

Smoky
Mountain
QUILTERS  *newsletter*

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DECEMBER MEETING

Tuesday – December 6, 2016

Messiah Lutheran Church

Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN

Social Time: 6:30 PM / Meeting: 7:00 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear guild members -

I would like to start by thanking the ladies who worked so hard on the Quilters Roadshow at the Heritage Center. It was a beautiful day in Townsend, and we enjoyed seeing the antique quilts that folks brought in, and listening to Merikay Waldvogel, Becky Harriss, Cindy Stuart, Jean Lester and others tell about the quilts. Thanks to Bridget Matlock and the ladies who put together the kits for Ronald McDonald House charity. 27 quilt tops were finished by that day!!!

We also had an enjoyable meeting this month with Betty Kaliszak's trunk show. I was amazed how accomplished a quilter she has become in such a relatively short amount of time. Her quilts were beautiful and we all enjoyed her humor as she described her journey into quilting.

Many thanks also to our board who have done such a great job keeping us going this year: We appreciate all those who have served this year: Dee West and Kebra Wolfe as Vice-President, Mary Abbott as Secretary, Trish Harrop as treasurer, Phyllis Dermer and Chris Calhoun in membership, Monica Schmidt with programs, Barbara Langborgh over hostess, Mary Day doing block and fat quarter drawings, Bridget

Matlock working with Ronald McDonald House quilts, Linda Mincher getting out the newsletter, Miriam Land keeping up our website, Becky Harriss taking care of social media, Pat Pagni setting up workshops, Jane Dunham bringing in books from our library, Dennis and Doyleen Taylor chairing the 2016 quilt show as well as heading up Quilts of Valor, and Mali Glazer completing the 2016 challenge. Many of these folks have agreed to continue into 2017. New committee members for 2017 include Susan Scott, membership; Joann Finchum, hospitality; Lynn and Marian Sykes, 2017 challenge; and Betty Sparks and Judee Shuler chairing the 2017 Quilt Show.

In December, we will vote on a new executive board. Nominations are still open and will be accepted from the floor, but we do have members who have agreed to have their names put forward for these positions: President, Kebra Wolfe; Vice-President (and program chair), Lynn Sykes; Secretary, Mary Abbott; and Treasurer, Jane Dunham.

We will have our holiday dinner for the December meeting, with the guild providing turkey, ham and plates, napkins and dinnerware. Water is available at the church, but if you would like, you can bring your own drink (non-alcoholic, please.) Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

If you would like to participate in the "UFO exchange," please bring a project that you have decided not to complete, or at least a yard of fabric. wrapped up in paper or in a gift bag, When you sign in at the membership table, you will receive a

number for the drawing. We will not have Show and Tell at this meeting.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Leslie Hinson
President

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

There will not be a Fat Quarter or Block Drawing for December. The President's Block information is available from Mary Day. Please contact her for the instructions and fabric swatch for the block. You can turn your block in at the meeting or give it directly to Leslie.

2017 SMQ QUILT SHOW

There will not be a meeting in December of the 2017 Quilt Show Committee. There are still several openings on the Committee available: Admissions, Marketing, Mail Back

Betty Sparks, 2017 Quilt Show Chairman
Judee Shuler, 2017 Quilt Show Co-Chairman

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY QUILTS

Our Sit & Sew for Ronald McDonald House Charity Quilts are over for 2016. We will notify members of the dates and location for 2017.

QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL SEW DAY

Please pencil in Saturday February 4th, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on your calendar. We will be hosting the 4th annual Quilts of Valor National Sew Day. There will be quilt blocks and quilt kits to sew together. Our goal will be to Sew the equivalent of 25 quilt tops. That is 5 more than last year's goal so we will need a lot of help. We met our goal last year and we are sure to meet it again this year. Bring your sewing machine and a pot luck dish.

Those who participated last year can confirm; there will be several prizes, (even more than last year) puzzles, games and of course CHOCOLATE! We will likely have another quilt presentation to veteran(s) again this year. Please plan to join us for another fun filled day. Watch for the poster at your next guild meeting explaining all the details.

Dennis and Doyleen Taylor
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NEW MEMBERS

As of November 1, 2016, the guild has 113 members.

Three folks joined this past month: Cindy Garretson has 3 children and 6 grandchildren; she loves the outdoors, bright colors, and enjoys machine quilting. Christy Fagiana enjoys piecing, has been quilting for 12 years and is completely self-taught.

Belinda Gill of Knoxville joined us later in the meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that dues will be due soon. It's \$30 for the year. Please accompany your check or cash with the completed membership form, attached to the newsletter. While it may seem redundant to fill out every year, we are able to capture changes in address and phone numbers this way; many folks forget to update any changes during the year. I'd also like to remind everyone that if you pay with cash, you MUST stick around the membership table to receive a receipt (that's for your safety and ours -- keeps us honest). If you need an updated membership card (for Joann's or other shops), please request one and we'll be happy to fill one out for you.

Phyllis Dermer
Membership Chair

SMQ FACEBOOK PAGE

This note is for all the SMQ Facebook friends and "wanna be friends" too. Please remember that SMQ has a Facebook page when posting your quilting news. If you have a quilt-related announcement that you want other members to see, be sure to post it on the SMQ Timeline. If you are on Facebook and are not yet friends with SMQ, send your request so you don't miss out on any of our posts. I am going to try and post SMQ related news as I receive it or photograph it. If you have something you wish to share and don't have your own Facebook account, you may send it to me and I'll put it up for you. If you can write a blurb and attach a photo, you can join the Facebook fun!!

Becky Harriss
Social Media Chair

2017 ROUND ROBIN

What is a round robin? It's a quilt made by a group of quilters. To begin, each participant makes a center block. At the January meeting, you will get someone else's block and add a border. This will continue each month until May. At the May meeting, you will get your original block back and we will have show and tell. Guidelines follow:

Commitment – When you sign up you are committing to meeting the deadlines and finishing the project. The whole group is depending on you. Drop outs should notify Lynn Sykes immediately. When you drop out, you forfeit the return of your completed quilt top. It goes to the person who had to pick up your responsibilities. If you cannot attend the meeting you must get your top to Lynn. You can have someone else bring it for you, or arrange to meet her before the meeting.

Quality – Use good quality fabric and respect the project. Use accurate

measurements, cut straight and use ¼ inch seams. Make sure your addition is square.

Vision – Follow the vision of the owner of the center block. Remember this is their quilt, not yours.

Important:

Do not show your work to anyone, especially the quilt top owner. We want this to be a surprise for everyone. Be respectful of non-pet owners and non-smokers. Do not change previous work.

Timeline:

January 3rd – Bring your center block to the meeting and receive your first round.

February 7th – Exchange the finished quilt top for a new one.

March 7th – Exchange the finished quilt top for a new one.

April 4th – Receive your finished quilt top and show it at the meeting.

Center block - Your center block should be a 16 ½ inch square quilt block. You may design this block however you wish. Please place it in a plain white pillowcase as we are trying to keep this anonymous. The pillowcases will be numbered and blind labeled at the January meeting. Add to the pillowcase any extra fabric you would like used in future rounds. If you have any rules about colors, styles, want a journal filled in or pictures taken along the way, please include those thoughts in your pillowcase. You can also include your vision of the quilt.

Round 1 – Add a 4 ½ inch border to the center square. Use diamonds and/or triangles as you work on this round. The Quilt Top will now measure 24 ½ inches square. Bring to the February meeting.

Round 2 – Add a 6 ½ inch border. Use curves and/or circles as you work on this round. The quilt top will now measure 36 ½ inches square. Bring to the March meeting.

Round 3 – Add a 4 ½ inch border. No rules on this round – do whatever you want. The quilt top will now measure 44 ½ inches square. Bring to the April meeting.

Hints:

- Include leftover fabric when you pass along your quilt top. The next round robin quilter can use it to provide a cohesive design.
- Sign the label so the original owner will know everyone who worked on the quilt.
- Provide a small journal so everyone can leave you a note.
- Place any embellishments in a baggie. Do not attach to the quilt. Leave a note so the owner knows what you intended to do with the embellishments. This will make quilting the top easier.

Please contact Lynn Sykes at lsykes@utk.edu if you would like to participate.

2017 QUILT CHALLENGE

Fun With Flags 2017 Challenge – There is still plenty of time to make a challenge quilt. Our theme is Fun With Flags. Pick a flag from any nation and use the colors of the flag to design a quilt. You can go traditional or arty. Have fun with it! If you need rules, contact Lynn Sykes at lsykes@utk.edu. Our judge will be Jennifer Brickey, an art professor at Pellissippi. Your finished quilt can also be entered in our quilt show in June and be eligible for prize money. Put your design cap on and create a masterpiece.

Lynn Sykes
2017 Challenge Co-Chair

LIBRARY NEWS

Over 500 quilt books, older copies of Quilters Newsletter & Miniature Quilts magazines, AQSG Uncoverings research publications, AQS show videos and a few other instructional CD's/tapes

Librarian: Jane Dunham/865-410-5580/jcdunham@comcast.net

Selections from the Guild Library are available for checkout during social time (6:30 to 7:00) before the monthly Guild meeting. Books can be returned at the library table during this time.

The complete holdings of the SMQ library are stored in our temperature controlled storage unit. The library inventory is posted on the SMQ website and is updated periodically. A list is also available during social time before the monthly meetings. If you are interested in a specific book from this list, please contact Jane Dunham (jcdunham@comcast.net or 865-410-5580) and she'll be glad to bring it to the meeting for you to checkout. Members are encouraged to recommend additions to be purchased for the library.

Reminder: Books are to be checked out for a period of 30 days. Please return books in a timely manner.

Jane Dunham
Librarian

FOR SALE

Bulk sale of 60+ quilting books (some vintage), plus magazines. \$60 for the lot. Please contact Diane Gardner at dianep100@yahoo.com

