

# The Summit, March 2011

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow quilters,

As you no doubt know already, February was a chaotic month due to weather and cancellations. We will all be glad to have spring come as quickly as possible. I hope that you have used the time effectively to perfect your quilting skills while being kept inside due to the weather.

It is with great sadness that we learned that Mrs. Marguerite McCray was asked to stand down from being president of AQG. This was an action taken by the AQG Board. Mr. Glen Taylor who was President Elect, has stepped in to take over as President for the time being. We hope that the transition goes smoothly.

We are looking forward to attending the AQG quilt show on March 12, and say thank you to Caroline Doyle for taking care of the bus arrangements for us. We also thank the ladies who finally adopted plan "C" to get the quilts down to Phoenix for the show after we discovered that plan "A" and then plan "B" were not going to work. We will have to work on some contingency plans for next year's effort to deliver the quilts down to Phoenix for the AQG show in 2012.

Have a pleasant spring.  
Beverly

### Newsletter Deadline

*Diana Ramsey*

Please send all articles for the April newsletter to [MTNewsletter@cableone.net](mailto:MTNewsletter@cableone.net) or you can call Diana at 499-8792. **Deadline for the April newsletter articles is Wednesday, April 6th at noon.**

**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.**

### MEMBERSHIP

*Kathy Barrett*

Just a heads up to let everyone know we're getting close to our \$35 membership renewal time, so start saving up your pennies! The updated MTQ and AQG forms for 2011-2012 will be available on the website soon, and I will have some available at the meeting. AQG accepts our renewals after April 1st, and all renewals must be received by them before June 1st, so anything you can do to get your renewal to me during that time will be greatly appreciated. Any renewal not received by AQG prior to June 1st will incur a \$5 late fee, so keep that in mind.... If you have any questions, just let me know.

If you have any updates, changes of address, phone or e-mail, you can call me at 775-8706, e-mail me at [AZBARRETTSC@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:AZBARRETTSC@CABLEONE.NET), or see me at the meeting.

Thanks,  
Kathy

### Sign Up for Fun Day on May 17th

What is Fun Day you ask? An all day workshop (6 hours of sewing and 1 hour of lunch with fellow quilters) where, if all goes well, you will go home with a small quilt top (throw size or smaller - your choice). Cost is \$60.00 and you will receive a special ruler and fabric all kitted and ready to sew together. You need to bring your sewing machine and usual sewing supplies along with a dish to share at lunch. The Board will press what you sew! Date is Tuesday May 17th from 9:00 to 4:00 (set up at 8:30). This is the day after our monthly meeting and will be at our usual spot, the First Lutheran Church. Sign up at the Programs table; be prepared to pick a fabric style and bring your check. All sign ups must be complete by our April meeting (paid in full) so the board can get the kits ready. No refunds once we start shopping. Any questions? Contact Susan Perry.

## REFRESHMENTS

*Dolores Schrock*

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

*Henry Ford*

How great it is that we learn all the time from the challenges faced with new ideas, patterns, techniques when doing our quilts and other projects. How young we all must be!!

Among us, we ask the following to bring a treat this month. Remember, a variety of sweet and non-sweet treats are enjoyed. Thanks to each of you for sharing with us. *Sharon Watt, Carol Webster, Lynne Wells, Kay Wentworth, Talitha White, Darlene Williams, Barbara Wilson, Corinne Windett, Masako Wolfe, Robin Yanak, B'Anne Younker, AND Jan Adams, Chris Anders, Marilyn Anderson, Sharon Andrews, Anna Marie Ansbach, Shirley April, Peggy Armstrong, Bunny Autrey*

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

*Alice Obrenovich, Tina Mc Cowan, Linda Coppola*

Hopefully for the last time will winter storms force the cancellation of guild or Community Quilts meetings. We have a lady who missed helping work on quilts. Joyce Cummings met me and gave me some finished quilts and took 5 more home to tie. What a trooper she is! Thanks, Joyce.

In February we gave away all our finished quilts on hand, and have already started a new collection. What dedicated women you are! At the March guild meeting there will be a lot of quilts needing quilting or tying and quite a few new kits will be available so we need your help once again. To date we have made and given away 168 quilts....that is quite something. Thanks to all of you.

Diana Ramsey will again be at our March 28th workday to demonstrate the Accuquilt GO! Fabric Cutter. If you haven't seen it demonstrated, do come; you will be glad you did when you see how easy it is to use and how quickly you can cut pieces that are perfect every time.

A reminder to those bringing food to our workday Mar. 28:

Coffee Cake: Sam Logan

Salads: Susan Perry, Betsy Quinn, Linda Coppola

Desserts: Lois Frank, Susan Peterson

## ECHOS

*Evelyn Russell, Jimmie Johnson*

We are planning to have the quilt class on perfecting your patchwork this month - this was scheduled for February, but nature interfered! We will look forward to seeing those of you who signed up on Monday afternoon.

We have some exciting ECHOS classes scheduled in the afternoon after the general meeting: In May Diana Ramsey will teach how to make quilts using T-shirts. Other fun classes are: English paper piecing taught by Beverly Markham, machine appliqué taught by Joan Carroll, Bargello quilts taught by Carolyn Hamilton. Look for sign up sheets and supply lists at the ECHOS table next month. We still have one month open. If you have something you would like to teach or learn, let Evelyn or Jimmie know.

## LIBRARY

*Linda Marley*

Hopefully you've all enjoyed having an extra fine-free month to enjoy books you checked out in January. Sorry you didn't get to check out any of the new books added for last month's meeting that was cancelled. But in March the MTQ library is adding 4 more newly purchased books to its selection, two of which are by this month's featured speaker, Mary Mashuta. Her *Foolproof Machine Quilting* will reportedly open new doors of creativity with no free-motion required. Her newest book is *Cotton Candy Quilts*, using feed sacks, and vintage and reproduction fabrics.

The third new book is specifically published for making 12 different quilts with MTQ's new AccuQuilt GO! The book starts out with some general instructions and tips for using this new quilting tool. And finally, we've added Susan Brisco's *Japanese Taupe Quilts*, with instructions for making 125 blocks in calm and neutral colors.

So come check out some great new books, or grab up some of the used magazines and books for sale

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## PROGRAMS

*Kathy Dunn and Pat Folsom*

### **Upcoming Programs and Workshops:**

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

**Tuesday, March 22:** Mary will use her techniques in an all day class called "Long Beach Propellers". We have a few openings in the class at a cost of \$35.00. Call Pat at 776-4155 to sign up and receive your supply lists.

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

**Monday afternoon, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19 (This will be a day and a half workshop):** Sue will teach her techniques for developing new directions in color, working in a series, and experimenting with silk and other fibers. These techniques and ideas that Sue teaches in class are the real basis for all her work. The resulting quilts can then be quilted in the class. The cost of the day and a half workshop is \$50.00. This class is filling up so be sure to stop by the Programs desk and sign up for what will be an exciting workshop

**Monday, May 16:** Finally, it is time for the **T.O.A.D** (Treasured Objects Almost Done). Toad Queen, Kay Denny, and her "Toadies" will show us their completed Toad projects. As we all know the participants have been slaving over their projects for the past year, so, Kay has planned many rewards for her 'Toadies' hard work. And, the finale will be a Grand Prize. Be sure to attend the May meeting and join in on this yearly fun affair.

**Monday, June 20: The annual June luncheon:** More information to follow next month.

## HOSPICE REQUEST

We have been contacted by a hospice worker requesting that members of our guild be given the opportunity to donate one fat quarter to be given to the hospice workers who make Foley Bag Covers. A representative of this particular Hospice group will be at our March meeting to take delivery of them and to give an explanation of the need for the covers.

## **HOBBS BATTING PROGRAM:**

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

## SNIPPETS

*Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter*

**Quilt Display Alert**---check out the great quilting delight at the Prescott Public Library, put on by Thumb Butte Quilt Guild. It will be up the entire month of March and is well worth checking out. Gorgeous quilts, nice location, free---what's not to like?

**Machine quilting tip**---this comes from Linda Coppola. There is a relatively new plastic food wrap which, unlike the old standby Saran Wrap, has stick and remove properties somewhat like Post-its. It is by Glad and is called Press'n Seal. Linda uses the plastic for quilting templates. She uses this mostly for borders, but the method can also be used for individual blocks. 1) She stretches out an appropriate amount, placing a quilting template either under or over the plastic wrap. She then traces the lines with a felt-tip marker onto the wrap. It's quite important to use washable markers---Crayola is one product available. 2) Once the quilting lines are on the wrap, pick it up and place onto the fabric. The beauty of using the wrap is that you can cut it to expand the pattern to fit the space or just crunch the wrap a bit to make it smaller. 3) Then sew right on top of the lines with your sewing machine and pull the plastic off. If the marking happens to go through onto your quilt, it can be washed out easily. 4) Linda says it's important not to leave the plastic wrap on your quilt for any great length of time. She does her machine quilting immediately after she's applied the plastic wrap to her quilt project.

I looked on the box and there were several uses listed, but not as a machine quilting template. Just shows you the ingenuity of quilters. I'm going to give it a try soon.

## CENTENNIAL FABRIC CHALLENGE

A Centennial Fabric Challenge quilt may be entered for competition in any Arizona quilt show that is approved by the Arizona Centennial Quilt Project. The show must occur between September 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012. For official rules go to [www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org](http://www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org) and click on Arizona Centennial Quilt Project.

## Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame

*Gail Van Horsen, President Elect*

The Arizona Centennial Quilt Project has two events to look forward to this year. "100 Years -- 100 Quilts" The Arizona Centennial Celebration Quilt Exhibit will accept entry forms from June 20 through July 1. This is a non juried exhibit and quilts will be accepted in the order the entry forms arrive ending when the first 100 entry forms that meet the criteria are received.

The rules and entry forms are available at <http://www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org>

On the left hand side of that page, click on Arizona Centennial Quilt Project. I am aware of several quiltmakers in the Prescott area that are working on quilts for this exhibit. The chosen quilts will be exhibited at the Arizona Historical Museum in Tucson in a nearly year long event.

The Arizona Centennial Fabric should begin appearing in local quilt shops near the end of April. This fabric will be featured in a challenge sponsored by the local quilt groups and the Arizona Centennial Quilt Project. There are several fabric designs in this group called "Southwest Beauties". The fabric was designed by Jason Yenter of "In the Beginning Fabric" of Seattle, WA.



### THINGS TO REMEMBER



#### General Meeting

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

#### Remember to Bring:

**Refreshments:** Names Watt thru Yonker **AND**  
Adams thru Autrey

**Community Quilts:** Finished quilts

**Library:** Books that are due

**Hospice Fat Quarter**

#### Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 3:30

Las Fuentes Retirement Center

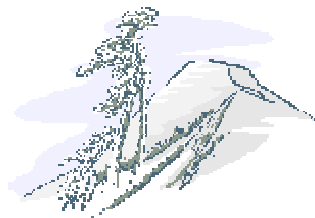
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table

#### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at the home of Sheri Hubbs.

Remember: Board Meetings are OPEN MEETINGS and we encourage anyone to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Beverly Markham.



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