

The Summit, November 2009

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall! I love this time of year for the beautiful weather and the excitement of the impending holidays. I encourage everyone to sign up for the Christmas Luncheon this next meeting. We still need table decorators and kitchen help. We are also going to have Christmas Show and Tell at the luncheon and I hope that everyone is as excited as I am about this. The talented quilters in this guild continue to amaze me. See you all at the next meeting.

Fondly,
Sam Logan

Newsletter Deadline

Diana Ramsey

Please send all articles for the December newsletter to MTNewsletter@cableone.net or you can call Diana at 771-9759. **Deadline for the December newsletter articles is Wednesday, December 9th, at noon.** This is the Wednesday following the Board Meeting, which is held on the first Monday of the month.

SUNSHINE

Corinne Windett

Please contact Corinne at chucori@commspeed.net with any announcements or notices you have.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Please welcome new members Jan Adams and Louna Crooks.

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@q.net.

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.

Volunteers Still Needed for Christmas Luncheon:

- One person to help in the kitchen at 8:30.
- Six people to decorate a table and bring plates, silverware, glasses or cups and napkins for 10. You can use disposable or washable items. Your table should be decorated by 9:00.

If you can help with either of these tasks, please contact Judy Hughes at 717-0791 or jlibrarian@att.net.

PROGRAMS

Susan Perry

Thanks to all who donated items to sell at last month's successful rummage sale. We made \$322.70 with \$128.20 going to the library fund and \$194.50 to the general fund. Based on the receipts, 70 different quilters purchased items. Special thanks to the helpers that made everything run smoothly: Kitty Lynch, Alice Obrenovich, Lorraine Owen and Cindy Phare with set-up and room management; Linda Coppola, Julie Dodds and Hildy Smith, our cashiers; and Betty Foley, Darlene Gatewood and Marty Lensink, our talliers.

This month our speaker is Vikki Pignatelli who will be teaching an easy curve project all day Tuesday. There are two openings and a few of you still need to pay; the cost is \$37.50. We are taking sign-ups for English paper piecing class with Ann Kimball on Monday afternoon January 18th for \$10.00 and machine quilting with Linda Heithold on Tuesday February 16th for \$25.00.

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson, B'Anne Younkers, Evelyn Russell

This month ECHOS will be devoted to making items for the quilt show boutique. Contact Jeannie Vick for information on things you will need to bring.

Then in December we have our Holiday Luncheon and no ECHOS in the afternoon.

Look forward to some great plans in 2010: Quilt labels by Carolyn Doyle, Appliqué by Barbara Merkel, and Judith Ritner is going to give a class for us on her fantastic bags. More details on these classes next month.

Programs Survey Wanted!

Susan Perry

So far 21 members have completed the Programs Survey. I will be using your input to book future National teachers so please take the time to complete and return the survey. You can find the survey on the MTQ website under the Newsletter link as part of the list of new items. Extra copies of the survey will be at the programs table at our next meeting.

Do you want to improve your machine quilting?

Susan Perry

We have several opportunities coming in 2010. First, MTQ member Linda Heithold will be teaching a 6 hour machine quilting class on Tuesday February 16th. Linda will go over some machine quilting basics and give everyone - beginner to experienced quilter - an opportunity to improve their machine quilting skills. Cost is \$25.00 and you can sign up at the Programs table starting in November. Traveling AQG teacher, Sarah Vedeler, will teach machine quilting skills in September. She will provide two different three hour classes on Tuesday Sept. 21st. Lastly, we will have Sue Nickels next November. So, go ahead and add "improve machine quilting skills" to your list of resolutions for 2010 and sign up for Linda's class. (And don't forget to pick up a Community Quilt or two to practice on).

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

Our gardens continue to be brightened by the sturdy colorful chrysanthemum as chilly days descend on us. A flower of many colors, it is the yellow one that catches our eye and warms our soul. A member of the daisy family, its name comes from the Greek Chrysos -'gold' and anthos -'flower'. Found throughout the world, its origin is Asia. In several cultures this flower represents heads of state. Here in the U.S. it's associated with football homecoming. Also, it is an expression of friendship, cheer, hope, nobility, and wisdom.

Happy Birthday to each of you celebrating 'your day' this month.

We're asking the following to brighten break time this month for the birthday ladies. Thanks for adding to the celebration of these quilting sisters. *Gisela Hoeger, Jane Hofbauer, Mary Andra Holmes, Carol Hood, Kathleen Howe, Sherri Hubbs, Judy Hughes, Helen Jacobson, Audrey Jessee, B. Johnson, Jimmie Johnson, Hazel Karetov, Juliette Kellerhals, Janice Key, Jackie Kimsey, Lynda Kinnear*

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Jeanne Vick and Nancy Stewart

The Quilt Show Committee is making good progress preparing for the show in April. We will be making items for the Boutique following the MTQ meeting in November. We would like as many people as possible to stay and help make these items. Also I will have a board at the January meeting for our members to sign up to help with the show. We would like to thank the ladies for their contributions to the boutique. April sounds like a long way off, but by making your boutique items now, it allows time for completion of your "Small Quilt" and the ones you are entering for exhibit.

We will have the plastic tub at every meeting to accept your donations to be sold. This can include completed items, suggestions, and patterns. Please use only quality fabrics for your project as this will make a positive reflection on our Guild.

Again, suggestions that are always popular are potholders, table runners, wall hangings, pin cushions, baby quilts and aprons. Bright cheery colors along with Southwestern theme are excellent choices. We do not believe that Christmas or Holiday will be a hot ticket. Other items can include the block caddy, plastic bag sacks, draught catchers, adult clothing protectors (large bibs), wheelchair and walker bags, carry-all totes in various sizes and those adorable ironing rolls demonstrated at the September meeting.

We also have patterns available for various items should you need some inspiration. As a correction to the "Chicken Pattern" that was on the table, each of the "body" squares MUST be backed with batting. This prohibits the leaking of the sand. Remember we have sand available, so don't buy your own.

ECHOS for November has been set aside as a boutique workshop. We will need only a couple of machines. We will be demonstrating several of the items, and setting up assembly for some others. Please bring, rotary cutter, mats, scraps (large and small pieces), Basic Sewing Kits, trims (lace, yarn and ribbons, beads, buttons), batting (scraps will work) and your items and patterns. We will have the sand for the chickens and other pin cushions, patterns, projects in process, and small fabric and batting scraps. As an added bonus, we will be having a door prize drawing for all participants.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns. We would love hearing from you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Linda Marley

Thanks to all the members who purchased books and magazines at the October sale, adding \$128.20 to the library's funds for new books. All unsold items were donated to the local library, so please consider bringing in your unwanted quilting magazines for our ongoing magazines sales. Thanks to Charlene and Rosalie for their efforts in managing this part of the library duties.

We did rescue four books from your donations that are now part of the library collection. Check out #663 Laurene Sinema's *Quilted Apple*. This book was one of a series featuring famous quilt shops, Laurene's being one of Arizona's earliest. If you need inspiration on color, look at #272 *Color Magic for Quilters*. Or, to give your quilts a special touch, how about #524 *Hand Appliqué by Machine* or #736 *Fantastic Fabric Folding - 3D Embellishments?*

Any items checked out in November will not be due until January so now is a great time to get some fiction books for your holiday travels, too.

CASA ADOPTION DAY – Saturday, NOV. 21ST **10am on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse in the Square**

Twice a year, Mt. Top Quilters get the rare privilege of getting to see just a few of the recipients of the many, many quilts created by the Community Quilts team (and that would be most of the guild). In this case, we are guests at the official adoption ceremonies at the local courthouse. After each child is adopted, he or she gets to select a quilt from the hand-picked children's quilts that CQ Team Leader Kathleen Bond brings to these most heart-warming ceremonies. Because seating is limited, Kathleen suggests that you arrive 10-15 minutes early. (And, you might want to bring a hanky as this kind of happiness can make even the most stoic amongst us shed a tear or two.)

WANTED:

Small Quilts for the Small Quilt Auction

The Small Quilt committee is still looking for donations for the Small Quilt Auction. Quilts should be no larger than 36" wide by 50" long. We will accept any size in between and will be collecting the Small Quilts until the Quilt Show in 2010. If you have questions, call Julie Dodds 928-771-1766 or Hildy Smith 928-776-7582.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond and team

Kay Denny, Reporter

Community Quilts Workday
Monday, November 23, 2009
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Las Fuentes Resort Village
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Join us again for our fun workday creating comfort quilts that we donate to the many worthwhile local organizations in need. By the way, **CASA Adoption Day is November 21st-----NOTE: ignore the date that was listed in the October newsletter.**

For the work day, remember to bring:

Your sewing machine and a sack lunch or \$2.50 for pizza. Coffee, coffee cake, salads, and desserts are provided.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP ATTENDEES:

Las Fuentes requests that we park on the west side of the building. If the parking garage door is open, walk straight to the end of the garage to the exit sign. Go through that door and straight across through the next door and voila'---you'll find yourself on the first level where the workroom is. If the garage door isn't open and you have a lot of stuff to take with you, drop it off at the main entrance and then drive back to park. Thanks.

Reminder to all MTQ members:

Community Quilts still collects 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 at the Community Quilts table. More thanks.

NEEDED NOW: QUILTS WITH A STORY

Kay Harlan and Joan Carrell

We are having a quilt turning at MTQ Quilt Show to delight and amaze you. We need your HELP to give us your quilts that have a story. Don't be shy! If you think you have a quilt that we might want, give Joan Carrell or Kay Harlan a call. What is a quilt turning you ask??: This is a special time when Quilt Show Spectators can gather to hear enchanting quilt stories. Most every quilt has a story...but some are better than others. Please look over your quilts and let us know if you have one. Please call us as the Quilt Show is just around the corner, so to speak.

BLOCK SWAP

Julie Nanke and Carol Miller

November/December blocks for swapping are both set up with Xmas fabrics that are made in typical Xmas colors. For the November Swap we'll be making basic Nine-patch blocks in a 6" finished size. Directions for this basic nine patch block can be found at this link: <http://www.quiltingassistant.com/9patch.html>. Your strips for making these blocks will all be cut 2½" wide. You may choose to put the Xmas fabric at the corners and the center square, or in the center of the sides.

Please select one Xmas fabric in typical Xmas colors and then select a "light" to go with your first selection. If you purchase ½ yd. of both fabrics, you will have enough fabrics to make 20 blocks for the swap – remember to make 21 blocks for trading if you wish to donate 1 block to Community Quilts.

The December Swap will be a simple exchange of 6½" squares of any Xmas fabric – it's such a busy time of year. We'll be again swapping 20 squares (+1 if you wish to contribute to Community Quilts) – they can be interspersed with November's Nine-patches for a quick, beautiful Xmas quilt. You will need to purchase ¾ or 7/8 yd. of Xmas fabrics to make these squares.

Remember: All quilters are welcome to participate in any swap even though you haven't participated before. Call us if you have any questions.

SNIPPETS

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

If you're in the mood for a pleasant drive and a quilt show, hit the road for the Payson Rim Country Quilt Roundup, Nov. 13-15, in the Mazatzal Casino Exhibition Hall. Friday & Saturday the show is open 10am - 5:30pm and Sunday, 10am – 2pm. It takes about two hours to get to Payson---that's if you don't stop at the antique shops and interesting sights along the way. Before you get to Payson, which has a nice quilt shop, you'll travel through the quaint little towns of Strawberry and Pine. I keep promising myself that one of these days I'm going to stop and browse. Just a few things I've added to my "things I want to do" list---along with that huge list of unfinished quilting projects (aka TOAD'S).

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Nancy Stewart

The Fat Quarter Exchange is going strong!! Rules are very simple:

- Bring as many fat quarters for each category as you wish (a fat quarter is 18" by 22"), with a limit of only TWO for each particular fabric. Fill in the drawing slips for each fat quarter submitted and place in appropriate basket.
- PLEASE bring only good quality fabric for the exchange, something that you would sew into one of your quilts. Each winner will receive at least 4 fat quarters, depending how many are in the "pot".

November's color is Purple, including "lilac, royal", etc. So a purple tone-on-tone or one that has purple as the dominant color would be perfect. The theme is Christmas, and this would include Santa, angel, winter scenes, holly, etc. Hopefully you will win a beautiful collection to get you in the spirit.

There is no exchange in December due to the program holiday luncheon. Stop by the table for the list for this year's categories.

Hopi Project

Marti Lynch

October 17, Kitty Lynch and her husband Chuck, myself and daughter Kelly headed to the Hopi reservation. We had 8 sewing machines with two having tables plus many boxes full of fabric, notions etc. Karen Tootsie and I had planned to connect by cell phone as we approached to meet for lunch. Unfortunately, my service provider (Verizon) had no service up there. After a four hour trip, we were not about to return to Prescott with all these things, so we pulled over to try and find a pay phone. We happened to pull into the parking lot of their hospital and knew we would find a phone there. While I was digging for quarters, a young woman came out of her office to ask if we needed help. When we told her who we were trying to find, she knew Karen and gave us directions to her home. We found her home easily at Keams Canyon, but no one was home. And none of her neighbors were home either. So we decided to unload. After emptying one car, a car pulled in and there was Karen with her cousin. After unloading everything, we went and had lunch together. It was a beautiful Arizona day and this was a trip we will all remember. Thank you for your donations. Karen Tootsie will be our speaker in May. If you have some donations for the Hopis, we can collect them for her to take with her that day.

Quilt Show Bookmarks

Alice Obrenovich

Many thanks to all members who are helping distribute posters and bookmarks to advertise our quilt show. Don't forget if you are going on a shop hop in our state or visiting somewhere it is appropriate to leave bookmarks, please contact me.

QUILTERS ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

Kay Denny, MTQ Reporter

Kathy Dunn joined Mt. Top in the spring of 2008 and she's already taken on the huge task of Quilt Show Chairman. She's never chaired a quilt show before, but said that she's the kind of person who would learn how to swim by jumping into deep water. She also wryly noted her very first quilt was king sized! She reports the show is shaping up quite nicely.

Kathy and her husband Ray moved here in February 2008 from Durango, Colorado, where they lived for 32 years. She retired in 2005 after working 21 years at Fort Lewis College, mostly in the housing office. Ft. Lewis is a four year liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4300. Ray retired as an auto mechanic. They have two girls and two boys who live in Chandler, Vermont, and Colorado---and they have ten grandchildren, ranging from 16 to 7 years old. Kathy grew up in Costa Mesa, California, but graduated from high school in Huntsville, AL. She then moved back to California for a few years and then the family all moved to Durango in 1976.

Rich earth tones are Kathy's favorite colors in quilting, with pinks and yellows ranking as her least favorites. She's quilted off and on for 20 years and says planning each quilt and buying the fabrics are her favorite aspects of quilting.

Other than quilting, Kathy enjoys all types of crafts, hiking, bicycling, swimming, reading, and cooking. She and Ray have traveled across the country twice pulling a trailer---visiting and enjoying many different states. And, they just returned from a four week car trip to Vermont and back. They took their soft-coated Wheaten Terrier dog named "Mikey", saying that he is more spoiled than any of their children.

Welcome to Mt. Top, Kathy. And, a big THANK YOU goes to you for becoming the Chairman of next year's "Pieced Memories, Old and New" Quilt Show.

Passion

I know some ladies who love to sew.
They hang out at the "The" Quilt Shop
just raring to go.

Their machines have a soft
soothing hum.

Unfortunately some sound like a
machine gun.

Quilting becomes a personal endeavor.
A pastime that has been around
forever.

Materials run the gambit
from dull to extreme
and everything in between.
Some how they end up in a
beautiful theme.

Adding some pictures
to your pattern of choice,
giving your quilt
a quiet voice.

Quilting comes in all forms.
It might be a jacket with an
attitude,

a table topper from
scraps,

A wall hanging for a
holiday,

or a throw for some ones
lap.

You really don't need a reason.
It could be just a change of season.
this is an art form that can be an
obsession.

I'd like to think of it as my passion.

2008

Donna Trejo

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MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2009

Judy Hughes, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Logan at 9:30 Sam gave the following announcements:

- Turn off cell phones.
- Congratulations to the makers of our Opportunity Quilt which won Best in Show at the Yavapai County Fair.
- Sign-up sheets for the Christmas luncheon are being passed around now. There are two identical sign-up sheets on each side of the aisle.
- We need someone to take over the position of Mini Group organizer as Carol Cooney has taken a new job and must resign. Jennifer Mees volunteered to take over.
- We are pleased to announce that Linda Coppola has volunteered to be the Chair for next year's Quilt Camp.
- We are pleased to announce that Carolyn Doyle will head up the Bus Trip for the AGQ Annual Quilt Show.
- Lost and found items: notebook left at ECHOS, night light left at Quilt Camp.

SECRETARY and TREASURER reports are posted in Fellowship Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine - Corrine Windett is away for the birth of her first grandchild. Linda Coppola reported. Linda Tremper had knee replacement surgery on Nov. 5th. Kay Harlan's husband, Dave, had triple bypass surgery and is doing OK. Kristi McHugh had surgery earlier in the month and is doing well. Marge Senior just had her first grandchild.

Membership - Kay Harlan would like the following new members to claim their name tags: Leticia Guizar, Susie Palmer, Jan Hampton, Gloria Payne, Lois Eldridge, Macy Fordell, Carol Stafford, and Rosemary Shelburne.

Quilt Show - Kathy Dunn - absent.

Quilt Turning Subcommittee - Joan Carrell asked for volunteers to lend quilts with an interesting story to the Quilt Show.

Quilt Show Publicity - Alice Obrenovich thanked those who have taken bookmarks to stores and shows. She has taken out a full-page ad in a Southwest catalog that advertizes Arts and Crafts Shows, Quilt Shows, etc. She got the ad for half the normal price, as well as some lovely complimentary cards advertizing our show.

Quilt Show Boutique - Nancy Stewart pleaded for members to donate boutique items to sell. She displayed several donations: table runners, kitchen mitts, potholders, jewelry keepers, grocery bag holders, pin cushions, coaster sets, flowers made with golf tees, etc. The show will be in the spring, so think Mother's Day and spring type items. The November ECHOS meeting will be dedicated to making boutique items for the show.

Small Quilt Auction - Julie Dodds and Hildy Smith displayed several samples. Small quilts and table runners are needed for the Auction.

Opportunity Quilt - Carol Cooley and Charlene Coxworth - No report.

Quilt Show intake - The policy was in the last newsletter. You can enter up to five that have not previously been entered in an MTQ Show.

Library - Linda Marley showed several expensive quilting books that have been donated for the Rummage Sale. Because of their worth (\$30 and up), they will be sold through a silent auction. There are also two new DVDs with teacher, Vicky Pignatelli.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Three quilts were presented to Debby Lynch, founder of Hannah's Home, a new maternity home for teenage girls who want to carry their babies to term. Debbie gave some history: Hannah's Home is an outgrowth of the Crisis Pregnancy Center where they saw a need for such a home. It was incorporated as a non-profit in 2008, received property in February of 2009, just hired house parents, and is almost ready for the first girl. The house is debt-free as it was a donation from a Christian lady who has now died and left her estate for a worthy cause. The House parents are empty nesters who have raised six children and want to give back. Girls who live at Hannah's Home have already decided to carry their babies to birth but will be counseled about keeping or giving the baby up for adoption. They will learn life skills like cooking, cleaning, budgeting, etc. to prepare them to be single mothers or just to be more successful women. Kay Harlan and Kathleen Bond presented three quilts made by Community Quilts to Debby for beds in the home. Debby thanked us for the quilts and hopes there will be enough to give each girl a quilt to take when she leaves the home.

Community Quilts - Kathleen Bond has quilt sleeves to buy and free batting for challenge quilts. Community Quilts meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the community room at Las Fuentes from about 9-3. We layer, bind, make kits, quilt, and piece quilts to give to charitable organizations in our community such as Casa Adoptions, Catholic Social Services, Las Fuentes Care Center, hospice groups, Stepping Stones, VA, Hannah's House, CPC, Horses for Heart, Margaret Grayson (former member), etc..

Hospitality - Thann Tolman introduced three visitors: Judy Pogledich, Pauline Ross, and Jan Adams (2nd visit).

Newsletter – Diana Ramsey – absent.

ECHOS - Jimmie Johnson - Bring sewing machines to the November meeting to make things for the Quilt Show Boutique. No program in December or January. February will be a program on quilt labels.

Block of the month - Carol Miller and Julie Nanke. Bento block swap will be today. Those who finished a quilt with swapped blocks for Birds in the Air or I Spy displayed their handiwork. The November swap will be 9-square blocks made with Christmas fabric. The December swap will be Christmas fabric. Exact directions are online in the Newsletter.

BUSINESS PROPOSAL FROM THE MTQ BOARD: On Behalf of the Board Judy Hughes presented a motion to purchase an Accu Go Fabric Cutter with accompanying accessories and dies. The full details had been published two weeks earlier in the Newsletter. Kay Denny wanted to know how many members would use the device. Only a few raised their hands. Kathleen Bond briefly raised a concern about the security of the Cutter as the Community Quilt equipment is not locked up at Las Fuentes, but she acknowledged that could be worked out later. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Program - Susan Perry gave directions for today's program, the annual Rummage Sale. There will be a table in FH for silent auction books. There's one table where people will tally your total. Go to another table to give your money to the cashier. Any unsold items will be given to Community Quilts, the Hopi Indians, or the Salvation Army. There are extra surveys to give your preferences for future national teachers. Put in to the box in FH. A few openings remain for Vicky Pignatelli's class next month. Sign up in FH. Nancy Prince, a national teacher, will present a class here in the spring, which is an inexpensive way for us to take advantage of a great class.

Fat Quarter swap - Nancy Stewart. In December bring purples and Christmas fabrics. The winners of the swap were Audrey Jesse and Rosalie McDowell for color and Judy Larson and Rosalie McDowell for theme.

SHOW AND TELL: Susan Perry (2), Betty Foley, Thann Tolman, Colleen Harlow, Beverly Bowe, Joan Stanfield, Sharon Watt, Audrey Jessee, Lucy Fields, Hazel Karetov (3), Elsie Gatcomb, Louna Crooks, Gloria Payne (2), Carol Miller (3).

PROGRAM: Rummage Sale

☞ THINGS TO REMEMBER ☞

Remember to Bring:

- ☛ **Community Quilts:** Finished projects
- ☛ **Refreshments:** Last names from Hoeger to Kinnear
- ☛ **Fat Quarter:** Purples and Christmas fabrics
- ☛ **Block Swap:** Christmas 9 patches
- ☛ **Small Quilt Auction:** Quilts to donate
- ☛ **ECHOS:** Sewing machine, sewing kits, boutique items

Board Meeting

The December board meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 7th, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Susan Perry.

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

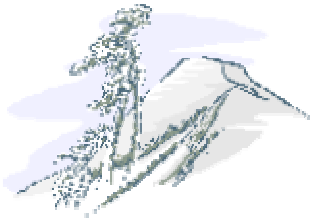
General Meeting

Monday, November 16th - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts Workshop

Monday, November 23rd - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village (Level 1)
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott
Pick up directions at the Community Quilts table.





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