

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

MARCH MEETING

Tuesday – March 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

We had a nice turnout for our last guild meeting and those who were there had a feast for their eyes. There were 8 Challenge Quilts displayed; they were so beautiful and imaginative! Also, the “Special Show and Tell” was very interesting. We heard wonderful stories and were shown a wide variety of quilts. I want to thank all those who participated in any way that night. You inspire us.

Spring will be here in a couple of weeks and I think everyone is ready for it. With it come many bright colors that make us feel good. This is the time of year when more opportunities become available to enter and/or see quilts in shows or on trips. I encourage you to take advantage of any of these opportunities you can. That’s more inspiration for quilters. Our Show is now less than 4 months away and I hope you will have your quilt(s) ready by the deadline.

Our next guild program is on March 7th, only 2 weeks away, and will feature Peggy Payne and I look forward to her presentation and seeing you there.

Kebra Wolfe
SMQ President

MARCH PROGRAM

The March program will feature Peggy Payne - quilter, long armer and pattern designer. She will share her quilt journey and patterns with us. You can check out her patterns at <https://newcovenantquilting.com>.

Lynn Sykes
Vice President
Programs Chair

**MARCH FAT QUARTER
DRAWING**

The Fat Quarter Drawing for March will be pastels – solids or prints. Please bring a quilt shop quality fabric fat quarter (or more). For each fat quarter you bring, your name will be entered for the drawing.

Mary Day
Fat Quarter/Block Drawings

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member Denise Holloway to the Smoky Mountain Quilters.

If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, please do so as soon as possible. You can mail your \$30 and 2017 membership form (download from the SMQ website) to:

Smoky Mountain Quilters
PO Box 30692
Knoxville, TN 37930
Attn: Membership Chair

Beginning March 1, only current members will be receiving notices and newsletters from SMQ.

Thank you!
Susan Scott
Membership Chair

2017 SMQ QUILT SHOW

There will be a meeting at 5:30 PM prior to the guild meeting in the small conference room downstairs in Messiah Lutheran Church for the quilt show committee.

I'm currently working on Marketing to obtain sponsors and advertisers for our quilt show. I'm looking for volunteers to help with contacting potential advertisers and sponsors. If you can spare some time to help please contact me, Betty Sparks at 317-997-2384 or sewoholic@gmail.com.

We need quilts for the show so please consider entering a quilt this year. We need all sizes; see the website for the entry form and categories for this year's show. Also, please consider making items for the small quilt sale. The proceeds from these sales are to help support our guild.

We currently have 11 vendors that will fill 1/3 of our vendor space. One of our vendors is Hobbs Batting so be sure to make a list of your batting needs.

If you plan to sponsor a ribbon this year, please let Betty Sparks know. We also have a fresh supply of bookmarks and would greatly appreciate your help to distribute them. If you will be visiting your local quilt shop – or perhaps taking a longer road trip to neighboring states, please consider dropping off some bookmarks along the way. What a great excuse to visit the quilt shops on your route.

Did you know that there are 8 shop hops and 39 quilt shows scheduled in our region before the show? These include events in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, as well as in Tennessee. Why not include some of these events in your trip or plan a trip around them - and take some

bookmarks with you to spread the word about our show?

Please contact Judee Shuler if you would like some bookmarks and she will get them to you. Judee would also be happy to send you a list of shop hops and/or quilt shows in the region.

To request a list and bookmarks, you can reach Judee at judeeshuler@gmail.com or call her at 908-337-2540.

I want to thank those who have volunteered to chair a committee and those who will be volunteering at the show. Your assistance is very appreciated.

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

QUILT SHOW HELP NEEDED

Kim Haynes is leading Take-Down for the Quilt Show and needs some volunteers. Also, she would appreciate any tips and advice from prior Take-Down chairs.

Contact Kim at:
Kahintenn@aol.com
865.368.4154

2017 ROUND ROBIN

Round Robin squares are getting row two added this month. This row should measure 6 ½ inches and feature curves and/or circles. The finished top should measure 36 ½ inches square.

SPRING RETREAT

Our Quilt Retreat will be May 26-28th at the Whistle Stop Quilt Retreat in Sweetwater, TN. The cost will be \$170 per person. Four of us have signed up so far. If you love to laugh, eat and quilt, you need to be there.

CHATTANOOGA MODERN QUILT GUILD WORKSHOP

Hello! My name is Kelly Spell and I am the 2017 president of the Chattanooga Modern Quilt Guild.

We are hosting a lecture and workshop with Mary Kerr April 7 & 8 and would love for Smoky Mountain Quilters members to join us! Mary is an award-winning quilter and her recent work encourages the use of vintage blocks in modern quilts.

Both events will be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Chattanooga. The lecture is Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. and is \$15 for non-ChattMQG members who pay ahead of time or \$20 at the door. Right now, we have three spots available for the workshop, which is Saturday, April 8 from 2-6 p.m. More information is available on our blog: <http://chattmqg.blogspot.com/2017/01/chattmqg-to-host-lecture-and-workshop.html>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Happy quilting!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

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

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