

Mountain Meadow Quilters

New Member Newsletter

2017



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OUR MISSION

Mountain Meadow Quilters shall promote the art of quilt making through education and charitable giving. All levels of skill and ability shall be encouraged and supported.

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Mountain Meadow Quilters. This guild serves the greater Central Oregon area and our members come from all over Central Oregon. Our membership includes approximately 120 members whose skill levels range from "beginner" to "advanced" and all points in between. We hope this publication will answer your questions about our guild. If you still have questions, please feel free to ask any member and she will be happy to help you or introduce you to someone else who can. You may also contact us at the numbers listed below. This is a great group and we want you to feel comfortable.

Patty Gates, President (541-382-4828)
Sandra Schmidgall, Vice President (541-678-5946)

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Second Tuesday: Business Meeting and Program
Fourth Tuesday: Announcements & Education Program

For both meetings, coffee/tea, treats and conversation begin at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10 am. The Second Tuesday meeting is held at the SHARC in Sunriver. The Fourth Tuesday meeting is held at BJ's Quilt Basket in Bend.

2017 Board Members and Committees

Board Members

President.....Patty Gates
Vice President.....Sandra Schmidgall
Programs.....Kate MacMillan/Candace Ruland/Joy Ryan/Penny Ueek
EducationPatty Morehouser
SecretaryMichelle McMicken
TreasurerMindy Wolfman
Membership.....Sally Wilson
Newsletter.....Nancy Fischer
Service Projects.....Mike Carriger/Denise Meese/Sandy Mahnken
Immediate Past President.....LaWanda Richardson

Committees

Holiday Party.....Linda Ehrich/Sue Humiston
Hospitality.....Karen Padrick/Carole Elsbree
Greeter.....Denise Meese/Beryl Wilcox
Room monitor for BJ's.....Sandy Mahnken
Secret Pals.....Marcia Schonlau/Barb Owens
Communications / Webmistress.....Louise Yoshihara
Drawings.....Valerie Weber/Pat Jones
Sisters' Quilt Show.....Julia Jeans/Judy A. Johnson
Sunriver Quilt Show.....Sue Humiston/Matt Humiston
Sunriver Quilt Show Volunteers.....Linda Heiney
BazaarDorothy Spain/Louise Yoshihara/
Denise Meese/Kathy Greenleaf
Workshops.....Michele Mullenberg/LaWanda Richardson
Applique.....Bevalee Runner
2017 Retreat Chair.....Linda Saukkonen
Historian.....Jan Beeson
Technique of the Month.....Nancy Fischer
Block of the Month.....Debra Ewing

SHOW AND TELL

An important component of each meeting is Show and Tell. During this part of the meeting, members bring their work to share with others. Seeing the beautiful work of others is inspiring and encouraging. We ask that you share only two items per meeting.

BYLAWS

The guild is governed through bylaws adopted on November 12, 1996. A complete copy of the bylaws is available on the website or by contacting the Communications Committee Chair. The bylaws include information about the mission of the guild, membership, dues, officers, standing committees, meetings, and general provisions. Revisions are made periodically with notice going to the guild members.



NAME TAGS

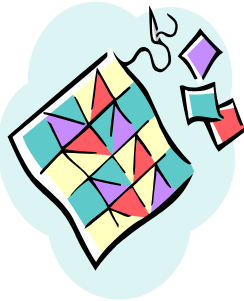
Members are asked to create their own name tags which are to be worn to meetings and classes. These handcrafted fabric tags can be quilted, appliquéd, embroidered, stamped or ? The choice remains with the individual. Wearing your name tag to meetings makes you eligible for the drawings that we have at the first monthly meeting and also helps people remember names. It is also convenient to write your membership number on the back of your name tag.

HOSPITALITY and VISITORS

For each meeting, a team of three members volunteer to be hostesses and provide goodies. While the hostesses provide snacks, the guild supplies water, tea and coffee. A clipboard is passed around at meetings so people can sign up to volunteer as hostesses. Visitors are always welcome. If you do bring a visitor, please contact one of the Guild Greeters (Denise Meese and Beryl Wilcox), so the Greeter can introduce her or him to the group. Visitors may attend three meetings for free.

APPLIQUÉ GROUP

A group of guild members interested in improving their appliqué techniques and skills meets once a month. The appliqué group meets at Bevalee Runner's house on the third Tuesday of each month. All interested people, whether beginning or an experienced appliqué artist, are welcome. If you are a beginner, lessons will be taught at workshops during the year.



DRAWINGS

The guild is very fortunate to have local advertisers support the group by providing items for monthly drawings. At the first meeting of the month, people who attend the meeting and wear their nametags have their guild membership number placed in a basket with the chance of winning a gift. It is asked that the winners write a thank you note to the person/store who donated the items. Two of the local stores, Morrow's and Cynthia's, provide gift certificates for service for a sewing machine. A member is only eligible to win one sewing machine service per year. We also have a drawing at the first meeting of the month for two books which have been purchased by the guild. For one dollar, members may place their name in the basket for a chance to win one of the books. Purchasing a chance to win is usually done at the door when you enter the meeting room. Any funds received which exceed the purchase price of the books, go into the guild account to be used for classes and charitable projects.

TECHNIQUE OF THE MONTH 2017

The Technique of the Month (TOM) works in conjunction with the Block of the Month and is taught by Nancy Fischer. TOM will occur during the second (education) meeting which is held the fourth Tuesday of the month at BJ's Quilt Basket.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2017

Debra Ewing is the coordinator for the 2017 Block of the Month (BOM). The block of the month will be held during the second (education) meeting which is held the fourth Tuesday of the month at BJ's Quilt Basket.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets at least 4 times a year. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you would like an item included on the agenda, please contact Patty Gates prior to the meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS

On occasion, guild members may want to sell an item or post a notice to another member (such as a birthday wish or congratulation) in the newsletter. Therefore, members may post classified ads in the newsletter. We ask for a donation of \$5.00/month be paid to the Treasurer. After submitting payment to the treasurer, Mindy Wolfman, the text of the ad should be sent to the Newsletter Director, Nancy Fischer, at mmqnewsletter@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The membership roster is available on the MMQ website and is accessible only to members using the code which is on the back of their membership card. Hard copies of the roster are available upon request. See Sally Wilson if you do not have internet access and need a copy.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

In each newsletter, a list of members whose birthdays fall during that month are listed. During your birthday month, please bring 12 rolls of toilet paper to the first meeting of the month, which is held the second Tuesday of the month, for the Care and Share program. The guild supports local charitable organizations and the Care and Share program is one which has been adopted by the guild.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

The MMQ website is www.mtnmeadowquilters.org. Topics available include: Home, About Us, Calendar, Newsletter, Activities, Education, Documents and the Gallery. The roster is available through the website but it is password protected for members only. The new monthly newsletter is posted on the website on the fourth Monday of the month. Questions about the website can be directed to Louise Yoshihara, the MMQ webmistress.

CLASSES

Our mission statement states that we "shall promote the art of quilt making through education..." and as a result, the guild provides an education-focused meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month in contrast to the more business-oriented meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. In addition to these no or low cost classes, MMQ also contracts with nationally known quilt instructors for additional classes. These additional classes are partly subsidized by the guild and are open to members who register. Frequently there is a limit to the class size for classes so it is helpful to register and pay early. In August, we have a fundraising bazaar during the Sunriver Quilt Show. To support this activity, different members offer free classes for making bazaar items. These items may include tote bags, table runners and small gift items. If a person chooses to take one of the bazaar classes, it is expected that an item be donated to the bazaar.

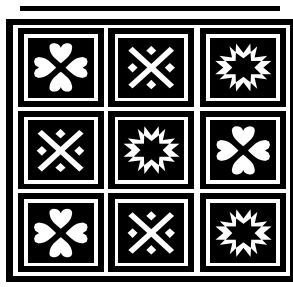
INVITATION TO JOIN COMMITTEES

Volunteers make the guild a more effective organization. There are a number of opportunities and we welcome all members, old and new, to be involved by volunteering for different activities and projects.

MASTER QUILTERS

Through the years the guild has honored members for their commitment to the mission statement of the guild. Selection of these "master quilters" occurs every fall. Nominations for master quilter may be made by any member, with selection made by a vote of the membership. The following people have been so honored:

Lillian Arnold, Sharann Bean, Mary Buxton, Pauly Edwards, Bev King, Crys Kyle, Gladys Mulrein, Bevalee Runner, Carol Webb, Wendy Hill, Sue McMahan, Judy Johnson, Joan Metzger, Kathy Shaker, Valerie Weber, Sarah Kaufman, Tammy MacArthur, Linda Saukkonen, Barb Lowery, Dolores Petty and Michelle McMicken.



SISTERS OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW

On the second Saturday of July, the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is held. Traditionally, the members of the MMQ guild have supported the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show by volunteering, operating a MMQ information/demonstration booth and providing a special quilt display. Information and sign up opportunities occur at the beginning of the year. Contact Julia Jeans or Judy A. Johnson for more information.

SUNRIVER QUILT SHOW AND BAZAAR

For over twenty years the Mountain Meadow Quilt Guild has partnered with the Village at Sunriver to offer a quilt show in August. This free outdoor event has provided an opportunity for guild members to share with the community the art of quilting. Other activities included in the show are featured quilters, potholder sales and a bazaar featuring items made by guild members. Funds from the bazaar are used to support educational guild activities. Organizing the event needs the support of all the members. This includes creation of committees for the following: quilt management (hanging and taking down the quilts, watching the quilts during the show and checking the quilts in and out) and public relations. Another activity that needs plenty of help is the bazaar. All members are encouraged to participate. During the show there are special displays of quilts made by guild members. Contact Sue Humiston or Matt Humiston for more information about the quilt show. LaWanda Richardson and Michelle Mullenberg are coordinating the bazaar workshops

ANOTHER PERK OF MEMBERSHIP

Throughout the year Bevalee Runner places book orders with the American Quilters Society (AQS) for which we receive a guild price discount of 30%. Once she receives a minimum of six book requests, she will place an order. Not all books are available through AQS and the cost of shipping is shared. Contact Bevalee if you are interested in submitting an order.

SPECIAL REQUEST

We have guild members who are sensitive to fragrances. Therefore, we ask that people not wear perfumes or scented lotions to guild meetings or classes. Thank you!

QUIET!

Please put your cell phones on vibrate during our meetings. Be courteous to our speakers, guests and members. Thank you!!



MEETING LOCATION/TIME CHANGE NOTIFICATION

On occasion, we have a need to do a last minute change of location for a meeting. Louise Yoshihara will send out an email notifying everyone of the change. For people not having email, the guild has a phone tree which will be activated when such a last minute change occurs. Please check your email at least a day prior to a meeting or class.

CHARITY / SERVICE PROJECTS

Engaging in selected charitable endeavors is part of our mission statement. The service project co-chairs review possible charitable organizations and then submit a slate of choices to the guild. The guild membership then selects the project(s). Work sessions for making the quilts will be offered throughout the year. All guild members, and friends, are welcome. For further information, contact Mike Carriger, Denise Meese or Sandy Mahnken.

SECRET PALS

Each year members may opt to be involved with the secret pals program. In January interested members submit their names and are given a secret pal. Participants bring small gifts for their secret pal. Ideas and preferences are provided by the member when she submits his/her name. It is suggested that participants limit the cost to less than \$10 to \$15 per month. A "revealing" party is held in December. Questions, please contact Marcia Schonlau or Barb Owens.

DUES

Per the Bylaws, dues shall be payable the first meeting in January or at the time a new member joins the guild. Membership dues are \$35. Dues need to be paid to the membership director, Sally Wilson. Please make checks payable to MMQ.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The guild provides members with three options for receiving the newsletter. People without computers can receive a hard copy of the newsletter either at the meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month or through the mail. The second option is accessing the newsletter on the MMQ website and the third option is to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter via email. Louise Yoshihara sends an email to members with the newsletter attached. A reduction in printing and mailing costs is the motivator for using electronic mail and the website as the primary distribution method.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is always the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for December). To submit articles for the newsletter, please email the Newsletter Director, Nancy Fischer, at: mmqnewsletter@gmail.com. Please add "Newsletter" to the subject line.

2017 GUILD RETREAT

Every two or three years the Guild organizes and sponsors a retreat. For our first retreat we had two nationally known instructors, Rosemary Eichhorn and Marsha McCloskey. The second retreat we had Judy Farrow from British Columbia and Tonye Belinda Phillips, a local artist from Camp Sherman. The retreat in 2011 was held at Seventh Mountain Inn and featured Helene Knott from Oregon City and David Taylor from Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The retreat in 2014 was also held at Seventh Mountain Inn and the instructors were Hilde Morin and Margaret Miller. The instructors for the 2017 retreat (held in May at the SHARC) were Jan Krentz and Maria Shell. We are currently looking for a retreat chair for 2020.

SPARKLE DESIGN

Display the MMQ logo (pictured below) in a sparkle design! Two sparkle designs are available for purchase at the first meeting of the month: the MMQ logo for \$10 and the second one, the words "Sunriver, Oregon" for \$5. Classes will be held during the year on how to attach your sparkle design to a shirt, bag, even as an embellishment on a quilt. Questions, ask Dorothy Spain or Patty Morehouse.

GUILD PINS

Guild pins with our logo (pictured to the right) can be purchased at the first meeting of the month (on the second Tuesday) for \$5.



DIRECTIONS TO THE SHARC

From La Pine area: North on 97, exit at the main Sunriver exit (South Century). At the first roundabout, take the **first** right exit to Abbott Drive. Continue on Abbott Drive to the first right turn, which is Beaver Drive. Turn **right** and continue down Beaver Drive for approximately 3/4 mile. The SHARC will be on your **left**. This is the parking lot to be used for meetings.

From Bend: South on 97, exit at the main Sunriver exit (South Century). Follow the directions above.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The holiday luncheon is held in December at the Great Hall in Sunriver. All guild members are encouraged to attend. Great food, wonderful entertainment, good conversations, and the announcement of the master quilter are all part of this festive luncheon. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon, please contact Linda Ehrich or Sue Humistan. The actual date and cost of the luncheon will be announced later in the year.