

The Summit, June 2009

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summertime is a great time for quilting. Even though some feel it is way too hot, I love to surround myself with fabric depicting summertime--soft florals, bright leaves, even fruits and vegetables. These are the quilts I love to bring out in the dark of winter to remind myself of the warm sunny days that will come again.

This is my last President's message to you. Many of you know that writing this monthly newsletter article has been my hardest, least favorite part of the job. My favorite part has been getting to know so many of you and finding out what a great, hard-working, fun-loving, food-loving, enthusiastic group of quilters you all are.

Serving for 18 months was more than what was originally bargained for, but I have been blessed with dedicated committee chairs and an outstanding board! I have one thing to say to all of you--THANK YOU. I hope you all will give new president Sam Logan the same support you have given me!

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the July newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the July newsletter articles is Sunday, July 8th at noon.**

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Marti French
Jan Hampton
Helen Jacobson
Carol Trumpfheller

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@cableone.net

If you have an announcement or something to bring to the attention of the membership, please contact the president at least one day prior to the membership meeting and ask to be put on the agenda. Thank you

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www.mountaintopquilters.com

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

QUILT CAMP 2009

Tuesday, Oct 13th – Thursday, Oct 15th
Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott

Registration forms can be found on our website at www.mountaintopquilters.com or see Diana Ramsey at the meeting to get a form. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot.

AQG VISIT

At our June meeting we will have a visit from AQG board member Georgia Simpson. She will be here to answer your questions and address your concerns about AQG.

Calling all participants in our April Fun Day! Our June meeting is your chance to show off your beautiful completed quilt tops. Please bring them for Show and Tell to share them with all of our members.

Hearts and Flowers Spring Luncheon

June 15th, Marie Love

Thanks to all of you who signed up to bring food for us to enjoy at the luncheon. The doors of the church will be open at 8:30 AM. Please remember to put your name and phone number on the bottom of any dish you bring. DO NOT bring a serving spoon or any other serving utensil. The church has plenty for us to use. If you have signed up for anything and then discover that you can't be at the luncheon please call Marie at 778-4822.

Please remember to purchase a \$10 gift card from any local grocery store or Wal-Mart and we will collect them at the luncheon. The cards will then be given to PAWS (Prescott Area Women's Shelter). These gift cards are always very much appreciated

PROGRAMS

Kristi McHugh

The May Peggy Martin lecture and two classes were very informative and so much fun. Her quilts are inspiring. Paper piecing using a 1/4" seam as well as many of her other techniques, make paper piecing much more friendly. We have her two books, and she graciously donated her DVD to our library.

June 15 Program: The Spring Luncheon, the Heart Block of the Month Challenge, and the Fun Day Show and Tell.

July 21 Program: Susan Vassallo lecture "Traditional and Innovative Art" Trunk Show

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

August 17: Ami Simms lecture "Living with Quilts: A Survival Guide"

August 17- Afternoon Workshop: How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch

August 18-All Day Workshop: Twisted Sister

LIBRARY NEWS

Linda Marley

Mountain Top library will not be open for check out in June because of the luncheon. Books checked out in May are not due until July, but can be returned this month if needed. Also, there will not be any magazine sales.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

We are looking forward to seeing some finished quilts showcasing embellishments on the BOTM Hearts. To make our Challenge more interesting we are awarding 4 gift certificates, a \$15 and a \$25 gift certificate for Group 1 and Group 2. Please place your Group 1 Heart Quilts on the pew where you traded your heart blocks. Place your Group 2 Heart quilts on the last pew to the left as you enter the sanctuary.

GENERAL VOTING DIRECTIONS

The quilts will be shown during the meeting and then placed at the back of the sanctuary for you to fully enjoy after the meeting while the Luncheon gals finish their preparations for us. You will be given a ballot to choose your first and second choice in each group. The ballots will be tallied and the winners will be announced during the luncheon.

Check last month's newsletter for detailed information on the Heart Block Challenge.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

A big thank you to Erna Greenway for her presentation on Color Pizzaz. All came away with a new approach to color planning.

Since we have our Spring Luncheon this month, we will not be having ECHOS. Coming in July will be the long anticipated workshop by Barbara Merkel on her method for creating beautiful appliqué. Be sure to sign up and get your supply list this month.

Upcoming ECHOS will feature Geo Mickelson sharing her expertise in making crazy quilts. Also in the planning stages is a workshop on making labels for your quilts and how to press those difficult seams to make patchwork quilts perfect. Do you have any ideas of things you would like to see in ECHOS? We have so many talented ladies in MTQ who are happy to share.

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts is 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 or Susan at the Community Quilts table. Thank you.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, June 22, 2009

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

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Community Quilts will be set up in one of the side rooms at the June meeting. Yep, neither rain, snow, nor a wonderful luncheon will keep us from our appointed work. Thanks to all 28 talented ladies who are participating in the Challenge. We hope your color choice is firing your synapses into a creative frenzy and not a creative frenzy. There is a change in the due date. You have an extra month to complete your quilts, which will be due at the March 15, 2010 general meeting. Now get busy, times a wasting and it is flying along at warp speed!

Starting in July, Kathleen will continue as chair of CQ. Kay Denny will take over as the CQ newsletter reporter. I'm certain as the reigning TOAD Queen, she will be able to encourage and nag the Challenge participants and let everyone know the goings on with Community Quilts in her humorous way.

For the work day, remember to bring:

\$2.50 for pizza, or a sack lunch. Salad and dessert are provided.

Choosing the right thread

Kay Wentworth, MTQ Reporter

Sewing threads come in different sizes which are indicated by a number or a letter. The higher the number, the finer the thread. When there are letters, A is finer and D is heavier. Polyester thread is somewhat stronger than cotton thread. One of the most popular all-purpose threads is "Dual Duty", which is polyester, wrapped in cotton.

If at all possible, it is best to use the same fiber in your thread as the fabric you are working on. In other words, if you are sewing with 100% cotton fabric, use 100% cotton thread. Sometimes it is necessary to use a different thread, for example: when quilting a pictorial quilt, it is often nice to use clear thread so that you can go from one color fabric to another without switching thread. Clear thread can be very challenging to work with. I have tried it in the bobbin with better results than on the top.

"Burden Bears" Project

Kathy Tavares

I am working on a Christmas project for the nursing home section of Samaritan Village to provide "Burden Bears" for the residents. These are 10" bears with a prayer attached that gives over the recipient's troubles to the "Burden Bear". This bear also has a 10" - 12" quilt attached to him. I need 75 each 10" - 12" quilts for the bears. These quilts do not need to be elaborate designs. These can be one piece of material on the front and one piece on the back. They do not need to be quilted nor do they need batting. The sides can be finished off with a serger if you prefer. I will need a few (10) that are not feminine looking as there are male residents.

I would like to have these no later than the July meeting as my family is going to be here in late July to help assemble each of these. We are making a total of 85 units. This doesn't need to be a complicated or time intensive project. Fifteen minutes or less should get you a quilt for this. If you have any questions, call Kathy at (928) 717-0551. Thank you for your help.

Arizona Centennial Quilters Project (ACQP)

Gail Van Horsen

The Centennial of Arizona's Statehood is coming up in the year 2012 and as quilters we want to have a quilt celebration too. The Arizona Quilt Study Group started the ball rolling and a group of quilters have begun to plan for quilting events during the centennial celebration. The ACQP has become a project under the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame. We hope to use the Hall of Fame as a base for quilters statewide and to aid in the spread of information about the project throughout the State.

Here are some of the projects that the ACQP will be working on.

- 1) A large commemorative quilt that quilters from around the state can participate in making.
- 2) Centennial quilt challenge for all quilters.
- 3) Centennial Fabric design.
- 4) Quilt Documentation days to expand the work of *Grant Endeavors*.
- 5) Education for school children about the role of quilting in our state.

The Arizona Centennial Quilters Project meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in Phoenix at the Offices of the Arizona Quilters Guild. If you have any questions please contact Gail Van Horsen at gvhmail@aol.com or (928) 775-9933.

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

May 18, 2009

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. At the June membership meeting we will have an AQG representative who will talk about the responsibilities of each chapter and answer any questions members have. Please consider addressing any concerns you may have at this time. Joan presented the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 term: Sam Logan-President, Beverly Markham-President Elect, Susan Perry-Programs, Judy Hughes-Secretary, and Marty Lensink-Treasurer. Joan asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and there were not. Jan Ticer made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Jeannie Vick seconded the motion. The members voted and approved the new board for the coming year. Joan announced that the appropriations committee received a request for an Accuquilt Go Fabric Cutter that will cut 6-8 layers of fabric at a time. The cost is approximately \$350 for a basic set up. More dye cutters can be added later for an additional charge. The members asked if we could have a demonstration by a company representative. This cutter will be available for all members to borrow at any time. After much discussion, the members concluded that we should table this motion for now and look further into the expense.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine - Corinne Windett announced that Mary Jane Buser is having some respiratory problems and is at home and would appreciate receiving cards from the members. Welcome back to Nadine Pierce who had hip replacement surgery. Welcome back also to Sally Plummer who had back surgery. Congratulations to Corrine who announced that she is going to be a grandmother.

Membership chairman - Kay Harlan asked the members to please not put the chapter show pin on the name tags because it will crack the plastic. Replacement is at the expense of the member.

Quilt Show - Kathy Dunn was not at the meeting today and Joan Carrell announced that there have been several planning meetings this past week. There are still two committee chair positions open. If you are interested in chairing the Hanging or Site Décor committee, please contact Kathy. Kathleen Bond mentioned that she has chaired the Hanging committee several times and it is not as complicated as it sounds.

Opportunity Quilt - Carol Cooley and Charlene Coxworth: Carol passed around a basket with tickets for sale and asked the members to please take their envelope. Returned tickets can be placed in a basket in the back of the room. A clip board was passed for members to sign up to sell tickets at the Thumb Butte Quilt Show. A total of \$229 was collected in ticket sales at the Lonesome Valley Quilt show.

June Luncheon will be next month and most have signed up to bring food items. Help is still needed in the Set Up and Clean Up areas.

Hospitality - Susan Perry: Susan was not at the meeting and Thann Tolman filled in for her. Thann welcomed five visitors this month. They are: Helen Jacobson, Marti French, MaryGen Busey, Kris Topper, and Carol Trumpfheller. Helen, Marti, and Carol all joined today. Welcome!

Quilt Camp and Mini-Groups - Diana Ramsey: Diana announced that the list for camp is filling up so if you are interested, please see her. A deposit of \$50 will hold your position and the remaining \$70 can be paid in August. Carol Cooley will be chairing the Mini-Groups starting next month and if you are interested in joining a group, please see Diana this month and Carol next month.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: The workshop today will be a talk given by Erna Greenway about color theories. In July, Barbara Merkel will teach her method of appliqué. ECHOS will also be having a class on turning your seams in the blocks to make it easier to quilt.

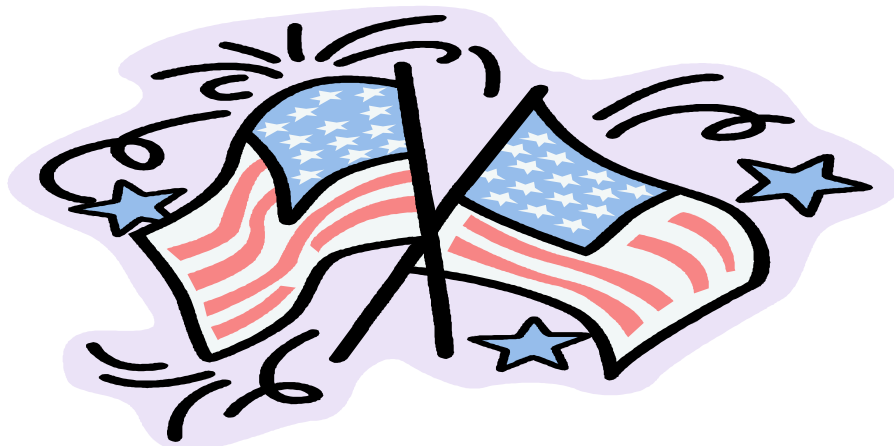
Block of the Month - Ann Novak: Ann reminded everyone that next month they should bring their heart quilts to show. There will be prizes given in two categories. Ann also has the 25-cent box of trimmings if anyone needs additional supplies.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: Susan thanked the ladies who came for the CASA adoption this past weekend. Photos will be on view at the Community Sew meeting next week. The 25 bags for the Challenge Quilts will be in the Fellowship Hall and each bag will be \$2 and will contain material for you to use. The finished quilts will be due in March of 2010. 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. These quilts will be shown at the April 2010 quilt show.

Programs - Kristi McHugh. The Alzheimer's Initiative August 13, 14, and 15 is all set. Ami Simms will give a lecture at the show. Peggy Martin is here today to give a lecture on quick-strip paper piecing. Peggy will have a workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Our MTQ spring luncheon will be in June. Susan Vassallo will present a trunk show in July. The workshop the next day is filled but Kristi recommended putting your name on the wait list. Ami Simms will be here in August. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Kristi announced that there was a "surprise" for us all. She asked Bettie Setz to make the introduction. Bettie introduced her very good friend, Mary Bucey who entertained the members with a comedy skit titled "Growing Old Is Not For Wimps!"

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 12 ladies who shared their projects with us. They are: Linda Marley, Judy Hughes, Charlene Coxworth, Betty Foley, Barbara Merkel, Kay Harlan, Carolyn Hamilton, Shirley Hanna, Joan Burr, Carolyn Edwards, Gail Van Horsen, and Beverly Markham.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.





THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

★ **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt Projects

Board Meeting

The July board meeting will be held Monday, July 6, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Susan Perry. 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 June 15th - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

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Monday, June 22 - 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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