

The Summit, February 2008

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since I became a member of Mountain Top Quilters, I have often heard people complain that we have to send so much of our dues to AQG and we get so little in return. Last weekend several other board members and I had the pleasure of attending the annual AQG chapter chair meeting in Chandler. What a nice experience it was as we were able to meet with members of the AQG board and many chapter chairs from around the state. And it reminded me of the many benefits we receive which non-AQG guilds do not:

1. We have an opportunity to attend the spring and fall AQG meetings at which we may listen to programs and participate in workshops presented by national teachers.
2. We may participate in the yearly AQG quilt show by entering our quilts, volunteering at the show or donating a small quilt for the auction. Our admission to the show is reduced because we are members.
3. We may use the AQG Library. The list of available books and tapes is online and we may check them out for a 30 day period.
4. AQG provides us with insurance for our quilt show and retreats.
5. We are eligible to receive community service mini-grants funded by AQG. Mountain Top's Community Quilts group has been the recipient of these grants for several years.
6. We can utilize the Traveling Teachers program. This provides us with affordable programs and workshops from talent within AQG. They offer a wide variety of classes and we were fortunate to book several traveling teachers for the upcoming year.
7. Lastly, AQG membership allows us to network with other chapters. At the chapter chair meeting we were able to distribute our quilt show publicity to every chapter in the state. We, in turn, received publicity from other chapters. We are able to develop a camaraderie and cooperation between chapters.

So the next time someone asks why you would want to belong to AQG, you can reply, "Why wouldn't you want to?"

Happy quilting,
Joan Carrell
President

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the March newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the March newsletter articles will be Wednesday, March 5th at noon.**

SUNSHINE

Please notify *Corinne Windett* at 775-8982 or chucori@commspeed.net if you know of anyone in MTQ who needs some sunshine in their life because of illness, surgery or loss.

PROGRAMS

Udean Helton

Feb 18th: T.O.A.D. Program by Kay Denny & Sally Plummer. REMEMBER to bring two (2) Treasured Objects Almost Done. The membership will decide which one they want you to finish by February 2009. This is going to be a lot of fun! Please plan to participate.

Mar. 17th: Cindy Banna program on "What can I do to give my quilts some Pizzazz". Bring your pencil & paper there will be lots of INFO! This will be like a lecture and class in one. WAIT until you see this.

Apr. 21st: Heidi Pridemore lecture on "Exploring Color".

Apr. 22nd: Heidi Pridemore half-day workshop, "The Whimsical Workshop" playing with color. This class is open for registration \$40.

Visit www.thewhimsicalworkshop.com for more information. I've heard she's a wonderful teacher and her class is very informative and fun.

LIBRARY NOTES

Linda Marley

Library is now accepting magazines for resale

Please take a little time to clean out your quilt magazine collection. At the board's suggestion, the library will begin accepting this month any copies you want to pass on. Magazines will be sold for 25¢ each with the funds to go back to the library for purchasing new books. It would be a great help if you'd remove any personal identification from the magazines and also mark on the cover the month/year you are donating the materials. This way, if a magazine is not purchased within a few months, the library will know to pass it along elsewhere.

Thanks for suggesting new book titles. We're always happy to know what you're looking for to better serve our chapter members

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

February – the boutique committee will get the ball rolling for our Quilt Show Boutique.

March – This is the month of the offset log cabin with Barb Merkel. Be sure to put your name on the waiting list if you forgot to sign up.

April, Ann Novak will continue with the block of the month hearts for May, June and July.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

The second month of 2008 is already here and things are really gearing up in the chapter. Committees are hard at work on the June quilt show while members scramble to finish their quilts to display. In addition, members are busy creating their monthly heart block. And, the following are choosing *the* recipe to share with us at the February meeting:

Mickey Mellor, Barbara Merkel, Geo Mickelson, Carol Miller, Claudia Miner, Claire Moore, Adrienne Morrison, Phyllis Moss, Laura Meyers, Julie Nanke, Pat Naretto, Ann Novak and Lynda Ogelsby

Membership

Kay Harlan

If you have not paid your dues by December 31, 2007, you now owe \$40.00. Call me if you have any questions Thank you for getting your dues in on time.

New Members:

October: Rae Cooper; Bernice Johnson; Jan Hampton; Elsie Gatcomb; Lois Eldridge

November: Elizabeth Bourgault; Shirley Hanna; Helen Hawley; Judith Ritner; Nadine Pierce; Margo Harris; Marti Harbour

December: Sharon Phelps; Shirley April; Sandi Darby; Joan Foberg

January: Chris Anders; Sharon Andrews; Carolyn Coe; Jennifer Mees; Bobbie Mortensen; Carol Stafford; Jeanne Sellers; Barbara Wilson

We are really expanding and it's always great to have new blood along with new friends. Please take a moment to welcome our newest members.

QUILT CAMP 2008

Diana Ramsey

October 14th, 15th & 16th (Tuesday – Thursday)

Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott

Cost: \$120 (includes all meals)

Deposit: \$50 due at time of sign up

Diana will be out of town so see Judy D'Avignon to sign up at the February meeting if you are interested in joining us in the pines in October. There are about 7 slots left after which we will start a waiting list.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The T.O.A. D. Project

Kay Denny (Self-proclaimed Queen of the TOADs)

Mt. Top Members----come one, come all----you are "toadily" encouraged to participate in the February T.O.A.D. Project. What's a T.O.A.D. you ask? It's a Treasured Object Almost Done----definitely NOT to be confused with a Trashed Object Abandoned in Despair. Dig out TWO (not three, as previously noted) unfinished projects that you need encouragement to complete----bring them to the February 18th general meeting. You will show your TWO T.O.A.D.'s to the guild, telling us a little background on each (such as when you began the project, what kind of quilt project it is, why you haven't gotten "a round tuit"). The entire guild will vote on the T.O.A.D. you are to complete by the February 16, 2009 meeting.

Those finishing their T.O.A.D. will get a reward and will participate in drawings for GRAND PRIZES. The only penalty for not finishing a T.O.A.D. is banishment from the 2008 Royal Order of the T.O.A.D. (by order of the Queen)! T.O.A.D. support groups are encouraged!!!

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Susan Perry and Jeanne Vick

Some lovely items have been contributed already for the Quilt Show boutique; thank you so much. It would be wonderful if every member would help make the boutique successful and donate handmade items we can proudly sell at our boutique.

February Echoes' is dedicated to items for the Quilt Show Boutique. We will demo big bags, wine bottle vests, small wallets, a travel curling iron cover, postcards, and a children's apron. No need to bring your sewing machine or lunch (we plan to have a couple pizzas to nibble on while you take a look at all the things you can make). Please stop by the various tables, get a pattern, look at the samples and see how to make the item. We will have extra patterns and welcome the participation.

We plan to offer some sew days in future months with patterns and instructions for travel iron cases, cell phone bags and pin cushions.

Do you have a pattern you'd like to share? Would you like to offer your time and talents and don't know what to make? Please contact Susan Perry or Jeanne Vick.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, February 25th

9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Calling all TOAD-less Quilters!

Do you love quilting and your fellow man? Are you feeling left out of Queen Kay's project, but would love to finish a quilt??? Any quilt? Then make a beeline (or a slow shuffle) to the Community Quilts table at the next guild meeting and foster a Toad. We have adolescent Toads (they still have teeny tails) that need quilting and/or tying to be completed so we can place these treasured objects into the community to bring a big smile to someone who needs it. For those of you that have more time and energy, you can foster a Tadpole (kit) to work on from scratch. Give us a hand and this good deed is certain to warm the cockles of your heart! (what the heck are cockles anyway?)

And for those of you, who really have an interest in your fellow man, come to the work day as there are eligible bachelors at Las Fuentes. (hey, playing Cupid isn't easy!)

For the work day, remember to bring:

\$2.50 for pizza, or a sack lunch. Salad and dessert are provided. (Oooh, dessert ladies... February... hint, hint... chocolate???)

Reminder to Quilt Challenge participants:

Your completed quilts are due at the April chapter meeting to be voted on by chapter members and to award gift certificates to the top 4 quilts. If you are already finished with your grand creation, great job... if you haven't started, get cracking! To those in between... keep on truckin'. (note to self... truck on, gal!)

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.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

This month we'll be trading *Rough Edge Appliqué* heart blocks. Be sure to sign your name on the background along the lower right edge of the heart. (The BOTM gals have permanent fabric markers if you want to use ours.) Then place your block in a baggie with your name on it. Leave your baggie on a back pew. During the meeting your block will be swapped with another and you can pick up your baggie during our morning break.

I copied more BOTM sets (50¢ and some single heart patterns (10¢). Also, we are offering packets of beads, lace or ribbon for 25¢. These items were donated by one of our members. The money will be used to buy some supplies for some special upcoming workshops. We would love to accept any donations of buttons, beads, lace or ribbon that you no longer need. We will put them in more packets for the convenience of our members.

New Mini-Group for PV Members:

A few members who live in Prescott Valley are starting up a mini-group. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2008, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Mountain View Clubhouse at 5643 Granville Parkway. If there are any questions please call Ivy at 775-9265, or Kitty at 759-9972.

Carpooling to AQG Quilt Show Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15

Carolyn Edwards

During December and January, I have collected names of those interested in carpooling to the Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show on March 14 and 15, at ASU-West. I will do this again at the February 18th MTQ meeting. If your name is not on my list and you want to carpool, please find me, or call me!

In the few days after MTQ's meeting, I will be making phone calls to get all the drivers and riders together! What a great road trip it will be!!!

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Kay Denny & Sally Plummer

Now that the hubbub of the holidays is over, it's a wonderful time to think about that small quilt that you want to make for the Small Quilt Auction at the Quilt Show on June 7th. Please contact Sally Plummer or Kay Denny for information. We will be taking your donation at our monthly General Meetings.

Quilting in the Desert

Kay Wentworth, Summit Reporter

Quilting in the Desert is a quilt "camp" put on annually and it just wrapped up in Phoenix January 20-26, 2008. I attended it and thought that it was a very nice experience. I attended local teacher, Martha Nordstrand's class on quilted landscapes. Several hundred quilters attended.

Audrey Waite and Dee Lynn who give us "Quilt Camp in the Pines" every July in Flagstaff, also offer "Quilting in the Desert" each January in Phoenix (typically the 3rd week of January). The venue of Quilting in the Desert is different than the quilt camp in Flagstaff, which is on the campus of NAU. Quilting in the Desert offers housing at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (near I-17 and Peoria), and classes at Ottawa University a short distance from the hotel.

Class offerings are similar at both camps. National teachers give classes from half-day to 3-days long. The average price is \$80 per day with about 7-10 different classes a day to choose from. In addition, there are lecture events either at lunchtime or in the evening, and a closing banquet.

I have attended almost every session of both Quilting in the Desert and Quilt Camp in the Pines over the years. I used to attend several days of different classes, but have changed in the last few years. I now only take one or two classes at each event. I found that several days of back-to-back classes are too taxing.

For more information check online at quiltcamp.com.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2008

Mountain Top Quilters Board of Directors

At the general membership meeting on Monday, February 18, 2008, the members will be voting on the Proposed Budget for 2008 as required by the Standing Rules. The Budget was included in your email notification of the Newsletter and will be posted at the meeting for your review.

READ ALL ABOUT US

**go to the Mountain Top website address at
www.mountaintopquilters.com**

Prescott Area AQQ Quilt Show Entry Drop-Off Site Information

Carolyn Edwards

Quilt entries have been submitted, and quilters statewide are furiously getting those last few stitches in! Here is information for Prescott area quilters for getting your quilt(s) to the Arizona Quilters Guild Quilt Show. We will be asking for a show of hands at the February 18th MTQ meeting to get an idea of how many entries there will be. It would be helpful if you would give me a 'heads-up' if I am to include your quilt in my quilt round-up!

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

March 17 - MTQ's regular March meeting, and quilt show entries will be returned to quiltmakers.

The quilts will be going to ASU-West for "Intake" on Sunday, March 9th. If you have questions or need to make special arrangements, please call Carolyn Edwards.

There's Gonna Be a Quilt Turning!

Carolyn Edwards and Julie Nanke

A special feature of this year's MTQ Quilt Show, to delight and amaze you, will be a "Quilt Turning"! What is a "Quilt Turning", you ask? This is a special time when Quilt Show spectators can gather to hear enchanting "quilt stories". Most every quilt has a story...but some are better than others!

If you have a quilt with a good story, we want to include it in this Show feature! Take a look at your quilts and your UFO's that possibly could be finished by Show time.

Which ones have a good story? With this year's theme, "Everybody's Hometown Quilt Show", do you have a quilt whose story might tie into that theme?

We want to highlight about twenty quilts during this "Quilt Turning" feature. There will be three "Quilt Turnings" on Friday, with two on Saturday. A bed will be in place, piled with your 'quilts with stories'. Each quilt will be held up, and its story told. A "Quilt Turning" last occurred at the 2002 Quilt Show, and we thought it was about time to do it again! An application will be posted on our website in March. It will consist of a few questions about your quilt.

We're counting on you to share your good quilt stories with the wonderful world of quilting! Let us know if you have questions

Quilt Show June 5, 6, & 7, 2008 Prescott, AZ

The Quilt Show Committee is planning to transform the Yavapai College Gym on set-up day to make it into a very attractive venue for our quilts. Our vendor shops will be all the way around our "Courthouse Square" – and our quilts will be displayed in the center plaza. And just like Everybody's Hometown, we will have aisles named Gurley, Cortez, Goodwin, & Montezuma. 'beginning to sound like our hometown special place? Other familiar attractions at our show will be our Boutique, & our Small Quilt Auction, both selling items made by our members to benefit our guild – and of course Vendors . . . more of them than ever and most of their space has already been spoken for.

And we're trying a couple new venues as well. Our Quilt Turning will be held 5 times during the show, & you will hear details about those special quilts at our membership meeting in Feb. We will also be serving a simple lunch on both days of the show – more as a convenience to our members and our patrons.

Our Quilt Show Pins depict our Hometown County Courthouse superimposed on a Courthouse Square Log Cabin Block, They are available for sale (@ \$5 each) in the break room at our membership meetings - come take a closer look!

Our Quilt Show Committee is really looking forward to this show – more details will follow . . .

Carol Miller
Quilt Show Chair

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MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

January 21, 2008

Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

Joan made an announcement that it was Robin Yanak's 90th birthday and there would be a special cake at the break to celebrate. Joan thanked the Christmas luncheon and kitchen committees on a job well done. She asked everyone to start thinking about the June luncheon and volunteering to chair it with a friend. The approved signors on the account at Arizona State Credit Union will be changed to Joan Carrell, Pat Folsom, and Donna Sam Logan.

Treasurer's report is posted on the board outside the meeting room.

Opportunity Quilt - Kristi McHugh and Pat Folsom: \$1800 has been received so far and members were asked to take envelopes of tickets to sell.

They are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The quilt will be shown at the Congress Quilt Show February 22 and 23 and a sign up sheet was passed asking for volunteers to sell tickets at that show and the AQG Show in March.

Directory - Pat Gentner: Pat is preparing the 2008 directory and passed a list of members asking that they check their name, address, phone number, and email and make any corrections needed.

Quilt Camp - Diana Ramsey: Diana reported that sign up is going well with a limit of 30 people. The cost is \$120 with a \$50 deposit at time of sign up.

Newsletter - Diana Ramsey: She has been working on the change over to her computer and asked that if anyone is having difficulty getting the newsletter to please let her know.

Quilt Show - Carol Miller: The show is 135 days away!! She introduced the chairman of each committee working on the show and stated that there would be a meeting after the general meeting today. Carol stated that there would be a 'Bed Turning' at the show and asked if anyone had a quilt that they would like to include in this project. She asked for a show of hands of people who are entering quilts in the show. There will be workshops to take items for the Boutique and asked everyone to bring in a quilt for the Small Quilt Auction.

Hospitality and Quilt Show Boutique - Jeanne Vick: We had five visitors: Carolyn Stafford, Bobbie Moilenson, Jennifer Meese, Barbara Nelson, and Debbie Bodin who is Bettie Setz daughter. Debbie thanked everyone for helping her mother during her recovery from surgery.

Quilt Show Boutique - Jeanne Vick presented some of the projects that will be at the February ECHOS. A large tote, wine bottle vest, coloring apron with crayons, curling iron cover, wallet. NO MACHINE IS NEEDED....directions will be given out so that the item can be made at home.

Sunshine - Corinne Windett: She read a thank you card that was received from Rose Tuttle to the members. Carol Guthrie's husband passed away last week and a Celebration of Life will be announced. Sam Logan will be having surgery next week. Judy Eppler has shingles and we will keep her in our thoughts. Robin Yanak had a 90th birthday and the group sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Please let Corinne know if someone needs to be contacted or remembered.

Membership - Kay Harlan: Your AQG membership card will be mailed individually and will not be on the back of the membership booklet.

Membership dues are now \$40 payable to Mountain Top Quilters. New members are: Bobbie Mortensen, Barbara Wilson, Jennifer Mees, Jeanne Sellers, Chris Anders, Sharon Andrews, and Carolyn Coe.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: Reported that there will be no program for January and February. The March Program is an off-set Log Cabin quilt taught by Barbara Merkel. Directions will be handed out at the time of sign up.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: Susan explained what the committee does and listed the organizations who receive our quilts. They are: CASA, Stepping Stones, DPS, Catholic Social Services, Justin's Bags, Veteran's Education Program, Las Fuentes Care Center, Hospice of the Pines, Hospice Family Care, YRMC Hospice, VA Hospice, Hospice House, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Prescott Women's Shelter, Coalition For Compassion and Justice and Open Door. Kathleen stated that they meet the 4th Monday of each month at Las Fuentes Resort Village from 9:30am to 3 pm. Quilt kits are available to take home to complete. They also donate a quilt to the guild for an in-house raffle.

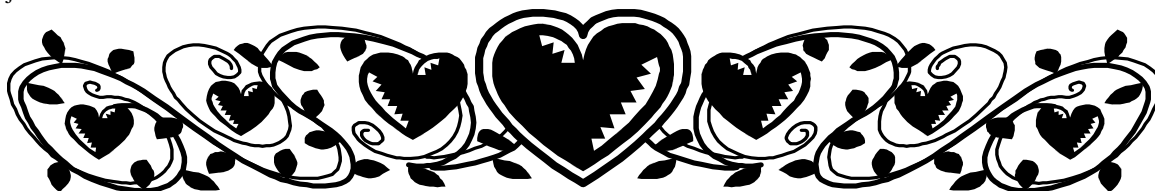
Programs - Udean Helton: January - Block of the Month. The Jacket class being taught tomorrow has two openings. February - Kay Denny explained the TOAD (Treasured Object Almost Done) project. Please bring two TOADs to the next meeting if you would like to participate and the group will vote on the one you should have finished for the February 16, 2009 meeting. You will receive a reward if you finish your TOAD. March - Cindy Banna who is a traveling teacher for AQG. April - Heidi Pridemore will have a presentation on color with a workshop the next day. The cost will be \$40. May - Quilt Show wrap-up. Udean will do a demonstration on half square triangles. June - summer luncheon.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 14 ladies who shared their projects with us: Carolyn Doyle, Sam Logan and her granddaughter, Marge Senior, Lois Eldridge, Linda Marley, Julie Dodds, Joan Carrell, Linda Coppola, Ann Novak, Dawn Valanas-Moser, Kay Denny, Elena Bowker, Bettie Setz and Sharon Heilman.

Program-Block of the Month - Ann Novak: This year's Block of the Month will be a friendship quilt with hearts. Embellishments, techniques, and finishes will be demonstrated by Ann Novak, Geo Mickelson, Julie Nanke and Linda Coppola. The pattern is on our website or you can purchase one here for 50 cents. It was announced that the Library is open again. The Board asked that old magazines be sold for 25 cents per copy and the money used to purchase new books.

AQG Quilt Show - March 14 and 15: Carolyn Edwards is arranging rides to and from the show. Please contact her if you need a ride.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember to Bring:

- ♥ **Food:** If your last name begins with Mellor to Ogelsby
- ♥ **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt projects
- ♥ **Library books:** Return overdue material

General Meeting

Monday, February 18, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

Monday, February 25 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village (level 1)
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.

Board Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2008 at 9:30 at the home of Udean Helton

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

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.



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