

The Summit, December 2008

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQQ

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anyone who knows me well knows that I am a Christmas junkie. I look forward to the holidays with great anticipation and love the decorations, the music, the lights, and the food. Every year I make a promise to myself that this will be the year I keep things simple, that I don't get stressed, that I emphasize the important things about this holiday--family and friends.

Due to the economy this year, many newspaper and magazine articles are urging people to make Christmas gifts instead of spending a lot of money. In this respect quilters have been ahead of the game for years! The time and effort we put into gifts for our friends and family are worth far more than something purchased at a department store. They are memories in the making.

My Christmas wish for all of you is this--slow down enough to appreciate what the important things are, enjoy a relaxed time with family and friends and take time to reflect on the peace and spirit of Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone!

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

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

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

One of our members, Laura Myers, is currently experiencing some medical problems. A card would be appreciated and we ask that you please keep Laura in your prayers and thoughts during this time.

Please let Corinne Windett know of anyone who is 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Dues are Due Now. Avoid paying more by getting your dues in to Kay Harlan by December's meeting! Late dues will be the same as new which will be \$60.00

We are collecting dues for January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (18 months) to put us in line with Arizona Quilter's Guild, which has changed their fiscal year. I will be in the Fellowship Hall before and after the meeting, and during the break collecting your Membership Dues.

Download forms at www.mountaintopquilters.com. I will also have forms with me at the meeting. You fill out two forms in full: one for Mountain Top and one for AQQ. Make one check payable to Mountain Top Quilters for the full amount.

Thank you to all the ladies that have already paid! If you have any questions please call me or any board member.

NEW MEMBERS: \$60, of which \$45 goes to AQQ

RENEWALS PAID BY THE DECEMBER MEETING:

\$52, of which \$37 goes to AQQ

LATE RENEWALS: After the December meeting are considered NEW Members and will need to pay \$60, of which \$45 goes to AQQ

PROGRAMS

Kristi McHugh

December: Our Holiday Luncheon, brought to you by the Crazy Quilting Mini Group

January: Darlene Miller, (an AQQ Traveling Teacher) will present, "So You Want a Great Vest" lecture. The next day she will offer Jacquie Robinson's Strip and Stash Workshop from 9 to 4, for \$18.00.

February: Kay Denny will be presenting Treasured Objects Almost Finished or T.O.A.D.S.

March: Sheila Arnold, (an AQQ Traveling Teacher) will share a trunk show with us. On Tuesday she will offer a workshop on Seminole Piecing from 9-4, for \$10.

Sign up and check out future programs at the Programs table in the fellowship hall

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

December is "**Catch up Month**" for our Heart Friendship block traders. Take a break from the Holiday rush and create two or three in a morning or afternoon. **Additional directions for traders this month:** On the back of your finished block, somewhere in the heart area. please write the month and embellishment so I can give you the correct trade in return. Then leave them on the back pew as usual with your block in a zip lock with your name on it. Those of you who are all caught up may want to be working on your crazy quilt block. This may well be the most beautiful block in all your trades. Stop by our **Block of the Month table** to get ideas for the next two or three trades.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

"Have a Crazy Little Christmas"

Be sure to read the article about the December luncheon.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

December: We look forward to our annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon.

The Grapevine

Do you have a need for an item for quilting that you would like to have sent to all the members on e-mail? For example: "I'm making a quilt and need about a smidgeon of white wool to complete a snowman. Does anyone have some they would like to share? Please contact Missy Quilter at ilove2quilt.net." Or sometimes we may have a question about a specific procedure, tool or other things pertaining to quilting (i.e. "Can anyone tell me about a product that will help set the dye in fabrics?")

E-mail your request to MTNewsletter@cableone.net and type "Grapevine" in the subject line. Diana Ramsey will be glad to send a blanket e-mail to everyone on the list, however, she reserves the right to edit, condense or otherwise correct any e-mails submitted. Only requests that pertain directly to quilting will be forwarded.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day
No Work day in December

Community Quilts will have a table in one of the side rooms. Drop by and pick up an after Christmas project to work on.

The next work day will be Monday, January 26, 2009.

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. Thank you.

LIBRARY NOTES

Linda Marley

Since the library is closed, no materials are available for checkout until January's meeting. Magazine sales are also suspended this month while we all enjoy our Christmas luncheon. However, many of you did take advantage of the extra month's check-out time with 44 items checked out in November and over \$20 received in sales of used magazines. If you have materials that are overdue, or you know you can't make the January meeting, see Linda Marley to check them in.

AQG Quilt Show Entry

Just a reminder that the entry deadline for the AQG Quilt Show is January 16, 2009. You may download an entry form by logging onto www.azquiltersguild.org Also, please consider volunteering at the show or donating a quilt to the small quilt auction. Those forms are also available online or in your copy of the Patchwork Chatter.

Quilter's Fun Day

It's not too late to sign up for the Quilter's Fun Day on April 28, 2009. You will have the opportunity to make a great mystery quilt and have a good time with friends. Cost is \$50 and covers the complete cost of your fabric. This class would make a great Christmas present!

The Arizona Quilters Guild is pleased to announce that Judy Niemeyer will be the featured Q.U.I.L.T. teacher in February. She will be in Arizona to teach classes February 23-27, 2009. Class locations and registration forms are now available on the AQG website at www.azquiltersguild.org

HAVE YOURSELF A CRAZY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!!!

At the Christmas Luncheon

Hosted by The Crazy Quilters Mini-Group

It's time for the festivities to begin!!!!

Please remember to bring:

- Non-perishable foods and/or gift cards (\$10 suggested) for the Yavapai Food Bank.
 - Six 9" squares of fabric (your choice) for the game.
 - Food, ice chests, etc. that you previously signed up for.
- Note: please pre-chill cider and pre-cut pies.

Other things of importance:

Bring food and ice chests to kitchen window.

- Label all dishes, ice chests, etc., so that they can be returned to rightful owner.
- NO personal serving utensils---church pieces will be used.
- If you've forgotten what you signed up to bring or have questions, contact Julie Nanke. Her number is in the directory.

MINI-GROUP CHAIR

Diana Ramsey

If you have a question about mini-groups, please feel free to contact Diana by email at liv2quilt@cablone.net or by phone at 771-9759 for information.

International Quilt Study Center & Museum

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Quilt House 1523 N. 33rd St.
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0838 USA
www.quiltstudy.org 402-472-6549

Here are some quick facts about the International Quilt Study Center & Museum:

Hours: Tues - Sat 10 - 4:30 Sunday 1- 4:30

Admission: Adults \$5, Ages 5-18 \$3, Under 5 Free

Tour groups welcome, call 402-472-6579.

The collections of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum include more than 2300 quilts, representing over 20 countries and four centuries of quiltmaking. Professionally curated exhibitions change several times each year showcasing 15 to 25 quilts in each show. Public programs engage all ages with demonstrations, Quilt ID Days, Family Days, guided tours, lectures and classes.

A fascinating virtual gallery offers life-sized, detailed projections of quilts, user-friendly programs, and a searchable information database allowing interaction with the collection on-site and via the World Wide Web. You may access many of these services at http://www.quiltstudy.org/discover/quilt_explorer.html

We offer a unique academic program providing a masters degree in Textile History with a Quilt Studies Emphasis. Most students complete this program via Distance Delivery using the internet to "attend" class and to access the rich resources of the center.

Our beautiful, environmentally sustainable, privately funded building was designed by the internationally renowned Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York. It contains public galleries and meeting spaces, a conservation and research laboratory, and climate-controlled storage area for the center's expanding collection.

READ ALL ABOUT US

Go to the Mountain Top website address at
www.mountaintopquilters.com

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2008,
Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Joan asked that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. AQG's quilt show is March 13-14, 2009 and the deadline for entries is January 16. The Patchwork Chatter newsletter has a copy of the forms. Please also consider making a small quilt for their auction and also volunteering to work at their show. Dolores Schrock has asked for a few volunteers to help with the kitchen committee since a few people on that committee have moved away. There are some dishes in the kitchen from previous meetings that need to be picked up. Joan announced that Norma Jean Taylor, a former member of MTQ, has passed away. Please make any donations to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report are posted in the back of the room. Pat Folsom, Treasurer, is away because of a death in her family. Please mail any requests for reimbursement to her.

Kristi McHugh was introduced as the new Programs Chairman. Udean Helton is stepping down and Kristi McHugh will be the new chairman. Thank you Udean for a great job. Susie Martin made a motion to approve this change and Eve Pelletier seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. Welcome to the Board, Kristi!

Fun Day: Joan announced that a mystery quilt Fun Day is being planned for April 28, 2009 and will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. This will be a full-day event and will cost \$50. The quilt size will be approximately 53" X 57". The kits will contain fabric that is already cut and you will have six categories to choose from. Please sign up and pay today for a "fun day" and indicate which fabric category you would like to have included in your kit. This will be limited to 20 people and a potluck lunch is planned.

Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative: Last month Kristi McHugh explained the purpose of this display and asked if anyone knew of a building large enough to hold this event. There will be 52 quilts displayed telling the stories of Alzheimer's patients. Our guest speaker, Rita Blocksom, mentioned that she contributes quilts for sale to this cause. She also suggested that AQG may consider supporting us with this display to help raise awareness and money for the Alzheimer's Initiative. It was suggested that we have no charge for entrance and a donation box available. The cost is about \$700 to \$1000 to sponsor this show. You can learn more on the website at www.alzquilts.org. This project will need three or four people to help plan.

Voting on approved financial appropriation suggestions:

1. Contribution to the church: a one-time offering of \$100 was suggested. Diana Ramsey made a motion to accept this suggestion and Kay Harlan seconded it. The members voted to approve it. There was further discussion by the members and Mary Pat Garry made a motion to amend the approved amount and raise it to \$250. Lois Eldridge seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to raise the amount to \$250.
2. Contribution to Las Fuentes: a suggestion was made to donate \$250 to this facility where we meet for Community Sew. Robin Yanak, a resident at Las Fuentes, suggested that we specify that the money should be used for the residents and not go into the Management fund. Kay Denny made a motion to accept this suggestion and Sam Logan seconded it. The members voted to approve this expenditure.
3. Charter a bus to go to the AQG show in March: A suggestion was made to charter a bus to take the members to the March 2009 quilt show. The cost will be \$900, seating 57 people. A charge of \$15 (including gratuity to the driver) and possibly to include show entrance fee was suggested. Sam Logan made a motion to accept this and Susie Martin seconded it. It was narrowly accepted. After more discussion, Judith Ritner made a motion to amend the vote to just get the bus and check on the price later. Susan Perry seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
4. New Name Tags: A suggestion was made to purchase new name tags made of durable plastic which has our guild logo on it. The cost for 250 name tags is 85 cents each. If we want a clip included the cost would then be 25 cents more per tag. A lanyard would raise the cost \$1 more per tag. A \$25 set-up fee would be charged. The cost for 250 tags with a clip would be \$300. The cost of 250 tags with a lanyard would be \$487.50. Susie Martin made a motion to buy name tags with a clip and Eve Pelletier seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas Committee/TOADS - Kay Denny: Kathleen Bond mentioned that a chart was in the fellowship hall to sign up to bring refreshment to the Christmas Party. A reminder call will be made before the party. Caroline Edwards reminded everyone to bring non-perishable food or a \$10 gift certificate to a local grocery store for the food bank instead of a gift exchange. Also, please bring six 9" squares of fabric for a game. If you are using artificial sweeteners in the food that you are bring to the party, please mark it as such. A vegetarian dish will be available and marked. If you bring rolls, please note that you are also bring butter. If for any reason you find that at the last minute you cannot come to the party, please call Julie Nanke so that she can make arrangements to fill in for your assigned dish. There will be a Show and Tell at this meeting. Kay Denny reminded those who are participating in the TOADS project that they will be presented at the February meeting.

Sunshine - Corinne Windett: Pat Folsom's sister-in-law passed away November 13 and Pat is in New Jersey for the funeral. Rosalie McDowell sent a thank you note for the cards that were sent to her after her knee replacement Oct. 27. She is doing very well. Robin Yanak announced that her daughter had a clean MRI with no cancer cells present after 18 months.

Membership - Kay Harlan: Kay reminded everyone that the membership dues are due by the next meeting and she will be taking renewal and new memberships during the break. You can either get a form from her or go to the website to get one. Please make a check out to Mountain Top Quilters for \$52 for renewal and \$60 for new members for a one and a half years membership.

Library - Linda Marley: Linda announced that appliqué pieces for the Opportunity Quilt were handed out and thanked Barbara Merkel for agreeing to do all of the vines on the borders. She asked for volunteers to do precision piecing. Please see Linda if you can help. The Library has a new video on piecing and some new DVD's on Sharon Schamber's techniques. Linda mentioned that a donation of 4 boxes of magazines was made and that the money collected on the sale of magazines has helped to buy new books. She asked that everyone hold off on any more donations for a while. If you have taken the Happy Endings book out, please stop by the library and sign the card.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: There will be no ECHOS in December because we will have the Christmas Luncheon.

Block of the Month - Ann Novak: This month the block will be crystals and sequins. There will be no block exchange in December. The January block will be a crazy quilt heart. If you have missed any blocks, bring them anyway because Ann has a few blocks available for trade.

Hospitality - Susan welcomed six guests this month: Jeri Teisel, Dorothy Fitch, Vera Flores, Darlene Gatewood, Sue Byrd, and Nancy Fuller.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: Kathleen Bond read a thank you note from Stepping Stones and showed some pictures that were included in the note. Susan Peterson announced that the CASA adoptions on Saturday, November 15 was for 14 children. Next Monday will be the last Community Sew meeting this year. Please bring any finished projects to this meeting. This committee will start meeting again in Jan. 2009.

Programs - Kristi McHugh: Our speaker this month is Rita Blocksom presenting a lecture on Ricky Tims technique for convergence quilts. There are a few openings in the class. In December we will have our Christmas luncheon. The January 2009 speaker will be Darlene Miller and her lecture will be on vests. She will have a strip and slash class the next day. The cost will be \$18. February will be the TOADS presentation of finished projects by our members who have signed up for this project. March's lecture will be given by Sheila Arnold on Seminole piecing.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 23 ladies who shared their projects with us: Diana Ramsey, Betty Foley, Judith Ritner, Thann Tolman, Jeanne Sellers, Laura Myers, Sharon Watt, Linda Coppola, Robin Yanak, Beverly Bowe, Nancy Michalsky, Audrey Jessee, Elena Bowker, Jan Ticer, Bettie Setz, Betty Bourgault, Carol Hood, Judy Hughes, Joan Stanfield, Susie Martin, Joan Carrell, Kathleen Bond, and Hazel Karatov.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:



Community Quilts: Finished projects



Library books: Books that are over-due only



Luncheon: Bring your assigned food items

Community Quilts

Community Quilts

NO meeting in December. See you next year!

General Meeting

Monday December 15th, 2008 - 9:30 am

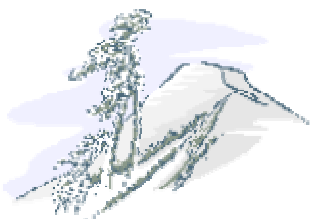
First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Board Meeting

The January board meeting will be held January 5, 2009 at the home of Linda Coppola.

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



Mountain Top Quilters

P. O. Box 12961

Prescott, AZ 86304-2961