

The Summit, November 2007

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you who were unable to attend the quilt retreat, you missed a lot of fun. The members present want to make it an annual event, and that proposition will be discussed at the next general meeting. The goal will be to make the quilt retreat self-supporting, but the initial deposit will need to come out of the budget and that will require a membership vote. If you have never been to a quilt retreat, consider signing up for the next one. The quilt camp co-chairs, Annette Ladehoff and Judy D'Avignon, will be taking deposits. Quilt camp will be limited to thirty members, first come first serve based on paid deposits. That amount will be announced at the meeting.

Besides learning techniques from other quilters, sharing works in progress, eating your weight in chocolate and pretzels, quilt camp provides some interesting conversations. One discussion involved those "UFO's" that we all seem to accumulate. Last January when I decided to participate in a UFO contest with another guild, I started by listing all of my UFO's. While I don't remember mentioning this, apparently I did because several members have surprised me by doing just this. One of them came up to me and said, "Now I have them all listed, so now what?" I laughed, because she thought that her 48 UFO's were surely more than anyone in the group, but I personally know two women with half again as many. So what do you do?

Here was my suggestion. I started by arranging my list in the order that I wanted to finish them. I decided that there were some UFO's that I no longer had any desire to finish, and they were taking up space on my shelf and on my list. I had paid for the class or pattern and the fabric and I wasn't going to get that money back. So I put them to good use, and donated them to community quilts. Perhaps that is how those "round robin" quilts get started. You have to give yourself permission to get rid of these UFO's", especially if you know in your heart that you are never going to finish them.

Now what do you do with the rest? Decide how much time you can devote on a regular basis to working on them. I decided to spend Friday mornings working on my UFO's. For someone else it may be one hour a week, or two hours a month. It's a personal choice. I once heard Sharyn Craig say that she decided to spend 15 minutes a day working to complete her first quilt. She said that there were days when she set the egg timer so that she didn't have to work one minute longer than her allotted 15 minutes. But if you are consistent you will eventually get it done, and she did.

The other piece of advice had to do with my "Stash." I decided to follow the advice of Becky Goldsmith and keep my stash to its current size. If I buy a yard of fabric, I donate an equal amount to Community Quilts. I "downsized" my stash by cutting a 6" square of each piece, and then donated the rest. Some fabrics I cut into a 15" square for the back of some of my quilts, and donated the rest of those pieces. I am still buying new fabrics, but managing to keep some order in the chaos.

This is what works for me. You have to decide what works for you.

Susie Martin, President

Newsletter Deadline

Pat Folsom and Pat Gentner

Pat Folsom will be editing the December, 2007 newsletter. Please send all articles for the December newsletter to Pat at mtqnewsletter@cableone.net , or you can call Pat Folsom at 776-4155. **Deadline for the December newsletter articles will be Wednesday, December 7 at noon.**

HOPI PROJECT

Marty Lensink

At the November meeting, I will collect items for the Hopi reservation. After visiting with Karen Tootsie, I have a list of items that will be most useful to these women.

FABRICS: Cottons only; nothing smaller than a fat quarter; especially appreciate solid colors; batting - only larger pieces; items for making baby quilts.

TOOLS: Olfa 6" rulers; scissors; rotary cutters; needles; other rulers and mats; clamps.

MACHINES; sewing machines; sergers; embroidery machines. If they don't work, that is ok. Mr. Tootsie is very good at making repairs.

MISCELLANEOUS: any sewing patterns should be large sizes; threads and other notions.

All your gifts will be appreciated.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

1028 Willow Creek Road, Prescott – the Masonic Square
(Bank of America Building)

November 23 & 24 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

Thanksgiving Weekend

Featuring 40 Local Crafters & Artists

Sponsored by Prescott Rainbow Girls

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

The **following are being asked** to bring a treat to share with the guild membership at the November meeting. **THANK YOU** ladies for your help in providing a treat for break time. Joan Vroom, Sharon Walt, Marilyn Weber, Carol Webster, Joy Weinald, Kay Wentworth, Virginia Wenzel, Talitha White, Corinne Windett, Masako Wolfe, Robin Yanak, Regina Younger, and B'Anne Younker.

Next Month we'll be enjoying our annual December celebration with lunch. Mark your calendar!

PROGRAMS

Lynn Ray

NOV. 19th- Beth Ann St. George lecture on Art as Meditation.

Nov. 19th - Sign up for Carol Guthrie's class "sweatshirt jacket" which will be taught on **Tuesday Jan 22, 2008 from 9:00-2:00.** Sign up and get supply list and what to do before class information. Class size limited to 20 students.

Dec. 17th - Christmas Party.

It's been a great year serving as your Program Chair.

Lynn Ray

Quilt Show Boutique

Susan Perry and Jeannie Vick

Plans are under way to have another successful boutique at the upcoming quilt show. **February's ECHOS** will be dedicated to creating boutique items and we'll be planning some sewing afternoons at various sites next year. We have some simple grocery sack kits made up if you'd like to take one at November's meeting. If you have any ideas for projects or wish to volunteer to help **please contact one of your co-chairs, Susan Perry or Jeannie Vick**

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Membership dues are due **now** and must be in by **December 31st**. The dues are now \$ 35.00 for renewal and \$40.00 for new members (which includes a name tag). Due to the increase by AQQ of \$ 5.00. You must fill out **two pieces** of paper completely, one for MTG and one for AQQ. AQQ has ask their membership chairmen's not to fill these forms out for the members, to make sure the information is complete and has not changed from last year. I would appreciate if you would do this.

Your membership card will NOT BE ON YOUR CHATTER, AS THEY WILL MAIL THEM OUT TO YOU IN A SEPARATE MAILINGS.

Dues that are received after December 31, 2008 will be \$40.00. I will be available before, at the break and after the meeting the next two months.

Thank you. Kay

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and Dawn Valanas-Moser

Our next gathering will be held on **Monday, November 26, 2007 at 9:30-3:30 at the Las Fuentes Resort Village- 1045 Scott Drive, Prescott.**

The Community Quilts activity is a vital component of the MTQ Guild. It allows each member an opportunity to give of themselves to others doing something they love-quilting. We have quite a variety of kits and sandwiched tops ready to be quilted or tied. Take something home to work on or join us at our work session on the 4th Monday!!! **Bring \$2.50 for pizza or a sack lunch.**

SUNSHINE

Linda Coppola

I will be out of town for the meeting this month but will be checking my email so you can still get in touch with me. Cards were sent this month to Pat Folsom who had shoulder surgery and is doing very well. Bettie Setz is recovering from knee surgery. We say good bye to Eunice Buitenwerf who is moving to Iowa in December. We will miss you Eunice.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson and B'Anne Younkens

Diana Ramsey is teaching us how to make the Folded Fabric Ornament. The materials charge is \$3.00. You will make two ornaments, one to take home and one for the Boutique. Diana provided the supply list at the ECHOS table at our October meeting. If you have any questions regarding this list, please call or e-mail Diane Ramsey.

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Kay Denny & Sally Plummer

The **Small Quilt Auction** is a major fund-raiser at our biennial Quilt Show which will be Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 1 pm during the second day of **"Everybody's Hometown Quilt Show"**. Sally and Kay are once again requesting a donation of a beautiful small quilt for this event.

A small quilt is anything from itty bitty to up to approximately 45" x 45". It could be a miniature quilt, but doesn't have to be. It can be pieced, appliquéd, fusible web, machine embroidered, or even a cheater quilt. A hanging sleeve is a nice touch, but not required.

Quilt registration/receipt forms are available on the web site (thanks to our fantastic webmaster) and at the general meetings. Sally and Kay are now accepting your **greatly appreciated** donations.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Kay Wentworth

The end of year **"Block-of-the-Month Quilt Challenge"** will happen at the November Guild Meeting. Bring your quilt or quilt tops related to this year's Block of the Month and tell us about them at Show and Tell. If you don't want to get up and talk about your quilt, simply lay them on one of the back pews. Everyone wins a blue ribbon, because if you made a quilt or quilt top, you are a winner!

WHO CAN SHARE THIS TASK WITH ME?

The thrill of finishing a quilt is exhilarating! Share that feeling by entering a quilt in the **AQG Quilt Show, March 14 and 15, 2008, at ASU-West Campus.**

MTQ is one of the larger chapters of AQG, and we had very few of our members who entered the AQG Quilt Show last year. Let's fix that! If you're shy about having your quilt judged, there is a "Display Only" entry category. However...having your quilt judged is a growing and learning experience. You can only get better from having your quilt judged!

I look at a Quilt Show as a deadline to get a quilt done! And think about this--if you have an entry in the AQG Quilt Show, you'll be all set with an entry in MTQ's Quilt Show in June!

The AQG quilt entry deadline is January 15, 2008, and must include a photo of your completed quilt top. Entry forms and information will appear in the October, November, and December AQG Patchwork Chatter newsletters. You can also enter online at www.azquiltersguild.org. Quilts are due to ASU-West on Sunday, March 9th, between 1 and 5 p.m. Last year, the closest drop-off site to the Prescott area was Cottonwood.

I am willing to share the drop-off site responsibilities. I can take quilts down to the Quilt Show on Sunday, March 9th. But, I would like to ask someone else to volunteer to pick up the quilts on Saturday, March 15th, at ASU-West, between 4 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Call me if you can share this task! The Volunteer Form is due by January 15th. Thanks a million!

Carolyn Edwards

Library Notes by *Linda Marley*

This will be the last time in 2007 the guild library will be open, so books checked out this month will not be due back until the January 2008 meeting. It's a great opportunity to get inspiration to start something new, or read up on techniques to finish some of those UFOs. There are some great books on borders and sashing, hand and machine quilting, as well as books with tips and tricks to get you stitching away during the coming winter months.

If you have books due this month and can't come to the meeting, please find a friend to return your books for you. Or you can email renewal requests to clmarley@cableone.net. Please include the title and book number.

Christmas gifts for Stepping Stones

As discussed at the October MTQ meeting, we will be collecting pillowcases and \$10 gift certificates for Christmas gifts to Stepping Stones in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange. For each completed pillowcase or gift certificate turned in at the November or December meetings, makers will receive a ticket for a drawing at the December luncheon. Four winners will each receive a pair of Christmas pillowcases. See Masako Wolfe at the meetings.

Christmas Luncheon & Table-runner Challenge

Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to prepare a dish for the Christmas Luncheon. The response was awesome. We'll be posting of list of all the volunteers as a reminder during the November meeting. If your plans change and you won't be able to attend, please try to find a substitute. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy Philblad.

Don't forget the "A Christmas Gift" table-runner challenge for the Christmas Luncheon. The membership at large will be voting during the December meeting with prizes to be awarded for "best fits the theme," and overall favorite. Quilters will keep their entries after use at the luncheon. Co-hostesses for this year's luncheon are the Mystery and CQ Wearable mini-groups who have lots of surprises and door prizes in store, so plan to be part of the fun on December 17th.

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MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

October 15, 2007

Diana Ramsey, Secretary

Susie Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Guild Pins – They are now available for \$2.00 at the meetings.

County Fair Entrants – All participants in the county fair were recognized by the members

Quilt Show - Carol Miller reminded members of the committee meeting directly after the general meeting.

Also, Quilt Show pins are now available for purchase for \$5.00.

AQG News – The Chatter is now available by e-mail which will alleviate future increases in dues for rising postage and printing cost. Please mark the box on your AQG membership renewal form to choose this option.

Quilt Show Boutique – Susan Perry, Chair, is accepting all suggestions and ideas for boutique items.

Small Quilt Auction – Kay Denny, Chair, announced that the auction will be on the Saturday of the Quilt Show at 1:00 p.m. This is a big fundraiser for our chapter and requested that we all try to get some quilts to donate for the auction. Donators need to fill out a registration form for IRS purposes and provide your own valuation of your donated items. Quilts should be no larger than 45”x 45”.

Opportunity Quilt – Kristi McHugh asked for more volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at upcoming events.

December Luncheon – Linda Marley reported that the theme this year is “A Christmas Gift”. The sign up sheet for food providers was passed through the meeting. Foods will be casseroles, salads/side dishes and desserts with a red and green color theme. Prizes will be given for best table runner and best decorated table. Pillow cases for Stepping Stones will be made by members in lieu of a gift exchange. Patterns can be gotten from Jimmy Johnson, Evelyn Russell or Linda Marley. Gift cards for local shops and businesses can also be donated.

Membership – Kay Harlan is now heading this committee. We were advised that membership dues for 2008 are due by the December 17th meeting and are \$35.00 if paid now and \$40.00 if paid after January 1st. Both forms must be filled out for MTQ and AQG membership. Make checks payable to MTQ.

Block of the Month winners were Sally Cantwell, Dawn Valanas-Mosser and Pat Foat.

Community Quilts – Several quilts were on display for raffle sales. The money will be used to buy supplies and materials as needed. Keep collecting the Hobbs Batt labels and turn them in to Kathleen Bond.

Hospitality – Susan Perry introduced our visitors: Linda Gergen, Elise Gatcombe, Lois Eldridge, Jan Hampton, Marti Harbour, B. Johnson and Rae Cooper.

ECHOS Chair, Jimmy Johnson, reminded us that the Crayon Fabric Coloring class was after the meeting.

November is Folded Fabric Ornaments, December is the luncheon and there will be no ECHOS, January Ann Novak will have us working on Block of the Month.

Programs – November we will hear from Beth Ann St. George on Art as Meditation and December is the luncheon.

Nominating Committee – Joan Carrell presented the roster for Committee Chairs and Board positions that had members slated. Two positions still open were President Elect and Programs, which needed to be filled in order to keep the chapter running next year. After several minutes of discussion, Sam Logan and Udean Helton volunteered for the positions, respectively. The chapter will vote on all Board nominations at the November meeting.

Standing Rules Parliamentary Committee – Joan Carrell read the Proposed Standing Rules and a motion to accept the rules as read was made by Julie Dodds and seconded by Sam Logan. A unanimous vote for acceptance was made by the membership.

Show & Tell -participants were: Linda Hill, Susie Martin, Sally Cantwell, Kay Wentworth, Barbara Merkel, Laura Myers, Eunice Buitenwerf, Masako Wolfe, Mary Andra Holmes and Carol Miller

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember to Bring:

- . **Food:** If your last name begins with Vroom and ends with Younker
- . **Community Quilts:** Finished Community Quilt projects
- . **Library books:** Return overdue material.
- . **ECHOS:** Diane Ramsey and her very special Folded Fabric Ornaments
- . **Block of the Month:** Block of the Month Quilt Challenge presentation.

General Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

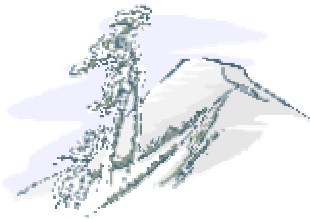
Monday, November 26, 2007, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
The Clubhouse @ Las Fuentes
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

Monday: December 3, 2007 at 9:30 am
Joan Carrell's home

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 Susie Martin.



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