

Smoky
Mountain
QUILTERS  *newsletter*
P.O. Box 30692 • Knoxville, Tennessee 37930

FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday – February 2, 2016
Messiah Lutheran Church
Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN
Social Time: 6:30 PM / Meeting: 7:00 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pat Pagni has volunteered to be our workshop chairman. She is working on a survey to see what interests the guild members have in different classes, which should be available at the February meeting. Thanks also to Barbara Langborgh for taking over the Hospitality Chair. 2016 Challenge Quilts will be due at the February 2 meeting. Thanks to Mali Glazer for taking over as Chair. I'm looking forward to seeing them!

Leslie

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The Program for the February 2 meeting will be the SMQ Challenge Quilt.

SMQ Challenge Title: Pick a Card
2016 Guild Challenge for Submission to
AQS' Ultimate Guild Challenge

- Challenge quilts brought to the February 2016 meeting will compete against each other for entry in the AQS guild challenge. By entering the February contest, the quilter agrees that should their quilt be picked as one of the top 8 quilts, it will be available for submission to the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge.

RULES:

- Pick a Pantone Color Card from the pile. There are 4 colors on the card. Look at your color selections. You must use at least 3 of the 4 colors. You are welcome to use all 4! You may not use variations of the colors, but must use the actual colors as shown on the card. You may add one of the following: black OR white OR gray. Just one! Your added color cannot be more than 33% of your complete quilt top and binding.
- Width: 30-60"
- Length: 30" or more
- Individual can stitch or quilt on only one challenge quilt for one guild.
- Quilt must have hanging pocket and label (name of quilt, maker, etc.).
- Any quilt that cannot be defined as an original piece requires written design permission from the inspiration(s) source. Original design definition: new creation; not a copy of a previous work; traditional patterns or patterns or designs by others are NOT used.
- Must be a paid member of the SMQ guild to participate. (Make sure your 2016 dues are paid by the February meeting!!!)
- If selected as one of the top 8 quilts, the quilt and quilter will be photographed on the day of judging for the application to the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge. If our guild is selected to compete in the AQS show, the top 8 quilts will sent

as a group to Grand Rapids in July 2016 for the show in August 2016.

- **Be sure to pin the Pantone card on your quilt so the guild can see the colors that were supposed to be represented in the quilt. And also, *please cover up your name on back of the Pantone card and also on your label while it is being displayed at the guild meeting.**

DEADLINES:

- Quilts will be judged at the February 2016 meeting.
- Quilts may also complete in the quilt show in June 2016; they will be hung together as the challenge, but judged in the category they fit (for example, wall quilt, art quilt, etc.) There is no longer a separate category for the challenge quilts.

FEBRUARY BLOCK DRAWING

The block drawing for February will be the Card Trick block (9" finished) with a black background. The "cards" can be any color. A list of the 2016 Fat Quarter and Block Drawings will be attached with this newsletter or available from Mary Day at the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judee Shuler of beautiful Oliver Springs joined our club at the beginning of January's meeting. Visitor Connie Johnsey of Knoxville, our fair city, enjoyed the meeting so much that she joined at the end. Please welcome both of our new members with friendship and open arms.

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

2016 QUILT SHOW

It's beginning to happen. Excitement is building. We have two major sponsors for the show, Sew N Vac, and Hobbs batting. Numerous requests for vending booths have been received. Most of the Committees now have Chairpersons. Some Advertising and Ribbon Sponsorships have been sold. "Call for Quilts" bookmarks have been distributed throughout the area and beyond.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Freeman for taking the Hanging Chairperson role, and to our newest member, Judee Shuler to help with Publicity. We are looking for someone to be in charge of white gloves and hostesses for the show. We still have many opportunities for Guild members to help and

we are certain Guild members will be willing to help when asked.

In the meantime, please get your quilts ready for the show. We will have room to display approximately 200 quilts this year. Submission forms are now available on the website. Pat Davis will be inviting all of us to donate small quilts and small boutique items for the Small Quilt Sale and Janet Wambach would like donations of new or "like new" items for the Opportunity Baskets. Please bring these items to our Guild Meetings.

The next Quilt Show Committee Meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd at 5:30.

Only 4 1/2 months left until the show.
Dennis and Doyleen Taylor
SMQ 2016 Quilt Show Co-chairpersons

QOV CELEBRATES NATIONAL SEW DAY

The 3rd annual National Sew Day for the Quilts of Valor is Saturday, February 6th. Most QOV sewing groups, many quilt stores, and individuals will be sewing on that day to make quilt tops and blocks to be sewn into quilts. Officials are estimating that more than 5000 individuals nationwide will be participating. This has become an annual event generating many quilts to be awarded to some of our heroes across the United States.

Anyone who wants to help is welcome to join us. You do not need to be a registered member of the Quilts of Valor to participate. There will be prizes awarded

randomly from the National Foundation to those who register on the web page for the event. To register, go to the QOV website www.QOVF.org.

If you you would like to participate with a QOV Sewing Group and enjoy a fun day of sewing, fellowship, prizes, games, and CHOCOLATE, Doyleen Taylor would like to invite you to sew with her North Knoxville QOV group. The event will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Fountain City at 6024 Grove Rd. We will meet in the Cultural Hall from 10:00 a.m. Until 4:00 p.m. Multiple prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Our goal is to make 20 quilt tops or their equivalent in quilt blocks. There will be more Chocolate than you are willing to eat, and a couple of fun games with prizes for the winner(s). Those who attended last year will surely agree that this event is one you won't want to miss. Seating is limited, however, so please let Doyleen know you are coming. Don't forget to bring your sewing machine and a small pot luck item. Everything else will be furnished. The best news is that this event is FREE! Please mark your calendar. Flyers and directions will be available at the next SMQ Guild meeting.

SMQ MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

We are now taking dues for 2016 membership with Smoky Mountain Quilters of TN. The dues for 2016 membership is \$30.00. You may pay at the meeting or mail in your payment to the Guild at PO Box 30692, Knoxville TN 37930, Attn: Membership. A Membership Form is being

sent out with this newsletter for your convenience.

QUILTS OF VALOR MEMBERSHIPS

If you registered to become a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation last year, it is possible your membership has expired. Membership renewal is \$5. If you haven't already done so, please get your money to Doyleen by the February SMQ Meeting. New memberships are also available for the same cost. New QOV pins and membership cards are expected to be ready in time for the March SMQ meeting. Membership fees are used to pay the Foundation's administrative costs. While membership provides several benefits, you do not need to be a registered member to help us make and present quilts to our brave servicemen and veterans who have been "touched by war". Thank you for your generous support.

QOV UNDER OUR WINGS PROGRAM

The Quilts of Valor Foundation has a program called "Under Our Wings". Seasoned quilters (Coaches) are paired with "rank" beginners (Rookies) to make a Quilt of Valor. The Coach provides and cuts the fabric, and provides a machine upon which the Rookie will make her/his first quilt for the Quilt of Valor. Basic skills such as maintaining a 1/4 inch seam and matching points are quickly learned. The first block is simple to make. Under the Coach's direction, The Rookie makes sufficient blocks for a quilt top, and is then taught to assemble the quilt using sashing

and borders. When the top is completed, it will be given to a Longarmer to be quilted. The quilt is then returned to the Rookie to complete the binding. Rookies can be present when the quilt is awarded to a worthy veteran to complete the cycle. This experience is provided without cost, and is a true WIN/WIN Program. A veteran gets a Quilt of Valor and the Rookie learns to make a quilt.

If the Rookie desires to make more quilts for the Quilts of Valor, the next several quilts will be made with progressively more challenging blocks and the Rookie becomes an experienced quilter. If you or a friend or relative want to participate in this program, please contact either Dennis or Doyleen Taylor.

ALL MEN'S SEWING GROUP

The all male sewing group was formed just three months ago. We now have four members making quilts for the Quilts of Valor. Three of the four are veterans. They have already sewn three quilt tops and are planning to complete their fourth by the end of February. The group meets in North Knoxville every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until (?) but no later than 9:00 p.m.

There is room for more to join the group. Please let your male friends or relatives know so they can join our fun-filled and productive sessions. Beginning quilters are welcome. Contact Dennis Taylor for more information.

WEBSITE UPDATED

Miriam Land has updated the website and posted some photos. There is a page for the quilting bees that has contact information, times, and rules

(<http://smokymtnquilters.com/guild-happenings/quilting-bees/>). If you have more information to add, please contact Miriam. Also Miriam is putting together a page on the website of local stores and services (<http://smokymtnquilters.com/local-stores-and-services/>). It will need a lot of input from members, and like the newsletter it will have minimal information about what is available. Please contact Miriam if you have any information for the website for her.

OPPORTUNITY BASKET

Janet Wambach is in charge of the Opportunity Basket for the 2016 Quilt Show. She will be accepting donations at guild meetings. Please bring new items for the Basket.

SMALL QUILT SALE

Pat Davis is in charge of the Small Quilt Sale for the 2016 Quilt Show. Here is a note from Pat:

We hope everyone will devote some time to making a small quilt for our Small Quilt Booth. We can also use other boutique items such as pot holders, ornaments, coasters, tea towels, and any other small items that people might buy. I would really like to have at least one small quilt from each member. It's not that hard to make a small quilt and it is so rewarding to see your project hanging for sale.

We will also be accepting larger quilts for sale if anyone has a quilt that they would

like to sell. The guild will keep 10% of the sale price and the rest of the profit will go back to the seller. So get those machines humming and crank out some nice little quilts for our booth.

Pat

LIBRARY NEWS

SMQ maintains a collection of over 500 quilt books, past issues of Quilters Newsletter & Miniature Quilts magazines, AQSG Uncoverings research publications, AQS show videos and a few other instructional CD's/tapes.

Vivian Ann, owner of Mammaw's Thimble quilt shop has generously donated space in her classroom for the Guild to store two cabinets filled with our library collection. Members are encouraged to stop by and checkout books during regular shop hours. Instructions for checking out books are posted in the library cabinets. If you have any questions about the library, please contact Jane Dunham, SMQ librarian (865-410-5580 / jcdunham@comcast.net)

Mammaw's Thimble
4028 Papermill Dr
Knoxville, TN 37909
Hours: check with the shop

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

SMQ MEMBERS ATTEND GEORGIA RETREAT

Three members of the Guild attended the Quilts of Valor Sewing Retreat in Toccoa, Georgia Friday thru Sunday January 15-17.

They joined another 90 sewers to produce 112 quilt tops for the Quilt of Valor Foundation. Dennis and Doyleen Taylor and Leslie Hinson attended and completed 9 quilt tops to be quilted and presented to veterans in East Tennessee.

2016 NC QUILT SYMPOSIUM

The 2016 North Carolina Quilt Symposium will be held June 2-5, 2016, at William Peace University, Raleigh, NC. The retreat is sponsored by the Capital Quilters. Several SMQ members have been in the past and recommend the retreat. Sign-ups begin in January. You can check out the great list of teachers and workshops at <http://capitalquilters.org/symposium2016/teachersqorkshops/>

MEMBER TEACHERS

Classes in Quilting, Needle Tatting, or Crochet in west Knoxville or Powell. Will be scheduling classes on Machine Quilting (Walking Foot & Free Motion) and Quilt Binding soon. Contact Monica Schmidt at 865-406-3971 or monicaschmidt.tn@gmail.com or <http://myquiltplace.com/profile/MonicaSchmidt>.

SMQ CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please check the SMQ website at www.smokymtnquilters.com for more details on the following events and deadlines:

January 31 – Ronald McDonald House
Quilts Sew-In, 1-4 PM

February 2 – SMQ Quilt Show Meeting
5:30 PM

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February 6 – National Sew Day
10AM – 4PM

February 28 – Ronald McDonald House
Quilts Sew-In, 1-4 PM

February 29 – 2016 SMQ Memberships are due

March 1 – SMQ Quilt Show Meeting
5:30 PM

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