

The Summit, October 2007

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Mountain Top Quilters,

Yesterday I received a letter from the president of AQG letting me know that their dues would be increased to \$30 per year for new members and \$25 for renewing members. That of course means that for those MTQ members renewing this year, they will need to pay \$35 and new chapter members will pay \$40. I can already hear the rumblings among some of the members. What does AQG do for me that is worth \$25?

One of the things that the MTQ board had talked about doing was putting a monthly article in the newsletter about the benefits of belonging to AQG. No one raised their hand to do this, because we already were treading water to keep afloat with our other duties. I am sure less than 10% of our chapter members take advantage of the many opportunities available as an AQG member, and maybe because some of you are unaware of them. Next time you receive the AQG newsletter, read it cover to cover. There will be lots of opportunities for you.

As an AQG member I have taken classes with both Becky Goldsmith and Paula Nadelstern in the past year for a mere \$25. That is easily \$20 less than their class would have cost me through my old guild in California. Both the fall and spring meeting have a national speaker who does a presentation, and they are always wonderful. Their traveling teacher program is a great resource for us. Karen Housner, our speaker from two months ago is one of these teachers. She was both interesting and informative and cost less than half of what it would have cost us to hire her had we not been members of AQG.

The AQG quilt show, held annually in March is always fabulous. As a member you get in at a reduced cost. The quilts get more and more amazing and the vendors have fabric that I can't find locally and must add to my stash. This show takes a lot of work and the costs of putting on a quilt show keep increasing. However, the cost of everything around us rising too. Think about what you paid for milk, bread, or gasoline last year.

I found one of the perks of being an AQG member recently when I was in Phoenix shopping at 35th Avenue Quilt shop. If you tell the person at the register that you are an AQG member, they will have you in their computer and you will automatically get a 15% discount on your entire purchase of books, notions, and fabric. Boy, was that a wonderful surprise.

So I hope that many of you will sign up to attend the fall AQG meeting in Phoenix. Get a few friends and share the costs of traveling down there. You will have a great day, and just might find something that you have to add to your stash.

Sincerely, Susie Martin

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Pat Folsom and Pat Gentner

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

READ ALL ABOUT US

on the Mountain Top website at
www.mountaintopquilters.com

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Harlan

Kay has taken over as membership Chairperson due to Tedda's resignation, Please direct all membership inquiries to Kay.

REFRESHMENTS

Dolores Schrock

Reading September's *Summit*, one can't miss the many opportunities this guild offers us. We cleaned out our sewing baskets last month for the rummage sale. Each month we've made a different block that we'll display in a wonderful quilt in November. We are encouraged to make an item for the *December Luncheon* and for the *Small Quilt Auction* in 2008. In addition, the Community Quilts Committee recently challenged us to complete a kit they have made up. With even more opportunities offered us, it is hard to focus one's time. Still we ask some of you to make time for one more thing.

For refreshments this month the following members are offered the chance to choose and bring a special finger food treat for everyone to enjoy at our meeting. Your treat will truly be appreciated by all of us. **Many thanks to:**

Marilyn Stailey
Carol Stewart
Nancy Stewart
Richard Strissel
Dawn Valanas-Mosser
Kathy Tavares
Jeanne Vick
Ellen Von Brentano

Martha Swirsky
Jackie Tillotson
Rose Tuttle
Jan Ticer
Helen Swanson
Nadeen Van Dyke
Kathy Vinson

ECHOS

Jimmie Johnson and B'Anne Younkens

October:

Bettie Setz Is teaching her *crayon technique* again. Her class is full. Please contact Bettie for your materials list if you don't already have it.

November:

Diana Ramsey is teaching us how to make the Folded Fabric Ornament. The materials charge is \$3. You will make two ornaments, one to take home and one for the Christmas Boutique. Diana will have the supply list at the ECHOS table at our October meeting.

December: There will be no ECHOS this month because of the Christmas luncheon.

Dear Mountain Top members,

This is just a reminder to everyone that the blocks for the President's quilt are due no later than the November meeting. Thanks to all of you who have already turned yours in. If you have any questions please contact Joan Carrell at 775-9353.

Thank you, Joan.

PROGRAMS

Lynn Ray

OCTOBER 15th – **Lynn Miller** will come and share her "Antique Baby Quilts".

NOVEMBER 19th – **Beth Ann St-George**, traveling teacher from AQG will talk about "Art as Meditation".

DECEMBER 20th – Christmas luncheon & party

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Kathleen Bond, Dawn Valanas-Mosser, and Susan Peterson

Our next gathering will be on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 9:30-3:30 at the Las Fuentes Resort Village-1045 Scott Drive, Prescott.

At the October MTQ membership meeting we will be selling chances to win two hand quilted wall hangings, a picnic quilt with a carry bag and a hand embroidered calendar quilt. Purchase your tickets at the Community Quilts table before the meeting and at break time.

The money from this event goes into the general fund and is used to buy batting, rotary cutting blades and other items used on our sew day. Please think about joining us at our work session on the 4th Monday of each month. Bring \$2.50 for pizza or a **sack** lunch along with a willingness to share your time and talent.

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Kay Denny & Sally Plummer

Just us again, with a reminder that the Small Quilt Auction is just around the corner and we're requesting donations of small quilts for this major fund-raiser. Well, maybe June 2008 doesn't seem quite that close, but time sure is flying!

A Small Quilt is anything from itty bitty to up to 45" x 45"---though we won't quibble with a few inches more. 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.

Registration/receipt forms for your quilts will be available soon on the web site and also at the general meetings. As always, we thank you for your participation.

Wanted: Quilts with a story

Julie Nanke

We are planning a Quilt Turning for our quilt show in June and we need your quilts! Think about those special quilts with a special story and start rounding them up. Any questions call Julie Nanke.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Kay Wentworth

This year's block of the month program is moving toward completion. The last of the twelve block patterns are due this month. *Please make three of each block, as you have done each month. Keep one for your own quilt, bring one for the monthly quilt raffle and bring one for community quilts.* In November we will have a quilt challenge to see what everyone has done with the blocks they made for themselves. *Everyone* will be a winner and receive a ribbon for entering the challenge.

SUNSHINE

Linda Coppola

I hope everyone is enjoying a nice early Fall. We have a few people to keep in our thoughts. Barbara Merkel's husband had by-pass surgery and is doing very well. Pat Folsom is having surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. If there are others that you would like to receive a card, please let me know. I will not be at the October meeting but you can email me or leave a message on my answering machine.

REMINDER:

STANDING RULES REVISION WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN AT THE OCTOBER MTQ MEETING. PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY OF THE 2007 DIRECTORY SO YOU WILL HAVE THE OLD STANDING RULES FOR COMPAREISON. A COPY OF THE NEW RULES WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THIS MEETING, OR YOU MAY BRING A COPY PRINTED FROM THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR MTQ WEB PAGE AT. www.mountaintopquilters.com

Pillowcases for Stepping Stones

Linda Marley

As announced at the September MTQ meeting, we will be collecting pillowcases for Christmas gifts to Stepping Stones in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange at our Christmas Luncheon. A clever pillowcase pattern is available from Linda Marley or Jimmie Johnson, or you may use your own method. For each completed pillowcase 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.

Christmas Luncheon & Table-Runner Challenge

Linda Marley

Have you picked out a recipe to cook for the Christmas luncheon? We will need more than 50 members to sign up at the October meeting to bring a main dish casserole with chicken or turkey, a tossed green salad, a vegetable side dish, or dessert, each recipe should be large enough to serve at least 10 people. We'd love the meal to be as colorful as our quilts, so we hope the dishes will be green, red, gold or white. Once we have a full list of food, others may sign up to donate a quilting item for a door prize.

Have you picked a pattern for "A Christmas Gift" table-runner to enter in the challenge for the Christmas Luncheon? We'll be asking at the October meeting to determine participation and hope for at least a dozen entries. Remember, we'll be voting and awarding prizes for two winners: best fits the theme, and overall favorite. Quilters will get to keep their entry after use at the luncheon. Co-hostesses for this year's luncheon are the Mystery and CQ Wearables mini-groups

Start Up Time for the Quilt Show Boutique

Susan Perry

I'd like to introduce myself; I'm Susan Perry and will be heading up the Boutique Committee for the 2008 Quilt Show. The boutique's success depends on the talent and generosity of MTQ members. In the past there has been an abundance of both talent and generosity among the Mountain Top Quilter's! So, it's time to start finding patterns and creating wonderful things to sell at our *MTQ 2008 Quilt Show Boutique*. We need your contributions! Please see me after October's meeting to share your thoughts, or call or email me. *Thank you,*

Quilt Show Committee Meeting

Carol Miller, Quilt Show Chairperson,

This meeting will take place immediately after the membership meeting on Oct. 15 - in the church's back corner conference room off of the social hall. Bring your lunch if you wish and if you have a busy afternoon we'll address you first.

Please think about any "extra" expenses you may be planning for that may not have been done in the past. I want to get our official budget submitted by November.

Other issues I want all of us to address together are:

- Gym layout
- Who gets into the show at no charge?
- Do we need to limit # of quilt entries?
- MTQ members judging vs. all viewers judging? Ribbon awards?

Please bring along your thoughts and questions - hope to see all of you there!
The meeting is open to all interested MTQ members.



Yavapai County Fair

We have been gathering information about MTQ members entering quilts in the 2007 County Fair and will share the good news about our winners with you at the October 15th meeting.

Remember to Bring:

Food: refreshments to share if your last name is Stailey thru Von Brentano. (see pg. 2)

Community Quilts: Finished Community Quilt projects

Library Books: Return any due or overdue material.

ECHOS: Supplies necessary for Bettie Setz's crayon workshop.

Block of the Month: October's blocks are *Starflower* and *Noon and Light*. Please bring two of these blocks to the meeting (see article on Page 2).

Dates To Remember:

General Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
231 Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Community Quilts

Monday, October 22, 2007, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
The Clubhouse @ Las Fuentes
1045 Scott Drive, Prescott

Board Meeting

Monday: November 5, 2007 at 9:30 am
at Kathy Lamoureux's house
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.

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS, CHAPTER OF AQG, GENERAL MEETING

September 17, 2007

Diana Ramsey, Secretary

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

Guild Pins – Susie passed around a picture and price quote for MTQ guild pins to purchase for members and as gifts to speakers.

A motion was made by Sam Logan to purchase 300 pins at a cost of approximately \$1.49 each. It was seconded by Hildy Smith and carried by membership vote. This is not a fundraiser and pins will be priced according to actual costs.

Mini Group – A sign-up sheet was passed asking members to let the board know who is in a mini-group, and date, time and place of meetings so Susie can prepare a list for future reference and to aid members looking for a mini group to join.

Membership – Tedda has stepped down from this committee and Kay Harlan will now be Committee Chair. She passed out name tags to new members present at the meeting. It was stated that visitors are allowed to come to 3 meeting without charge but must pay membership dues after that to continue. If a new member pays in October, and has already attended three meetings, that payment covers the current year and an additional payment must be made for next year's dues. No one is allowed to attend classes or workshops without payment for membership, unless the workshop or class has been opened to non-members.

AQG News – Phil Beaver class has been cancelled. Upcoming Fall Meeting in October at ASU West in Glendale will be attended by several members of our chapter. A great lunch and fun speaker are planned for the day. Call Susie for info on carpooling.

Quilt Camp – Diana handed out information packets to campers who were in attendance. We still have 6 slots open. Non-members are welcome to come.

Quilt Show - Carol Miller let us know that the strategy planning is completed. There will be a Quilt Turning at the show with Carolyn Edwards and Julie Nanke heading it. Call them if you have a quilt with a great story to loan for the show. There will be a small food stand this year for visitors and workers to enjoy and Dolores Schrock will head that program. Carol unveiled a picture of the Quilt Show Pin that is now available for purchase for \$5.00.

Quilt Show Boutique – Susan Perry, Chair, asked members to share with her any ideas, patterns, materials etc. so plans can be made to start working on items for the boutique.

December Luncheon – Theme this year is “A Christmas Gift” and the committee is asking for members to provide table runners and centerpieces for the lunch. Members may enter in the challenge for best table runner and best decorated table. Food sign up sheets will be displayed next month and all members are encouraged to get on the list. 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.

Block of the Month winners were Barbara Hinds and Judy Eppler. Kay Wentworth let us know that there will be an upcoming quilt challenge with participants using the blocks they have made for the challenge. The quilt does not need to be quilted or bound to be entered in the challenge. See Kay for further details.

Community Quilts - Kathleen Bond had prepared kits for \$2.00 each for participants to take home and make into a quilt for the Community Quilt Challenge in April. All kits had the same fabrics inside with instructions for completion. Winner(s) will split the pot and all quilts will be displayed at the 2008 Quilt Show.

Jeanne Vick, Hospitality Chair, introduced our visitors: Carol Snyder, Sharon Andrews, Pat Lujan, Sandy Behrle, Joan Newton, Delany Campbell, Generia Coffin, Gail Bartley, Elsie Gatcomb, Shirley Hanna, Jan Tomlinson, B. Johnson and Nadine Pierce.

Hospitality Chair, Linda Cuppola, advised that Barb Merkel's husband, Rick, is now home and recuperating from bypass surgery and asked that members send a card if possible.

ECHOS Chair, Jimmy Johnson, introduced October's class of Crayon Fabric Coloring to be taught by Bettie Setz and November's class of Folded Fabric Ornaments taught by Diana Ramsey.

Programs Chair, Lynn, advised that the items left from today's rummage sale will be offered to Community Quilts, Show Boutique and Hopi Indian Project.

Nominating Committee – Joan Carrell presented a large roster of all committees and Board positions available and asked all members to take a look and sign up for a position, if possible. She requested one more volunteer to help with the nominating committee. Please call her ASAP if you are willing to help out. The committee must present a full slate for the Board positions at the October meeting.

Standing Rules Parliamentary Committee – Joan Carrell reviewed each Standing Rule revision as presented by the committee to the membership. A question was raised regarding who exactly audits the books at the close of the year. Usually a member will take on this task. It was suggested by another member that a liability issue may arise for whoever audits the books if they are not doing a formal audit and that the wording be changed to “review” the books at year end. Since a change of an individual rule along this line would cause the process to start over, it was suggested that members vote to approve the Standing Rule revision and later make motions to change individual rules as deemed appropriate. There were no objections from members to this suggested and discussion of the proposed revisions continued. A question regarding quilting at Sharlot Hall was raised since MTQ currently does not participate in this activity but may still have equipment stored at the site. It was decided that the Sharlot Hall quilting will again be discussed next month and a decision to continue or remove MTQ equipment can be made at that time.

Open Workshops – Susie announced that Thumb Butte Quilters has openings for non-members to join the workshop to be given by Patti Krause this month. Call TBQ for further details if interested.

Show & Tell -participants were: Beverly Markham, Eunice Buitenwerf, Laura Myers, Phyllis Moss, Carol Hood, Masako Wolfe, Carol Webster, Audrey Jessee, Barbara Phiel, Ann Novak, Rosalie McDowell and Pat Folsom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

STANDING RULES REVISION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SECOND TIME
AT THE OCTOBER MTQ MEETINGS

Dear Mountain Top Quilters,

This spring the Parliamentary Committee met several times to review our current Standing Rules. After reviewing the Rules, the Committee recommends various changes for your approval.

1. It was the Committee's recommendation to delete some of the Rules because they were no longer applicable or should be listed in another Rule.

Rule number 10—deleted.

Rule number 9—included in Rules on Opportunity Quilt

Rules number 12—deleted.

2. The Committee recommends condensing some Rules and making some grammatical changes.

3. The big change, however, is in the organization of the Standing Rules. In the past, Rules were added as needed, in the order in which they were approved. The Committee felt that the Rules would be more user-friendly if they were placed into categories. The Committee recommends that the Rules be placed under the following categories: Election of Officers, Board Duties, Committees, Finances and Conduct.

Using the current Standing Rules in your Directory and the proposed Standing Rules following this page (see insert) , you should be able to follow the recommended changes.

Sharon Heilman, Chair. Parliamentary Committee

Old Standing Rules

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New Standing Rules

Election of Officers
#2 under Board Duties
broken down into separate Standing Rules
under Committees
#3 under Board Duties
#5 under Board Duties
#8 under Board Duties
#12 under Board Duties
#6 under Board Duties
see Rules on Opportunity Quilt
Deleted
#1 under Board Duties
Deleted
#10 under Board Duties
#2 under Conduct
#2 under finances
#9 under Board Duties
#1 under Conduct
#1 under Finances

Notice: These changes will be considered at our September and October General Meetings. Please bring a copy of the current Standing Rules (as found in your 2007 Member Directory) with you to the meeting. Copies of the Changes will be available at the meeting.

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS STANDING RULES

Election of Officers

Election of officers shall be held at the November general meeting. When the new officers are installed at the December general meeting, the newly installed officers shall receive from the outgoing officers all notebooks, records and materials from past years. The Secretary shall complete all December board and general meeting minutes by December 31st. The Treasurer shall complete the records upon receipt of the December bank statement.

Board Duties

1. Any Board member who misses three board meetings without extenuating circumstances shall *be removed from the position*. Election of a replacement Board member shall be held at the next general meeting.
2. The new President shall announce *the* committee chairs at the December general meeting. All outgoing committee chairs shall turn over reports and records by or at the January board meeting.
3. Between the election in November and installation of new officers in December, the outgoing and incoming Treasurers shall meet to make necessary changes in bank records to be prepared for the new officer to assume the duties upon installation.
4. *The Treasurer's books shall be audited after the year-end close of the books.*
5. The Budget Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, *Secretary*, Treasurer, *outgoing Treasurer*, *Program Chair* and at least one Member-at-Large. The outgoing Treasurer shall give the new Treasurer a copy of the prior year's budget and the actual expenditures. *The outgoing Treasurer shall be the following year's Budget Committee Chair. The new budget must be approved by the membership before any money is spent, except standard operating expenses.*
6. Mountain Top Quilters Board members and Committee Chairs shall work within approved budgets. Any money raised by a Committee for a special purpose shall remain within that committee.
7. *All collected monies over fifty dollars submitted to the Treasurer shall be counted together by the Treasurer and the person submitting the monies.*
8. The President and Secretary shall inventory materials at the meeting place and the storage facility each year in January. New purchases shall be added to the inventory as the year progresses. Materials taken from and returned to the storage facility shall be recorded on a checkout form.
9. Board meetings are open to the general membership. Anyone wishing to *attend or speak* at a board meeting should make his/her wish known to the President a day in advance. *Members are asked to advise the President one day in advance if they wish to be on the agenda at the general meeting.*
10. *The goal of workshops is to be self-supporting. Workshops are open to members only up until six weeks prior to date of workshop. After that, available spaces may be filled by non-members.*
11. *In order for a class participant to receive a refund, the Program Chair must receive a cancellation notice two weeks in advance of the workshop.*
12. *Mountain Top Quilters shall be provided liability insurance through Arizona Quilt Guild and will request proof of insurance certificates from the Arizona Quilt Guild as needed. (Adopted February 2007).*

Committees

1. Library Rules

A collection of books and other information pertaining to quilting shall be owned and maintained by Mountain Top Quilters and made available on loan, at no charge, to all members of the organization. Money shall be appropriated in the budget annually to update and expand the library.

The President shall appoint a Librarian to maintain and oversee the collection of materials.

The standard borrowing period by members for library materials shall be a period of one month. Items shall be checked out by the librarian at one monthly meeting and shall be returned or renewed at the next month's meeting. Extended borrowing periods and renewals may be requested at a meeting or by e-mail or phone call to the librarian prior to the due date; and such extensions shall be granted if no other member is on a waiting list for that item.

Failure to renew or return materials will result in a fine of one dollar per book per month. If a book is lost, the member is responsible for the full replacement cost of the book. Monies collected from fines will be used to purchase books for the library.

The outgoing and incoming Library Committee shall inventory the library annually, and shall submit a report no later than the February meeting.

2. Quilt Basting Rules

The member who wishes to have a quilt basted must enlist the help of six other members to assist. The member must contact the Basting Committee Chair to schedule a quilt for basting. The member usually provides basting thread, and other supplies are provided by the guild.

Each quilt to be basted should be ironed, and each side should be marked in the center with a safety pin. The same applies to the quilt back, which should be at least two inches wider than the quilt top. Batting should be removed from the package at least twenty-four hours before basting, allowing it to fluff.

3. Opportunity Quilt Guidelines

Timeline: It takes approximately a year to complete the quilt from design, fabric selection and assembly to quilting and binding. A completed quilt needs six months to a year for optimal ticket sales.

Design and Fabric: Members shall submit designs; if not an original design, permission must be granted by the designer or publisher. Membership shall select the design. Whenever possible, purchase fabric from local quilt shops.

Finishing: The quilt should have a label, sleeve and a protective pillowcase for traveling.

Tickets. Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Records of ticket sales should be kept for future information.

Finances

1. Promotional Activities: Outside businesses pertaining to quilting classes or services may not be promoted in meetings. Brochures and business cards may be posted on the bulletin board. Advertising for quilting classes, businesses and items relating to quilting will be accepted upon board approval and placed on the chapter website or in the monthly newsletter. Charges for advertising will be determined by the current board.

2. Mountain Top Quilters' membership list shall not be given or sold to persons or organizations to be used for solicitation, sales or political purposes.

3. All newsletters will be e-mailed to any member with an e-mail address listed in the *chapter* directory. Current members without e-mail addresses will be "grandfathered in" and will never be charged to have all newsletters mailed to them by regular U. S. Mail. New members who request a newsletter via U.S. Mail will be charged \$10.00 per year above the cost of annual dues. This cost will increase 10% per year.

(Adopted February 2007).

Conduct

1. Mountain Top Quilters Code of Conduct: Members shall conduct themselves to reflect favorably on Mountain Top Quilters. *They shall* refrain from conduct that is injurious to the group and the purposes outlined in the By-laws. Any member who consistently disregards normal rules of social conduct by disruption of meetings with disorderly conduct, shows disrespect for elected Board members, refuses to follow the By-laws, or is verbally abusive shall be given a letter of warning. If the member continues to disregard the Code of Conduct, *said* membership shall be revoked and a portion of the current year's dues for Mountain Top Quilters shall be refunded.

Any member who is *physically* abusive *shall* have *said* membership revoked and a portion of the current year's dues for Mountain Top Quilters *shall* be refunded immediately.

Mountain Top Quilters reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone whose past behavior has been disruptive and caused harm to the group by refusing to follow the Code of Conduct outlined above.

2. Mountain Top Quilters shall abide by the rules of the meeting facility with regard to the use of the kitchen, meeting room, classrooms and parking areas.