

JUNE MEETING

Tuesday – June 7, 2016

Messiah Lutheran Church

Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN

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

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our program in June will feature the small quilts that will be for sale at the quilt show, plus we will have sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with the show. We have several opportunities every day from Monday June 13th for take in to Tuesday and Wednesday for help with judging (which is open to all), and hanging the quilts Thursday June 16. During the quilt show we need people to be at admission, and volunteers to "white glove" so that the quilts are protected by our "no touch" policy. We also need folks to man the small quilt booth and boutique and the opportunity basket and quilt table. On Saturday we need help taking down the quilts, giving them back to local quilters who entered the show and packaging up the ones that were mailed in. Whew! It is going to be a busy week, but we will certainly have a great show and hope for lots of attendees!!! Remember to tell all your friends about it.

Looking forward to July, at our meeting July 5th there will be a garage sale and ice cream social. You can reserve a table by contacting our Vice-President, Kebra Wolfe at kwolfe@knology.net. Cost to "rent" a table is only \$5 and you can share a table with one or more people. This is a chance to go through your fabric, notions, patterns or whatever and get rid of things you no longer

need and make some money to buy items for future projects. Also, the guild will provide ice cream, bowls and spoons, but please bring toppings (fruit, nuts, whipped cream, syrup, etc.)

Farther down the road, Monica Schmidt is working hard to plan some interesting programs for the rest of the year.

One last word about the quilt show. As we enjoy the fruits of our labors over the past several months, think about next year--2017. Last year we did a survey and the guild members overwhelmingly indicated they would like an annual show. If that is so, then we will need new quilt show co-chairmen and other members of the committees. Before we reserve the Expo Center again, we need some dependable, committed folks to step forward to take charge. So please think about this and see if you can help our annual quilt show tradition continue for the Smoky Mountain Quilters. Looking forward to the next guild meeting; see you there!

Leslie Hinson
President

MAY PROGRAM

The Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday, June 7, with social time at 6:30 pm followed by the business meeting and program on Small Quilts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for the Quilt Show need to sign up at this meeting. Sign-up sheets will be available during social time. If you need additional information about the Small Quilts program, please contact Pat Davis.

The July program will be the Quilters' Yard Sale and Ice Cream Social. Kebra Wolfe, our new Vice President, will take reservations for tables at the Yard Sale. You can obtain additional information about the Yard Sale from Kebra at 680-5679 or kwolfe@knology.net.

Monica Schmidt
Programs Chair

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

The Block Drawing for the June meeting will be a five strip Rail Fence block. The instructions will be attached with this newsletter, along with the remaining Block and Fat Quarter Drawings for 2016.

2016 QUILT SHOW

The 36th Annual Smoky Mountain Quilt Show and Competition is only a couple of weeks away. The deadlines for quilt submissions has come; the vendor spaces are all sold; most of the ribbons are sponsored; opportunity baskets are almost full; and small quilts will be ready to be donated after the next meeting on June 7th. We visited the Expo Center and finalized plans for the show. The staff there is excited to host their first quilt show. They are working very hard to make our show the best ever. It is a great pleasure to work with them.

The publicity for this show has been phenomenal. Radio, television, newspaper coverage, quilt shops, senior centers, assisted living centers, and libraries are all helping to bring us a great crowd. Many thanks to our publicity and marketing team. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with the show, especially, we want to thank all of our committee chairs who have worked hard to plan and organize help for this event. They have taken away the worry and stress. They deserve our heartfelt thanks for contributing to a successful show.

June 13th is the day for you to bring your quilt to the show. Please come after 1:00. Come to the Grande entrance that faces Clinton Highway. It is a covered area in case of rain. Follow the signs to drop off your quilt(s). Judging will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 - 15. You are welcome to observe the judging, but talking and commenting will not be allowed. The Grande entrance is only available to us Monday through Wednesday. All other days we will use the show entrance on the side. Vendors and other loading must be done at the back of the showroom floor. Thursday, June 16th, we will be hanging quilts. Please let Elizabeth Freeman know if you can help. Remember, many hands make light work. If you have a small step ladder, please bring it. We will have a display of quilts made by Lauta Ziock, a member of our guild who passed away last year. More than 160 quilts that are in competition will be displayed, and a small exhibit of Quilts of Valor and Ronald McDonald quilts will also be exhibited. Twenty-three vendors are joining us this year. Please plan to visit their booths and thank them for coming to support us. Kinney Sharpening will be there to sharpen our scissors, knives, etc., so don't forget to bring your knives or scissors.

On Friday, June 17th, Merikay Waldvogel will be presenting an antique bed turning at 11:00 and 1:00. Candace St. Lawrence and Cindy Stuart will be accepting quilts for appraisal throughout the day and possibly on Saturday. *Cindy just received her NQA Appraisal certification. Congratulations, Cindy.*

On Saturday, June 18th, the Quilts of Valor invites patrons to sew a block together to be made into a Quilt of Valor for one of our nation's heroes. The blocks will be simple enough for beginners and challenging enough for seasoned quilters. All are

welcome, even non-quilters. You might also want to see worthy veterans receive their Quilt of Valor at noon each day of the show. To get in free, guild members must volunteer to help on any of the days from Monday to Friday. Please sign up to help at our June guild meeting. Our committee chairs will be grateful. Please come and bring your friends and family. This promises to be a great show.

Dennis and Doyleen Taylor
SMQ 2016 Quilt Show Co-chairpersons

SHOW HOSTESS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hostesses are needed for the Quilt Show. Why should you sign up to be a hostess? Well, you get to see the show for free, examine the quilts, and also meet and greet our visitors. Besides, you are helping the guild have a successful show. We have two-hour sessions for being a hostess but that includes time sitting at the entrance greeting the visitors and asking them not to touch the quilts or eat or drink in the show. We will switch the hostesses around so that you will be in each of the quilt aisles during your session. By doing this, you will not be on your feet for the whole two hours. Also, as an added bonus, someone who served as a hostess will win a "Quilt Lady pin" at the guild meeting following the show. Your name will be put into the pot for every hour that you serve as a hostess – hint: serving more sessions means more of your name into the pot. Please sign up at a guild meeting or call me at 691-8681 to sign up. I have been a hostess at several of our guild shows. It is fun. Try it out.

Patricia Pagni
Quilt Show Hostess Chair

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

The new small quilts that have been donated for sale at our quilt show will be displayed at the June Guild meeting. At the meeting, the members of the Guild will vote for 3 of these quilts to be auctioned off at our silent auction during the show. Anyone wishing to donate a small quilt to the sale may still do so up to the night of the Guild meeting. So, if you're working on one, you still have time to get it finished. I will accept donations of other quilt related items to sell at our booth, also. If you have any questions regarding any items you might like to donate, please give Pat Davis (small quilts chairman) a call (865-671-0594).

Pat Davis/Agnes Lawrence (co-chairs)
Quilt Show - Small Quilt Sale Committee

WORKSHOPS

Pat Anderson from Ritzy Thimble in Oak Ridge was at the April guild meeting to provide some workshop information. They will be sponsoring a Pat Speth workshop – Nickel Quilts (5" squares); Friday July 15 at 6 PM, lecture on Fabulous Nickel Borders with 5" squares; \$15; Oak Ridge Civic Center on the Turnpike in the AB Social Room; payment at time of registration; Sunday class on Flying Geese, Sunday July 17, 2-5 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church on Oak Ridge Turnpike, \$40. You can contact Ritzy Thimble through their Facebook page or at their blog at <http://ritzythimble.blogspot.com/>

The Modern Quilt Guild of Knoxville is having a Shannon Brinkley Scrappy Applique workshop, making outlines with fabrics, skylines, maps; \$85 non-members, \$8 for pattern download; at the Presbyterian Church at 6500 Northshore Drive; July 16, Saturday, 11-6 (1' lunch break). For more

information and registration please contact the Modern Quilt Guild of Knoxville through their blog at <http://knoxvillemqg.blogspot.com/>

Pat Pagni
Workshop Chair

CONGRATULATIONS

Cindy Stuart passed her AQS Certified Appraiser's exams!! We have a new appraiser in Tennessee and she's one of us!!!! She deserves a big round of applause! Congrats to Cindy.

SMQ MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

We have 104 current members, including 14 who have been members 25 years or more. Phyllis will have several printed membership lists at each meeting for those who need a hard copy. Please email Phyllis with any needed changes to the list, or let her know if you were unable to open the copy she sent around before the last meeting.

Phyllis Dermer
Membership Chair

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY QUILTS

Guild members meet the last Sunday of each month from 1-4 PM at Joann's, 154 N. Peters Rd., Knoxville, for a Sit & Sew for Ronald McDonald House quilts. We will not be meeting in May, so the next meeting will be June 26. Please bring basic sewing supplies and a machine if you wish to sew. We have cutting and pressing tools available.

NORTH KNOXVILLE QUILTS OF VALOR

Membership pins and registration cards are in for the first group that registered. See Doyleen Taylor to see if your pin is in. Also if you still want to join it is available any

time for just \$5.00. Remember this is not the guild registration. We still meet every Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm. The men's group meets the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Our address is 6516 Greenwood Rd. Knoxville, 37918.

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 QUILT CHALLENGE

Marian and Lynn Sykes have agreed to co-chair the Smoky Mountain Quilters Challenge for 2017.

The 2017 SMQ Challenge is Fun with Flags. Each member is allowed to adopt a flag from any nation as their inspiration for fabric and design. Please contact Lynn Sykes (lsykes@utk.edu) with your flag choice.

You have your flag; you are ready to create. The fabrics you use must match the colors of your flag. You may decide to utilize other colors, but 80% of your top must match your flag. You must include a design element that personifies your flag's country.

Your finished quilt must contain three layers, measure 30" – 60" (width and length). It can be completed by hand, machine or a combination of the two. It can be traditional or an art piece. If your design is not original, please bring written permission from the source when you turn in your finished quilt at the February 2017 meeting.

We hope everyone decides to join us as we explore "Fun With Flags".

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.

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.

With the closing of Mammaw's shop, the library has been moved back to our temperature controlled storage unit, which is where it was stored before Mammaw's offered us free space at her shop. 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.

FOR SALE

HandiQuilter Sweet 16 free motion quilter for sale. Includes 36in. table, stitch regulator, lots of pre-wound bobbins, etc. I have not used but twice, due to health reasons and do not see getting the use out of it in the future due to physical limitations. I know we won't get near what we paid for it so would love to sell at the much discounted rate to a fellow quilter/quilt bee-guild buddy. Call me if you are interested or know of someone who may be interested.

Dee West

865-382-3062 or 865-938-4589