

The Summit, March 2010

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Spring is just around the corner! We have the AQG quilt show this month and I am so looking forward to it. It's even more fun because we are able to take the bus and visit on the way there and the way back. And, it's pretty cheap (unless you get a traffic ticket on the way to the bus)! So I hope you have signed up and are as excited as I am.

And the next big event is OUR quilt show. From all reports things are moving along smoothly and everyone is really pitching in. The more hands, the easier the work. Kathy has done an amazing job of organizing and each committee has gone above and beyond to make it work. THANK YOU ALL.

Then, we will be nominating and electing our new officers. This year has gone so fast that it surprises me. If you have any desire to help Beverly in her term as President I urge you to contact her as soon as possible. We really need a program chair and I am sure Susan Perry would be happy to help the new person learn the ins and outs of the job. Susan has scheduled ahead and has so many ideas that she makes it look easy.

See you soon!!

Sam Logan

President

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, April 7th at noon.** This is the Wednesday following the Board Meeting, which is held on the first Monday of the month.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Please take a moment at the next meeting to introduce yourself and welcome the following new members to Mountain Top Quilters:

Bunny (Nita) Autrey
Tina McCowan
Genevieve Van Den Hout
Darlene Williams

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

Corinne Windett

Please call Corinne at 775-8982 or email at chucori@commspeed.net if you know of someone who needs a card.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkens, Evelyn Russell

This month we are all looking forward to the applique technique class by Barbara Merkel. If you did not get a supply list, please call Barbara.

The next two months are taken with workshops scheduled by Program Chair, Susan Perry; then our luncheon in June, so the next ECHOS workshop will be in July and August with Judith Ritner teaching us how to make her fabulous bags. Watch for sign-up and supply list in May.

In the meantime - you have time to finish those quilts for the show, make something for the boutique, and a small quilt for the auction.

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REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

The straight, flat leaves reaching towards the sky are the first through the snowy ground screaming "*It's Spring*". This beautiful flower of yellow or white brightens our landscape with color as March days move toward April. A delight to the eye is the Narcissus, birthflower of March. These bulbs, "daffodil" (large flowered), "narcissus" (clusters of small flowers), and "jonquil" (hybrids) bring us even more joy as they multiply through the years.

This symbol of spring suggests hope, renewal, friendship, true love, sympathy, and a token of esteem. We are fortunate to have these colorful native flowers of Europe and North Africa a part of our communities.

Birthday ladies you, too, add beauty and joy to our lives. We celebrate you as a part of the MTQ community and wish you a very **Happy Birthday**.

The following are asked to express friendship and esteem to these ladies with finger-food treats this month. *Eve Pelletier, Susan Perry, Pam Peters, Susan Peterson, Cindy Phare, Sharon Phelps, Barbara Phiel, Dorothy Philblad, Nadine Pierce, Sally Plummer, Joan Pratt, Betsy Quinn, Ginnie Rafti, Diana Ramsey, Lynn Ray, Judith Ritner, Terry Robertson, Evelyn Russell.*

LIBRARY

Linda Marley

We Need Help

We would like to get a couple more volunteers so we can rotate duties: first for 8:30 AM set-up and pre-meeting service; secondly for opening during the break; and finally for the take down after the meeting. Right now Ginnie Rafti, Claire Moore, and Linda Marley are pretty tied up and we could use some back-up, particularly if one of us is unavailable. Another three women would really ease the workload. Currently, Charlene Coxworth and Rosalie McDowell are thankfully handling the magazine sales. Please see Linda Marley if you are willing to help out.

I'm still trying to get the books I ordered back in January, but meantime I did get in a new book at the request of our Boutique chairwomen. "*It's a Wrap II*" by Susan Breier is a new release featuring some spectacular designs for bowls and purses that utilizes the fabric-wrapped clothesline cord. There are also some wonderful embellishment ideas.

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Nancy Stewart

The Fat Quarter Exchange is still going strong !!

March's color is **Black**, including any tone-on tone or print where black is dominant etc. The **Theme** is **Florals**, and this would include any of those marvelous prints in any array of colors. I am certain everyone has at least two of each category in their stash. Hopefully you will win a beautiful collection to get you in a creative mood.

For those planning in advance, **April's** color is **Pink** and the **Theme** is **30's Reproductions**. Stop by the table for the list for this year's categories.

PROGRAMS

Susan Perry

Have you made a bag or purse you are proud of? Please bring it for a special post break Show & Tell at the March meeting. As part of our program we are asking members to bring their bag or purse and show it off after break. First will be information regarding the quilt show, followed by voting on the Community Quilt challenge quilts and then sharing of all the wonderful bags that have been made. Be sure to bring your pattern in case someone wants to know what to buy and tell us any tricks you learned along the way.

Our wonderful opportunity quilt was designed by Kim Diehl who is our spring National lecturer and teacher. Kim will give her trunk show in April followed by two classes. We have lots of openings in both classes so please think about taking one to learn Kim's machine appliqué technique. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a national level instructor at a great price. Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Kim will be teaching her Meadow Blossoms Mini Quilt and Mug Mat class for a cost of \$18.00 (see Kim's website <http://www.kimdiehl.com/>). Tuesday from 9:00 to 4:00 pm Kim will be teaching Bittersweet Briar (traditional cotton- not the wool version) for a cost of \$33.00.

In May we will be hosting Karen Tootsie from the Hopi Indians. After Karen's lecture she will be teaching her technique for coloring Indian related drawings that she uses in quilts. This technique can be applied to your own designs. The class will be Monday May 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 and the cost is \$25.00. This will include ALL the materials. Karen will bring the crayons, choices of drawings and anything else you need. Stop by the programs table to sign up.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

*Kathleen Bond and team
Kay Denny, Reporter*

Community Quilts Workday
Monday, March 22, 2010
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Las Fuentes Resort Village
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Community Quilts CHALLENGE: Don't forget---show time is the MARCH general meeting---we're part of the program. Each member presenting her challenge quilt, finished or not, will receive a participant gift. If you cannot attend, ask someone else to show your quilt and pick up your gift. The guild will vote for the top four **finished** quilts and PRIZES will be awarded. (Reminder: do NOT put a sleeve on these quilts as they will be given away right after the show.)

Our monthly workday is the fourth Monday of each month except December. Come join us for our big mini-group---we have a grand time putting together quilts for our on-going philanthropic project. Also, drop by the Community Quilts table at the general meeting to chat with Kathleen and pick up a quilt top to put together or a quilt that needs tying or quilting.

For the workday, remember to bring:

Your sewing machine, \$2.50 for pizza, or your own sack lunch. Coffee, coffee cake, salads, and desserts are provided.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP ATTENDEES:

Las Fuentes requests that we park on the building's west side. If the parking garage door is open, walk straight to the end of the garage to the exit sign. Go through that door and straight across through the next door and you'll be on the first level where the workroom is. If the garage door isn't open and you have a lot of stuff to take with you, drop it off at the main entrance and then drive back to park. Thanks.

HOBBS BATTING PROGRAM:

Community Quilts collects UPC codes from Hobbs and Mountain Mist batting who give us a large discount on batting. This savings really adds up. We have seen Hobbs Batting at Michael's Craft Stores. Please bring the codes to the meeting and give them to Kathleen at the Community Quilts Table.

For Sale:

Original Grace Quilting Machine Frame.

Gently used. Quilts baby to king size.
Includes: 4 rails, bungee clamps, goose-neck lamp.
\$600.00 (*Machine not included.*)

Grace Sure-Stitch dual function-stitch regulator and constant stitch speed control for Juki TL-98E.

Includes adapter for the Original Grace Quilting Frame. \$400.00 (*Machine not included.*)
Pictures available by request.
Connie Lord at 602-809-7793 (cell)

The **Heritage Quilt Study Group** will hold a quilt documentation at Sharlot Hall Museum on May 11, 2010 for pre-1940's quilts from 10am-3pm. The information will be stored there in the archives and will be accessible to participants via a reference number. We will also have an appraiser there to appraise a quilt if the owner desires one. (Our own Gail Van Horsen) Please register by April 20 by calling Sunny Klapp, 928-759-2250 for an appointment time. Thanks, Carol Hood

QUILT CAMP

Linda Coppola

The time is here to register for Quilt Camp 2010 and join in the fun, laughter and sharing of ideas. Your non-refundable deposit of \$50 will ensure you have a spot for October 12, 13, and 14. The total cost is \$120 which includes all meals. You can get the registration form on our website www.mountaintopquilters.com Please fill out the form and return it with your deposit to

BLOCK SWAP

Carol Miller and Julie Nanke

The March Swap will be the red, black and white Bars and Squares Block. You will find the instructions on the website under Newsletters. Feel free to swap as many 12 block sets as you wish. In April we will be swapping Pastel Pinwheel blocks. The instructions for this swap will be available on-line soon and also at the March meeting for those who do not have internet access. In May we will be swapping an adorable Chinese Lantern Block made with Oriental fabrics. We will have several shopping opportunities before May such as the AQQ Quilt Show, our own Mountain Top Quilt Show and the AQQ Spring Meeting held in Flagstaff this year, so keep your eyes peeled for those wonderful Orientals and join us in a very fun swap. If you have any questions feel free to contact Julie at 445-9183. Happy Swapping!

QUILT SHOW

Kathy Dunn

The MTQ Quilt Show is progressing on schedule. As we get closer to the show dates, our pace is picking up. Our biggest need at this time is for more members to volunteer for setup, take down, and working during the show. We still have about 65 spots we need to fill. Please remember that this is OUR quilt show and it takes everyone's help in some way or another to make it the best ever. All the chairs of the various committees and I will be at the March meeting seeking more volunteer sign-ups. Make sure your name is on the list if think you can help out in any way.

QUILT TURNING

Joan Carrell and Kay Harlan

LAST CALL: for Quilt Turning Entry Forms!

Our count is about up to our projected wish list total of 20 quilts for the Quilt Turning! Thanks to all who have responded. If you have a quilt story to share we need your Quilt Turning form **NO LATER THAN MARCH 25th**. Please think about that quilt you have that has a good story. PLEASE.....don't hesitate to let us know and to fill out the Quilt Turning form (look for it on the MTQ website!!!!!!) Please put your stories in a good readable style....for we are the story tellers! Write your "stories" as if someone else is telling your quilt's story...because that is what will be happening! You can e-mail your stories to Joan Carrell or Kay Harlan. For those of you sharing a quilt for MTQ's very special Quilt Turning, here's what you need to do. On April 8th, when all other quilt entries are to be checked in, please bring your Quilt Turning quilt to the Yavapai College Gym during the same hours as the regular Quilt Entry Check-In: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. A separate table will be set up for the Quilt Turning quilts. Give your quilt(s) to either Kay Harlan or Joan Carrell. At the close of the Show, a similar "quilt turning quilt" Check-Out will be established. See Joan or Kay to pick up quilt turning quilts.

We could still use "A Few Good Volunteers". Most of our volunteer slots are filled...but we could use a few more. Check the Volunteer Form Sign-Up Sheets that will again be at the March 15th meeting. The job involves holding up a quilt for a couple of minutes, resting, then holding up another quilt for a couple of minutes until all 20 quilts have had their stories told. What a fun way to share your love of quilts!!

Quilt Hanging

Diana Ramsey

Oh, my! What a big job this is! Please sign up to help on Thursday, Apr. 8th for set up and hanging. The more of us working, the easier it will go. Not everyone is required to climb a ladder or lift anything heavy, just let me know if you have any limitations and we can find a job for you to do! Pizza, sodas and water will be provided to the helpers!

For those who are submitting quilts over 100" long, please place your sleeve at 96" from the bottom. This is a change from the 104" noted on the form because many of the post extensions have been shortened since our last show.

Quilt Show Hostesses

Kathy Lamoureux

Thank you to those who signed up to Hostess at the show. We still need several more ladies to help cover shifts on both Friday and Saturday. The shifts are from 9am – 11am; 11am – 1pm; 1pm – 3pm; and 3pm - 5pm. If you are only available for one hour, your time would still be appreciated.

This is a fun job and you get to meet a lot of interesting people. It's surprising how fast the time goes by. Please sign up at the March meeting or contact Kathy Lamoureux at 772-5406 if you can help. Thanks!

Quilt Show Admission

Kathy Lamoureux

All current members will get in free to the quilt show, but please remember to wear your name tag. Stop at Admission to get your hand stamped and pick up a voting ballot and vendor prize ticket. Show pins will also be available there in case you haven't picked yours up yet.

Small Quilt Auction

Julie Dodds and Hildy Smith

The Small Quilt Auction Committee Chairs have 55 quilts with a goal of 70 quilts. If you are working on a quilt for the auction, please continue and bring it to the next meeting March 15th. If you need a little more time to finish it, let us know. Please put a label and a sleeve on your quilt. Thank you, Julie 771-1766 and Hildy 776-7582

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Nancy Stewart and Jeanne Vick

We realize that many committees are requesting some of your time and efforts. But we really, really need your creative, attractive, irresistible items for the Boutique. The Boutique is a significant money maker for the guild and we can not accomplish this alone. We need the efforts of every member. April sounds like a long way off, but we only have only one more guild meeting. We really need those items so that we have time to organize and price all these marvelous treasures.

If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting, or the item(s) are not quite ready, please let either Jeanne or Nancy know and we will make arrangements with you to pick them up.

We have shared dozens of directions, patterns and samples. If you would like a pattern that we had on the table to make a project (you just caught an inspiration) please let us know and we can either e-mail or snail mail it to you.

Orphan blocks in your stash from a class, workshop or UFO are potential sellers, either redirected into a potholder, table runner or tote. They can also be sold as is. Again, suggestions that are always popular are potholders, table runners, wall hangings, pin cushions, baby quilts, aprons and totes/bags in any size. Bright cheery colors along with Southwestern theme are excellent choices. We do not believe that Christmas or Holiday will be a hot ticket. (NOTE: -- We have been advised that sand should be in a muslin "sag" before inserting into your project.)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns. We would love hearing from you.

SNIPPETS

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

Sometimes the best things in life are free! Quilts shows are here in Prescott right now and many of the quilt creators are Mt. Toppers!

Check out the show at the Prescott Library put on by Thumb Butte Quilters. It will be on display through April and features seven quilts. Mt. Top contributors are Kathleen Bond, Joan Carrell, Kay Harlan, Barbara Merkel, Carolyn Edwards and Nyla Paulsen (former member). Smack in the middle of this show is the Centennial 2003 Library Quilt, a permanent display. It, too, was made by TBQ. Several Mt. Toppers were involved in the creation of this beautiful quilt, with our own Sharon Heilman as one of its designers.

Also mixed in with the TBQ show is a raffle quilt designed and created by Mt. Top member Bettie Setz. This quilt has more than 2,000 pieces with hand-painted local wildlife. Now, I almost hate to ruin my chances of winning this fabulous quilt, but tickets are available at the library for \$1 each or six for \$5. The winner will be announced on Sunday, May 2. This is a win-win situation for all quilters as The Friends of the Library has designated the proceeds to buy books and DVD's for the library's fiber arts collection.

After you've checked out the library display, wander a block and a half down to the Prescott Chamber of Commerce to see a rotating quilt exhibit. Every other month, two seasonal quilts are displayed. Up soon is the Easter category. Joan Carrell and Carolyn Edwards are in charge of this display and are actively seeking quilts approximately 36" x 36". So let them know if you have something. After Easter will be Spring, May baskets, 4th of July, Rodeo, Back-to-School, Fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

A third free display of quilts is also coordinated by Carolyn Edwards. It's at The Prescott Community Center on Rosser. Every other month there's a different collection hung in the foyer. Sometimes the collection is all by one quilter and sometimes there's a theme. The theme for the upcoming exhibit is quilts with circles. Frequently, quilts made by Mountain Toppers are hung. It's a great show, too. Enjoy!



☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

Community Quilts: Challenge Quilts
Small Quilt Auction: Quilts to donate
Refreshments: Last names Pelletier thru Russell
Fat Quarter Exchange: Black & Florals
Block Swap: Bars & Squares Block
Boutique: Completed items
Library: Books & DVD's that are due back

General Meeting

Monday, March 15th - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held Monday, April 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sam Logan.
Remember: Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Donna "Sam" Logan.

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, March 22nd - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village (Level 1)
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AGQ, GENERAL MEETING

February 15, 2010

Judy Hughes, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Logan at 9:30.

Announcements:

1. Turn off cell phones
2. Secretary's Report is posted in Fellowship Hall
3. Treasurer's Report is posted in Fellowship Hall - Marty announced that she would be available in FH to answer questions about *Quick Books*, the new accounting software program which allows her to keep better track of expenditures.
4. Sam will deliver quilts to AGQ and needs someone to go along and help her navigate.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine - Barbara Wilson's mother passed away, Susie Martin's mother also passed away, and Carol Miller will have a knee replacement on Wednesday. Sharlot Hall will have a quilt documentation workshop on April 11, 2010.

Announcements:

- The Heritage Quilt Study Group of Sharlot Hall Museum will hold its yearly quilt documentation in the Lawler Center of the museum on May 11, 2010. This documentation is for quilts made prior to 1940 and information from the documentations will be kept in the archives of the museum for study purposes. If you would like a quilt documented, please contact Sharlot Hall Museum at 928-445-3122 by April 20.
- Nancy French announced a free workshop by Julie Hocker to be held at the Orchard Ranch Resort on Hwy 69 at 10:00 on March 1.
- Cindy Phare announced that Thumb Butte Quilt Guild has opened its Quilt Camp to non-members. It will be held April 13-14; cost is \$150.00. Contact Lynn Rubel for more information.
- Bus to AQG March 13 - Carolyn Doyle reported that the reserved bus holds 57 people and she has a lengthy waiting list. Please let her know if you are serious about attending, so she can obtain a second bus. The cost is \$17.00 and it will leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot on Highway 69 at 7 AM and again at 7:20 from the M & I Bank in Prescott Valley. One bus will return at 3:00 PM and the other later. The sign-ups are now open to people not in our guild.
- Phyllis Graf is giving away a quilting frame. Contact Betsy Quinn if you are interested.

Membership - Bev Markham subbed for absent Kay Harlan. New members: Tina McCowan, Darlene Williams, Shirley Vander Kirk.

Plea for next year's officers: Bev Markham passed a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to chair committees for next year.

Hospitality - Thann Tolman introduced visitors: Jackie Dew, Brianna McIntosh, and Becky Sasser.

Programs - Susan Perry asked anyone who has made a tote bag or purse to bring it to the next meeting for display. Kim Diehl, machine appliqué expert, is coming in April to teach two classes, the "Meadow Blossoms Mini Quilt Mug Mat" on

Monday afternoon and "Bittersweet Briar" all-day Tuesday. There are still openings in the Monday afternoon class.

Quilt Show - Kathy Dunn announced that the sign-up sheets to work before and during the Show are right outside the sanctuary. There are still many openings!

Publicity - Alice Obrenovich has put bookmarks in most hotels in PV and Prescott. An ad will appear in *Arizona Highways*. Posters will appear at libraries and hair salons. Several ads are appearing in other appropriate publications. There will be an invitational letter in the newsletter which you may copy to give friends and relatives. Ads will appear on radio as well.

Quilt Turning - Joan reported that she still needs four or five quilts with stories for this popular event. She also needs people to hold the quilts as the stories are read.

Quilt Boutique - Nancy Stewart and Jeannie Vick expressed appreciation for the many items donated today. Next month will be the last month to donate items as they must be priced in advance. A show of hands indicated that more items are on the way. They need ladies to work at the Boutique booth on Sat.

Quilt Show Admissions - Kathy Lamoureux needs volunteers for admissions. If you are working at the Show, you will be admitted free if you wear your MTQ name tag. Quilt Show pins are also available.

Small Quilt Auction - Hildy Smith and Julie Dodds have fifty quilts presently and need about twenty more. They have a great auctioneer lined up, and expect a very successful auction. Put a sleeve on any wall-hanging so the buyer can hang it easily. Labels are desirable but she has generic labels if you prefer.

Opportunity Quilt - Carol Cooley needs people to sit with our OQ during the Quilt Show and during the AQG Show. Those slots will be ½ hour long and she needs someone to set it up early Friday a.m.

Library - Linda Marley announced the donation of some Fons & Porter DVDs and a book on antiques and history of quilts. There has been excellent circulation - about 45 items each month - and an average of \$20 in sales of magazines. Thanks!

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson - Today is the quilt label class by Carolyn Doyle. In March Barbara Merkel will do appliqué and the sign-up sheet is available today. No ECHOS in April or May.

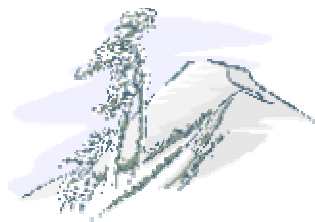
Block of the Month - Carol Miller and Julie Nanke displayed several quilts using swapped blocks: bento blocks, red hearts from January, an I Spy, and a Christmas nine-patch. Today is the green swap. In March the swap will be square and bars – the pattern is in the newsletter. April will be pin wheel blocks in pastels; May - oriental lanterns in Oriental fabrics.

Community Quilts - Kathleen Bond has a spread sheet that shows where we give quilts; she would appreciate suggestions of other worthy places to donate. March is the time to display Challenge Quilts, and winners will be chosen; each participant will receive a small gift. There are many projects on the Community Quilt Table to take home - binding, quilting, kits, etc. Community quilts provide a great opportunity to practice new techniques!

Fabric Squares - Nancy Stewart said next month is black and florals. The winners this month are: Vera Flores and Darlene Gatewood.

Quilt Camp - Linda Coppola stated Quilt Camp will be October 12-14 (Tues - Thur) at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. Linda will begin taking reservations next month. The food is good and you get to know so many people. A \$50 deposit of the \$120 total is needed to reserve your spot. There is no program - people just work on their own projects.

Show and Tell - First were the ladies showing pin cushions or other projects from last month's English paper piecing class. Rosalie McDowell, Bev Bowe, Beverly Markham, Carol Cooley, Rosemary Shellhorn, Audrey Jessee, Lorraine Owen, Sharon Watt, Jeanne Vick and Sam Logan, Annette Ladehoff, Marti French, Betty Foley, Sherri Hubbs, Hazel Karetov, Kristi McHugh, Barbara Merkel, Hildy Smith, Carolyn Edwards



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