

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

OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday – October 4, 2016
Messiah Lutheran Church
Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN
Social Time: 6:30 PM / Meeting: 7:00 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW, it is fall already! This year has flown by. So sorry I missed Cindy Stuart's presentation at the last meeting; I was in Dallas helping my daughter move. Thank you Kebra, for being MC in September.

We recently had a guild board meeting and mainly talked about programs for the rest of this year into next, the 2017 quilt show, and finding new a new Vice President and Treasurer for the Board, as well as changing some of the committee Chairs.

Monica has made great efforts to find people to give us interesting presentations each month. She will not be Programs Chair for 2017, so we are looking for someone to chair that committee. Our Vice President has taken charge of that responsibility many times, so we can do this with one person or two. Other committee chairs we need for 2017 are Membership Chair, taking Phyllis Dermer's place, and Hospitality Chair, following Barbara Langborgh. With both the membership and hospitality committees, you meet a lot of people each month, which is a good way to get to know people in the guild and make new friends. For long range planning, we hope to find some people to come do our programs and perhaps do some workshops for us. Let us know if you know

a quilting teacher you would love to see come to one of our guild meetings.

I have really enjoyed my terms as Vice President and President and have learned a lot from my contacts with quilting people both in and out of our guild. And moving the quilt show to a new time of year and venue was a challenge, but we are still hearing people talk about how much they enjoyed the one this year. Changing the people who run the guild is a good way to make sure we have new fresh ideas. Come and talk to me or Vice President Kebra Wolfe if you would like to be a part of the Smoky Mountain Quilters Board.

Leslie Hinson
President

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 4, with social time at 6:30 pm followed by the business meeting and program at 7:00 pm. Marian Sykes will present the program, "If You Want to Sew, You Are Going to Need Thread!" She will discuss the different materials from which thread is made (cotton, polyester, rayon, silk, etc.), the weights and styles of thread, and when each type of thread is suitable for use.

At the meeting on November 1, Betty Kaliszak from Sevierville will give a trunk show of her quilts and talk about how she paints fabric. The December 6 meeting will be our annual Christmas party and UFO exchange.

Monica Schmidt
Programs Chair

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

For October, the Fat Quarter Drawing will be holiday fabrics.

QUILTS OF VALOR REQUEST

If you have any Quilts of Valor blocks, please bring them to the October guild meeting. Thank you.

Dennis & Doyleen Taylor
Quilts of Valor

MEMBERSHIP

We have 110 current members, having welcomed two new members this month. New member Susan Scott is a fairly recent addition to our Knoxville community from Colorado Springs. She has quilted off and on for around 20 years and enjoys both piecing and applique. Wilma Weinstein of Powell has recently retired and loves learning to do things that she never had time for before. These include quilting and other crafts, gardening, and bread baking. She is also a member of the Tellico guild. Both Wilma and Susan have grandbabies. Let's make these folks welcome here!

We enjoyed the added company of three visitors at our meeting. Christy Fagiana and Denise Holloway of Knoxville, and Cindy Garretson of Sharps Chapel joined us for the evening for Cindy Stuart's quilt appraisal talk.

Membership Chair Phyllis Dermer will send out an updated membership list before the next meeting; be sure to let her know of any changes to your information. She will also have several hard copies of the list available for those who prefer the printed product. Let her know, too, if you need a guild membership card for proof for Joann's or other discounts. She figures we all get so many of those cards that she usually just gives them upon request.

2016 QUILTERS' ROADSHOW

This year's Quilters' Roadshow will be Saturday, November 5, 10 am to 4 pm at Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend, TN.

Bring your antique quilts for quilt documentation by Merikay Waldvogel, Cindy Stuart, and Becky Harriss. Bridget Matlock will have kits to make Ronald McDonald quilts. We need volunteers to sew quilts and hold up antique quilts that day.

Robin Goddard, a NPS volunteer, will share her own memories of the Walker Sisters. Tours she led this fall to the Walker Sisters cabin have been very popular. Six Walker Sister quilts will still be on display at the Heritage Center.

Bring a dish, dessert, or whatever for our potluck lunch. If you plan to sew, please bring your machine and basic sewing supplies, and an extension cord if you have one. Fabric will be provided along with pressing and cutting stations. For more information, please contact Kathy Dittmaier at kathyannc@gmail.com 865-488-6575; or Merikay Waldvogel at quiltalive@aol.com, 865-691-8117.

2017 SMQ QUILT SHOW

There will be a meeting at 5:30 pm for the 2017 Quilt Show Committees at the church prior to the guild meeting. We still have several openings for committee chairmen. Please consider volunteering as the chairman for one of the following committees.

1. Marketing - solicits outside funding for show ribbons.
2. Email - sends flyers by email to quilt shops.

3. Mail In - receives quilts at their home and deliveries to the show the morning of take-in.
4. Small Quilts - solicits quilts & other items from guild members to sell at the quilt show & volunteers to work at the booth.
5. Take down & give back - arranges for volunteers to work after the show, coordinates taking down quilts and giving back to owners who pick up their quilts.
6. Mail back - tracks and mails quilts back to entrants who do not pick up their quilts.

Please contact Betty Sparks by email: sewoholic@gmail.com or by phone: 317-997-2384. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a committee chair position.

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

WALKER SISTERS TOURS

Cades Cove Heritage Tours will be presenting an exclusive "Walker Sisters Quilt Exhibit & Tour". Following is information from Cades Cove Heritage Tours along with contact information. If you have any questions, please contact Cades Cove Heritage Tours.

The Walker Sisters Quilt Exhibit & Tour with Cades Cove Heritage Tours:
 9 am Tuesday October 4
 9 am Tuesday November 8

Limited Seating Available
 \$20.00 per person
 Call 865-448-8838 for reservations

If you are interested, you can ask about private Walker Sisters Group Tours on Tuesdays now through November 8.

The Walker Sisters Quilt Exhibit and Tour is an exclusive presentation about The Walker

Sisters of Little Greenbrier by Robin Goddard.

The Walker Sisters grew to fame when they steadfastly refused to leave their family's homestead as the Parks Commission was working to purchase land that would later become the great Smoky Mountains national park. The sisters persevered and obtained rights to a lifetime lease of their home-place. The six quilts on display at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center show the resourcefulness of mountain families. Constructed of fabric that was often made by the Walker Sisters themselves, the quilts are made from patterns handed down through the generations. We have shown quilts as our permanent collections, but none as important to the history of the region as those of the Walker Sisters.

Our guests will enjoy a 50-minute presentation by Robin Goddard who had the privilege of spending time with the walker Sisters at their home-place. Robin will share her extensive knowledge about the Walker Sisters exclusively for our tours.

Robin will be a keynote speaker and workshop presenter ("Happy 100th Birthday, National Parks!") at the Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Teacher Society Convention to be held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville this July.

On odd-numbered years, former State Teachers of the Year from around the country come to Wears Valley Ranch and the Smokies for their biennial service project where, together with Robin Goddard and Dolly Parton, the Imagination Library, and GSMNP, they work with the underprivileged children who live and attend school at the Wears Valley Ranch, which is a not-for-profit, privately funded institution.

Tours depart at 9 AM from the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center, Townsend, TN. Cost is \$20.00 per person. The Exhibit and Tour includes: viewing six Walker Sisters quilts never before available for public viewing; an exclusive presentation on the Walker Sisters by Robin Goddard at Little Greenbrier Schoolhouse; and a tour of the Walker Sisters' final resting place at Maddox Cemetery in Wears Valley, TN

Cades Cove Heritage Tours
PO Box 268 123 Cromwell Drive
Townsend, TN 37882

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. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 25. We will be cutting fabric for kits for the Quilters' Roadshow, so please bring a rotary cutter (with sharp blade!), There are mats and rulers available, but if you have your favorites you may bring them.

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".

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.

Jane Dunham
Librarian

FOR SALE:

Babylock Ellisimo Embroidery Machine. Comes with 5 hoops, 8x12, 8x8, 4x4, 1x2-1/2, and 5x7. Also has several feet and knee lift. It has been maintained routinely and sews beautifully. Asking \$2995 OBO. If you are interested, please email Betty Sparks at: sewoholic@gmail.com or call 317-997-2384.