THINGS TO REMEMBER



### General Meeting

Monday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

### Remember to Bring:

- ◆ **Community Quilts:** Finished quilts
- ◆ **Refreshments:** Last names Greenway thru Howe
- ◆ **Library:** Books and DVD's are due back
- ◆ **Quilt Camp:** \$70 payment for balance due

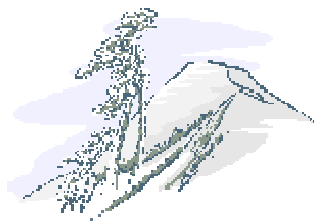
### Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marty Lensink. (Change due to the 6<sup>th</sup> being a holiday.)

Remember: 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.



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## MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AGQ, GENERAL MEETING

July 19, 2010

Sherri Hubbs, Secretary

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

Beverly Markham announced that the new Membership Directories were on the table in the Fellowship hall for members to pick up. Lint rollers were passed out so that the pews could be clean of thread before we leave.

Newsletter: Diana Ramsey advised that members need to be sure she has their correct email address so they may receive email notices. She also sends out the Grapevine that keeps us up to date on other guilds that have classes available for us to attend and general information about new members. If you want your newsletter sent to you there is a \$10.00 yearly charge. To send Diana information, email it to [MTNewsletter@cableone.net](mailto:MTNewsletter@cableone.net).

Secretary and Treasurer: reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall on a table bulletin board.

Sunshine: Geo Mickelson received her pacemaker and is doing well. Ann Novak will have rotator cuff surgery this week.

Membership: Kay Harlan handed out the new membership name tags.

Hospitality: Thann Tolman. Guests were Ann Marie Ansbach, Jane Vance, Pam Easley, Linda Crawford, Susie Alexander, Sharon Melpolder, Connie Massner and Brenda Scott.

Programs: Susan Perry said we had a successful Electric Quilt class last Friday by Linda Matteotti. Masters Touch is having a Road to California bus trip at a cost of \$295. August: Wayne and Masako Wolfe Trunk Show, September Sarah Vedeler Trunk Show. She will be doing 3 classes. Monday afternoon is No Hands Piping and Tuesday she will do 2 workshops Quilted all Over. Each class is \$15.00. In October Kay Wentworth will do a Trunk show and a class Break the Rules \$20.00. November will be Barbara Polston.

Quilt Camp: Linda Coppola is collecting the rest of the money that is due this month and next month.

Library: Ginnie Rafti advised there are a lot of books that are due this month and asked that they be returned.

ECHOS: Jimmie Johnson announced that Judith Ritner will teach her tote bag this month and next. November will be Carol Miller and Jeanne Vick doing Clothesline bowls.

Community Quilts: Tina McCowan thanked everyone who returned finished quilts today and reminded us that Community Quilts meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9:30 to 3:30 at Las Fuentes. Tina needs our UPC labels from Hobbs batting in order to get new batting at a reduced rate. Also requested were more quilts that could be given to men.

Mini Groups: Carol Cooley said there would be a meeting after our meeting about Mini Groups. Anyone who is interested should meet with Carol.

Miscellaneous: Sam Logan announced that they are planning a Long Arm Support Group and can contact her if interested.

Show and Tell: Sam Logan, Susan Perry, Barbara Phiel, Carol Hood, Betty Foley, Thann Tolman, Kathy Lamoureux, Barbara Merkel, Carol Cooley, Kristi McHugh, Diana Ramsey, Tina McCowan, Connie Sieh, Ellen Von Brentano, Adrienne Morrison, Beverly Markham.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am

Program Carol Hood and Gail Van Horsen Antique Quilts