

The Summit, December 2007

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In December I think that everyone says "Gosh, where did the year go?" I count my time by looking through my scrapbook at what quilts I have made this past year. I started keeping an album of photos with a short note about each quilt I made. It only takes a minute as it isn't one of those really elaborate things you see on the Home and Garden channel. I just write down the size of the quilt and when I completed it and who I made it for or why I liked it. Then I add a picture of the entire quilt and one of a close up. I don't try to figure out how long it took to make. I have so many projects in various stages of completion that some get put on the shelf for several months before I work on them again. Some I whip right through and some sit around quite some time waiting for me to get inspired about them again.

One of my quilting friends said that now is the time she likes to finish a few things so that she can put this year's date on them rather than next year. Not me - now is the time I try to complete the few gifts I make for family or friends. There always seem to be more than I can really finish, as I think I have the "eyes bigger than my stomach" syndrome that my mother used to accuse me of when I took more food than I could actually eat. I always think I will get more accomplished than I actually do. I had a sister in law that would wrap patterns with the accompanying yardage for the various articles of clothing she didn't get around to finishing prior to Christmas. I never did that, but I have substituted last minute gifts when I didn't get something done. I have one of two table runners left from last year and can't remember which child got the completed one and which one didn't! Luckily my family will see the humor in this and just pass the gift to the right person while teasing me about my failing memory! As long as I can still remember to wear underwear I guess I am doing OK! I had a great aunt who had that particular problem, which caused a lot of giggles among the various cousins.

So to all of you out there, whether you are completing gifts for someone special or working on a quilt just for you remember to take some time each day to be thankful for all that you have. While I never got around to making a gratitude journal (so highly recommended by Oprah) I take time to remember what I am grateful for. I am grateful that you gave me the opportunity to be president this year, although I think most of you would have voted for anyone just so you didn't have to do it! I would like to thank all of you for making this a fun year and hope that Joan has as much fun next year as I did this year.

Happy Holidays,
Susie Martin, President

***READ ALL ABOUT US*:** go to the Mountain Top website address at:
www.mountaintopquilters.com

Newsletter Deadline

Pat Folsom

Diane Ramsey will be the Newsletter Editor for 2008 and will be editing the January, 2008, newsletter. Please send all articles for the January newsletter to Diane at her e-mail address: **MTNewsletter@cableone.net**, or you can call Diane Ramsey at 928-771-9759. **Deadline for the January newsletter articles will be Wednesday, January 9, at noon.**



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

*Presented by:
The Mystery and CQ Wearable Mini-Groups*

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson and B'Anne Younkens

December: ECHOS will bow to the Christmas Luncheon.

January: ECHOS program will feature Ann Novak, along with helpers Julie Nanke and Geo Mickelson, presenting the 2008 **Block of the Month** program. Ann has a great design that is not only attractive but will teach a great array of embellishment techniques. Be sure to check this one out.

February: ECHOS plans to start preparing for the Quilt Show Boutique. The Boutique is a fun way to support our guild and a great way to use some of your stash that you just can't decide how to use. The camaraderie you will experience in participating is priceless.

The ECHOS group would like to take this opportunity to thank each member who has volunteered their time and talents to support our membership. If this pertains to you please feel appreciated. We have within our organization more talent than we could ever purchase from the teaching market outside. If you haven't stepped forward to share your special techniques or talents, please contact Jimmie Johnson, Evelyn Russell or B'Anne Younker.

Quilt Show Boutique: February Echo's

Be sure to **sign up in January** for the February ECHOS. We will be doing several items to sell at the Quilt Show Boutique. You can stay and sew or just stop in and collect patterns and/or kits.

We've had several items donated already for the boutique; **thanks to all of you** that have started us on the way.

Questions? Please contact Susan Perry or Jeanie Vick.

DECEMBER 17.....

Co-hostesses for this year's luncheon are the Mystery and CQ Wearable mini-groups who have lots of surprises and door prizes in store, so plan to be part of the fun on **December 17th.**

Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to prepare a dish for the Christmas Luncheon. The response was awesome. If your plans change and you won't be able to attend, please try to find a substitute. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy Philblad. (Please see directory).



Christmas gifts for Stepping Stones

We will be collecting pillowcases and \$10 gift certificates for Christmas gifts to Stepping Stones in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange. For each completed pillowcase or gift certificate turned in at the November or December meetings, makers will receive a ticket for a drawing at the December luncheon. Four winners will each receive a pair of Christmas pillowcases. See Masako Wolfe at the meetings.

Table-runner Challenge

Don't forget the "A Christmas Gift" table-runner challenge for the Christmas Luncheon. The membership at large will be voting during the December meeting with prizes to be awarded for "best fits the theme," and overall favorite. Quilters will keep their entries after use at the luncheon.

Library Notes

Linda Marley



The guild library will not be open in December, so books checked out in November will not be due back until the January 2008 meeting. It's a great opportunity to get the inspiration to start something new, or read up on techniques to finish some of those UFOs. In our library we have some great books on borders and sashing, hand and machine quilting, as well as books with tips and tricks to get you stitching away during the coming winter months.

If you have books due and can't come to the meeting, please find a friend to return your books for you. Or you can e-mail renewal requests to clmarley@cableone.net. Please include the title and book number.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond, Dawn Valanes-Moser, and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day
Monday, January 25, 2008, 9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.
At Las Fuentes Resort Village
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Remember to bring:

Bring any finished or unfinished projects and **bring \$2.50 for pizza, or bring a sack lunch.**

WOW! The year went by fast.... but, **in 2007, we had time to make 260 quilts.** Every recipient was so happy to get a quilt and the Mountain Top Quilters should feel really good, and warmer somehow, to share their love with so many children, women and men in our area. Look for us in the library room and pick up a kit to work on in January when all the "Holiday Buzz" is over.

SUNSHINE

Linda Coppola

We extend our condolences to Rose Tuttle whose husband passed away November 15. I know we are in the busy time of year, but please continue to keep me informed of anyone who could use a kind word. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

PAY NOW, PAY NOW, PAY NOW, DUES ARE DUE AND MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 31, 2007: Dues before December 31st are \$35.00.

I will be available before the meeting in the church foyer. You can now print your two forms from our web site and have them filled out completely. If you are unable to be at the meeting, please mail them to me (See the directory). Please make sure you have filled out every box and that your address, phone and e-mail addresses are correct.

AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2007 DUES WILL BE \$40.00. WE NEED TO HAVE EVERY MEMBER PAID AND CURRENT IN ORDER FOR YOUR NAME TO BE IN THE DIRECTORY FOR 2008. Thank you for getting your dues in soon as possible as I will be going OUT OF TOWN on the 20th for Christmas, and I would like to have them so I can make the deadline that AGQ has set.

Thank you.....Kay



PROGRAMS

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December 17, 2007: Christmas Party

January 21, 2008: "Road from Quilting to Wearable Art" – with Carol Guthrie

January 22, 2008: Workshop with Carol Guthrie: Making a sweatshirt jacket.

February 18, 2008: "UFO Project" - with Kay Denny

MEMBERS DIRECTORY

Pat Gentner

Reminder: Please remember to renew your MTQ membership for 2008. At the January 21st meeting, I will pass around a list of address information for everyone to check for accuracy. This list will be used to put together the 2008 Directory. If you **have not renewed your membership by then, I will not be able to include you in the directory.** Also, if you have a new address, phone number, or you will not be at the January meeting, please email me of the change ahead of time or ask a friend to make the necessary changes on the list that I pass around. My e-mail address is: MTQuiltnews@cableone.net Thanks so much for helping to make the job of putting together the directory much easier.

AQG Quilt Show Needs YOU! –

Please, please volunteer!!

THREE HUNDRED volunteers are needed to staff the AQG Quilt Show. Can you help? Refer to the October, November, or December AQG Patchwork Chatter newsletters for the jobs and work shifts for volunteers. Sunday, March 9--quilt entry intake is fun. Hours are 1-5. Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11; they need help with the judging process. This is a learning experience, and fun to watch. Hanging is on Wednesday, March 12. This is exhausting, but somebody has to do it! And what a feeling of accomplishment at day's end! On Quilt Show days, Friday, March 14 (hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday, March 15 (hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), many, many volunteers are needed for admissions, sales, white glove, and security. If you must sit, you can so specify! Look over the list and see where you can help. The Volunteer Form needs to be completed and returned by January 15th. Check your calendars. What day can you go to the Quilt Show? It's a grand one, and not to be missed!! And if you go, please plan to volunteer 2-3 hours.

I have volunteered to coordinate carpooling to the Quilt Show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the December meeting. Can you volunteer? Can you drive to ASU-West? (It's an easy 1 to 1 1/2 hour drive from the Prescott area--and way fun when there's a car load of laughing quilters!)

Thanks much, Carolyn Edwards

Call for AQG Quilt Show Entries - Deadline is January 15!

Carolyn Edwards

Grab your October, November, or December AQG Patchwork Chatter newsletter, and get your quilt entry form filled out, mailed, and postmarked by January 15th. The address is on the bottom of the entry form...OR, you can enter by e-mail. A picture of your completed quilt top must be included with your entry. **Let's have LOTS of entries from Mountain Top Quilters this year!**

With a lot of help from my friends, I have volunteered to be the "Drop-Off Site Coordinator" for the Prescott area.

March 3-8, 2008 - For your convenience, you may take your AQG Quilt Show quilt entries to Quilt n Sew Connection, 6546 East Second Street, Suite A, Prescott Valley, during regular store hours, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. I will make a daily pick up of quilts from Jan's store that week, Monday through Saturday.

March 9, 2008 - I will, with the greatest of care, drive all of MTQ's quilt entries to ASU-West Campus, for entry between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

March 15, 2008 - AQG Quilt Show closes at 4 p.m. Pat Folsom will gather up all of MTQ's quilt entries and bring them back up the hill after 6 p.m. Lucky for us--MTQ's March meeting is on the 17th! AQG Quilt Show entries will be returned to you at the MTQ meeting...blue ribbons and all!! :-)

If you have questions, give me a call!

In-House Raffle Quilt Winner to be Chosen!! by Carolyn Edwards

The winning ticket for the most charming and delightful In-House Raffle quilt **will be drawn at MTQ's Christmas Luncheon on December 17!** Have you purchased a ticket? Last chance will be at the beginning of the meeting! This quilt is a 1930's kit quilt, started by an unknown quilter, and finished by Mountain Top quilters just this year. Many of you have asked--the quilt measures 76" x 93"! And it would look oh-so-wonderful on your guest room bed! Ticket sales have been only to MTQ members--so YOU could be THE winner! The lucky winner will only have to add a sleeve, and she will have an entry ready for June's Quilt Show!! This is your last chance to buy THE winning ticket. R-U-S-H to the In-House Raffle Quilt ticket sales table on December 17th!

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

November 19, 2007

Diana Ramsey, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Sunshine Chair – It was announced that Rose Tuttle's husband had passed away. Colleen Harlow's husband is receiving treatment at Mayo Clinic for a serious illness. Sharon Heilman's brother-in-law passed away.

Membership Chair, Kay Harlan is asking all renewing members to please pay no later than the December meeting. Forms are available on MTQ website. Please check the e-mail option for AQG if you would like to receive the Chatter on line. Kay gave a big Thank You to Tom Gentner for his help in setting up her computer and to Sharon Heilman for the super work she has done on the website. Kay handed out name tags to this month's new members.

Directory – Pat Gentner will prepare the Directory which will only list those members who have paid their dues by the end of December. Any late renewals may not be included due to printing deadlines.

Quilt Camp – Diana Ramsey reported that camp was a great success and we have a committee ready to work on another camp next October. Cost for the camp will increase to the standard rate at Emmanuel Pines for the same facility. We were given a discount for our first year. In order to secure the camp, Diana asked the membership to approve \$500 deposit. A motion was made by Jeanne Vick and seconded by Kathy Tavares. The vote was unanimously in favor of the expenditure. More information will be coming out in the spring. A sign up was passed for those interested in attending Quilt Camp next year.

Quilt Show Boutique – Susan Perry is preparing kits for potholders. There will be a basket at the meetings to drop in your finished projects. February ECHOS will be dedicated to more boutique projects in a Round Robin format. Susan offered to come to mini-groups to give them information on more boutique projects they can make for the show. There will also be a work day at Quilt 'N Sew soon. Left over merchandise from the show will be saved for the December craft boutique in 2008.

Librarian, Linda Marley, reminded us that books checked out in November will not need to be returned until January as there will be no library at the December meeting.

December Luncheon – Linda Marley also advised that the plans are going great for the lunch. Members who make pillowcases to donate will be entered into a drawing to win a set of pillowcases. Optional \$10 gift cards to grocery stores, department stores or other places will also be accepted to donate with the pillowcases. The table runner challenge sign up was available and the food sign up was filled. There will NOT be phone calls to remind you of what you signed up to bring! Hostesses have been assigned to each table so please leave one chair empty for her. There will be a mystery project to work on and voting for best table runner with the winner receiving an award! Dolores Schrock needs help setting up and cleaning up in the kitchen. Please carefully label your food containers and DO NOT bring any serving utensils. Members are asked to stay out of the kitchen and set their food out on the counter for the kitchen staff to take care of.

ECHOS Chair, Jimmy Johnson, noted that the January class will be hosted by Ann Novak for Block of the Month instructions. February we will work on the boutique projects and March and April are planned but not ready for announcement.

Block of the Month Chair, Ann Novak had a display of the upcoming project which will be a heart block that is signed and traded with others. She will have another workshop later in the year for additional instructions and techniques.

Programs has scheduled a workshop in January on Tuesday following the general meeting to make sweatshirts with Carol Guthrie. Sign up at the Programs table after the meeting.

Community Quilts – Kathleen Bond, Dawn Valanas-Mosser and Susan Peterson spoke about the wonderful CASA adoption last month when the children got to go up and pick out a quilt for their own. They also advised that they have batting already cut and waiting for those who are participating in the upcoming challenge. They made \$116 on the raffle last month which will be used to buy more supplies to make more quilts to give away. No Community Quilts scheduled for December due to the holiday schedule.

Hospitality – Jeanne Vick introduced our visitors: Judith Ritner, Betty Bourgault, Sharon Hoffman, Shirley April and Nadene Pierce.

Election of Officers – Joan Carrell presented the slate of officers for 2008: Joan for President; Sam Logan for President-Elect; Linda Coppola for Secretary; Pat Folsom for Treasurer and Udean Helton for Programs. A motion was made by Kay Harlan and seconded by Sharon Heilman to accept the slate. A vote was unanimous in favor of the proposed Board Members.

Show & Tell – Kay Wentworth asked those who had participated in the Block of the Month quilt challenge to show their quilts and set them out for display. All participants received a ribbon. Hildy Smith, Gisela Hoeger, Beverly Markham, Julie Dodds, Jeanne Vick, Laura Myers, Linda Marley, Corinne Windett, Kathy McGahey, Jeannine Bleicher, Sharon Watt, Susan Perry, Lois Frank, Pat Folsom, Susan Peterson, Adrienne Morrison, Dorothy Philblad, Linda Gergen, Dolores Dickerson, Ellen von Bretano, Carol Hood, Robin Yanak, Kathleen Bond, Kay Wentworth, Sharon Heilman and Hazel Karetov all shared their beautiful quilts with us.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember to Bring:

- . **Food:** Christmas Luncheon. Please bring agreed upon food to the kitchen prior to the business meeting.
- . **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt projects
- . **Library books:** Library will be closed until January
- . **ECHOS:** No program in December due to Holiday luncheon.
- . **Block of the Month:** Will resume in January.

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, January 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

Monday, **January 28**, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
The Clubhouse @ Las Fuentes
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

Monday: January 7, 2008, at 9:30 am
Joan Carrell's home

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



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