

The Summit, March 2009

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last week, as I attended the memorial service for Laura Myers, I looked around at the other guild members in attendance and reflected on the tie that binds us together. Certainly we all come from different ethnic and financial backgrounds. We don't always agree politically nor do we practice the same religion. Yet we are always there for each other. We comfort each other during a serious illness, the loss of a spouse, a family member or friend. We support each other when a son or daughter goes off to military service. We rejoice with each other in the birth of a new grandchild or the celebration of a milestone anniversary.

The name of one of the chapters belonging to AQG is The Sisterhood of the Traveling Quilts. I believe we are a sisterhood, and the bond that links us initially is quilting, but the bond that keeps us together is the concern that we have for other members of our sisterhood. It is a sisterhood of which I am happy to be a member.

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

"(The) T-shirt read: Don't Call It A Stash, It's My Life."
Wild Goose Chase by Terri Thayer (Chap. 16)

"He (soon) learned that quilters need new fabric just as painters need paint and sculptors need clay."
Circle of Quilters by Jennifer Chiaverini (Chap. 2)

Each month our taste buds find pleasure and satisfaction with a variety of finger-foods just as our eyes and hands find the same from seeing and using our "stash". The following have volunteered to provide eye catching treats for our pleasure this month. Thanks to each of you.

Kathy Barrett, Joan Burr, Charlotte Caldwell, Sandy Duncan, Kathy Dunn, Pat Folsom, B. Johnson, Juliette Kellerhals, Jackie Kimsey, Rosalie McDowell, Nancy Michalsky, Claire Moore, Adrienne Morrison, Phyllis Moss, Julie Nanke, Jacque Tillotson, Talitha White, Barbara Wilson, B'Anne Younker

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.

BIG HEART CHALLENGE

Ann Novak

We'd like for everyone to see and appreciate the fun of embellishing as seen in our heart blocks this year. So we're offering a **BIG HEART CHALLENGE** which is a finished Block of the Month item* to be shared at the June luncheon. Members will vote on the two items they like best in the two categories below. Gift certificates to quilt shops will be awarded to the two favorites in each group.

Category #1: Six or more signed traded heart blocks (you can include one of your own). The color combinations would be pink, rose, cream and/or tan.

Category #2: Six or more heart blocks, with each one using a different embellishment, with all the blocks being done by you. The color combinations are wide open to your own pleasure. Also you may want to use baby fabrics, all plaids, dots, stripes, batiks, neons etc.

**The finished Block of the Month item could be: a wall hanging, a lap quilt, a baby quilt, a table runner, a banner, etc. Other blocks, motifs, sashing and borders can be added.*

PROGRAMS

Kristi McHugh

The Peggy Martin Workshop has been so popular, and the waiting list is growing so long, that Peggy has offered to add a Wednesday Workshop too. She will repeat the Evening Star workshop. If you are interested in signing up please email or call Kristi.

The February Treasured Objects Almost Done (TOAD) Program was so much fun. So many of us completed our long, lost projects. Kay did a wonderful job as the Toad Queen. Her thoughtful gift bags and baskets were much appreciated. The membership voted to participate in another TOAD challenge in 2010. Thanks Kay!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

(for a supply list contact the MTQ Program Chair)

March 16: Program Sheila Arnold Trunk Show

March 17: Workshop Seminole Piecing

April 20: Program "Paintstiks Pizzaz"-Bernina Connection & ½ day Paintstiks Class

May 18: Program "Beyond Tradition" with Peggy Martin (Quick Strip Paper Piecing)

May 19: Workshop Evening Star Class
www.peggymartinquilts.com

May 20: Workshop Evening Star

June 15: Program Spring Luncheon

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

July 22: Workshop Abstract Quilt Design Class
www.susanevassallo.com

August 17: Program "Living With Quilts-A Survival Guide" with Ami Simms

August 17: Workshop "How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch"

August 18: Workshop "Twisted Sister"

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

Our last trade will be the yoyo trade. The background will be tan with pink hearts and yoyos. Place your signed yoyo trades on the back pew of the church as usual. For all you who are playing "catch up", I have a special set up for you at the Block of the Month table in the Fellowship Hall. I will have a folder set up for each month's trade with an appropriate heart block inside. Bring in your finished blocks with month and the embellishment written on the back of your signed block. Then take out the one that's in the folder and replace it with your own.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, March 23, 2009

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

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Community Quilts was recently bequeathed a sewing machine from a local hospice patient. She was a recipient of one our quilts and it was her wish upon her passing that we make use of her machine to continue making quilts that bring comfort to those in need. We thank her husband for his generosity. The machine has already been put to good use at the February work day. Thanks are extended to Phil at Central Sewing, who was kind enough to service this machine at a reduced rate for Community Quilts.

The March breezes are bringing a hint of spring and a new Community Quilts Challenge in the works. Are there any brave (or foolhardy) souls who are tempted to think outside the box (or the bag)? We promise there won't be any 6" squares... well, maybe a few! Stay tuned.

Keep working on those CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) quilts... they need to be turned in by the April meeting for the May adoption ceremonies.

For the work day, remember to bring:

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

FONS & PORTER'S SUBSCRIPTION

Pat Folsom, Treasurer

Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting Magazines offers a special subscription to all MTQ members. For \$20.00 a member can receive a year's subscription to Fons & Porter (which includes the shipping and handling)! And, **the best part**, MTQ is able to keep \$5.00 per subscription, with the remaining \$15.00 submitted to Fons & Porter.

Support MTQ and receive a one year subscription to a great quilting magazine.....how good can it get in these tough economic times! See Pat Folsom at the MTQ general membership meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009, with a **\$20 check made out to MTQ**. Pat will have the subscription forms which are quick and easy to complete. Great price, great magazine, and a **very good deal for MTQ.....and you!**

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

Audrey Jessee is teaching redwork embroidery including information on the history of redwork, needles, thread, stitches and patterns. Audrey is a redwork enthusiast and will inspire all.

Ideas for future ECHOS workshops are welcome - what would you like to learn or see. Or do you have a talent you would like to share. The "O" in ECHOS stands for "Opportunity" to share the many talents of the members of MTQ. One talent we would like to find is making labels for quilts. Do you make interesting, decorative, and creative labels for your quilts and would like to share with us. Contact Jimmie.

The ECHOS workshop in April will be replaced with a workshop on Paintstiks by someone from The Bernina Connection in Phoenix. This is a fun activity to expand your creativity. See Kristi for signing up

LIBRARY NEWS

Linda Marley

Now that the rush is over for TOAD projects and quilt show entries, how about taking on a miniature quilt project? The library has added six great books on miniatures, located in the 690 section, as well as four on larger quilts donated from our dear late Rose Tuttle. We will also have some miniature patterns and other books that will be sold along with the usual used quilt magazines at our regular meeting.

If you want to know about the speaker for our May meeting, Peggy Martin, the library has two of her quick-strip paper-piecing books. Look for books 341 or 349 in the foundation piecing section of the library.

Our fiction selection has been very popular with our members on these dark winter nights. There's nothing like curling up under your quilt with a good book of fiction about quilters. Mountain Top's library offers fiction books by Earlene Fowler and Jennifer Chiaverini.

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

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

BUS TRIP TO AQG QUILT SHOW IN MESA MARCH 14

Kay Denny, coordinator

Departure: Sat., Mar. 14. Out and back same day.

Load time: **6:45 am** Bashas' in Prescott

Departure from Prescott: **7 am**

Second Pickup at Fry's in Prescott Valley:

as soon as the bus arrives, approximately 7:10 am

Departure from Mesa Convention Center:

Load time: **4 pm**

Departure: **4:15 pm**

I will be there to check your name off as you board on both ends of the trip. Those of you who know me well, know that NOT A MORNING PERSON DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COVER IT!!!! So, please do not be offended if I forget your name---I've been known to forget my best friend's name and once I even called my sister by our dog's name!!!

IMPORTANT!!!! PLEASE READ!!!!

Admission to show: When we arrive, we will enter a door just for tour groups. At that time, you MUST show your AQG membership card (it's bright lime green). If you do not have yours, please immediately contact the AQG membership chairman (not the Mt. Top chairman). You will be responsible for an additional charge if you don't have your card. We will be given wrist bands at entry. If you check your AQG newsletters, you'll find some lunch places within walking distance and you'll need the wrist bands for re-entry.

The bus company requests we do not use "hair spray, perfumes, or aerosol sprays on the coach in consideration of other passengers and to prevent damage to the windows and upholstery". And, "it is illegal to allow any glass containers, alcohol, or smoking on the coach. You may bring bottled water or soft drinks in resealable plastic bottles. Snacks are permitted, with the exception of chewing gum, sunflower seeds or any variety of nuts in the shell. Individual coolers or bags are permitted on the coach under your seat. Larger items may go underneath the coach in the luggage compartment". And, sorry ladies, they say NO CHEWING TOBACCO!!!!

Hokey, dokey---I think that about covers it! See you on the 14th!

Opportunity Quilt

Linda Marley

The committee is breathing a sigh of relief as the last borders are being added to the 2010 Opportunity Quilt before it is sent off to the machine quilter this month. That committee currently includes Linda Cappola, Kristi McHugh, Pat Folsom, Audrey Jessee, and Linda Marley.

Thanks to all our appliquéers: Barbara Merkel, Sally Becker, Joyce Cummings, Mary Andra Holmes, Julie Dodds, Sharon Heilman, Barbara Phiel, and Carol Hood. Praise also to our piecers: *Kathleen Bond, Joan Carrell, Linda Coppola, Carolyn Doyle, Carolyn Edwards, Pat Folsom, Janice Key, Linda Marley, Susie Martin, Kristi McHugh, Carol Miller, Evelyn Russell, and the late Laura Myers.*

Finally, thanks to all the members who donated green fabric for the appliqué leaves. All that is left will be to sew on the binding, so if anyone would like to volunteer, see Linda Marley.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Please welcome the following new members to our chapter: *Nancy Cannon, Carolyn Hamilton.*

Also congratulations to Elin Lundberg on her recent marriage. Her new name is Elin Myers.

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

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



QUILT CAMP

Diana Ramsey

Get on the roster for Quilt Camp 2009 and come join the fun, laughter and sharing with 29 of your (soon to be) best friends! Diana will not be at the March meeting but you can still sign up with Sam Logan. Your deposit of \$50 will ensure you have a spot for October 13, 14, & 15. Total cost is \$120 which includes all meals.

Free Quilt Displays

Year-round, here in your community

Kay Wentworth, MTQ Reporter

Did you know that there are places in the Prescott area which always have quilts on display. You can see them for free.

Medwise on Gail Gardner: The quilt display is free, but the service might cost a lot! Pam Wise has loads of antique quilts in very good shape all over the Medwise facility. The quilts are in every room except exam rooms and bathrooms. Go get a screening and check out the fabulous quilts.

Prescott Public Library on Goodwin Street: Not only is there a giant "library quilt" above the front desk, but there are other quilts displayed next to it. If you haven't seen the recently remodeled library, you need to go. The results are fabulous.

The Adult Center on Rosser, off of Highway 89: There is a rotating quilt display furnished by the Thumb Butte Quilt Guild. The quilts are changed out many times each year. Drop by and have a meal or play bingo and check out the quilts.

There are way more places that I don't know about. Doctor's offices like Kathy Beeson's perhaps, downtown stores like mine, Solstice in the Hotel St. Michael. I have 7 quilts hanging up in my store. Leigh Hay-Martin always has quilts displayed in her store in Jerome. You can go to Sharlot Hall, in the Victorian-type building in the front and find out when quilts are being quilted by hand.

In this "down economy" there are creative ways to see quilt displays for free.

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MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

February 16, 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. Dolores Schrock has a few items that were left behind from the Christmas luncheon and asks that they be claimed. Today is the last day to sign up for Fun Day, April 28, 2009. There are only two openings left for this event so see Kristi McHugh to sign up. Joan announced that the Red Rock Quilters in Sedona will be having a quilt show May 2, 2009. The Copper Thimbles will also have a show in Kearny, Arizona on March 27-28, 2009. The theme chosen by the board for our next show is Pieced Memories New and Old. We still need a chairman for the quilt show so please consider this position. Three of the board members attended the AQG Chapter Chair meeting in Chandler, Arizona last weekend. The AQG board will be sending a member to our chapter within the next year to address any questions we have. Each Chapter will have this opportunity to communicate any concerns to the AQG Board. The AQG quilt show is still in need of volunteers for the March 14-15 show. Volunteer forms are in the Chatter or available on line. The AQG Library is open to all members in the state. This is a good way to preview books before we purchase them. AQG will pay the postage to send books to you and you only have to pay the media rate to send them back. Forms are available on the AQG website. If you are interested in purchasing opportunity tickets for the AQG quilt, please see Joan Carrell. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drop off location for entries in the show will be at Quilt and Sew Connection. Please have them there by March 6 so that Joan can take them to Mesa on Sunday, March 8. Caroline Edwards will be picking up the quilts and bringing them back to Prescott after the show. Sam Logan asked everyone to please consider filling a position on the board or a chairmanship. If anyone currently holding one of these positions wants to continue, please let Sam know.

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

Budget - The budget for January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 and the estimated budget for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 was published in the newsletter and presented today by Pat Folsom. Pat answered questions regarding some of the items. A vote was taken on the six-month budget and it passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine - Corinne Windett: Please keep Laura Meyers and her family in your prayers as she is in failing health. Masako Wolfe is home now after breaking her elbow and she sent a thank you note to everyone for all of their cards and concerns. We congratulate Kay Harlan and her husband on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Kay's husband recently had heart surgery and is doing well. Jeanne Vick recently had rotator cuff surgery and is doing well and attended today's meeting. Congratulations to Elin Lundberg who is getting married this coming weekend.

Membership chairman - Kay Harlan: Kay reported that the new rosters are ready and can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. These will be for one and a half years and there will be space available on each sheet to make any additions. She passed a membership roster for everyone to check the spelling of their name or indicate if they want their name tag to be printed with a shortened version of their name. Pat Gentner and her husband, Tom did all of the work on the directories and Kay asked everyone to please thank them or send a note of thanks. Kay welcomed new member Nancy Canyon to the chapter and handed out name tags to those who joined last month.

Library and Opportunity Quilt - Linda Marley: Linda thanked all of the ladies who have been helping her in the library and reminded the members that they can check out books and DVD's from the library for a month and return them the next month. We have a large selection on many topics to choose from including fiction. There are two new additions to the library: Uncovering, and Darlene Miller's book. The fine is \$1 a month for late returns. Linda announced that the opportunity quilt center is sewn together and plans to have the borders sewn on by the end of the week. There are 4,900 (some) pieces in the quilt and we had about 20 people working on it. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

Hospitality - Susan Perry: Susan welcomed four visitors this month. They are: Davyne Parker, Patti Range, Carolyn Hamilton and Lyn Bennett.

Quilt Camp and Mini-Groups - Diana Ramsey: Camp will be October 13, 14, and 15, 2009 and Diana is accepting reservations today. The \$50 (non-refundable) fee is due at the time of sign up. The total cost is \$120 and includes meals. If you are interested in signing up for a mini-group, please see Diana and she will help you connect with one.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: Jimmie mentioned that a group of ladies pieced together the blocks that Laura Meyers had completed and took the quilt top to her. Laura was very happy to see her quilt all together. The workshop today is paper piecing and will be held after the meeting today. Next month's workshop will be redwork and there is a sign-up sheet for it. ECHOS will not meet in April as Bernina Connection will do a workshop.

Block of the Month - Ann Novak: There are only two blocks left to do. The block today is reverse appliqué and the March block will be yoyos. Please complete your block-of-the-month quilt (at least 6 blocks) by the June luncheon to show. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: traded blocks and self-made no trade.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: Kathleen announced that they have muslin sleeves for a quilt on sale for \$1. Available lengths are 108", 140", and 180".

Programs - Kristi McHugh: Today is 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. The April program will be given by Bernina Connection on the use of paint sticks. A May lecture by Peggy Martin will be on quick strip paper piecing. Peggy will have a workshop the next day. Susan Perry mentioned that Peggy's classes are great and suggested that we go to Peggy Martin's website for ideas. Kristi showed a sample of the project (sent to her by Peggy) that will be worked on in the workshop and it is beautiful. Our MTQ spring luncheon will be in June. Susan Vassallo will present a trunk show in July. Kristi is arranging to have Ami Simms come in August

and mentioned the arrangements and fees to bring the Art Quilt Show August 14 and 15. Sam Logan made a motion to bring the show to Prescott and Pat Folsom seconded it. A vote was taken and passed to book the quilt show. Kristi showed a quilt donated from Community Quilts to be raffled off in a two-day event at this show.

AQG Bus Trip and TOAD Project - Kay Denny: The bus trip will be March 14 to Mesa for the AQG quilt show. Kay will continue taking reservations today and payment of \$17 should be made at the time of sign up. At the end of the meeting today she will offer any remaining seats to non-members for \$25. Please fill out an emergency notification sheet for the bus company. The pickup places will be:

6:45 a.m. Prescott Bashas grocery store

7:10 a.m. Prescott Valley Fry's grocery store

Please remember to bring your AQG membership card for a discount on admission.

We will board the bus to return at 4:15 p.m. and leave Mesa at 4:30 p.m.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 15 ladies who shared their projects with us. They are: Linda Coppola, Barbara Phiel, Betty Foley, Judith Ritner, Thann Tolman, Sharon Watt, Jeanne Vick, Sharon Phelps, Jan Smith, Joyce Cummings, Evelyn Russell, Hazel Karetov, Adrienne Morrison, Sally Plummer, and Carol Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:



Community Quilts: Finished projects



Library books: Books that are due



Snacks: if your name is listed

General Meeting

Monday March 16th - 9:30 am
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Board Meeting

The April board meeting will be held Monday, April 6, 2009 at the home of Joan Carrell.

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

Community Quilts

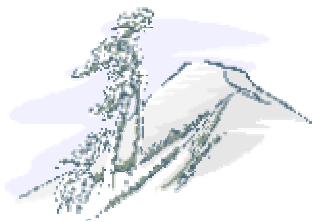
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Las Fuentes Resort Village (level 1)

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.



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