

Smoky
Mountain
QUILTERS  *newsletter*

P.O. Box 30692 • Knoxville, Tennessee 37930

JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday – January 3, 2017

Messiah Lutheran Church

Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN

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

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Merry Christmas!

We had a great turnout for the annual Christmas dinner and December meeting, around 70 people! We also donated a number of afghans, shawls and quilts to the Sevier County fire victims.

Thanks to all on the 2016 SMQ board, and welcome our new 2017 officers and committee chairs! The new elected officers are Kebra Wolfe, president; Lynn Sykes, vice-president and program chair; Mary Abbott, secretary; and Jane Dunham, treasurer.

Our program next month will be on January 3rd, and presented by Stitches and Stuff, a local quilt shop who was one of our vendors at our 2016 quilt show. Remember we are collecting dues for 2017 for all renewing members.

I hope everyone has a great holiday and we'll see you in the new year!

Leslie Hinson
2016 President

I'm looking forward to serving with everyone on the 2017 board to make the new year both fun and enriching which will

result in an enjoyable time for all the members of our guild. We will be having a Round Robin, presentations by regional/area quilt designers and teachers and some workshops, lectures and classes. We might even have a Quilt Bingo one night. Be watching for the monthly Newsletter and attend the meetings to be sure you don't miss out on anything.

Also, Betty, Judee and all the show committee chairpersons are working very hard to ensure the Quilt Show will be a big success. A few changes have been made that will hopefully make this year's show even better. Please put on your creative thinking caps, get your quilts completed and enter them by the deadline so we will have LOTS of quilts. All those working in your behalf will appreciate your support and your compliments. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments in the future, please let me or the appropriate person know.

Kebra Wolfe
SMQ 2017 President

JANUARY PROGRAM

2017 is going to be a fun year! We begin in January with a program about Modern Quilting from Stitches 'N Stuff Quilt Shop. While you are out and about holiday shopping, stop in their store located at 7553 Barnett Way in Powell and say hello. Let them know we are looking forward to their visit in January.

February will be our Challenge Quilts – “Fun with Flags”. With all the talent in our guild, our challenge program is always filled with lots of eye candy.

Other programs we have lined up for future meetings will include a pattern designer, a quilt retreat owner, a make-and-take round robin and a fun game of bingo. You're not going to want to miss a single meeting. If you have any ideas for future programs, please contact Lynn Sykes, lsykes@utk.edu or 865-382-5976. As your Vice President and program chairperson, I would enjoy hearing what you want to see at a future meeting.

Lynn Sykes
Vice President
Programs Chair

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

Fat Quarter Drawing for January is Bright and Royal Colors (blue, purple, gold, etc.) Fat Quarters to celebrate the New Year.

2017 SMQ QUILT SHOW

There will be a show meeting at 5:30 pm at the church prior to the January guild meeting on 1/3/17. We still have chairman openings for the following committees. Please consider volunteering to chair one of the two committees below.

Marketing - solicits outside sponsors for show ribbons.

Admissions - set up of admission space on Thursday. Acquire volunteers to work during the show, manage the cash box, show books, viewers' choice ballots & scavenger hunt handouts at the show.

We also need one or more volunteers to help Becky Harriss scribe the Judge's comments during judging on Tuesday and Wednesday the week before the show. This position can be done in shifts. Please consider helping at least for a half day with this task. We appreciate your consideration to volunteer for an open position.

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

QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL SEW DAY

This is your invitation to join us for the 4th Annual National Sew Day hosted by the North Knoxville Quilts of Valor. Those of you who attended before already know what fun this event is. We will have lots of prizes, contests, puzzles, and CHOCOLATE! Admission is FREE! Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing items. We will supply all the kits for sewing. Our goal is to make the equivalent of 25 quilt tops (in blocks and completed tops). Please also bring a pot luck dish to share.

The event will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 6024 Grove Rd in Fountain City, TN, from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. On February 4th, 2017. Watch for our bulletin at the next Smoky Mountain Guild meeting. Thank you for helping us honor our brave heroes with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

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2017 ROUND ROBIN

Beginning at our January 3rd meeting, the guild is hosting a round robin. To participate you need to bring a 16 ½ inch square block, a white pillowcase and your creativity. If you have never participated in a round robin, they are lots of fun. Come on – start the new year with a challenge. Stretch yourself as a quilter and an artist. Please contact Lynn Sykes at lsykes@utk.edu if you would like to participate.

2017 QUILT CHALLENGE

Fun With Flags 2017 Challenge –
We are almost at the finish line with our 2017 Challenge. Hopefully everyone has started working on their challenge quilt. If

you are like Marian and me, your fabric is still sitting there uncut. There is still plenty of time to get it finished, however. The quilts are due at our February meeting on the 7th. Our judge is Jennifer Brickey, an art teacher from Pellissippi State. She is thrilled to be judging so let's give her a lot of quilts to see and make her choices impossibly hard.

Lynn Sykes

2017 Challenge Co-Chair

QUILT PHOTO WANTED FOR GATLINBURG FIRE VICTIM

If you photographed quilts at our quilt show in 2012, please contact Cindy Stuart at cstuart1@hughes.net, 865-980-2162. We're particularly looking for a photo of "My Space" by Anne-Marie Miro that was hand dyed, appliqued, thread painted and beaded.

LOOKING FOR UFOs FOR DONATION

I took on the challenge of making a twin bed quilt for 9 Iraqi orphan boys in a group home; delivery Feb 3rd in Kuwait. I have 5 tops made. Does anyone have any UFO's that they would like to donate? Doesn't have to be fancy. Even something that could be a medallion in the center and I'll add big borders. Probably need by mid-January so I can quilt them. (Hope to rent the long arm machine in LaFollette.)

Thank you,

Lucy Bobb, ljbob3509@aol.com

WORKDAYS FOR MAKING QUILTS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

More workdays are scheduled in January to make quilts and fleece blankets for the fire survivors around Sevier county. Many rag quilt kits are cut out - we just need quilters to help sew them together. We've had 8-10 volunteers at each of the first 3 workdays, from SMQG and the ACTS Ministry. We

can keep non-sewers busy with pinning and clipping the rag quilts.

On January 5 (Thurs), 11 (Wed), 18 (Wed), & 28 (Thurs) we will meet again at West Hills Baptist Church in west Knoxville, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm or later. On Wednesdays, we can work until 5:00 pm, then stay for the church's fellowship meal at 5:15 pm.

Remember the goal is to collect and distribute 1000 items to fire survivors. Betty has received a total of 200 items, which have been delivered. These were donated by members of Smoky Mountain Quilters guild, Village Quilters guild, Arts Crafts Teaching and Sharing (ACTS) Ministry, and others. Betty has also received quilts from other states, including Wisconsin and Georgia.

Betty began delivering these to fire survivors last Monday, and by Thursday she passed out the last few at Pi Beta Phi School in Pittman Center. She saw many people with tears in their eyes, as they received these gifts of comfort and love. She primarily delivered through schools and the local hospital last week. School children affected by the fire are transferring to new schools as their families move to new lodging, after losing their homes. Thus, Betty is in contact with many different schools in that area. Enrollments changed daily last week. People of all ages are impacted, and need quilts and blankets for warmth and bedding - with cold weather and winter arriving now!

Betty is asking for more long quilts, for 6 ft. tall boys and men. She says that she has enough baby quilts and blankets, and many for children. The bigger need now is for bed size quilts, at least twin or full size (72-84" long). Many of the students are in middle or high school, so they have adult-size bodies.

And adults need bedding also. We have received many donations of supplies, including fabric, flannel, fleece, 14 rolls of batting from the Warm Company, and thread and fat quarters from Connecting Threads (received today). Additional thread would be useful, but right now supplies of fabric and batting are pretty good.

I and Betty Kaliszak want to give a big Thank You to everyone who has donated quilts, blankets, afghans, shawls, volunteer time, or supplies for this project. Betty asks everyone to visit and "LIKE" her Facebook page for Quilt and Fiber Artists of Tennessee.

In gratitude,
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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

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

Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lenoir City has a Tin Lizzie machine for sale for \$3,950.00. If you are interested, please contact Ann Davidson 630-747-6344 or Andy Davidson 630-995-1953 for more information.