

The Summit, May 2009

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The board has breathed a collective sigh of relief that our first annual Fun Day is over and was a huge success! I can't tell you how many times during our preparation in the last few months we looked at each other and said, "Whose bright idea was this, anyway?" or "What were we thinking?" But in the end we had a great time putting it all together.

As always, we heard people say, "Why should I spend money for a workshop when I have fabric and patterns at home?" I'm sure all of the participants at Fun Day, including the board members could have said the same thing. But there was more to this workshop than monetary cost. It was a chance to get together with fellow quilters, learn a new quilt pattern, have a great pot luck lunch and actually spend an entire day sewing. How often do many of us actually get to do that? If the noise level at the workshop was any indication, participants had a good time. One person remarked that she had more fun than she should be allowed to have. And, after all, isn't that the reason we all quilt?

Happy quilting,

Joan Carrell
President

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

It's VACATION TIME!! **The newsletter will be out a week later than usual.** Please send all articles for the June newsletter to MTNewsletter@cablone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the June newsletter articles is Sunday, June 7th 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.

SUNSHINE

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

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

If you have changes to your address, e-mail or name, please let me know at the meetings, by phone, or by e-mail at kharlan1615@cablone.net

Election of New Board Members

Election of the Mountain Top Quilters Board members for 2009-2010 will be held at our May membership meeting.

The nominees are:

President: Sam Logan
President-elect: Beverly Markham
Program Chair: Susan Perry
Treasurer: Marti Lensink
Secretary: Judy Hughes

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

"Like the unseen soft cotton batting used to stuff a quilt, every quilt is filled with hidden memories and stitched with love."

Twelve Golden Threads by Aliske Webb (Chap. March)

Our monthly meetings too, are filled with memories among which are those of the tasty treats so generously brought by MTQ members. The following have offered to bring a FINGER-FOOD TREAT for May. We all say a big thank you.

Cristy Anderson, Betty Bourgault, Sara DeRouchey, Nancy Fuller, Colleen Harlow, Sherri Hubbs, Marie Love, Geo Mickelson, Sharon Phelps, Susan Perry, Ginnie Rafti, Diana Ramsey, Jeanne Sellers, Kathy Tavares, Jeanne Vick, Ellen Von Brentano, Corinne Windett.

PROGRAMS

Kristi McHugh

The Fun Day was so much fun! 17 members participated in this fun quilt day. The MTQ Board provided fabric kits, instruction and all day pressing, as quilts were pieced together. We hope all the quilt tops make it to the show and tell at the June.

Upcoming Programs:

May 18: Program "Beyond Tradition" (Quick Strip Paper Piecing) National teacher, Peggy Martin will present a trunk show and lecture. She will conduct two Evening Star workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday. The star is beautiful and I'm excited to learn her strip paper piecing method. (For a supply list contact the MTQ Program Chair) www.peggymartinquilts.com

May 19 & 20: Workshop "Evening Star Class"

June 15: Program Spring Luncheon

July 20: AQQ Traveling Teacher Susan Vassallo will present a trunk show and Traditional and Innovative Art lecture. Her workshop on Tuesday will be an Abstract Quilt Design Class, using traditional techniques.

July 21: Workshop "Abstract Quilt Design"

Saturday, August 15: National Teacher Ami Simms will present a lecture as part of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative Exhibit. The title of her lecture is "Quilting & Caring: The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative" The lecture is at 10 a.m. here at First Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary, and is free to the public.

August 17: Program Ami Simms will lecture on Living with Quilts: A Survival Guide. Her Monday afternoon workshop will be "How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch".

August 18: Workshop "Twisted Sister". Ami is one of the most humorous people that you will ever meet! Her very funny Grand Canyon story can be found at: <http://amisimms.com/mudogrca.html>. I hope that you will be able to take one of her workshops, they are so much fun!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOTM)

Ann Novak

If you have **more than one heart block from the same person**, you will have a chance to make a trade at the Block of the Month table. I will have a folder set up for each month. Bring the blocks that you want to **exchange**, but first write the month and embellishment on the back behind the heart. When you take a block out of the folder, replace it with your block. You may need to check back more than once as more people make exchanges

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

This month Erna Greenway will be sharing "Color Pizzaz" using the Color Wheel. Learn how to make your quilts come together with color combinations and balance.

Coming up: Learn hand appliqué taught by ribbon winner Barbara Merkel. She will share her techniques for making those perfect points and hidden stitches. And Crazy Quilt Queen Geo Mickelson will share her crazy quilt expertise. Dates for these ECHOS workshops will be announced next month.

We are still looking for a label maker or makers to share ideas with us. Contact Jimmie Johnson.

LIBRARY NEWS

Linda Marley

Since the library will be open in May but closed for the June luncheon, all library materials checked out this month won't be due back until July. It's a great time to find a new pattern or brush up on your quilting techniques with a good book or video. We're so pleased that so many of you are taking advantage of the library materials.

In response to many of our quilters who are spring cleaning, the library is not currently accepting donations due to limited space and time to process. When we get closer to the club's rummage sale date, the library will then take on the task of receiving your donations for sale.

Thank you for your continued support of the magazine sales, headed by Charlene Coxworth and Rosalie McDowell. The library has taken in over \$100 since January in sales and overdue fees.

AQG VISIT

We will be visited by AQQ representative Georgia Simpson. At our June membership meeting Georgia will be here to answer your questions or concerns about AQQ. Now is the time to find out everything you always wanted to know about AQQ!

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Susan Peterson

Community Quilts Work Day

Monday, May 25, 2009

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

Las Fuentes Resort Village

1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Yes, we have no “bananas”... oh, but we do and much more! Rose’s General Store will be available for window shopping in the morning before the meeting, but purchasing a sack of Challenge fabric will have to wait until the mid morning break. So dig into those piggy banks and bring \$2 to participate. Some “artistic license” was taken with the fabric presentation and we think you will enjoy the results. Are you feeling creative? This Challenge is for fun and for a good cause, so give it a whirl. All of the completed quilts will be due at the Feb. 15, 2010 General Meeting to show off your creations. The quilts will also be hung in the April MTQ quilt show.

For the work day, remember to bring:

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

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 traded heart blocks (you may 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 may be added.

MTQ JUNE 2009 LUNCHEON

The Merri Stitches Mini-Group is planning a fun time for our June 15 luncheon. Last month the sign-up sheets were passed around and many of you offered to help. We especially need additional help in the kitchen before and after the meeting as we have a small mini-group. The sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall during the May meeting, so please help fill in the rest of the positions needed.

This year we ask you to support PAWS (Prescott Area Women’s Shelter) with \$10 gift cards from any of our local grocery stores. The shelter provides snacks and incidentals to the homeless women and children using the shelter. There will be a basket placed in the Fellowship Hall for you to place your gifts.

The meeting in June will be longer as we will have a guest from AQG and will also be enjoying the finished quilts from our block of the month challenge. We also plan to have some game(s)/entertainment in the Sanctuary before we move into the Fellowship Hall at about 11:15 am. Feel free to slip out to the restroom if needed.

The Merri Stitches would like to encourage you to make this luncheon an opportunity to get to know members of the guild that you have not had an opportunity to visit with before. Invite some new members to join a table where you are sitting and see what you can learn about them. Let’s make this a fun time for everyone!

With the variety of dishes to choose from, we hope all will find enough that they can eat. But if you have strict dietary requirements, you may need to bring a dish for yourself.

After the hostesses have brought the salads to your table, they will then be placed on the long table by the kitchen. Please feel free to get up and enjoy a different salad.

Opportunity Quilt

Linda Marley

The Opportunity Quilt was picked up Tuesday from Gwen McNallan and is in the hands of Annette Ladehoff who volunteered to do the binding and label. She hopes to be done by this month’s meeting. Pat Folsom has ordered the raffle tickets. We desperately need someone to market the quilt. It shouldn’t be a difficult job since former chairmen have all the contacts put together

April 2010 Quilt Show

Kathy Dunn

Currently we have Chairpersons for all committees except **Hanging** and **Site Décor**. Please contact me if you are interested in one of these two chairs. My email is dunn65rk@q.com and my phone number is 772-5571. It is very important that we fill these two positions in the next few months. The theme is "Pieced Memories: New and Old", and the date for the show is April 9 and 10, 2010 at Yavapai Community College.

Those of us on the Committee are excited about working on the show for next year. We will be looking for helpers to work on each of the individual committees over the next few months. There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone in the guild to contribute to the success of the show.

QUILT CAMP 2009

Tuesday, Oct 13th – Thursday, Oct 15th
Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott

Don't be left out in the cold! Quilt Camp registrations are filling up quickly so get your name on the list and join us for a quilt-a-holic three days! Food's good, conversation's entertaining and friendship's guaranteed!

Registration forms can be found on our website at www.mountaintopquilters.com or see Diana Ramsey at the meeting to get a form. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is all it takes to get your (presser) foot in the door!

BATTING

Kay Wentworth, MTQ Reporter

There are so many options when it comes to batting these days:

- Polyester:** good for warmth and high loft, but not breathable.
- Cotton:** a cooler option, breathable, but not great for warmth nor high loft.
- Wool:** warm, breathable, and can be wet and not "feel" wet.
- Silk:** moderately good for warmth, wonderfully soft and breathable.

Bamboo: moderate warmth, very soft, and breathable.

Eco batting (corn): not very warm, very low loft.

There are more options including batting made from recycled soda bottles. Most of the options above are made with some combination of cotton added to them, and almost all can be purchased locally. My personal favorite, all expenses aside, is silk. Hobbs makes a wonderful silk batting called "Tuscany" which sells for around \$28/twin size. It is 90% silk, and 10% polyester.

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts is collecting the 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. Thank you.

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Happy Mother's Day

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

April 20, 2009

Linda Coppola, Secretary

Joan Carrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Joan asked that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. Joan announced that there are two upcoming quilt shows: Lonesome Valley on May 9, 2009 and Thumb Butte on June 5 and 6, 2009. Marty Lensink passed around a clipboard for sign ups for the June luncheon. There are three categories: kitchen, salads, and dessert. Sandwiches will be provided. Fun Day mystery quilt will be next week, April 28 and the supply list was emailed to those who have signed up. If you did not get the list, please see Joan for one. This is a potluck luncheon so remember to bring a dish to share. At the June membership meeting we will have an AQG representative who will talk about the responsibilities of each chapter and answer any questions members have. Mountain Top Quilters has volunteered to host a national teacher for AQG possibly in May 2010. Sam Logan presented the 2010 board nominees and they are: Sam Logan-President, Beverly Markham-President Elect, Susan Perry-Programs, Judy Hughes-Secretary, and Marty Lensink-Treasurer. We will be voting on these nominations next month. Pat Folsom is taking renewals and new orders for the Fons and Porter magazine subscriptions. Please see Pat to place your order. The new Opportunity Quilt was unveiled and it is beautiful. Pat Folsom ordered tickets for this raffle so please pick up your envelope in the Fellowship Hall. The tickets sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. Joan asked if anyone would be willing to market the quilt and Carol Cooley and Charlene Coxworth volunteered to co-chair this committee.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine - Corinne Windett announced that Hildy Smith's sister passed away. Nadine Pierce had hip replacement surgery. Dorothy Philblad was in the hospital for observation for flu symptoms and is doing better now. We received a thank you note from Hospice of the Pines for the memorial donation we made in Laura Myers name. Congratulations and best wishes to Jimmie Johnson on her 80th birthday.

Membership chairman - Kay Harlan asked everyone to pick up their new name tags in the Fellowship Hall. If there are any errors on the tag, please let Kay know. Kay reminded everyone that at this time, all dues are paid through June 30, 2010.

Quilt Show - Kathy Dunn: Carol Miller substituted for Kathy today and announced that there are only three committee chair positions open. If you are interested in filling the following: Oasis, Hanging, or Site Décor please contact Kathy.

Library - Linda Marley mentioned that books can be reserved and picked up at the meeting. Linda bought a book and a video on Crazy Quilting for the library with money taken in from magazine sales.

Hospitality - Susan Perry welcomed three visitors this month. They are: Suzy Palmer, Betty Blanset, and Jan Edge-LeForte.

Quilt Camp and Mini-Groups - Diana Ramsey: Camp will be October 13, 14, and 15, 2009 and is about two thirds full. If you are interested in joining a mini-group, please see Diana at the break. Diana mentioned the June newsletter will be about a week later as she will be away on vacation.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson: There will be no workshop today and next month Erna Greenway will talk about color theories. There is a sign-up sheet in the back. Jimmie thanked Audrey Jessee for the class she taught last month on redwork.

Block of the Month - Ann Novak: Ann is away this month and Geo Mickelson will have the folders if anyone is interested in trading.

Community Quilts - Susan Peterson and Kathleen Bond: Susan asked that all quilts for the CASA adoptions be turned in by next Monday at the workshop. The next CASA adoption date is May 9 at 10 a.m. in the Court House. Carol Hood, who is in charge of refreshments for the workshop, asked if someone would provide a coffee cake and a salad for the lunch time. The bags for the Challenge Quilts will be available at the May meeting. There will be 25 bags available and each bag will be \$2 and will contain material for you to use. The finished quilts will be due in either January or February of 2010. The finished size should be about 44" x 55".

Programs - Kristi McHugh explained how the cost of the workshops is arrived at by averaging the cost involved divided by the number of people allowed to fill the available space. This is not a money-maker for the guild. The program today will be given by Bernina Connection on the use of paint sticks. There will be a workshop this afternoon after the meeting. A May lecture by Peggy Martin will be on quick-strip paper piecing. Peggy will have a workshop the next day and because there were so many on the wait list, she will do another class on Wednesday also. After the meeting today, Kristi will open the class up to non-members. 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. Ami Simms will be here in August. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Show and Tell - Carolyn Doyle and Marty Lensink: There were 14 ladies who shared their projects with us. They are: Gisela Hoeger, Betty Foley, Kay Harlan, Colleen Harlow, Sam Logan, Bev Carr, Carol Hood, Julie Dodds, Hazel Karetov, Charlene Coxworth, Carolyn Edwards, Kathy Lamoureux, Sharon Watt, and Kristi McHugh.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Remember to Bring:

☀️ **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt Projects and CASA adoption quilts.

☀️ **Library books:** Books that are due

☀️ **Snacks:** If your name is listed

Board Meeting

The June board meeting will be held at the home of Sam Logan on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will include the outgoing board members and the new incoming board.

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

General Meeting

Monday May 18th - 9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

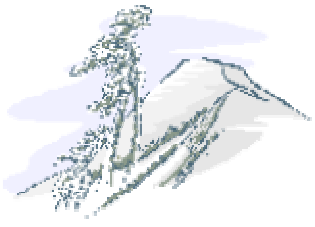
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Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.



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