

# Mountain Meadow Quilters

## 2023 New Member Newsletter



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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/he 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.

Michelle McMicken, President • 541-223-2297  
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### Monthly Meeting Schedule

Second Tuesday: Business Meeting and Program  
1:30pm at The Community Bible Church at Sunriver  
Fourth Tuesday: Announcements and Education Program  
10:00am at the Quilt Basket in Bend  
Coffee/tea, treats and conversation begin 1/2 hour before the start of each meeting.

### Bylaws

The guild is governed through bylaws adopted on November 12, 1996. A complete copy of the bylaws is available on the website. 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.

## 2023 MMQ Board Members and Committee Chairs

### Board Members

President.....Michelle McMicken  
Vice-President.....Nancy Fischer  
Programs.....Bonnie Schaefer  
Education.....Louise Yoshihara  
Secretary.....Becky Mallatt  
Treasurer.....Susan Campbell  
Membership.....Sue Zabaldano  
Newsletter.....Ruth Kinane  
Service Projects.....Diny van der Velden  
Immediate Past President.....Mindy Wolfman

### Chairs and Committees

Holiday Party.....Candace Ruland  
Webmaster.....Laura Dickinson\*  
Sisters Quilt Show.....vacant  
.....Kim Orzell  
Sunriver Quilt Show.....Laurie Bartlemay  
.....Marcia Schonlau  
Mercantile.....Christine Watkins  
Applique.....Bevalee Runner  
Future Retreat Chair.....vacant  
Block of the Month.....Bonnie Schaefer  
.....Nancy Fischer  
Technique of the Month.....vacant  
Historian.....Catherine Conkey  
Drawings.....Barbara Owens  
Hospitality.....Cindy Vom Steeg  
.....Gail Eldred  
Greeters.....Barbara Owens  
.....Denise Meese  
Room monitor for CBC.....Bevalee Runner  
Room monitor for the Quilt Basket.....vacant  
Secret Pals.....Beryl Wilcox  
Zoom Hosts.....Mindy Wolfman  
.....Nancy Fischer

\* outside contractor



## **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.

## **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.

## **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 the Greeter Denise Meese, so she can introduce the visitor to the group. Visitors may attend three meetings for free.

## **Applique Group**

A group of guild members interested in improving their appliqué techniques and skills meets once a month. The appliqué group meets downstairs at The Community Bible Church at Sunriver 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.

## **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 President Michelle McMicken 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, Susan Campbell, the text of the ad should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Ruth Kinane, at [mmqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mmqnewsletter@gmail.com)

## **Drawings**

The guild is very fortunate to have local vendors support the group by providing items for monthly drawings. At the first meeting of the month, people who attend the meeting and wear their name tags have their name 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. One of the local stores, Cynthia's, provides 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 or both 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. If you have questions, ask Barb Owens at the front table.

## **Technique of the Month 2023**

There is no Technique of the Month (TOM) this year.

## **Block of the Month 2023**

Bonnie Schaefer and Nancy Fischer are the coordinators for the 2022 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 The Quilt Basket.

## **Membership Roster**

The membership roster is available on the MMQ website and is accessible only to members. Hard copies of the roster are available upon request. See Sue Zabaldano 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 a few non-perishable food items to the Green Food Project Bag at the front table. These are collected at the program meeting, which is held the second Tuesday of the month.

## **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 \$10. Effective 10/1/23 the dues will be \$35. Dues can be paid in three ways: 1) Hand your cash or check to the Membership Chair, Sue Zabaldano or Treasurer Susan Campbell. 2) Mail your check to MMQ, PO Box 3254, Sunriver, OR 97707, or 3) Pay by credit card online using the MMQ website's dues payment service.

## **MMQ Website**

### **[www.mountainmeadowquilters.org](http://www.mountainmeadowquilters.org)**

The MMQ website is [www.mtnmeadowquilters.org](http://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 first of the month. Questions about the website can be directed to Webmaster Laura Dickinson.

## **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 Mercantile during the Sunriver Quilt Show.

To support this activity, different members offer free classes for making sale 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. This is a great way to meet members and develop friendships.

## **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, Michelle McMicken, Marleen Fugate, Pat Jones, Dorothy Spain, Patty Gates, Denise Meese and Nancy Fischer.

## **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 individual volunteering, purchasing a "Friends of the Show" sponsorship, and entering an MMQ Special Exhibit. Our Special Exhibit theme in 2023 is "The Leaves They Are A'Changing". Information and sign up opportunities are available on the SOQS website and by contacting our SOQS chair or assistant Kim Orzell.

## **Sunriver Quilt Show and Mercantile**

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 the Mercantile featuring items made by guild members. Funds from the sales 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 Mercantile. All members are encouraged to participate. During the show there are special displays of quilts made by guild members. which we receive a guild price discount of 30%.

## **Our Meetings are Quiet & Fragrance Free**

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

Due to member allergies, we ask that people not wear perfumes or scented lotions to guild meetings or classes. Thank you!

## **Last-Minute Meeting Changes**

Occasionally, we may have a need to suddenly cancel a meeting or change its location. This has occurred in the past due to inclement weather or unexpected Covid concerns. The President is responsible for making any meeting changes; and you will be notified by immediate email whenever such a change is made. If you have any concerns as to whether a meeting is being held or not, be sure to check your email before heading out to the meeting, and/or contact the President directly by phone or text.

## **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 organization(s). Work sessions for making the quilts will be offered throughout the year. All guild members and friends are welcome.

## **Secret Pals**

Each year members may opt to be involved with the program. In January interested members submit their names and are given a secret pal. Participants bring small gifts for their secret pal, addresses a tag to them but no formation about who they are from. There will be a designated spot for "Secret Pal" gifts. It is suggested that participants limit the cost of purchase to \$10 - \$15 per month. A revealing party is held in December.

## **Newsletter information**

All of the Guild's events and activities are listed in the monthly newsletter. The newsletter is available online on the first of every month through our website: [mountainmeadowquilterw.org](http://mountainmeadowquilterw.org). There is no issue January 1st. The December and January issue is available as one on December 1st. The next issue is on February 1st.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

The newsletter deadline is always the 25th of each month (except for December). To submit articles for the newsletter, please email the Newsletter Editor, Ruth Kinane at: [mmqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mmqnewsletter@gmail.com)

## **Directions to Community Bible Church at Sunriver**

**From the La Pine area:** North on 97, exit at the main Sunriver exit (South Century). At the first roundabout take the right exit to Abbott Drive. At the next two roundabouts continue straight onto Beaver Drive. Turn left at the first street (not into the condos) and you will head right into the church.

**From Bend:** South on 97, exit at the main Sunriver exit.

## **MMQ Quilt Retreat**

Every two or three years the Guild organizes and sponsors a retreat. We usually have two nationally known instructors and you can sign up for the instructor of your choice. Our monthly Program/Business Meeting will be held on-site the morning of the first day.

## **T-Shirt Sparkle Design**

Two sparkle designs are available for purchase at the Second Tuesday Meeting. The Mountain Meadow Quilters Guild Logo (the mountain scene) is \$5 and the words Sunriver Oregon are \$3. Instructions for application of the "Sparkle" designs are given. They look great on shirts, bags and even quilts. If there are questions ask Barb Owens at the front table before the Program meetings.

## **MMQ Pins**

Guild pins with the Mountain Meadow Quilter's Logo can be purchased at the Second Tuesday Meeting of the month at the front table. Members wear them on their name tags, on their equipment and/or trade them with other guilds. The logo is \$5. If there are questions ask Barb Owens at the front table before the Program meetings.

## **Holiday Luncheon**

In lieu of a December Program/Business meeting, the MMQ holiday luncheon will be held at the Community Bible Church at Sunriver in December. 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 Candace Ruland. The confirmed time and cost of the luncheon will be announced later in the year.