



Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

November 2007

Newsletter

Our Vision and Your Thoughts...

We're moving full speed ahead in organizing a new guild here in Northern Colorado! Starting in January, we will be bringing in innovative and inspirational speakers to share their talents and ideas with individuals interested in quilting and related fiber arts. We hope you join us in this exciting new guild! This newsletter should give you some basic information. If you'd like to join the "steering committee" as we get things in place, please come to our next meeting on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Sweetheart Quilt Shoppe at 571 Denver in Loveland. They've generously offered to allow us to use their space for free for this meeting. From Hwy. 34 traveling west, turn left at Denver (the intersection with the Walmart). Drive south about 1.5 miles and enter the Anastasi Business Park on the right. Sweetheart Quilt Shoppe is the first store you will see. Come willing to pitch in and share ideas with a great group of fiber artists!

We're interested in hearing about your needs, and will do our best to provide programs and workshops to meet them. Contact any Board member with your thoughts. If you know of specific speakers and teachers, let us know! We'll do our best to get them on our calendar!

At this point, we plan on meeting monthly. There is a lot of work to getting everything accomplished. Please consider joining our Board to help! We'll be grateful for your efforts, and look forward to getting to know you more!

January 14th, 2008 General Meeting

As of just a few minutes ago, we are now set with a date and facility! Our general meetings will be the second Monday of each month from 6:30p.m.-9:15p.m. The business meeting/program will start at 6:45p.m. We will be meeting at the Fort Collins Senior Center at 1200 Raintree Drive. (Just north of the Shields and Drake intersection.) Cathy Lewis and Julie Breidt spent many, many hours calling and visiting dozens of facilities in Ft. Collins, Loveland, and Windsor, and utilized a two page questionnaire to find one that would best meet our needs and be affordable. After weeks of this extensive research, we've found that the Senior Center is the ideal option. We have a stage, excellent lighting, kitchen facility available, wireless mic, display space for show and tell on existing walls (carpeted, we can pin to them), the option of expanding easily up to 300 seats, ample well lit parking, and many other great features. We know it's not close to the freeway, but hope alternate routes from the north and south work for those coming from adjoining areas. The dates are locked in for the next year, and the fee we'll be paying (depends on if we need one or two adjoining rooms each meeting) includes all set up and tear down. We're really happy with this option, and hope you all will soon see why this is such a perfect facility for us!

Now that we have dates and a facility, we'll be booking a wonderful program for this meeting. We want to start with a bang! More on this next month!

November 12th, 2007 Board and Committee Meeting

If you would like to help the board, or accept a volunteer board position, please join us at the meeting at Sweetheart on Nov. 12th (see page 1). Everyone is welcome! If you can't make it, but would like to be involved, please contact one of the board members at the emails listed on this page.

Bylaw Committee

We will have our first meeting of the Bylaw committee on Friday, Nov. 9th at 11 a.m. at Kelly's house. If you'd like to participate, please contact Suzie Ratzlaff at sratzlaff@yahoo.com or contact Kelly for directions at kelly@jukebox-quilts.com.

Articles of Incorporation and Non Profit Tax Status

Thanks to expert Kit Robinson, we are in progress with both of these applications/forms. We'll be discussing this more at the Nov. 12th meeting. Contact Kit if you have questions or a burning desire to help dig through government documents!

Design our New Logo!

Kelly knocked out a quick logo, but even a few long-time Fort Collins residents don't recognize Horsetooth mountain in the green. Kit thought it looked like fangs. ☺ If you have thoughts or would like to create a new one, we'd be happy to review it! It must look good at both small scale (pins, badges), and large scale (for a future banner). Sketches or electronic files are welcome! Warning: the winning designer may be asked to create the banner!

Our New Board

These email addresses will not be posted on the website. We are working on the site to assign r-m-c-q.org web addresses to each board position that will be forwarded to the board member's actual home email. Notify Kelly if there are any typos here.

President: Stephanie Patterson spec860@earthlink.net

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About our Newsletter and Website

Jean Poland is hard at work on developing our new website. The address is www.r-m-c-q.org. We had decided that due to the extremely high expense of printing and mailing, that this organization would instead email a link to all members that the newsletter has been posted to the website. This first one will be sent as an attachment, but in the future you'll only receive the link. Take a look at the site, and as Jean gets it up and running, pat her on the back for all of her hard work and expertise. This will be a work in progress for some time, so be patient!

If you absolutely must have a hard copy, contact a Board member. A small fee may apply.

Fundraising

To bring in great programs, we have to have some money in the bank! Many are not aware that a facility can run over \$200 per month, and speakers plus their expenses can run from \$350 to \$1500 or more. Multiply this times 12, and you need a whole lot of income. At this point, we are planning on funding from three sources:

1. Membership dues- send them as soon as possible so we can cover some of our current costs! See the form in this newsletter.
2. Our first RMCQ show in August
3. Kelly and Kit have been gathering and photographing art quilts by some of our talented members for a special 5x6 ½" full color calendar in its own easel. We will have these to show at the board meeting, and they'll be available for purchase starting at the garage sale. The cost, including sales tax will be \$10.00. They will also be available at a wholesale cost to shops. We'll be asking all members to try to sell some of these. They'll make great stocking stuffers!

If you have other ideas for fundraising, we'd like to hear from you!

RMCQ First Quilt Show August 24th, 2008

Since we're not wasting any time getting up and running, we're already working hard on a quilt show! Kelly curates the Hoffman Challenge, and has agreed to provide every traveling item (over 300 quilts, dolls, garments and accessories) for a special display prior to shipping the 2008 collections to their year long travel. The whole collection, including the 39 award winners, has never been seen in one location! We're hoping to draw interested quilters to this special event from distant locales.

In addition to the Hoffman quilts, we will hang member's quilts. We're researching facilities, but this is tentatively planned to be at the Budwieser Event Center. Watch for more information, and get to work on a quilt for the display! To learn more about the Hoffman Challenge, see www.hoffmanchallenge.com. We're also looking at providing demos or mini classes! We're anxious to hear your thoughts, and make sure to block out the date!

Landreth has been in charge of large shows in Oregon, and Kathy and Linda are skilled, knowledgeable, and awesome volunteers and co-chairs, so expect great things from this show! We will be asking for your help for this gigantic endeavour!

*Please help publicize our
garage sale - print off the
attached fliers (next page)
and distribute to as many
interested individuals
as possible.*

We need donations, too!

Quilter's Garage Sale

You are invited to a super quilters' garage sale!

When: Saturday, November 17th, 2007 9a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Stephanie Patterson's Garage, near Windsor

From 1-25, take the Harmony Road exit (exit 265). Go east approximately 5 miles. At the second stop light, Hwy. 257, turn right toward Windsor for just under one mile. At County Road 72, turn to your left (you will see Windsor Assembly of God Church, turn in front of the church). Turn in the first Subdivision, Moriah Estates, on the left. Stephanie's is the third house on the right - 8400 Morning Star Lane.

What we need from all before the sale:

any fabric, cut into fat quarters, half yards, or larger pieces. Roll, tie, and add a label indicating yardage, books, magazines, notions, machines, or anything you'd like to donate. We'll also have baked items, so fire up the oven! We are expecting a lot of people and want to have lots to offer. Bring items for sale to Stephanie's house by the 12th of November. We also need to borrow tables and a large coffee maker. This is a chance to make more room in your stash for the new fabrics just debuted in Houston!

Stephanie will need help, so please contact her to volunteer.

Please come to this fun event!

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Membership Form

2008

Membership dues are \$30 for 2008, guests are welcome for \$5.00 per meeting.

Name:

Street Address:

City:	State:	Zip Code:
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Phone:	Alternate Phone:
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Email Address:

Please make sure this is easily readable. All newsletters will be posted on the website, and you will be emailed a notice when they are available. No hard copies will be sent unless arranged with the newsletter editor. There may be an additional fee for hardcopies.

Quilting Background:

Would you be willing to serve on the Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On a committee? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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What committees or activities would you be interested in?

Would you be interested in giving a program or a workshop? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On what topic?

Are you in a small group? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If so, what is the name, and who is the contact person/their email address? _____

Do you wish to join a small group? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

What skills, experience, or expertise do you have that might help RMCQ?

What other quilt guilds do you belong to, if any?

What speakers, workshops or topics would you like to have provided by RMCQ? Please use the back of this if you need more room.
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** No member may sell or give away the membership roster for personal gain. Membership in RMCQ is not transferrable.
* Each member agrees, as a condition of membership, to release and waive any claim he or she has or may have against RMCQ, its officers, employees, committee members or agents arising out of or related to the member's participation in activities of RMCQ.*

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to RMCQ. Mail form to Tina Hickman, 3645 Big Dipper Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80528. If you have questions, call Tina at 970-226-0866.

For office use only: Check <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/>
