

FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday – February 7, 2017
Messiah Lutheran Church
Kingston Pike at Golfclub Rd. - Knoxville TN
Social Time: 6:30 PM / Meeting: 7:00 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

January is practically behind us and unbelievably much of it has felt like spring. Most people don't like winter but I love cold temps and snow and miss it. The SMQ board met this month and much was discussed. For a number of reasons, the decision was made to liquidate the guild's quilt book library and you will find more information concerning this further on in this newsletter. I want to commend Lynn Sykes on having all the programs but one already lined up for this year. We have much to look forward to.

February will be a busy month. The Quilts of Valor National Sew Day is on the 4th. Our guild meeting will be on the 7th and we will be voting on the Challenge quilts. I really look forward to seeing the creativity in your designs. This meeting will also be the sign up deadline for members for the workshop Tone is teaching on transferring paint to fabric. It looks great!! The quilt book silent auction will begin (more information in this newsletter) and your 2017 membership dues should be paid if you haven't done so already. Keep in mind we are also looking for someone to fill the Challenge Quilt chair for next year. If you are interested or have an idea, please contact Lynn or me.

The quilt show is fast approaching and I hope you are sewing up a storm to get your quilt(s) ready to enter. Both the Marketing and the Admissions chairs are still vacant and the quick filling of the Marketing chair at this time is imperative. It is an important position that impacts whether the show makes a little or a lot of money and it is a job that needs to begin now. If any of you would be willing to sign up for this position, please contact Betty or Judee for details. I can't tell you how much they, the rest of the board, and I would appreciate it. If two of you would sign up as co-chairs for this position, it would be easier for both of you and going around to different shops and places together could be fun. Again, Betty or Judee would be glad to give you details.

Looking ahead, several members have requested a quilt retreat and one has been planned for Memorial Day weekend. Details are included in this newsletter, so mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing you at the guild meeting.

Kebra Wolfe
SMQ President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The final Treasurer's Report for 2016 will be attached in a separate email. This is members-only information.

Jane Dunham
Treasurer

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

For the February meeting, we will begin with a viewing of the Challenge Quilts. Everyone attending will vote on their favorite quilt. The winner will get a special

prize. Then we will have a special Show and Tell. Please bring a quilt with you to the meeting that has a special meaning to you. It might be the oldest in your collection, the one that got you hooked on quilting, or the one that makes you smile. We want to see the quilt that means the most to you and hear the story of what makes it so special.

Lynn Sykes
Vice President
Programs Chair

FEBRUARY BLOCK DRAWING

The Block Drawing for February will be the Twin Darts block. In case you didn't pick up the instructions for the block at the January meeting, they will be sent out with this newsletter.

Mary Day
Fat Quarter/Block Drawings

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please make welcome new members of Smoky Mountain Quilters of TN: James Day, Joleen Dewald, Darla Berdal, Wanda Brown, and Ann Beardsley.

Susan Scott
Membership Chair

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to bring snacks to the meetings in 2017. We have February covered, but the rest of year is open. You can share a month with a friend. It takes 5 dozen of whatever you bring. You can email JoAnn Finchum (rickfinchum1@gmail.com) or sign up at next meeting.

Thanks
JoAnn Finchum
Hospitality Chair

2017 SMQ QUILT SHOW

There will be a meeting at 5:30 PM on February 7 in the small conference room downstairs in Messiah Lutheran Church for

the quilt show committee. We still need to fill two committee chair positions:

Marketing
Admissions

Please contact Betty Sparks if you are interested in chairing one of these committees. They both can be shared with a buddy. You may reach Betty by email or phone. sewoholic@gmail.com; 317-997-2384.

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

QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL SEW DAY

Come sew with Us! February 4th is National Freedom Day. Sooooooo.....

The North Knoxville Tennessee Chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation invites you to our 4th annual National Sew Day on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Cultural hall at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6024 Grove Road in Fountain City, TN. Admission is FREE.

Fun, Games, Fellowship, Puzzles, Prizes, and CHOCOLATE (lots of it)!

Help us make quilts to honor our Veterans. Our goal is to make the equivalent of 25 quilt tops (in blocks and tops sewn together).

Please bring a pot luck item and your sewing machine. We will supply the rest. (A limited number of machines are available). Non-quilters and beginning quilters are welcome, we have tasks for everyone.

Please visit the QOV website to register for prizes from the national Foundation at www.QOVF.org.

Please let Doyleen Taylor know you are coming at doyleenwt@comcast.net, or 865-310-2016

Directions to the church:

Follow I-640 eastbound to the Broadway exit. Go North (left) through Fountain City past the duck pond. Turn left onto Hotel Street. Follow to stop sign. Turn right onto Gresham. Follow Gresham to Grove Road, turn left. Follow Grove Road to the church (6024 Grove Rd). Look for the church with a big satellite dish. If lost, call either 865-310-2016 or 865-310-3625.

Hope to see you there!

***Dennis and Doyleen Taylor
Quilts of Valor Foundation***

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2017 ROUND ROBIN

Don't forget to bring your round robin back to the February meeting. If you cannot attend, please call Lynn Sykes at 865-382-5976 to make arrangements for her to pick it up. There will be a special table for you to drop off the one you completed and pick up your next one. Lynn would like to say thank you to everyone who is participating.

MARCH WORKSHOP

There are still some openings for the transfer fabric dying class for March 4 and 5. Cost to members is \$50 plus a \$23 supply kit. We will invite other guilds to fill these spots after our February meeting. Also, we may be needing tables for the class so if anyone has large tables we may use, please contact Pat Pagni (865) 368-8681/patpagn@aol.com

SPRING RETREAT

Are you ready to have some fun? May 26 – 28th, SMQ will invade the Whistlestop Quilt Retreat in Sweetwater, TN. The cost will be \$170 per person and we have room for 18

people to attend. We will begin accepting payments at the February meeting. If you have not seen pictures of the farmhouse, it is beautiful. It was built around 1860 and has 5 large bedrooms and 4 ½ bathrooms. Each of the twin beds are covered by a quilt made by a local quilter. There is a sewing room that gives 14 people their own sewing station, each with its own table, padded desk chair and trash can. Cutting tables with mats and rulers are available as well as a large custom ironing station with quality irons. Electrical outlets are located on top of each table for ease of use. There is also plenty of room in the parlor or the sunroom for the hand sewers in the guild. This is going to be a fun weekend, filled with games, laughter, good food, friendship and we might even sew a little. If you want to check out the farmhouse, visit...

www.whistlestopquiltretreat.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

For the March meeting, Peggy Payne will present our program. Peggy is a pattern designer and long arm quilter. She will tell us how she got started in designing patterns and what it takes to get a pattern published.

April will bring a visit from Jodi Savage, the owner of the Whistlestop Quilt Retreat. She will speak on how quilt retreats are about more than just sewing.

May will be a Make and Take round robin and June will be the meeting all about our Quilt Show.

***Lynn Sykes
Programs Chair***

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE QUILTS

Joann's is no longer allowing groups to meet for Sit & Sews at their store on the weekend. RMH Chair Bridget Matlock is currently looking into a new location for us to meet. If

anyone is aware of a possible meeting site, please contact Bridget at bwmatlock@comcast.net with the information. We need to have the meeting time on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 PM. We will keep you updated when a location is secured. In the meantime, we still have plenty of quilt tops that need to be quilted and bound. Be sure to stop by the RMH table at the guild meeting to pick up a quilt to work on. There are no deadlines, so you can take your time. Thank you!

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

After deliberating over the past year regarding the value that our members are receiving from maintaining a quilt book library, the Board has voted to dissolve the library. The library has been a valuable resource to members in earlier years when we had access at the meeting site, and before quilting information became so readily available on the internet. The following factors brought us to this decision:

- 1) Accessibility – We have lost the accessibility to our library that we had prior to 2006. Prior to 2006 the library was stored at our meeting site and available to members during social time each month. We had great participation and the library was a valuable asset to our members because they could peruse the entire collection. When we had to move our meeting site in 2006, subsequent meeting sites could not accommodate storing our 500+ books/magazines. In August 2007 Mammaw's Thimble Quilt Shop offered to store our library and make it available to members during normal shop hours which included hours before the monthly Guild meeting. Members still did not use the library at the rate as when the library was stored at the meeting site. When Mammaw closed her shop in April 2016, the library was put into our storage unit. A few selections are brought to the Guild meeting each month, but Members do not have the access as in the past. The response to having only a few books each month at the meeting has led to limited activity with the library. The list of library holdings is posted to the website and members have always been encouraged to contact the librarian if they wanted to checkout a particular volume, but requests have been almost nil.
- 2) Internet access to quilting information and patterns – over the past five plus years, access to quilting information on the internet has grown to the point that the library has become less of a useful resource. Members can access much information without waiting for the

Guild meeting, and used books are becoming more readily available.

- 3) Storage unit – we are paying for space to store two large supply cabinets with over 500 books. We can reduce our unit space by half if we do not have the library.

PROCESS FOR DISSOLVING THE LIBRARY

Offering the holdings to SMQ Members is our first step, and this will be done via a silent auction. We hold many books that quilters would deem to be historical or considered “the bible” of techniques and patterns. We would like to make sure Members have the opportunity to acquire those.

At the Feb and Mar Guild meetings during social time, auction bid sheets will be available for members to post bids. The list of books in the library can be accessed on the SMQ website. The actual books will not be available at these two meetings. We do not want to handle the books any more than necessary during the liquidation process. The books in our library are in good to excellent condition so this will be similar to buying used books on the internet. After the March meeting we will retrieve the books with winning bids and distribute them at the April meeting. The remaining books will be made available for sale at the June quilt show at which time the books will be available to the public.

Price: minimum bids will be noted on the bid sheet and for the most part will be at 20% of retail, rounded to nearest dollar. At last year’s quilt show, duplicate copies of library holdings were sold at this price, and we sold all of them.

Please direct questions to: Jane Dunham,
jcdunham@comcast.net with Subject:
Library Silent Auction

Jane Dunham
Librarian

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

A special exhibit, “Caryl Fallert-Gentry: 40 Years of Color, Light & Motion,” will take place at the Donald W. Nixon Centre for the Performing Arts in Newnan, Georgia, from January 9 through February 17. More information is available at the following web page:

<http://www.bryerpatch.com/gallery/NixonCentre/NixonCenterExhibit.html>

MEMBER TEACHERS

Monica Schmidt will be scheduling classes on Needle Tatting, Crocheting, and Quilting beginning in January. Information is available at:

<http://myquiltplace.com/profile/MonicaSchmidt>. Contact Monica at 865-406-3971 or monicaschmidt.tn@gmail.com.