



# Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

June 2008

## Newsletter

### RMCQ Meeting ~ Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 Garden Party

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:

- ✈ A description of this month's program appears on page 2. Please remember that it will NOT be at the Senior Center this month!
- ✈ Page 2 includes information about our upcoming programs and news about RMCQ's tax status
- ✈ Information about the RMCQ Quilt Show is included on page 3
- ✈ Announcements appear on page 4, along with a notice about our need for a new Membership Chair
- ✈ Please contact *Stephanie Patterson* ([president@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:president@r-m-c-q.org)) if you can bring a treat to share at our July meeting (see page 4 for more information); our June meeting is a potluck, please bring a small dish to share
- ✈ A list of the May Show and Tell quilts is included on page 5
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*Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

*Garden Party at the Hatchette's House*

*700 East Elizabeth, Fort Collins*

## June Program

*RMCQ invites you to a Garden Party*

*Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

*At the Hatcher's house*

*700 East Elizabeth, Fort Collins*

*Potluck, \$5.00 for non-members*

Come and enjoy the backyard garden and a summer evening with fellow quilters. We are asking local machine quilters to display their works of art. Please bring a small dish to share. Beverages and table settings provided. RSVP to Gwen at [gwenh@generalcare.com](mailto:gwenh@generalcare.com) or 484-0760.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER—a notice will be placed on the website

## Upcoming RMCQ Programs

*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 on *Advanced Pictorial Appliqué*. This workshop filled quickly; if you would like to place your name on the wait list for David's workshop, contact Janet Pugh at [vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org).

*August 11<sup>th</sup> 2008* — *Donna Brown*, a Professor at the University of Wyoming, will present a trunk show and style show of her incredible garments.

*September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008* — *Joan Sowada* of Gillette, Wyoming will present her slide lecture: *Artist Approaching*. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Joan will present a workshop: *Value— Another Tool*. Participants will practice using value in several exercises and then create a fused pictorial image. Details will appear in the July newsletter.

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

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).

## Big News for RMCQ

RMCQ has received its Advance Ruling 501(c)3 status. This advance ruling was necessary in order to obtain nonprofit rates at our general meeting facility and at The Ranch. It will last for five years, after which time we must fill out a form detailing our records for those five years and showing that we have continued to meet the criteria for this status. We are also required to file Form 990 each year and all required 1099s.

*Kit Robinson, Treasurer*

## *RMCQ Quilt Show*

After the May 12<sup>th</sup> RMCQ meeting, we were all very excited at the prospect of joining forces with C.D. Management and being able to exhibit our quilts as a part of their show. A contract signed by C. D. Management was sent to the members of the board and the Quilt Show Committee late in the evening of May 21<sup>st</sup>. There were several clauses in the proposed contract that caused serious concern, especially considering RMCQ's non-profit status, and there were none of the usual legal clauses which provide protections for both parties. RMCQ members involved in discussions about the C. D. Management contract, as offered, were very concerned that:

- 1) RMCQ's financial situation be protected
- 2) RMCQ's 501(c)3 status not be compromised
- 3) That the involvement with C. D. Management be in the best interests of RMCQ

These concerns were not addressed to our satisfaction in the contract presented to us on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Also of serious concern was the non-compete clause, which we encountered for the first time in this document, and which would have prevented RMCQ from having a large quilt show or even an exhibit for the next five years. Restricting our activities in the future, regardless of whether we were satisfied or dissatisfied with an August C. D. Management event, seemed extremely unwise.

Due to the limited time between when the contract was issued and the date that C. D. Management needed to get started on advertising the quilt show nationally (they indicated that we had one day to sign), we immediately got to work developing a revised contract proposal that would address our concerns and protect both RMCQ and C. D. Management. This endeavor included the efforts of most board members and several Quilt Show Committee members. With tornadoes taking out power, telephone and computer internet lines, we are enormously grateful to those who gave this their full attention and a great deal of time.

However, there really wasn't enough time to come to an agreement, and both parties have agreed to withdraw from this endeavor. We hope to continue a dialogue with C. D. Management about any of their future plans for a quilt show in Northern Colorado.

We sincerely appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort from members of the Quilt Show Committee and other RMCQ members as we attempted to stage this show. In particular, we would like to thank *Gwen Hlatchette, Kelly Gallagher-Abbott, Julie Breidt, Jean Boland, Vicki Anderson, Janet Pugh, Kathy Nicolai, Darlene Bengford, Shawnette Sherwood, Cathy Lewis, Janet Schramke, Mary McCauley, Corinne Hammett, Stephanie Patterson, Kit Robinson, Brenda Dickison, Tina Hickman, Barbara Cohen, Tory Fravel, Christi Beckman, Charlotte Jackson, Kay Jones, Sandy Jung, Maxine Carlstedt, Patty Joy, Nancy Hallerman, Nancy Tracey, Jane Hayman, Mary Painter, Jana Skradski, Sara Laub, Janet Slagle, Linda Hibbert, Landreth Hamil, Julie Wilson, Vicky Mackey, Marilyn Walter, Debra Coleman, and Michelle Shasby* for their contributions.

Any quilt entry fees that have been sent to the guild by its members will be returned as soon as possible, and we thank all of you for your patience and good will at this time.

## Announcements

We are so very proud to congratulate our members on their amazing achievements at the *Denver National Quilt Festival!*

*Cookie Warner*, *Sun Dance*, was awarded BEST OF SHOW (this quilt was seen at RMCQ's Show and Tell in March)

*Melody Randol*, *50 Years*, was awarded BEST WALL QUILT

*Linda Hibbert*, *Spirit Me Away*, received an Honorable Mention (this quilt was seen at RMCQ's Show and Tell in January)

Congratulations to Cookie, Melody and Linda, and to all of the talented RMCQ entrants in this show.

Congratulations to *Cookie Warner*, *Melody Randol*, *Mary McCauley*, *Gwen Hatcher* and *Kit Robinson*, who have all had pieces accepted into the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual *Fabrics of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition*. This exhibition can be seen at the Lincoln Center Galleries in Fort Collins from July 5 to August 20, 2008; see page 6 for a link to more information.

One of the galleries within the American Quilters' Society Museum in Paducah, Kentucky currently features the juried exhibit *Expressions*, which was curated by Ricky Tims. The pieces first hung in Ricky's gallery in LaVeta, Colorado and are now on tour across the nation. Our member *Mary McCauley's* art quilt *A Tree Still Grows in Santa Fe* is included in this exhibit. Congratulations to Mary!

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, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Help Wanted!

We applaud *Tina Hickman* as she goes off to conquer new worlds, but now we truly need someone to step forward and volunteer for the newly open position of Membership Chair. This is a great position – you get to meet and greet all of the new and old members and be at the heart of our organization. *Darlene Bengford* has also resigned as Hospitality Chair. Our thanks go out to Darlene, whose gracious smile and cheery disposition will be missed greatly at the hospitality table. Please contact *Stephanie Patterson* ([president@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:president@r-m-c-q.org)) or *Kit Robinson* ([treasurer@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:treasurer@r-m-c-q.org)) if you have an interest in becoming the new Membership or Hospitality Chair.

## Hospitality

Please remember to sign up to bring a treat to share at our July meeting. Remember that bringing something to share makes you eligible for an additional entry for the door prizes that evening and for a special drawing at our December meeting. If you do bring something, please remember to check in with *Kit Robinson* so she can enter your name in the drawings. Please contact Kit at [treasurer@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:treasurer@r-m-c-q.org) if you would like more information or *Stephanie Patterson* at [president@r-m-c-q.org](mailto:president@r-m-c-q.org) to sign up to bring a snack to an upcoming meeting.

## *May Show and Tell*

Title	Owner/Maker	Technique/Description
<b>Coming of Age Quilts by 6<sup>th</sup> Graders</b>	Judy Oakleaf/6 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher Olander Elementary/Olander 6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls	Iron and fused fabric, stitching, painting. 6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls worked with senior partners to create self portraits in fabric and discuss the topic of "Coming of Age"
<b>Equinox</b>	Annette Miller	Piecing, machine quilted. Two sided; winter/summer abstract with curved inserts. "I flip it on the spring and autumnal equinox."
<b>Sisters</b>	Kit Robinson	Machine quilted, Textiva®, fused. Inspired by fabrics given to me by my sisters for Christmas.
<b>Two Became One</b>	Sandra Meissner	Hooking, quilting braiding. Hooked for grandson's wedding gift.
<b>Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	Mary Bengford	Buttonhole stitch and free motion quilting. Her parent's anniversary
<b>Howie and Friends</b>	Mary Bengford	All machine pieced. 4 cats of different colors and names.
<b>Bullseye</b>	Mary Bengford	Sewing – round circles
<b>Howie</b>	Mary Bengford	Photo copied cat. A picture of her cat Howie. She "loves" her cat.
<b>My House – Quilted Pillow Cover</b>	Benjamin Lewis	Paper piecing, hand quilting embellishment. 5 <sup>th</sup> grade quilt project 2003-2003 Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia (class taught by Cathy Lewis). Class learned to quilt and about quilt history, quilt documentation in conjunction with American History, Mathematics and Art Class. All work done by students except rotary cutting.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Memories #1 – 2006-2007</b>	Gabby	Original art on fabric, photo printing on fabric, machine piecing. Graduation class memory quilt. Art Class project; students were taught basics of quilting to use sewing machine, fabric art, but because of limited time, quilts were tied. Class taught by Cathy Lewis.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Memories #2 – 2006-2007</b>	Emma	Original art on fabric, photo printing on fabric, machine piecing, quilt tying. Art class project. See above for more detail.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Memories #3 – 2006-2007</b>	Ben	See 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Memories #1 for detail.
<i>It is mentioned here that Kelly and Cookie did not complete Show and Tell forms for their quilts – but we all know that they presented us with GEMS !!! Thank you Kelly and Cookie !!</i>		<i>If anyone else failed to complete a Show and Tell form, we thank you for your presentation, and give you honorable mention without a name J !! We appreciate your efforts and talent !!</i>

## Upcoming Events

*Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum*— May 6<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Sisters in Cloth, A Collection of Works by African-American Textile Artists*, and *Pre-1840 Bed Coverings, American Quilt Study Group - 2006 Quilt Study*. For more information, see [www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org).

*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.

*Berthoud Outdoor Quilt Show*— June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in Fickel Park. More information is available at [www.mountainprairiequilts.com/outdoorquiltsshow/index.htm](http://www.mountainprairiequilts.com/outdoorquiltsshow/index.htm)

*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>. <http://fcgov.com/ictix/galleries-coming.php>.

*Firehouse Quilts Annual Quilt Show*— July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Highlands Ranch; entry deadline is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Information is available online at [www.firehousequilts.org](http://www.firehousequilts.org).

*Art Wear Fashion Week*— Dedicated to highlighting the work of wearable art artists. September 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins. June 25<sup>th</sup> postmarked deadline for slide entries. More information and entry forms are available at <http://fcgov.com/ictix/galleries-artwear.php>

*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 on upcoming events 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).

## Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative

The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative (AAQI) is a national, grassroots organization whose mission is to raise awareness and fund research for Alzheimer's disease. *Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece* and *Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts* are two of its efforts. For more information on AAQI and how you can help, contact Ami Simms at [ami@alzquilts.org](mailto:ami@alzquilts.org) or visit the website at [www.alzquilts.org](http://www.alzquilts.org).

## 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 chairs.

The RMCQ Board meets the last Thursday of every month at the REA building in Windsor. The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 26<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).

## *Ultimate Sew-In*

Juliet Madsen is a 100% disabled veteran who has received treatment at the Denver Veterans Medical Center multiple times a week for everything from physical therapy to post-traumatic stress disorder. It has become her passion to give back to those who have worked so hard to make her life that much more “normal.” Because of the care that they have shown her, she has created a non-profit organization that will create quilting-related fundraisers every year for veteran-related issues. This program works in conjunction with *Quilts of Valor* and other quilting/military programs and is by no means in competition with any other programs. It is only Juliet’s way to give back to those around her.

The organization’s first fundraiser is called the *Ultimate Sew-In* and will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Colorado History Museum from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Each quilter will pay \$40.00 to participate in an incredible day of sewing, door prizes every hour, lunches/snacks, free access to the Colorado History Museum, and a brown bag full of mystery fabric that the quilter can use to create absolutely any quilt top of their desire. There are no design police and it is hoped that everyone will allow their own styles to come through! Some wonderfully big names in the quilting industry will be joining the effort, and there will be all kinds of special surprises to keep everyone on their toes. This fundraiser will take place with the help of some incredible partners who will help with the supplies and some amazing people at the VA who are supporting every move.

The finished tops (with signature blocks by the top maker) made during the sew-in will be collected and redistributed to any long arm quilters who would be willing to assist in the completion of the quilts . . . but that is not the end of the journey. The completed quilts will then be auctioned off at a *Black-Tie Affair* in Denver during late November and the quilts will themselves (again signed by the purchasing patron) be sent to *Quilts of Valor*, where they will be distributed to wounded and injured soldiers like Juliet. All proceeds from the *Ultimate Sew-In* and the *Black-Tie Affair* will benefit the Paralyzed American Veterans, of all ages (there is even a WWII vet competing at the games), from all branches, non-conflict and conflict vets alike, who will be participating in the Denver Wheelchair games in 2010. This donation will help transport, lodge, and feed the 550+ paralyzed veterans who wish to be a part of the games.

So, in a nutshell, these quilts will be given to the newly wounded, but the proceeds from the *Ultimate Sew-In* and the *Black Tie Affair* auction will be donated to the Paralyzed Veterans Association's Wheelchair Games here in Denver. It is a win-win situation, and there is no better way to give back to the people who have given so very much to all of us!

For information on how you can help as a quilter, volunteer, or donor at the *Ultimate Sew-In* or the *Black-Tie Affair* please contact Juliet Madsen at (303) 882-1259.

## *Thank You*

Thank you to all RMCQ members for the beautiful plant given in celebration of my Mother’s life.

*Barbara Cohen*