

The Summit, May 2007

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQQ

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Recently I was with a group of quilters, most of whom were members of Mountain Top, and one of the women was sharing the blocks she had made for the Arlene Stamper "Swap-a-Block" workshop this month. One of the other group members commented that she had heard Julie Nanke saying that the workshop she took at Quilt Camp with Arlene Stamper was one of the best classes she had ever attended. I then commented that I was disappointed that only 10 of our 140+ guild members had signed up for this class. Three out of those 10 members are on the current board, so that leaves 7 guild members who are taking the workshop. That is only 5% of the guild who is taking advantage of this month's workshop.

One small group member commented that she just couldn't start another project, and that is why she wasn't taking this class. Before I share the advice that I gave her, I have to tell you two things. I take as many classes and workshops as possible. I always learn something; I often have the opportunity to share something, and I get the opportunity to meet someone I don't know well. And of course eating and laughing are always involved in classes! Mini-groups are great, but you very rarely meet someone new in them. Whenever I take a class, I give myself permission to not complete the project. If I really love the project, I will finish it. But if I don't, I do not add it to my "UFO" pile. I am there for the learning experience and the opportunity to meet new people, but also to support the guild.

One of the MTQ Chapter By-laws states that workshops should be self-supporting. There is only one way for this to happen, and this is for members to sign up. I heard that there was quite a lengthy discussion on how much money the board had budgeted on both the luncheons and the proposed name tags. No one addressed the issue that if only 4 members attend the April workshop and 10 people attend the May workshop then the guild is losing a lot more than it would cost for either the luncheon or name tags. I think that the problem is the same one affecting the entire nation. We might complain about a problem, but we leave it to someone else to "fix." We rationalize that we have "paid our dues" for our past efforts, and sit back and expect someone else to handle the problem.

So here is my advice to the 130 members who are not signed up for the workshop, give yourself permission to take a class just for the experience and to support the guild. Donate the unfinished blocks to Community Quilts and value the experience of making a new friend or sharing a technique with someone else. You won't regret it.

*Sincerely,
Susie Martin, President*

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

Our next gathering will be on Monday, May 28, 2007 from 9:30 -3:30 at *The Las Fuentes Resort Village*- 1045 Scott Drive Bring \$2.50 for pizza or a sack lunch

Board Meeting

Monday, June 4th, 9:30 a.m.
At Susie Martin's home.

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

Hopi Indian Project

Don't forget that there will be a box at the May meeting for donations to give to the Hopi Indian women. They quilt, sew, knit and do other handwork projects. They are extremely appreciative of any donations that you can share. They will use any type of fabric, batting scraps, yarn and other items including "UFO's" that you no longer wish to complete.

Marti Lensink will be traveling to their community with donations, so contact her with any questions.

- *Susie Martin*

Block of The Month

There are two *Blocks of the Month* in May. They are the *Log Cabin* and *See-Saw* blocks. Please make one of each block for your own quilt, as well as two of each to bring to our May meeting. One of each block will go into the blocks to be raffled off at the meeting and one of each block will go to *Community Quilts*.

-*Kay Wentworth*

Remember to Bring to the May Meeting:

- **Food:** Members **Audrey Jessee** through **Leah Lewis** are scheduled to bring finger food items to share at break time.
- **Block of the Month:** There are two blocks this month, *Log Cabin* and *See-Saw*. Please bring two of each.
- **Library Books:** Please return all books that are due.
- **ECHOS:** Please bring supplies necessary for making *Name Tags*. Call Jimmie Johnson for supply list.
- **Hopi Indian Project Donations:** fabric, batting scraps, yarn, and any other sewing items.
- **Community Quilts:** Please bring all completed projects.

Quilt Basting

Joyce Cummings has a quilt to be basted after the May meeting. We will need several people to help. So if you can, please plan to stay and help.

Membership

Welcome to our new members. If you signed up after January, please pick up your 2007 directory before the next meeting across from the sign-up table. We hope you will enjoy your membership in MTQ.

February and March-

- Margaret Brautigam
- Kitty Lynch
- Ivy Chavez

April-

- Kathleen Kauffman
- Nancy Gullikson

-*Tedda Gleissner*

Addresses and contact information to be supplied by email.

Quilt Camp in October

It's the slumber party to beat all slumber parties!

Come join the fun on October 16, 17 & 18 (Tues, Wed, & Thurs) at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. All meals are provided (and we hear the food is great!) **B.Y.O.P.** - *Bring Your Own Projects*. This is a good opportunity to finish up those Christmas projects in time for the holidays, and have a lot of fun while you do them. Cost is \$100 with a \$30 non-refundable deposit due now and the remaining \$70 due in July. **HURRY – ONLY 7 SLOTS LEFT!** See Diana Ramsey to sign up.
-Diana Ramsey

PROGRAMS

Old News: April class - Making Fabric Vases was enjoyed by 4 members of our guild. The Traveling Teacher was Diane Magarelli. We are hoping to contract with her for a January 2008 full day class entitled *Tarantella Dimensional Wall Hanging*.

May 21: Arlene Stamper will be our program speaker. She will do her *Swap-A-Block* Trunk Show.

May 22: *Frosty the Snowman Swap-A-Block* full day class for the 12 members who signed up in advance.

June 18: - Summer Luncheon

July 16: - Tammy Kelly from Flagstaff will do a Trunk Show titled *Emphasis on Contrast*. That afternoon (from 12:30-4:00) will be a workshop called *Bright Hopes Snowball Blocks*. Sign ups will be available at our May meeting. The cost to be announced.

*-Lynn Ray,
Program VP*



Sunshine

We extend our sympathy to Gloria Bess and Marsha Swirsky on the death of Milt Bess on April 21. He was Gloria's husband and Marsha's father. No services are planned at this time and I'm sure they would appreciate cards from their friends in the guild.

The folder for letting me know if someone should be sent a card (illness, surgery, sympathy, etc.) is near the door when you come into the building. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW** if someone should be contacted. You can call me or email me

- Linda Coppola

Refreshments

May is here, the fifth month of 2007 already. Wow! Time does indeed fly when you are having fun quilting. A bit more fun this month will be the treats brought to share with us by:

Audrey Jessee, Jimmie Johnson, Hazel Karetov, Janice Key, Jan Kimbro, Linda Kinnear, Sunny Klapp, Annette Ladehoff, Karen Lamb, Kathy Lamoureux, Marge Larimer, Sandra Lawson, Marty Lensink, Leah Lewis. Ladies, thank you for your special treat.
-Dolores Schrock

Library Book Sale

The April Book Sale was a great success with 149 books sold for \$267.50. Thanks to the Library Committee for a great job organizing this and to members for their participation!

-Kathy Lamoureux

Newsletter Deadline

Patricia Folsom and Patricia Gentner

Pat Gentner will be the editor for the **June, 2007 Newsletter**. Please send all newsletter information to Pat at mtqnewsletter@cablone.net or call her at 776-4155

REMEMBER: The deadline for all newsletter articles is noon on the Wednesday after the Board Meeting. **The Newsletter deadline for June will be Wednesday June 6th.**

-Pat Gentner

MOUNTIAN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

April 16, 2007

Diana Ramsey, Secretary

Susie Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Jeanne Vick, Hospitality Chair, introduced our guest, Vicki Baptista

Membership – Tedda Gleissner handed out name tags to new members.

Sunshine Chair – Linda Cuppola had no reports from any members and reminded the guild that she has a clipboard in the meeting room to list anyone that needs a card.

Susie announced that Marty Lensink is collecting donations at the May and June meetings for the Hopi Indians. They quilt,

sew, knit and use everything that is given to them to better their living conditions. Please bring your items to the meeting or call Marty for additional information.

Summer Luncheon: A clipboard was passed throughout the meeting for sign ups for main dish, salads, desserts, door prizes and

table decorations. At this time, no volunteers have come forward to organize the luncheon. If you can help, please let the board know as soon as possible so this can be a fun event. The board is asking every member to sign up for at least one item on the list to help spread the work.

Block of the Month winners were Joy Weinald, Susan Peterson and Robin Yanak.

Community Quilts Co-chairs, Kathleen Bond and Dawn Valanas-Moser, shared the many wonderful projects available for members who want to give some of their time and talents to others. Some of these projects are: quilts waiting to be tied or quilted, quilts waiting to have binding attached, Row Robin quilt kits, pre-cut quilt kits, Round Robin kits, Kit & Kaboodles which have all the necessary materials to make an entire quilt, and fabric bundles to be cut and made into quilts. There are over 15 organizations that receive these quilts and we would like to see every member help out at some time to keep this charitable effort going.

Jimmie Johnson, ECHOS, reminded us that the project today was the paper-pieced angel class taught by Kathleen Bond. Next month we will be working on name tags after the meeting.

Lynn Ray, Programs, announced the silent book auction as our program immediately following the refreshment break.

Books were organized by the Library Chair, and were available for review and bidding. All sales were due at the end of the meeting.

Quilt Basting – many ladies stayed to help baste a member's quilt. Please be sure to notify Joyce Cummings ahead of time if you need a quilt basted so the frame can be brought to the meeting.

Website – Sharon Heilman announced that the website is ready to go. The main issue was security therefore no phone numbers,

addresses or e-mail addresses will be published on the site. The newsletters that are mailed out will not have that information either. New member information will be posted with the newsletter notice to each individual's e-mail address when it is sent via e-mail. Those receiving the newsletter by mail will have new member information included in it. The site currently has several pages and more can be added as needed in the future. It was asked if the scrapbook will be included in the website. As of this time, we do not have a volunteer to keep up the scrapbook so there has been no work done on it. Photos have been kept but are not organized. It is possible to scan the old photos to the website and we are currently adding new photos as they are provided. The library book list will not be included on the site at this time due to the amount of work involved in getting it into the system and the fact that they are available at the guild meetings once a month.

Kristi McHugh, Opportunity Quilt, reminded the guild that this is our largest fund raiser for the year and advised that the tickets will be available for sale next month. Several ladies have volunteered to host a sales table at many events this spring and summer. The fall and winter sign up list will be out later in the year for those who are able to help at that time.

Sally Plummer, Show & Tell, has prepared a new sign in sheet that will allow each entrant to choose whether she wants her name or picture printed in the newsletter each month. Participants in Show & Tell were: Hazel Karatov, Sandy Evans, Phyllis Moss, Kitty Lynch, Judy Hughes, Kathleen Howe, Carolyn Edwards, Robin Yanak, Kathleen Kauffman, Nancy Gullikson, Julie Dodds, Linda Coppola, Ellen von Bretano, and the No-Name Mini Group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

- Diana Ramsey

New Mini Group Forming

Are you interested in joining a mini group, but can't find one with space? We are forming a new group just for you. Mini groups are a great way to meet new people, share patterns, get ideas, learn new stuff, and have a good time. Bring a sack lunch and we will meet after the meeting on May 21st to plan where and when to meet and what you are most interested in doing. If you have any questions call Udean Helton or Evelyn Russell.

- Evelyn Russell

Community Quilts

CASA Adoption Day is Saturday May 12 at 10:00 You are all invited to come!

We will meet on the top floor of the courthouse in front of the courtroom at 9:45 – follow the sounds of excited children. All of the quilts you have made at Community Quilts are displayed on the railing in the court room. After the official adoption, each child gets to pick the one they want. Then, off they go hugging their quilt with their new family and big smiles.

Don't Forget, our next gathering will be on Monday, May 28, from 9:30 -3:30 at The Las Fuentes Resort Village- 1045 Scott Drive. Bring \$2.50 for pizza to share, or a sack lunch. We'll look for you there.

-Kathleen Bond and Dawn Valanas-Moser

Reminder

The *M. T. Q. June Luncheon* will be held on Monday June 18th. Please think about offering to help with this festive gathering in any way you are able. Then plan to attend and join in the fun.

Snippets

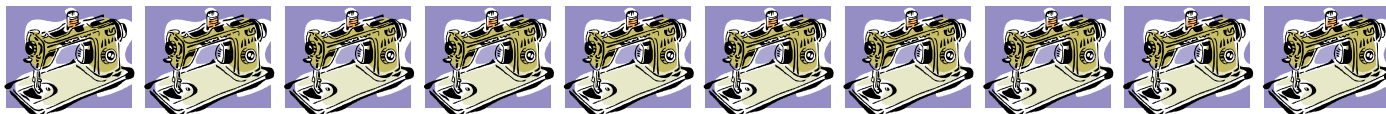
Coconino Quilters' Guild invites you and all your members to two special meetings.

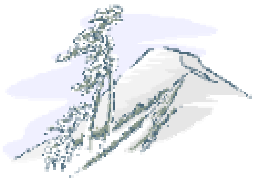
Carrie Nelson of Miss Rosie's Quilt Company presents her trunk show of quilts she designed, most using fat quarters.

May 31, 2007. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1601 N. San Francisco, in Flagstaff at 7 pm

Concert by Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter

June 21, 2007. Cochise Ramada at Fort Tuthill. at 5:30 pm Brown Bag picnic supper, concert at 7 pm. Please bring a chair. FREE.





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