

The Summit, May 2008

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the benefits of belonging to a quilting guild is the chance to participate in workshops provided by the guild. As members of Mountain Top, we are afforded the opportunity to attend workshops taught by national teachers, teachers from around the State of Arizona and workshops taught by our own members through our own excellent ECHOS program. And yet I know many of you are not taking full advantage of these great workshops.

I recently took part in the Heidi Pridemore workshop and I think I can speak for all who attended when I say that we learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed it. One member told me she almost cancelled because she was so busy, but decided she owed it to herself to take a break from her hectic life, have some fun learning a new technique and have a good time with friends. Another member told me that she loved the workshop, but even more liked getting together with fellow quilters, enjoying each others' company and getting to know some of the new people in our group.

We have some wonderful teachers and classes scheduled in the upcoming months. I encourage each of you to sign up for at least one workshop, to challenge yourself to learn a new technique or to meet new people. You owe it to yourself.

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

I'm glad the sky is painted blue;
And the earth is painted green;
And such a lot of nice fresh air
All sandwiched in between.

Author Unknown

How fortunate we are to live where we can joyfully experience nature as described above, especially now, as nature blooms forth with new life and the anticipation of sunny days ahead.

How fortunate we are to have chapter members so willing to provide us each month with tasty treats which we also joyfully experience. Thanks to each of the following for May's treats:

Dawn Valanas-Mosser, Nadeen Van Dyke, Jeanne Vick, Kathy Vinson, Ellen Von Brentano, Sharon Watt, Carol Webster, Kay Wentworth, Talitha White, Barbara Wilson, Corrine Windett, Masako Wolfe, Robin Yanak, B'Anne Yonkers

The board is asking everyone please to reserve the right front pew in the sanctuary for our photographer, board members and guest speakers. Thank you.

Membership

Kay Harlan

April New Members: *Kathy Dunn and Eva Lively*

Please greet these ladies and welcome them to Mountain Top Quilters

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

June is a hectic month for many of us with the upcoming quilt show preparation and vacation plans, therefore, the newsletter will be delayed a few days.

Please send all articles for the June newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the June newsletter articles is Wednesday, June 5th at noon.**

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

Please notify Corinne at chucori@commspeed.net or 775-8982 if you know of anyone in MTQ who needs some sunshine in their life because of illness, surgery or loss.

PROGRAMS

Udean Helton

May 19th: Quilt show chair Carol Miller will cover last minute show planning. Udean Helton will do a short program on putting a sleeve, label and blocking your quilt for show.

June 16th: Summer Luncheon "A Quilters Picnic"

July 21st: Christmas in July – Rummage sale. Remember to start cleaning out sewing related things you don't need any longer, marking them with a price in increments of 25¢ and mark the yardage on fabric and if it's washed or unwashed.

August 18th: Susan Vassallo Trunk Show/Lecture

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

May: Erna Greenway is teaching our group how to construct the Traditional Log Cabin with a Star. The class is full and the supply list has been distributed.

June: Reserved for the luncheon

July: MTQ is having our annual rummage sale.

August: we will begin having regular workshops after the meetings. Please let us know if you have something to share or would like to learn a particular technique. We have a few great ideas in our goodie bag.

JUNE LUNCHEON

MTQ Board Members

The planning for our June luncheon, "A Quilter's Picnic", is well underway. Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to bring a salad or dessert. We still need several table hostesses willing to decorate a table according to the theme. It is a lot of fun and you can be as creative as you want! We will be playing a game called "Give and Take". If you wish to participate please bring a new quilt related item in the \$8-\$10 range wrapped in a brown paper bag. As the June luncheon is for our members only, we request no guests at this meeting. Thank you.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, May 26, 2008

9:30a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

WOW! Double WOW!!

Ladies, you out did yourselves with the Challenge quilts. They were as wonderfully unique as the quilters who made them. Definitely "toot your own horn" for a job well done and many, many thanks for taking the time to make these quilts to benefit the community. They will all be displayed at the quilt show for the public to appreciate. Great quilts! Thanks to Kathy Lamoureux, Kathleen Kauffman, Sharon Andrews, Linda Coppola, Carolyn Doyle, Marty Lensink, and the ladies who showed the Challenge quilts in April. Your assistance was greatly valued during a hectic day.

Hey Pilgrims (you remember the old joke... April showers bring May flowers, so what did the Mayflower bring? Okay, so I'm showing my age and my sophomoric humor... bet you chuckled). Anyway, head on down to Las Fuentes for one of our fun filled work days. Yes, we have fun and actually get lots of work done too.

For the work day, remember to bring:

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

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts is collecting **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. Thanks for your continued efforts.

MINI-GROUP CHAIR

We are looking for someone to chair our mini-group committee. We know we have some wonderful mini-groups in this guild and would like to be able to identify all of them. We have many new members who have expressed interest in joining a group and right now we do not even know how many groups there are. If you are interested in this position please talk to any board member.

LIBRARY NOTES

Linda Marley

Any books checked out in May will not be due back until July, since the June meeting will be our luncheon when the library is traditionally closed. So, now is the time to check out possible projects for summer and even the 2010 MTQ show. At the request of several members, the library has just added Sharyn Craig's book *Great Sets*. You need to see why quilters would ask for this author's work. Have you tried out any of the new DVD's? There are some great tips and techniques to learn.

Magazine sales and payments of fines are adding to the library's budget. Income since magazine sales began in February has totaled \$51. All these funds go toward expanding the library's collection of new books. Less popular titles will soon be weeded out for sale at the guild's July rummage sale, further adding to the library's funds. Thank you for supporting the library and the magazine sales.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

Continue to place the block/blocks you want to trade in the last pew of the church. Then pick yours up in the same place as you go to break. However, before the meeting and at break time, Geo, Julie, and I will set up in an area of the Fellowship Hall. There, we will answer questions and sell little packets of "goodies" for 25 cents. We also have direction sheets for beading or ruching for 10 cents apiece. And we'll share ideas for future heart blocks. Be sure to stop by and take a look.

Buttons and Bows is the embellishment for this month's Heart Exchange. The background will be pink or shades of rose. The hearts will be of cream or tan fabric. It's your color choice for buttons and bows. Remember, you can also include embellishments that we've already covered.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Joan Carrell

Can you believe it is already time to start planning our next Opportunity Quilt? We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to serve on this committee. Please contact any board member if you are interested. We also need your ideas for the design of the new quilt. Please submit a pattern you think would be suitable and we will vote later in the summer.

QUILT CAMP

Tuesday, Oct 14 – Thursday, Oct 16, 2008

Diana Ramsey

Quilt Camp only has 4 openings left so you may want to get your registration and \$50 deposit in quickly to ensure you get a bunk all to yourself! For those campers who have already registered, final payment of \$70 will be due by August 31, 2008.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Susan Perry and Jeanne Vick

Thank you for the beautiful items that you've donated to the MTQ Quilt Show Boutique so far. We were tickled by the number of things placed in the boutique basket last month and we can't wait to see what other creations all of you are working on. Please finish any projects in work and bring them to the May meeting. A small committee will be pricing items later in the month and getting everything ready for display at the quilt show. Thank you for your generous contributions; this should be another successful boutique.

Missing MTQ 2008 Directories

Pat Gentner

The 2008 directories were distributed at the February MTQ meeting. A directory with a name label on it was put out for each registered member. The unlabeled directories were given to Kay Harlan for distribution to new members. A few labeled directories were left at the end of the February meeting and were put out in March. After the March meeting, the directories were gone. I was happy, thinking that all members now had their new directories. However, two members who missed both the February and March meetings came up to me in April wanting to know where their Directories were. I looked in the MTQ cupboard but couldn't find them. If anyone picked up a directory for a friend, but has not yet given it to her, please bring the directory to the May meeting. Or if someone put the directories in a nice safe place at the end of the March meeting please let me know. Thanks for your help solving the missing directory mystery,

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Kay Denny & Sally Plummer

Wow! It's hard to believe, but it's almost SHOW TIME! We know there are a few more small quilts out there and we're still accepting them at the May meeting. Please remember to have the completed registration forms with each quilt. A million thanks go to all of you who have contributed these small masterpieces.

Everyone's Hometown

Quilt Show

June 5, 6, & 7, 2008

Prescott, AZ

Carol Miller, Quilt Show Chair

After months of planning, your quilt show committee is READY! You should be seeing our publicity posters and bookmarks all around town – and in Magazines like Prescott Woman, AZ Highways, and AAA Travel magazine to name a few local ones. Pictures of the quilts you have entered reveal a fabulous show-to-be, the Boutique and Small Quilt Auction areas will be brim-full on opening day, and our Vendors are excited to be coming to Prescott! Please remember they are also looking forward to your business. For everyone who attends, the Quilt Turning Program will offer a wonderful way to relax and be entertained with what we all love – more quilts! And thanks in advance to all MTQ members who have volunteered to help us pull this one off! – our hope is to make this quilt show one you'll remember for a long, long time.

Here are some details you need to know about:

Set-up Day – Thurs, June 5, Check in your quilts from 9AM to 10AM just off the lobby of the Yavapai College Gym – Please follow all the check-in procedures that have been described in your entry packet (distributed at our May MTQ meeting). The work floor will be closed unless you are there to help hang quilts.

Check out – Sat., June 7 – 5:30PM -6:30PM – Again, please follow the procedures that have been outlined in your packet. The display floor will be off limits unless you are there to help disassemble the show.

When you attend the show, stop by the admissions table (with your nametag) to receive and return your ballot. All the categories will be color-coded by number and by label color. These ribbons will be handed out at our June MTQ meeting. Remember our members will be voting in all the categories – the general public will vote on one category only, which is Best of Show.

Advance Purchase Tickets will be available one last time at our May MTQ meeting. It will also be the last time to purchase your quilt show pins before we offer them to the public.

Last minute details will be discussed at our May membership meeting. We're hoping the whole membership will come out to the show (wear your nametag) and "hang out" with us! You'll be glad you came! !

There's Gonna Be a Quilt Turning!

Carolyn Edwards and Julie Nanke

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. Julie has been making reminder calls to those of you who had a 'quilt story' to share--we need your Quilt Turning form **NO LATER THAN MAY 19th!!** If there are any others of you who have realized you have a really good quilt 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! :-)

For those of you sharing a quilt for MTQ's very special QUILT TURNING, here's what you need to do. On June 5th, 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 Julie Nanke or Carolyn Edwards. At the close of the Show, a similar 'quilt turning quilt' Check-Out will be established. See Julie or Carolyn to pick up your 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 May 19th 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!!!

This Quilt Turning is going to be a GREAT Quilt Show 'featured event', with lots of really good quilt stories. Don't miss out! Join the fun! If you have questions, please call Julie Nanke or Carolyn Edwards.

Quilt Show Decor Chair Needs Help

Kristi McHugh

I need 15 more silk plants, trees, or some other quilting related items to place at the ends of our rows of quilts. The objects need to be approximately 12 to 18 inches in diameter and at least 18" or higher. They need to look nice, and catch everyone's eye, so viewers don't trip on the standards feet. If you have item(s) please email me the item, and a description. Thanks for your help. I'm sure that we will have a beautiful show.

YOUR MOUNTAIN TOP REPORTER

Kay Wentworth

The No Name Mini Group

The No Name Mini Group not only has no name, but no theme, no agenda, and no complaints! This is a group of fun women who get together once a month to work on their own projects, talk, eat, and have some "girlfriend therapy". Of course they always have some dessert and once a year they take a retreat at Bear Cabin.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember to Bring:

- ✂ **Food:** If your last name begins with Valanas to Yonkers
- ✂ **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt projects.
- ✂ **Library books:** Return overdue material

Community Quilts

Monday, May 26th, 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.

General Meeting

Monday, May 19th, 2008 - 9:30 am
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Board Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2008 at the home of Udean Helton
Please refer to your Membership Address Book for address and phone number.

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

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

April 21, 2008
Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Joan mentioned that the rearrangement of the Fellowship Hall tables was an effort to help relieve the congestion at the front of the room near the door. She thanked Corrine Windett for the signs used on the tables to help members locate the committee tables. There were two pieces of mail in the Guild post office box for Joan Foberg and Janice Keys. Please see Joan to pick them up. There are a few openings for the workshop being held tomorrow. Please contact Udean Helton to sign up. Joan thanked Nancy Gullikson for taking the pictures of Show and Tell today and noted that they will not be on the website right away. The 'problem' we were having with the microphone system has been solved and it was discovered that we are holding it too close to us. It should be held 10" from your mouth. The Board will coordinate the June luncheon and a sign up sheet was passed around. A "give and take" game will be played and everyone who wants to participate should bring a new \$8-10 item in a brown paper bag. Please, no guests at the June meeting.

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

Thumb Butte Guild - Chris Anders: Chris announced that the Thumb Butte Guild will be having a quilt camp June 10-11 at the Quality Inn in Prescott. It is open to the members of Mountain Top and the project will be "A Square in a Square" sampler size quilt. You will need the Square in a Square ruler for the class and you can purchase one from Chris for \$10. The camp cost is \$120 and includes meals, the instructions, and two days of sewing.

Donation to the University of Nebraska: A thank you note was received for our donation to the University and they have sent us two free passes for a tour of the Quilt Museum. See Joan Carrell if you would like the passes.

Sunshine - Corinne Windett: Bea Johnson's husband passed away last month and a memorial service will be announced later. Bea is a new member. Sharon Heilman had a knee replacement April 10 and is already walking on her own without any aid.

Colleen Harlow's husband Richard had a successful bone marrow transplant and is in the Phoenix hospital.

Membership - Kay Harlan: Kay gave out name tags to members who joined last month.

Opportunity Quilt - Kristi McHugh: Kristi thanked everyone who has helped work on the quilt and who have promoted the ticket sales. She asked that if you have any of the tickets left to please turn them in to her.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: The sign up for next month's project (Log Cabin Star) is in the back of the room. There will be no ECHOS for June and July.

Block of the Month - Ann Novak: ECHOS for this month will be demonstrations by Ann Novak on pleating, Julie Nanke on rushing, and Geo Mickelson on beading.

Ann mentioned that you can see the blocks each month when you come in. They are displayed on the table before entering the sanctuary.

Hospitality and Quilt Show Boutique - Susan Perry: Susan introduced the following guests: Rosalie Thomas, Judy Simington, and Linda Morrison. Susan announced that the donation basket for the boutique is filling up and thanked everyone who has been contributing. She has more patterns and material ready, so please consider helping to make items for the Mountain Top boutique. Susan has more kits for iron covers and for green grocery sacks. There are three kits for cell phone holders. Car bag patterns and material is available and also a pattern for an 'apron' for an oil/vinegar bottle. Please bring in all of the completed projects for the boutique by the May meeting.

Small Quilt Auction - Sally Plummer: Sally thanked those who have turned in their small quilts and announced that we have about 45-50 so far. Volunteers are needed after the auction to help distribute the quilts. Please remember to get your application forms and quilts in by the May 19th meeting.

Quilt Show - Carol Miller: Plans are going very well and there are a few areas where some volunteers are needed, Hostesses and Quilt Turning. Please remember to get your registration forms in. Advance purchase tickets are available for \$5. Kay Harlan announced that you will be receiving an email that you can forward to friends and family about the show. On May 3rd, Channel 3 will be at Tim's Toyota Center and Kay will be asking them to interview Carol Miller about the quilt show.

Programs - Udean Helton: Today's program will be Heidi Pridemore talking about exploring color with 'outside the box' quilts. The class tomorrow still has some openings and is \$40 and will include the pattern and kit. May will be last-minute things for our quilt show. Udean will demonstrate how to put a sleeve on your quilt and where the label goes. June is our summer luncheon. July will be the rummage sale with Christmas in July.

August is Susan Vassallo who will do a trunk show and lecture. September we will have Sharon Schamber do a presentation and workshop. The workshop is \$45. In October we will be preparing for Quilt Camp and Sam Logan will do a program. November will be a presentation by Rita Blocksom on convergence quilts. In December we will have our Christmas luncheon. Udean has already been able to book some dates for January, February, and March in 2009.

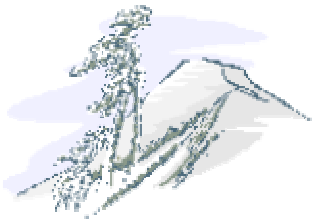
Community Quilts - Susan Peterson: Monday will be a regular Community Sew day and asked that you remember to bring your walking foot. May 10th will be the CASA adoptions at the Court House at 10 am. Everyone is welcome but you must be there on time. Carol Hood mentioned that a friend is involved in CASA and thanks us for all of the quilts that we donate to them. The Challenge quilts were shown by 22 ladies and ballots were handed out to the members to vote on their favorite. Results will be announced after the break. Participants are Joan Carrell, Ivy Chavez, Julie Dodds, Carolyn Doyle, Helen Gasko, Key Harlan, Gisela Hoeger, Audrey Jessee, Marty Lensink, Marie Love, Susie Martin, Carol Miller, Ann Novak, Susan Perry, Susan Peterson, Dorothy Philblad, Ginnie Rafti, Bettie Setz, Nancy Stewart, Helen Swanson, Kathy Vinson, and Kay Wentworth.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 17 ladies who shared their projects with us: Kay Harlan, Sharon Watt, Laura Myer, Joyce Cummings, Sally Cantwell, Joy Weinald, Barbara Phiel, Annette Ladehoff, Erna Greenway, Dorothy Philblad, Judy Hughes, Barbara Merkel, Linda Hill, Kristi McHugh, Adrienne Morrison, Chris Anders, and Hazel Karetov.

After the break, the Challenge winners were announced. Congratulations to 1st place - Julie Dodds, 2nd place - Susan Peterson, 3rd place - Carol Miller, and

4th place - Joan Carrell.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



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