



# Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

May 2008

## Newsletter

*RMCQ Meeting ~ Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2008*

*Kelly Gallagher-Abbott Presents the*

*Work of Christine Dabbs*

It is time for our next meeting! Invite your friends and pass this newsletter along to anyone who may be interested in attending. Inside the newsletter this month:

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- ✿ The Mask Challenge winners are listed on page 5
- ✿ Please contact *Darlene Bengford* ([hospitality@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:hospitality@r-m-c-q.org)) if you can bring a treat to share at our May meeting. See page 5 for information on additional chances for door prizes and an end-of-year drawing for a gift certificate as a "thank you" for your hospitality contributions
- ✿ Information on this month's Show and Tell can be found on page 6, including a call for quilts made by children
- ✿ See page 6 for a reminder about the RMCQ calendar contest and a list of some upcoming quilt-related events in Colorado

*Fort Collins Senior Center*

*1200 Raintree Drive*

*Meeting registration starts at 6:00 P.M., Program begins at 6:30 P.M.*

## May Program

Please join us to learn more about a group of girls from Olander Elementary, who have created self-portrait quilts on the topic of “coming of age.” This was a project-based learning assignment and the girls chose quilting as their means of self expression. With the help of mentors, the girls learned a little about the history of quilts and the importance of quilt making in the lives of women today. They designed their quilts, using various fabrics and embellishments and learned about their mentor as they were working together. Not only will you see the original quilts and meet the girls, you will see a short video that was put together by other students.

We will also have a presentation featuring the work of **Christine Dabbs**. Chris will be our featured artist at our show in August. She works entirely by hand, and has created some of the most amazing crazy quilts and embroidered pieces in existence. This presentation will provide a brief history of the Victorian art of crazy quilts, and will give you a glimpse into Chris’s incredible skills. Even if you don’t plan on ever making a crazy quilt, the beadwork and embellishment can be incorporated into any quilt. We promise you will enjoy the artistry and skill in this presentation.



*Detail from a quilt border by Christine Dabbs (above)*

*Stumpwork quilt by Christine Dabbs (left)*

## *Quilt Show Survey*

The RMCQ Board has requested information from our membership so they can make an informed decision about our show at The Ranch in August 2008. Due to the possible effects of the economic downturn on events such as the quilt show, we are concerned about the show's viability. Some of our concerns include the low number of contracted vendors, projected low attendance, the required level of volunteer work from our members, and possible low member participation in the exhibit and featured artist's workshop. All members should have received an email requesting information about their plans, including attendance, quilts to be entered, and volunteer hours. Based on this information, the RMCQ board and Quilt Show committee will decide whether we should continue with our current plans for the August show, downsize the event, or postpone it to a later date, perhaps in 2009. WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU BY FRIDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please take a few moments to complete the online survey at [www.r-m-c-q.org/quilt\\_show\\_survey.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/quilt_show_survey.html) if you have not done so already.

## *Upcoming RMCQ Programs*

*June 9<sup>th</sup> 2008* – We will enjoy an evening of good friends and company in the lovely garden owned by *Gwen and Charlie Hatchette*. More on this later....

*July 14<sup>th</sup> 2008* – *David Taylor* of Steamboat Springs, Colorado will provide the presentation at our monthly meeting; David will also conduct a two-day workshop (see page 2).

*August 11<sup>th</sup> 2008* – *Donna Brown*, a Professor at the University of Wyoming, will be our featured speaker.

*October 13<sup>th</sup> 2008* – *Carol Watkins*

*December 8<sup>th</sup> 2008* – Member mini-lectures

For more details on our upcoming programs, please visit our website at [www.r-m-c-q.org/programs.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/programs.html).

## *Volunteers Needed*

We have received frequent positive feedback about the strengths and efficiency of this new guild. It has not happened by itself. There has been a core group of individuals who have spent hundreds of hours developing bylaws, coordinating events, facilitating communication, building websites, etc. This same group has been planning a major show, which is a big undertaking for any group, including groups with hundreds of members and years of experience. We desperately need your assistance. Please help us keep this guild afloat by bringing treats for hospitality or by volunteering to help on the board or assist a board member. We need each and every one of our members to assist with this huge undertaking. Although we know your time is precious, we ask that you please plan on providing four or more hours per month to keep this worthwhile organization healthy. No experience is required! We look forward to getting to know you better, and are grateful for any help you can provide.

## *In Memoriam*

It is with great sadness that we announce RMCQ's loss of one of our members on April 5<sup>th</sup>. *Carolyn Norrgard* passed away after a long, difficult battle with cancer. Carolyn was passionate about nursing instruction, quilting, camping, friendships and her Christian faith. In addition to belonging to RMCQ, she was a member of Happy Scrappers, Artful Expressions and LNCQ, which she helped found. Carolyn was very excited about RMCQ, offering valuable support, advice, and feedback as we began this group. Quilting was a large part of her life, as evidenced in her quilt room. She was a renaissance woman in every way, experimenting with many different techniques and art forms, and tirelessly encouraging those of us blessed enough to spend time with her. Carolyn's humor, positive attitude and contagious smile will be missed by us all, and our deepest sympathies go out to her family and her many friends. There are a few people on this earth who extend only grace and positive energy, and who strive to never let a negative word cross their lips. Carolyn was one of these powerful and beautiful individuals. She will be deeply missed. If you wish, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church (521 S. College, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521) for education or cancer research.

## *Announcements*

Both *Claudia Martin* and *Kit Robinson* have had an artwork juried into the multimedia *Dream Art Show* at the Poudre River Arts Center in Fort Collins. The exhibit will feature artworks by more than 20 area artists as well as artists from other states. Special extended gallery hours for this show will be 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Poudre River Arts Center is located at 406 N. College Ave. in Fort Collins. For more information, visit their website at [www.poudreriverartscenter.com](http://www.poudreriverartscenter.com)

*Please remember to notify the newsletter editor ([newsletter2008@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:newsletter2008@r-m-c-q.org)) of any announcements, entries accepted into shows, publications, or other items of interest so we can include them here. The next newsletter deadline is Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

### *President's Quilt*

*Stephanie Patterson* has done a tremendous amount of work for RMCQ, and we want to show our deep appreciation by making her a quilt to be presented at the end of her term. We will discuss the details for this "secret" project at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### *David Taylor Workshop*

All spaces in *David Taylor's Advanced Pictorial Appliqué* workshop on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> have been filled, but we will be taking names for the waiting list. Contact Kelly Gallagher-Abbott at [vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org) for more information. For information on other upcoming workshops and our cancellation policy, please see the website at [www.r-m-c-q.org/workshops.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/workshops.html).

## *Mask Award Winners*

We had a wonderful night at the Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, and want to thank all who came and our own phenomenal mask artists. Here is the list of winners:

### **Judges' Awards**

Our esteemed judges were *Charlie Hatchette, Nancy and Stacy Plemmons, Tedi Cox, Irene* (I'm afraid I didn't catch her last name...), and *Ryan Abbott*. The masks were displayed at Charlie Hatchette's studio (also known as a scientist's laboratory) and the team of judges all voted.

1<sup>st</sup> Place was awarded to *Cookie Warner* for "Masquerade." Prize: \$70 gift certificate for a RMCQ Workshop

2<sup>nd</sup> Place was awarded to *Mary McCauley* for "Lunacy." Prize: \$60 gift certificate for a RMCQ Workshop

3<sup>rd</sup> Place was awarded to *Sara L. Broers Brown* for "Fabulous." Prize: \$50 gift certificate for RMCQ Workshop

### **Viewer's Choice Awards**

Four Viewer's Choice Awards were given after voting by our guests and members at MoCA. Each winner will receive a \$40 membership to the museum, all of which were generously provided our own guild member, Barbara Cohen.

Most Humorous went to *Darlene Bengford* for "Ms. Flo Mingo."

Best Use of Embellishment was won by *Vicki Carlson* for "Beadazzled."

Most Original went to *Mary McCauley* for "Welcome to my Websight."

Viewer's Choice went to *Esther Trevino-Neasloney* for "Green Woman."

Many of us felt that the RMCQ masks were as well designed and executed as the wonderful masks on exhibit at the museum. Several guild members applied to participate in next year's museum exhibition. We have a phenomenally talented group! You will have the opportunity to see these masks as well as quilts by members of RMCQ at the Mancuso Show *Quilting with Altitude*, in Denver this weekend, May 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> ([www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)). We are fortunate to have this show visit Colorado! Take the time to go see the awesome displays and visit a great group of vendors!

## *Thanks for the Treats!*

We have decided to try something new to encourage contributions of snacks for our general meetings. All members who bring a snack to share will receive a second entry in the door prize drawing at that meeting. In addition, there will be a special drawing at our December meeting—for each snack you bring during the year, you will receive an entry. The prize for our end-of-year drawing will be a RMCQ workshop gift certificate! Contact *Darlene Bengford* at [hospitality@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:hospitality@r-m-c-q.org) to sign up to bring a snack to our May meeting. To sign up to bring something to a meeting later this year, email Darlene or add your name to the sign up sheet at our next meeting.

## *May Show and Tell*

We did not have Show and Tell at our April meeting because of space limitations at the museum. However, our May meeting will be held in our usual location at the Senior Center, and we will have Show and Tell. Our May program will include quilts from the students at Olander Elementary and we will have a special exhibit at our show in August featuring items made by kids as well. We would like to expand on this theme at our May meeting, so we encourage you to bring quilts made by children for Show and Tell. Of course, we would love to see the latest work from our adult members, too!

## *Website*

Please remember to check our website regularly at [www.r-m-c-q.org](http://www.r-m-c-q.org) for the latest news, meeting minutes, forms, and contact information for the board members and committee

## *RMCQ Calendar Contest*

The calendar contest deadline is fast approaching! May 15<sup>th</sup> is almost here! Please send in your entries for the calendars now. Go to the RMCQ website ([www.r-m-c-q.org/calendar\\_entry\\_form.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/calendar_entry_form.html)) to fill out the online application and to see the requirements for calendar contest entries.

The RMCQ Board meets the last Thursday of every month at the REA building in Windsor. The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

A list of our officers and committee chairs, along with contact information is available online at [www.r-m-c-q.org/about\\_rmcq.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/about_rmcq.html).

## *Upcoming Events*

*Denver National Quilt Festival*— Includes a special exhibition of a collection of RMCQ quilts as well as the masks from our recent challenge, May 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information about this show, visit [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

*Fiber Celebrations 2008*— Juried exhibition of a variety of fiber media May 16<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Center, Fort Collins. See [www.fortnet.org/NCWG/FiberCelebration.htm](http://www.fortnet.org/NCWG/FiberCelebration.htm) for more information.

*Quilt Colorado*— June 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> in Estes Park. Classes, a vendor mall, quilt show, and many other events. More information at [www.quiltcolorado.com](http://www.quiltcolorado.com).

*Fabrics of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition*— Fort Collins, Colorado, July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Call for entries, mailed submissions of digital images must be postmarked by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Entry form available at [www.fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/fabricoflegaciessubmission.pdf](http://www.fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/fabricoflegaciessubmission.pdf).

*Firehouse Quilts Annual Quilt Show*— July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Highlands Ranch. Early bird entries are due by May 16<sup>th</sup>, with a final deadline of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Information is available online at [www.firehousequilts.org](http://www.firehousequilts.org).

*Quilt-A-Fair*— September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. Email [QAF2008@lpbroadband.net](mailto:QAF2008@lpbroadband.net) for more information.

More information is available on our website at [www.r-m-c-q.org/quilting\\_info.html](http://www.r-m-c-q.org/quilting_info.html).