

The Summit, February 2011

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the USA in February we celebrate George Washington's birthday as well as St. Valentine's Day. When I lived in Australia, we did not hear about George Washington chopping down a cherry tree and then owning up to his effort. Let's cut George some slack and say he was doing a fine job of pruning the cherry tree!

Happy Valentines Day to you all. At Show and Tell we hear of all the love that is stitched into our quilts to be given as wedding presents, baby shower gifts, gifts to husbands and other significant loved ones in our lives. We keep the love flowing into quilts at the Community Quilts effort and that love is translated into warmth and comfort for the recipient. Thank you for the artistry that you all exhibit and are fostering through your quilting efforts.

At this time of year we are beginning to search for volunteers to take leadership positions in the Guild organization. Please consider your life long learning and leadership experiences and how you can put them to good use for the benefit of your fellow quilters by taking the opportunity to serve them on the board or other capacity and give them the benefit of those wonderful experiences you have had.

I would like to say that it has been a good experience for me to be on the board and to serve you as president this year. I would also like to thank the members of my board and the other folks who have taken the opportunity to do many things to make Mountain Top Quilters the wonderful place it is. Volunteerism pays wages that will surely make you richer than Midas.

Beverly

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 is Wednesday, Mar. 9th at noon.**

MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Barrett

We'd like to welcome new member, Mollie Harkness. Let's all make Mollie feel at home.

Be sure and update your directories with new members, address, phone or email change information we send out each month. If you have any questions, changes of address or updates, just give me a call at 775-8706, or send me an email at azbarretts@cableone.net or see me at the meeting. Thanks!

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.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

We are so fond of one another,
because our ailments are the same.
Jonathan Swift

What lovely ailments we in Mt Top have together, the joy of quilting and the pleasure of gathering to share our accomplishments and one another.

For February, the following are asked to bring a treat for all to enjoy during break time. Many thanks for your willingness to do so. *Carol Stafford, Joan Stanfield, Carol Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Charleen Stewart, Joy Swartz, Marsha Swirsky, Kathy Tavares, Jan Ticer, Thann Tolman, Linda Tremper, Carol Trumpheller, June Vance, Genevieve Van Den Hout, Nadeen Van Dyke, Gail Van Horsen, Jeanne Vick, Kathy Vinson, Ellen Von Brentano, Joan Vroom*

PROGRAMS

Kathy Dunn and Pat Folsom

Monday, Feb 21 Program: Treasured Objects Almost Done time. T.O.A.D. Queen, Kay Denny, and her "Toadies" will show us their completed Toad projects. As we all know the participants have been slaving over their projects for the past year, so, Kay has planned many rewards for her 'Toadies' hard work. And, the finale will be a Grand Prize.

Monday, March 21 Program: Mary Mashuta, a nationally known teacher, will present a trunk show and lecture. Mary is an author, a teacher, and a quilt designer, and is well known for her use of color and fabric.

Tuesday, March 22 Workshop: Mary will use her techniques in an all day class called "Long Beach Propellers". We have a few openings in the class at a cost of \$35.00. The sign up sheets and supply lists are at the Program table in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, April 18 Program: Nationally known teacher Sue Benner will present a lecture and trunk show. Her lecture will be "Fusing the Grid: Variations on a Square Theme". Sue offers many ways to work with rectilinear designs using fusible web, and creates a series of several art quilts based on the grid.

Monday, Apr 18(half day) & Tuesday, Apr19(all day): Sue will teach her techniques for developing new directions in color, working in a series, and experimenting with silk and other fibers. These techniques and ideas are the real basis for all her work. The resulting quilts can then be quilted in the class. The cost of the day and a half workshop is \$50.00. This class is filling up so be sure to stop by the Program table in the Fellowship Hall and sign up for this an exciting workshop.

ECHOS

Evelyn Russell, Jimmie Johnson

This month in ECHOS we are learning tips to help you make your patchwork perfect. If you did not sign up, call Jimmie or Evelyn for supply list. We will meet immediately following the meeting.

We need your input for ideas for future ECHOS programs. Have you seen something in Show and Tell you would like to learn - pattern or technique? **E**ducation, **C**hallenge, **H**elp, **O**pportunity, **S**ocial.

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TOAD TIME!!!!

A message from the TOAD Queen

Lights, camera, action! OK all you Toadies---it is finally T.O.A.D. TIME! Bring those T.O.A.D.'s to the February meeting and we'll entertain the troops with our stories---how we got them finished, when we got them finished, or IF we got them finished. See you there.

HOBBS BATTING PROGRAM:

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

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Alice Obrenovich, Tina Mc Cowan, Linda Coppola

Many thanks to Kathy Barrett and Susan Peterson for helping set up and take down at the workday in January. They are always so willing to help. One of the hardest things about setting up for the workday is wrestling those large heavy tables so members have a place to work. If any of you think your husband would be willing and able to come to one work day at 8:30 to help set tables up please give Alice a call.

This month quilts will be delivered to Birthline, Family Advocacy in Prescott Valley, hospices, and the VA hospital. This is the most fun for the Community Quilts committee members. Our thanks for all the quilts made by members.

A special thanks goes to Julie Dodds and others who every work day to make kits for quilts for us.

Reminder to volunteers who will bring food to the February 28th work day.

Coffee cake - Linda Coppola

Salad - Susan Perry, Joan Stanfield

Desserts - Kathleen Bond, Julie Dodds

See you on the 28th.

LIBRARY

Linda Marley

Due to a large donation of gently-used quilting books last month, the MTQ library has added to its collection. We now have 2 copies of "It's a Wrap II" so there's no waiting to start making bowls and even bags. Considered collectable is "American Doll Quilts" by Kathleen Tracy, along with a must-have by Barbara Brackman, "Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns." Looking for something Southwest? There are some great patterns of kokopellis and other kachinas in "For My Friends" by Gerry Kimmel. And finally we've added a second book relating to embroidery machines. Dozens of other titles have been added to "For Sale" table along with the magazines so please take time at this month's meeting and find yourself some good books or magazines.

By-Laws and Standing Rules Changes

Changes to the MTQ By-laws and Standing Rules were presented at the January meeting. The changes can still be found on the MTQ website for member review. They can be grouped into several categories: grammatical/spelling, minor wording corrections, movement of existing paragraphs under Standing Rules to segregate committees, and the addition of two new committee paragraphs/sections. The first additional paragraph is titled "Quilt Show" and specifies that the quilt show frames that are jointly owned with Thumb Butte are for the sole use by these two guilds. Secondly, the stand alone written process used by the MTQ Board for financial appropriations has been included. The changes will be presented again at February's meeting for review, discussion and **member approval**. Thanks to the Parliamentary Committee for all their help: Joan Carrell, Kay Denny, Sally Plummer and Susan Perry.

AQG Quilt Show Entries

A reminder that quilt entries for the upcoming AQG Quilt Show should be brought to the February meeting, along with paperwork, to hand over to Candy Lara. Candy is Joyce Cummings' daughter who lives in Mesa and is an MTQ member. She has promised to take our quilt entries to the Mesa Convention Center on March 7th, pick them up after the Show, and bring them back to us at MTQ's March 21st meeting.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Sharon Watt

The Opportunity Quilt Committee is looking for a volunteer to bind the quilt. We need someone who has experience with scalloped edges. Contact Sharon Watt at s.watt@mindspring.com if you would like to volunteer or see me at the meeting on Monday, February 21.

AccuQuilt Go! Fabric Cutter

Diana Ramsey

Many of us have had a lot of fun trying out our new quilting tool. New ideas have been blooming in our heads for the many possibilities with this new toy. I will bring the cutter to the next Community Quilt workday for those who haven't had the opportunity to try it and to allow those who have signed off to start working on some new quilts!

P.S. Linda Marley will be ordering a new book loaded with ideas for using the cutter in our quilting.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT SERVING MTQ

It is that time of year again when we need to find members to fill the positions on the board and head up the committees. Please consider helping out. The benefits are that you will get to know the members you work with and form new friendships. Not only that, you will learn new skills, or be able to put your skills to use that you learned elsewhere. I hope that you take the opportunity to be of service to MTQ so that it remains a happy place to grow in your skill of quilting and friendship with each other.

Two years ago I became a part of the board as President Elect with Sam Logan as the president. I got to know the ladies on the board and it was a very good experience. This year I have had the privilege of working with a new board and it has been a very good experience. I encourage all of you to give yourself the chance to serve on the board or a committee. A nominating committee has been formed and, when they call upon you, please say YES!

Thank you, Beverly.

DOODAD'S WANTED!

Beverly Markham

At the Chapter Chair meeting on Feb. 5, State President Marguerite McCray asked for donations of items for the AQQ Quilt Show raffle baskets. She apologized for not notifying the chapter chairs earlier, because the original plan was for the chapter chairs to ask the members to donate the quilting tools that they previously bought, and never used because they forgot what it was used for or found no use for it after they bought it. I suppose we all have something in our stash at home that we have not used and may never use but would like to find a place for it other than cluttering up our studios. So here's the chance to donate them for inclusion in a raffle basket. Please bring items that you would like to donate to the Guild meeting on Monday, February 21st for us to mail them in a flat rate box for the AQQ board to distribute in the raffle baskets. Thanks for making your sewing room less cluttered.

PADUCAH QUILT SHOW

Because we donated to the Paducah Quilt Museum, they sent us a very nice thank you note and 8 tickets for 8 of our members to enter the museum for free. If you are planning to attend Paducah this year, you can obtain a ticket from Beverly Markham. We must ask that the ticket be only used by a member of MTQ and not obtained for a spouse or family member. They have an expiration date of 12-01-2011. A few of our members have attended the quilt museum there and can highly recommend it.



MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AGQ, GENERAL MEETING

January 17, 2011

Sherri Hubbs, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Markham at 9:30 AM

Announcements:

- Thank you to Bud and Jim for the new cabinet.
- If you left a dish from the Christmas Luncheon please pick up in the fellowship hall. Annette Ladehoff read a letter from Stepping Stones thanking the guild for the Christmas gift cards. They were appreciated by all who received them.
- A report on the YCC donation: The foundation takes a 5% administration fee off the top of our donation. We gave 2 scholarships to 2 students.
- Accuquilt Go cutter will be at community quilts. Diana Ramsey will do a demonstration after today's general meeting.
- Candy Lara volunteered to take and pick up quilts to the AQQ quilt show in March.
- Membership percentage report: Thann Tolman reported 59.5 % attendance at each meeting and 23% leadership attendance.
- Carolyn Edwards announced the opening of the new quilt store at 220 Goodwin in the Firehouse plaza. Grand opening is Jan. 17-22.
- B. Johnson from Thumb Butte Quilt Guild announced classes they will be having in the coming months. February 14 Mary Lou Wediman will teach a day ½ classes on flower power, March Treadle machines lecture, April Susan Cleveland, and May Cindy Brick.

Hospitality: Thann Tolman: Our guests were Peggy Pate, Gerri Lindloff, Pat Dotseth, Cheryl Boquet, Pam Calhoon and Becky Haskill.

Membership: Kathy Barrett: Bookmarks for MTQ are now in the local quilt stores.

Programs: Pat Folsom: Barbara Poulsen did a trunk show and taught a painting class on Tuesday January 18. Our February meeting will be TOADS. March, Mary Mashuta will do a trunk show and teach a class on Tuesday. April Sue Benner will do a trunk show and teach a day and a half class.

Treasurer Report: Marty Lensink: Posted in fellowship hall.

AQQ Bus Trip: Carolyn Doyle will take sign ups today in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$25.00 and will be on March 12.

Fun Day: Susan Perry announced the board's plans for a Fun Day on May 17, 2011. There will be a \$60.00 charge which will include a ruler and fabric.

Community Quilts: Tina McCowan thanked all who brought in quilts today.

Echoes: Jimmie Johnson: February will be a class on fine tuning your pieced blocks, including pressing techniques.

Library: Linda Marley thanked everyone for making good use of the library. They made \$40.00 in November on fines and magazine sales.

Bylaws: Susan Perry read changes that were made to the bylaws and passed out copies to the members to read. Thanks to Susan, Sally Plummer, Joan Carrell and Kay Denny for all their hard work.

Show and Tell: Barbara Phiel, Barbara Merkel, Cindy Lara, Sharon Watt, Charlene Coxworth, Diana Ramsey, Betty Foley, Carol Hood, Jan Adams, Jan Smith, Macy Fordell, Pam Easley, Joan Stanfield, Betsy Quinn, Cindy Phare, Mary Jane Goodwin and Ann Novak

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

General Meeting

Monday, Feb. 21st, 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Remember to Bring:

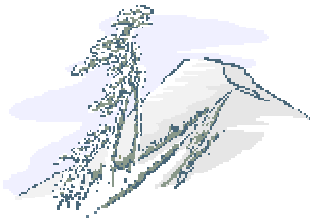
- ♥ **Refreshments**: Names Stafford thru Vroom
- ♥ **Community Quilts**: Finished quilts
- ♥ **AQG Quilt Show**: Doodads and quilt entries
- ♥ **T.O.A.D.s** – Finished projects or otherwise!

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, Feb. 28th, 9:30 – 3:30
Las Fuentes Retirement Center
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Monday March 7th at 9.30am at the home of Sheri Hubbs.
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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