

MARCH MEETING

Tuesday – March 1, 2016
Messiah Lutheran Church
Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN
Social Time: 6:30 PM / Meeting: 7:00 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you all for coming to the February meeting. It was amazing to see the Challenge quilts and what people created from some very unique color combinations. Thanks to Mali Glazer, Sarah Glazer, Jan Darnell, and Judith Ideker for setting the quilts up and tallying the votes, and to Mali's husband for taking the pictures.

Ritzzy Thimbles is having author Pat Speth come to Oak Ridge to give a lecture and do 2 workshops in July. Pat is the author of *Nickel Quilts and Borders*. She has devised many patterns from using 5 inch squares. The lecture, "Quilts and Borders" is scheduled for Friday, July 15th, 6pm at the Oak Ridge Civic Center. Cost is \$15.00 which must be prepaid to Pat Anderson, 143 Tempura Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, cell# 402 880-0036, home# 865 685-0244. Write checks to: Ritzzy Thimble Quilt Guild. Note, you must prepay to reserve your space, and no refunds will be given.

The workshops with Pat Speth will be Saturday July 16th and Sunday, July 17, and will be available for sign-ups for people outside of the Ritzzy Thimble Guild in April, so more information will be in future SMQ newsletters. We appreciate Ritzzy Thimbles

offering us the opportunity to attend the lecture and workshops with them.

Thank you to new Workshop Chair, Pat Pagni, who had us fill out a questionnaire about what we'd like for workshops. Hopefully we can get them lined up for later this year. Also at the February meeting, Peggy Garwood gave the quilt show committee \$115.00 to sponsor a second place ribbon for this year's show, (category to be determined later.) Thank you so much, Peggy! If there is anyone else who would like to sponsor ribbons, we do appreciate it! First place is \$150, Second \$115, and Third \$85, and the specialty ribbons are \$50.

The next Guild Board meeting will be Monday, March 7th at 6pm at the Powell branch of the Knox County Library in their community room. The address is 330 W. Emory Rd, Powell, TN 37849, not too far west of the Emory Road intersection with I-75.

Leslie

MARCH PROGRAM

The program will be presented by Nancy Fischer from Knoxville, with a Wearables Trunk Show titled "One Woman's Journey From Seamstress to Quilter."

Nancy grew up sewing, first making doll clothes, then her school clothes, and later career clothes. She preferred to work with fine wools, linens, cotton blouse fabrics and "slinky" linings. When she retired from her career at UT, she was left with the thought,

"Now what will I do to continue my love of fabrics?" So Nancy learned piecing and quilting from programs and books, books, and more books. Her first quilt was paper pieced with stars from two-inch squares; later came larger stars and medallions, then Disappearing Nine Patch, then strip piecing to create vests and jackets. She pieced and quilted blocks, and then fashioned them into wearables. And she DID wear her creations: vests for each holiday and jackets for cold weather. Each wearable required a matching purse, made from leftover fabrics. She designed what she calls her "inside out" purse that is made 'flat' with the last step being to sew the side seam. And each purse required many trimmings like boa feathers, buttons, ribbons and laces.

HOBBS BATTING SALE

Hobbs has donated batting to the guild as a sponsor of the 2016 SMQ Quilt Show. From this batting, one Hobbs Queen Tuscany wool batting will go into each of the two Opportunity Baskets at the show. Also, one Crib size 80/20 Heirloom batting will be given to the winner of the "Viewers' Choice" award at the 2016 Show. We will have a one-time opportunity at the March 1 guild meeting for SMQ members to purchase the remaining batting. The sale will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be no reserving the batting prior to the meeting, so be sure to bring your cash or check book if you want to buy some batting and support the guild. Any batting remaining at the end of the guild meeting will then be sold at the Small Quilt Booth at the show. You will need to see Pat Davis to purchase the batting. We will have the following for sale:

Queen Black 80/20 Heirloom - \$25.00
(quantity – 6)

Queen Tuscany Wool - \$40.00 (quantity – 10)

Crib 80/20 Heirloom - \$10.00 (quantity – 11)

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

The Fat Quarter Drawing for March will be "Luck of the Irish." Bring a fat quarter to swap that has any green patterns or shades.

2016 QUILT CHALLENGE

The 2016 Smoky Mtn. Quilters Challenge was a great success. We had seventeen entries! We used "the popular vote" method to select our eight for consideration into the AQS show. We also selected two alternates. The winners were Terry Passon, Mali Glazer, Rick Finchum, Chris Calhoun, Miriam Land, Leslie Hinson, Tone Haugen-Cogburn, and Sandy Kambic. The alternates were Cindy Stuart and Doyleen Taylor. Sandy Kambic has withdrawn her entry so Cindy Stuart will take her place. Photographs of the quilts & their makers will be sent on to AQS for consideration in the Grand Rapids show.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Guild members meet the last Sunday of each month from 1-4 PM at Joanns, 154 N. Peters Rd., Knoxville, for a Sit and Sew for Ronald McDonald House quilts. The next meeting is Sunday, February 28. Please bring basic sewing supplies and a machine if you wish to sew. We have cutting and pressing tools available.

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.

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, March 1 at 5:30.

Only 3 1/2 months left until the show.
Dennis and Doyleen Taylor
SMQ 2016 Quilt Show Co-chairpersons

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. Email contacts will begin to be sent only to current 2016 members beginning March 1.

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.

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.

HEAVENS TO BETSY ANTIQUES

The family of guild member Betty Thacker have an antique store in Clinton in which they sell a lot of antique/vintage quilt blocks, tops, quilts, quilt books and buttons. If anyone is interested in those items check them out at Heavens to Betsy Antiques, 338 Market, Clinton, TN 37716.

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/>

PAPER PIECING WORKSHOPS

Patricia Pagni will be teaching 3 classes in paper piecing to make a flower wall hanging. The first class will be March 12 for basic paper piecing and the second will be March 19 for advanced techniques/methods of paper piecing. The third class has not been scheduled yet, but will help students put their wall hanging together. Please contact Sewing Machines ETC for details.

SMQ UPCOMING EVENTS

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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March 7 – SMQ Board Meeting 6 PM at the
Powell Branch of Knox County
Library

