

# The Summit, July 2009

## MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very excited about the new year in MTQ. I have a hard act to follow after Joan but hope this year will be as fun as last year and look forward to the presidency. We have so many excellent programs planned (thanks to our Program Chair's hard work) and I am sure we will all benefit from the teachers and classes we have scheduled. I would like to see the "Fun Day" begun by Joan and the previous board, continue and welcome any input and suggestions regarding this.

While I am new at this, I hope that I can be of help to anyone who has suggestions or questions for our membership. With the Board and the many committee heads we have in place, I see this as a year to go forward with our existing good work.

Thank you to everyone for the words of encouragement. That's what makes MTQ so special.

Regards,  
Sam Logan  
President

### Newsletter Deadline

*Diana Ramsey*

Please send all articles for the August newsletter to [MTNewsletter@cableone.net](mailto:MTNewsletter@cableone.net) or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the August newsletter articles is Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

### MEMBERSHIP

*Kay Harlan*

We would like to welcome our three new members:

Betty Blanset  
Suzy Palmer  
Cindy Phare

If you have changes to your address, e-mail or name, please let me know at the meetings, by phone, or by e-mail at [kharlan1615@q.net](mailto:kharlan1615@q.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.**

### SUNSHINE

Please let Corinne Windett know of any members who are ill, having surgery or has lost a loved one at 775-8982 or [chucori@commspeed.net](mailto:chucori@commspeed.net).

### QUILT CAMP 2009

**Tuesday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott**

*Diana Ramsey*

Are you still trying to decide if you want to sign up for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual quilting camp? Well, come on and join the fun! We need you to sign up as soon as possible since we will be opening up the registration to non-members after the July meeting. We still have plenty of openings for anyone looking to have a quilt-a-holic get together. Remember, you don't have to spend the night, or you can have your own private room if that makes the choice easier for you. ...And the food alone is worth every penny!

The balance of **\$70** is due at the July meeting for all who have previously paid the \$50 deposit. **Please make checks payable to MTQ** and give to Diana Ramsey.

### Grapevine Protocol

*Diana Ramsey*

The Grapevine is working very well and we are getting a lot of info out to our membership quickly and easily. However, please remember to call me by phone before you request a blanket email notice to be broadcast as I do not always read my emails every day due to travel plans, which could cause a delay in critical information being distributed in a timely manner. My phone answering program picks up on the 10<sup>th</sup> ring!!

## PROGRAMS

*Susan Perry*

Several wonderful programs have been planned for the summer months that you won't want to miss. This is a great time to bring out-of-town visitors or someone local that wants to get a few new quilting ideas. Stop by the Programs table and see what National teacher we have booked for November; you might want to get an early start on signing up for her workshop.

July 21 Program: Susan Vassallo will give her trunk show titled "Traditional and Innovative Art". This will be followed by an all day workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> using traditional techniques to create your own abstract quilt design. The workshop is full, though you can check on the 21<sup>st</sup> to see if there have been any cancellations.

July 22 All Day Workshop: Abstract Quilt Design utilizing traditional techniques

August 17 Program: Ami Simms will be here to give her lecture titled "Living with Quilts: A Survival Guide".

August 17- Afternoon Workshop: Ami will provide an afternoon workshop **How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch**. We have a few openings so be sure to sign up if you are interested.

August 18 All Day Workshop: Ami Simm's Twisted Sister. Ami created a template and pattern for a fun quilt. Look at her website to view a number of student photos (<http://www.amisimms.com/yourtwissis.html>) and get fabric ideas. We have some openings so be sure to stop by the Program table and sign up.

September 21: We will have Quick Sewing Tips.

## ECHOS

*Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkens, Evelyn Russell*

This month Barbara Merkel will be teaching her method for making the beautiful appliqué we so admire. There will not be an ECHOS program in August due to a class by Ami Simms. In September Geo Michelson will share her expertise for making beautiful crazy quilts. Be sure to sign up this month and pick up the supply list. In the planning stages are workshops on sewing and pressing seams to eliminate some of the bulk in your patchwork, and later making labels for your quilts.

If you have any technique or pattern you would like to learn, let Jimmie know. We have so many talented ladies in Mountain Top who are willing to share. Also, if you would like to share a technique or pattern, we are always looking for new ideas.

## REFRESHMENTS

*Dolores Schrock*

Quilters love color. And the greatest and most wonderful displays of color are nature's beautiful flowers. Did you know that in the Victorian age the flowers expressed the feelings one was unable to verbalize in society? Even today flowers stand as representatives. Take the birth flower of each month...for example, July. Those born this month, your flower is a pink Larkspur: blossom spikes that stand tall in spring and early summer express lightheartedness, beauty, an open heart, even fickleness. Some think the name comes from the Greek 'delph' for dolphin because the petals are like fins on a dolphin. Happy Birthday to each of you.

The following are asked to bring a treat to enjoy as we celebrate the birthdays of those born in July.

*Cristy Anderson, Marilyn Anderson, Sharon Andrews, Shirley April, Kathy Barrett, Sally Becker, Gloria Bess, Betty Blanset, Jeannine Bleicher, Kathleen Bond, Jennifer Bossom, Betty Bourgault, Beverly Bowe, Elena Bowker, Joan Burr, M.G. Buser*

A REMINDER...so we are all on the same track:

- Names for monthly treats are announced (alphabetically) in The Summit newsletter.
- Member participation is optional.
- Food items are ready to serve and can be eaten with our fingers. If preparation is needed, owner please step into the kitchen to prepare, e.g. cut cake
- A balance of non-sweet and sweet food is especially appreciated by all.
- All containers, lids, etc. have a NAME LABEL and are picked up after the meeting.
- Any remaining food is picked up by the owner, even that in disposable containers. The refreshment committee hates throwing away the food.

## Thank You from PAWS

*Merri Stitches*

Because of your generosity at the June luncheon we were able to collect 25 gift cards of \$10 for the Prescott Area Women's Shelter. This shelter provides women with a hot evening meal and a safe place to spend the night. They are highly dependent on volunteers and donations to help take care of an average of 15 people nightly. Carol, Debbie and Erica thank you all so much for making it possible to purchase extra food and some desperately needed plumbing parts to fix a leaking pipe. The PAWS Shelter is located at 336 N. Rush St., phone # 778-5933 for more information.

## Quilt Show 2010

*Kathy Dunn*

Last month we filled the remaining 2 open chair positions but now have an open position again. Sara DeRouchey, our Publicity Chairperson, has resigned due to unexpected family obligations. We are sorry to see Sara resign, as she has done a wonderful job. So we very much need someone to volunteer to take her place immediately if we want the Quilt Show to be a success. Sara has done a lot of the work already. She has designed the bookmarks and flyers and has started the process of getting our pins ordered.

Please contact me if you are willing to help. Thank You

## Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative Exhibit

*Kristi McHugh*

I am asking MTQ members to donate any **2" x 6" purple fabric** patches (light, dark, print, solid). These patches will be part of a ceremony of remembrance to raise awareness of Alzheimer's. Participants of the ceremony and viewers to the exhibit may write the name of a family member or friend who has or had Alzheimer's or a related dementia on the back of the patch. At the end of the ceremony, or as viewers leave the exhibit, the patch may be pinned on to wear throughout the day to honor and remember the 24 million individuals worldwide who have Alzheimer's and their families.

Please bring as many purple 2" x 6" patches to the July MTQ meeting. I will have a basket to collect them at the sign in area.

## LIBRARY NEWS

*Linda Marley*

The library reopens during this month's meeting with a new DVD donated by our May speaker, Peggy Martin. If you didn't get a chance to take her class, or need a refresher to finish your project, check out her Quick-Strip Paper Piecing technique.

Those taking Barbara Merkel's appliqué class in ECHOES this month might want to view the Pearl Pereira DVD as this is the technique Barbara uses for her award-winning appliqué. Of course, there is nothing like a good quilting book, and the library certainly has lots of those. Magazine sales will also be available during the meeting, so see Rosalie McDowell or Charlene Coxworth.

## HEART CHALLENGE QUILTS UPDATE

All the Heart Challenge Quilts were a "Treat for the Eyes". I'm sure they inspired others to finish their Friendship Heart Quilts. You picked Linda Coppola's innovative presentation of her exchanged heart blocks as your favorite in Group 1. A close runner up was Beverly Markham with her attractive sashing and border treatment. Both ladies received gift certificates to a local quilt shop. Group 2 had no individual entries. However, we remembered that Joyce Cummings was the first one to complete a Heart Quilt last summer. That quilt is now in the loving care of her niece, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Joyce was presented with a gift certificate for her contribution to inspiring us last year with the first finished Heart Quilt.

## FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

*Nancy Stewart*

The Fat Quarter Exchange is BACK!! Let's have some fun!! Each month we will have two categories; one color and one theme. Rules are very simple:

- 1) Bring as many fat quarters for each category as you wish, with a limit of only TWO for each particular fabric. That way there is a nice mix (a fat quarter is 18"x 22").
- 2) Fill in the drawing slips for each fat quarter submitted and place in the appropriate basket.

PLEASE, PLEASE bring only good quality fabric for the exchange, something that you would sew into one of your quilts. Some people in the past did not and this discouraged others from participating. So, please if you would like to donate this type of fabric, the gals in Community Quilts will be happy to put it to good use. Each winner will receive at least 4 fat quarters, depending on how many are in the "pot".

July's color is Blue, including baby, royal, navy, etc. So a blue Tone-on-Tone or one that has blue as the dominant color would be perfect. The theme is Patriotic, so we can proudly show off our colors

For those planning in advance, August's color is Yellow and theme is Stripes. Stop by the table for the list for this year's categories.

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

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

*Kathleen Bond and team  
Kay Denny, Reporter*

Community Quilts Work Day  
Monday, July 27, 2009  
9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Las Fuentes Resort Village  
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

In the new scheme of things, the New Year has begun. Can we top last year's 300 quilts given to charity this go-around? I bet we can! Join us for our monthly workshops. Don't be fooled at what looks like chaos---it's ORGANIZED chaos and our team leader Kathleen manages to get us to produce lots and lots while chatting, eating, and doing what we love---quilting.

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

Las Fuentes has requested that we park on the west side of the building. If the parking garage door is open, it's quick access to the work room as you are entering on the first floor. If it isn't open and you have a lot of stuff to take with you, drop the stuff off at the main entrance and then drive back to park.

For the work day, remember to bring:

\$2.50 for pizza or bring your own sack lunch. We all sign up to bring coffee cake, salad, or desserts about three times per year. Let's just say we're darn sure not going to starve.

Community Quilts is still collecting the 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 at the Community Quilts table.

### **"Burden Bears" Project**

*Kathy Tavares*

Thanks to everyone who made quilts for the "Burden Bear" project for Samaritan Village for Christmas. I'm still short about 30 quilts.. I will have a bag at the Community Quilts table marked for the "Burden Bear" project. They need to be about 12" square. No batting or quilting needed. I mainly need women's at this point.

If you have any questions please call me at (928) 717-0551. Thank you again to everyone who has donated.

## ARIZONA QUILTERS HALL OF FAME

*Gail Van Horsen*

There is now a page on the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame website for the Arizona Centennial Quilt Project. [www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org](http://www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org) I have been on the Board of Directors for the Hall of Fame for several months now and have grown to love their website. I encourage you to visit it. My favorite spot is the Gallery. Click on Gallery then on featured quilt maker. You will find the featured quilt maker of the month, her (his) bio and quilts. There are currently 18 quiltmakers featured. There is lots of variety in quilts and quilters in the State of Arizona.

Another great place to look is "Hall of Fame Award Winners" where Mary Andra Holmes' quilt "Winter Memories" is shown along with other winners from across the state.

### **"Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece"** **QUILT SHOW**

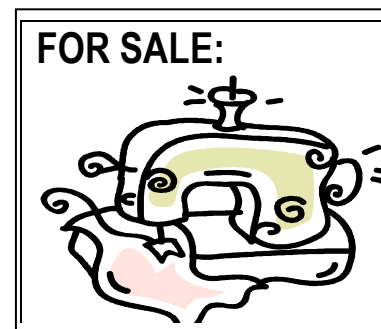
August 14 - 15, 2009 – Fri & Sat - 9 am – 4 pm

First Lutheran Church

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Ami Simm's lecture: Saturday - 10 am

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information.

## QUILTERS ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

*Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter*

"I think it's fun for us to get to know our fellow members. I'm starting with the board. And, who knows who I may contact after that. It might be you!"

**Sam Logan**---well, her real name is Donna---and here's the story of why she's called "Sam": when she was born (let's just say she's a baby boomer), her father was a Navy guy and was incommunicado in a submarine somewhere in the depths. When he finally got the word, the message was---"mother and baby fine." Since he'd been sure SHE was going to be a HE, his letters to home when they could be delivered always included a message to his son "Sam". He was more than a bit surprised when he returned home---but the name stuck and she's been "Sam" ever since. Well, except that her kids occasionally call her "Sparky" whenever they can get away with it---"Sparky" after their Jack Russell terrier who also could never sit still.

Sam is our new President and has been a member of Mt. Top around six years, though she's lived in Prescott for 30 years. She moved here from Tucson, but grew up in Indiana where she graduated from high school at age 15. While in Tucson, Sam was first a med tech in embryology and neonatology for five years. That field extracted a heavy emotional toll, so she then moved on to a 25 year career as an Executive Secretary. Her husband Dick works for Weber's Insurance in Prescott and they have two girls, two granddaughters, and two grandsons.

Sam's been quilting for 20 years and eight years ago began long-arming. She professionally machine quilts three days a week and dedicates the rest of her time to her family, her own quilting, reading, and cooking---and, of course, now Mt. Top. Her favorite colors are earth tones and jewels, but doesn't like blues and pinks. She loves picking colors and design work. Freddy Moran's crazy house quilts are her all time favorites.

"Sam", aka "Sparky", is up for the challenge of President---and I know she'll get great support from our wonderful membership.

**Beverly Ann Markham**, President-Elect, has been a member of Mt. Top for 10 years. She moved here from Mesa, but was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. From Australia she moved to Hawaii to enter college where she had won a scholarship in a writing competition. Along with living in Hawaii twice, she's also lived in Utah, Japan, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania where she and her pharmacist husband Bill lived for 20 years and raised their adopted son and daughter. They have three grandchildren.

In addition to being a stay at home mother, she ran a business making anatomically correct dolls for agencies on the East Coast for use with sexually abused persons. Her dolls were instrumental in putting sex offenders behind bars, in helping victims communicate with therapists, and in comforting extremely frightened children.

Beverly has been quilting off and for 28 years and says her favorite aspect of quilting is buying the fabric---which tops anything in second place. She favors strong bright colors, especially yellow, vibrant purples and "knock your eyeballs out" electric blue. She loathes the icky mint & chocolate & orange sherbet combinations---wondering "what knuckle head thought of those combinations anyway?"

She also scrapbooks and, after taking six semesters at Yavapai, has come to love weaving. She likes to do tatting using a shuttle and also made bobbin lace until her eyes decided the lace was too small to see properly. She made many regular dolls for her daughter and plans to make some for her granddaughter. Fabric manipulation ranks high on her fun things and she has created a figurative form which was accepted in an art exhibit in Pittsburgh. Beverly loves genealogy research and volunteers four hours per week in the Family History Center in Prescott. Right now she's busy with a vegetable garden. On top of all that (whew), she likes reading Harry Potter books and watching Harry Potter movies, with the Pirates of the Caribbean movies with Johnny Depp coming in a close second.

In the category of some fun facts about Beverly, at age 18 she won a roller skating competition and was crowned Queen of the Rink. She did freestyle skating competitions, did ice dancing, and even played roller hockey. And from 1970-1972, she was a missionary to Japan for the LDS church and is still fluent in Japanese

# MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

June 15, 2009

Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. Joan asked that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. Joan announced that Dolores Schrock needs a couple of volunteers to serve on the Refreshment Committee. If you are interested, please contact Dolores.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report are posted in the back of the room

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine - Corinne Windett announced that Dorothy Philblad is doing much better and hopefully we will see her soon. Sandy Lawson has a fracture in her back and will need bed rest for about a month. Carol Cooley announced that her daughter is getting married.

Membership chairman - Kay Harlan welcomed new members Marti French, Jan Hampton, Helen Jacobson, and Carol Trumpfheller.

Quilt Show - Kathy Dunn announced that plans are going very well. Diana Ramsey volunteered to be the chairman of the Quilt Hanging. Colleen Harlow and Jeannine Bleicher volunteered to co-chair the Site Decorations.

Opportunity Quilt - Carol Cooley and Charlene Coxworth: Carol asked the members to please take their envelope of tickets if they have not done so. Carol congratulated Thumb Butte Quilters on their beautiful show and thanked everyone who helped sell tickets for our quilt. We raised a total of \$294. Carol has pictures of the quilt (4 x 6 inches) for 25 cents and 8 x 10 for \$1.50 if you would like to put one in your purse. Hildy Smith made a motion to have the chapter cover the cost of the pictures and Judy Hughes seconded it. A vote was taken and it passed. Carol mentioned that the next show available to sell tickets is in October.

Hospitality - Susan Perry is away this month and because of our luncheon, there were no visitors.

Quilt Camp and Mini-Groups - Diana Ramsey announced that there are eight or nine openings for camp. If you are interested in going in October, please see Diana.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: In July, Barbara Merkel will teach her method of appliqué. There is a sign-up sheet and supply list in the back of the room. ECHOS will also be having a class on turning your seams in the blocks to make it easier to quilt.

Block of the Month - Ann Novak showed her quilt as a sample of what to do with your blocks. She was wearing a t-shirt with a block applied to it that had been made by B. Johnson. All of the quilts entered in the challenge will be shown during Show and Tell and we will vote on the winners afterward. Ann also showed a small quilt for the Burden Bears project.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond explained where this group meets, when and the time, and who the quilts are given to. Susan thanked the 28 ladies for signing up to do the challenge. The finished quilts will be due in March of 2010 and will be shown at the April 2010 quilt show. The finished size should be about 44" x 56". Participants must use 75% of the fabric in the bag and can only use 25% additional fabric. Kathleen announced that there are three quilt batts available to anyone who is ready to start quilting their challenge quilts. Carol Cooley has her quilt done and a few are ready to quilt. Kathleen suggested that if you have a lot of fabric left over you might want to make another one!

Programs - Kristi McHugh: Susan Vassallo will present a trunk show in July. The workshop the next day has one opening. If you have a focus fabric or panel, Susan will help you draft a plan to make an abstract quilt with it. Ami Simms, a national teacher, will be here in August. The Alzheimer's Initiative August 13, 14, and 15 is all set. Ami Simms will give a lecture at the show. There will be a class on August 17 on how to make your stitches smaller and is limited to 17 people. The cost will be \$18. On August 18 the class on "Twisted Sister" will be \$23 and you will need to purchase a pattern and template. Kristi thanked the members for agreeing to bring this show to Prescott. There will be no charge at the door and donations will be accepted. No pictures can be taken since these are art quilts. The value of the quilts in the show is \$84,000. Kristi has a sign up chart in the back for members to help in various areas of this show. Congratulations to Mary Andra Holmes for winning Best in Show at the TBQ show and she received a ribbon from the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame for her prize winning quilt.

Acknowledgement of outgoing committee chairs and board: Joan Carrell thanked everyone for all of their hard work for the past 18 months and gave each of them a gift.

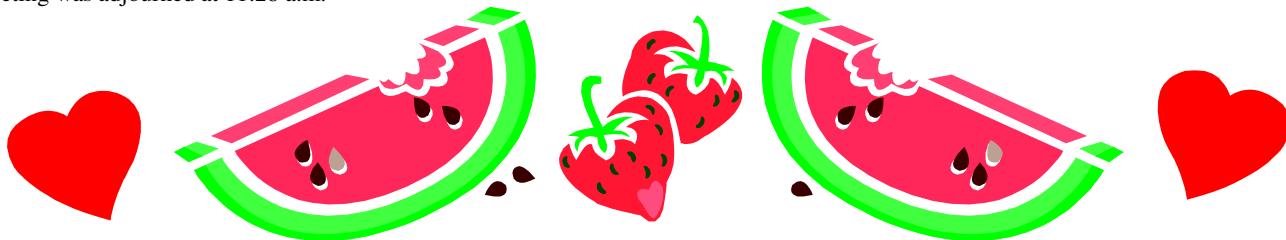
Installation of new officers: The new board: Sam Logan, President, Beverly Markham, President Elect, Susan Perry, Programs, Marty Lensink, Treasurer, and Judy Hughes, Secretary were installed. The approved signers on the account at Arizona State Credit Union will be changed to Donna Sam Logan, Martha (Marty) Lensink, Judy Hughes and Beverly Markham. Joan Carrell and Pat Folsom are to be removed as signers. Joan Carrell asked the members to please support this board and asked the new board to listen to the membership. Sam Logan thanked Joan for the wonderful job she did as President the past 18 months and presented her with a gift of a quilt and a half. Sam also thanked the ladies who made the president's quilt - Barbara Merkel, Mary Andra Holmes, Carolyn Edwards, Linda Coppola, Barbara Phiel, Kay Harlan, Jeanne Vick, Susie Martin, and Sam Logan.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 30 ladies who shared their projects with us. Fun Day: Linda Coppola, Diana Ramsey, Evelyn Russell, Joan Carrell, Charlene Coxworth, Kristi McHugh, Pat Folsom, Kay Harlan, Carol Miller, Nadine Pierce, Kay Denny, Ivy Chavez, Kitty Lynch, Sharon Phelps, Linda Marley, and Barbara Phiel. Other Projects: Jimmie Johnson, Barbara Phiel, Diana Ramsey, Linda Tremper, Beverly Markham, Jan Smith, Audrey Jessee, Sharon Andrews, Sherri Hubbs, Shirley April, Gloria Bess, Carol Miller, Nancy Gullikson, and Ann Novak. There were seven Heart Block of the Month quilts shown and voting took place. The winners were Joyce Cummings and Beverly Markham each received a \$15 gift certificate and Linda Coppola received a \$25 gift certificate.

Introduction of AQG board member Georgia Simpson: Sam introduced Georgia who talked about AQG and the chapter responsibilities. She announced some classes that are coming up and the schedule is available on the Patchwork Chatter website. There were questions from the members and Georgia explained AQG's position on various matters.

Merri Stitchers Game: The Hostesses for today's luncheon played a "can you guess who made this quilt and when" game. Thank you to the members who shared their "old" quilts with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.





## THINGS TO REMEMBER



### Remember to Bring:

- 🧺 **Community Quilts:** Finished projects
- 🧺 **Refreshments:** Last names from Anderson to Buser
- 🧺 **Alzheimer's Purple Patch:** 2" x 6" purple fabric patches (light, dark, print, solid)
- 🧺 **Fat Quarter:** Blue & Patriotic fat quarters to exchange
- 🧺 **Quilt Camp Payment:** Final payment of \$70 if already registered, or \$120 for new registrants
- 🧺 **Burden Bears Quilt:** Women's quilts 12"x 12"
- 🧺 **Library:** Items that are due this month

### Board Meeting

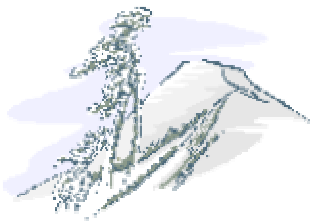
The August board meeting will be held Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Beverly Markham. Remember: Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Joan Carrell

### General Meeting

Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

### Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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