



Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

July 2008

Newsletter

RMCQ Meeting ~ Monday July 14th 2008 *Journey of a Reluctant Art Quilter with David Taylor*

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

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July Program

At our meeting on Monday, July 14th, *David Taylor* of Steamboat Springs, Colorado will present *Journey of a Reluctant Art Quilter*. In addition to being a fascinating speaker, David will show us some of his award-winning quilts. A graphic artist, David moved to Colorado in 1999, where he discovered art quilts. To say that he quickly mastered the genre is an understatement, since he has been winning major awards from the International Quilt Festival and the American Quilt Society annually for the past four or five years. *I Ain't No Spring Chicken* (pictured below) won Best of Show at the 2008 Spring International Quilt Festival show in Chicago. Recently in the American Quilt Society show in Paducah, Kentucky, his quilt *Sally at the Window* won the Brother Wall Machine Workmanship Award. David achieves spectacular realism through his use of color and his meticulous quilting, which is done on his Bernina 160 home machine. Thread 'painting' is the only embellishment added to his work. The gallery on his web site (www.davidtaylorquilts.com) is a feast for the eyes and the musical accompaniment fits the mood of his quilts.



David is giving a two-day workshop, *Advanced Pictorial Appliqué*, on July 14th and 15th. The workshop is full, but if you would like to be on the waiting list, please call Janet Pugh at (970) 484-5184 or email Maxine Carlstedt at vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org.

June Garden Party

The Garden Party at *Gwen Hatchette's* in June was a great success! We all want to thank Gwen for welcoming about seventy RMCQ members to her lovely home, incredible gardens and amazing studio. The weather was perfect, the potluck dishes were delicious and of course, the company was delightful. To top it off, we were treated to a display of gorgeous longarm quilts by *Linda Hibbert*.

Thank you, Gwen, for your wonderful hospitality and for being such a gracious hostess. Thank you as well to Linda for bringing examples of your incredible work.

Hospitality

Please remember to sign up to bring a treat to share at one of our upcoming meetings. 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 *Sandy Bennett* so she can enter your name in the drawings. Please contact Sandy at hospitality@r-m-c-q.org if you would like more information or to sign up to bring a snack to an upcoming meeting.

Help Wanted!

There have been a number of changes to the RMCQ board, and the current officers and chairs are listed below. Many thanks to *Corinne Hammett* (Secretary), *Sandy Bennett* (Hospitality), *Kay Jones* (Membership), *Janet Pugh* (Programs and Workshops) and *Maxine Carlstedt* (Programs and Workshops), who have stepped forward to help out. We are still in need of volunteers to take the lead with Show and Tell and assist with Programs and Workshops (see below). Please contact Stephanie Patterson (president@r-m-c-q.org) or any of the other board members or committee chairs if you are interested in helping out.

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Programs and Workshops Committee

Janet Pugh and *Maxine Carlstedt* have taken over Programs and Workshops responsibilities, by appointment of President *Stephanie Patterson* per the RMCQ bylaws regarding officer replacement procedures. We feel that Programs and Workshops are the heart of the Guild and the reason most people join. We feel, as well, that these duties need to be shared by a committee and are seeking members to join this committee. In the near future, we will propose a bylaws change to address this committee structure. We envision having two Programs and Workshops Vice Presidents, one elected each year to serve a two-year term. This would provide overlap from year to year so that there is continuity, plus knowledge of the speakers and teachers contracted. Other committee members would share in program planning, supervision of workshops, facilities arrangements, and “care and feeding” of teachers/speakers when they are in town. Sharing the work makes this easier for all of us! Please contact Janet at (970) 484-5187 or Maxine at (970) 377-0012 if you are interested in planning and occasionally overseeing programs for RMCQ. We seek your input and help in order to make our programs vital and interesting to the Guild.

Janet Pugh and Maxine Carlstedt, Programs and Workshops

Upcoming RMCQ Programs

August 11th 2008 – Donna Brown Donna Brown is a Professor of Textiles, Merchandising and Design in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where she shares with students her knowledge of apparel construction, fashion illustration, and fiber arts. She will present a trunk show of her award-winning garments, from creative vests and purses to evening wear and bridal gowns. Her garments are truly works of art. Her mastery of the capabilities of her sewing machine will amaze you!

September 8th 2008 – Joan Sowada We are pleased to have Joan Sowada, studio fiber artist from Gillette, Wyoming, with us for her September 8th lecture, *Artist Approaching*, and a workshop on values on September 9th. Joan creates contemporary art quilts that capture a narrative of places and people, and her pieces are winning awards in prestigious juried competitions throughout the U.S. You can view her work at www.avacenter.org, as well as on the web site for Studio Art Quilt Associates: www.saqa.com. Joan will be conducting a workshop *Values—Another Tool* on Tuesday, September 9th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at The Ranch in Loveland. A sign up form and details is available on our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/workshops.html.

October 13th 2008 – Carol Watkins Carol is a full-time studio artist from Boulder who combines digital photography printed on fabric with extensive thread painting to create unusual pictorial quilts. See her web site www.CarolWatkins.com for information about Carol and examples of her outstanding work.

November 10th 2008—Putting the Frosting on the Quilt We hope to put together a variety show of mini-demos (15 to 20 minutes) by our members of embellishments that could include materials like paints, paint sticks, crayons, inks, foil, Angelina®, beads, buttons, crystals, sequins, shishas, rick rack, ribbon, cording, tassels and techniques of stamping, stenciling, appliqué, bobbin stitching, Sashiko, or couching. If you have been wondering how you can help this guild, short of being an officer, now is your opportunity. Contact Maxine Carlstedt and Janet Pugh at vypprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org if you have a demo you could present. We hope to have eight to ten demos going on simultaneously. Don't feel limited by the above list. We have a lot of members who are experimenting with some pretty unique materials. Maxine is looking for that plastic grass that comes on Japanese food trays!

For more details on our upcoming programs, please visit our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/programs.html.

Cheyenne Garage Sale

Esther Trevino-Neasloney and *Pat Messer* held a very successful RMCQ garage sale up in Cheyenne last month and collected \$647 for the guild!

Kay Jones drove the items that were left over from *Stephanie Patterson's* garage sale in April from Windsor to Cheyenne, and everything was sorted ahead of time by Stephanie and her band of helpers. Thanks to all of our amazing and hardworking garage sale volunteers! The funds that have been raised for these events have contributed greatly to RMCQ's financial well being.

Upcoming Events

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum— May 6th through August 2nd: *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.

27th Annual Fabric of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition— Fort Collins, Colorado, July 5th through August 20th. Opening reception July 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. See the announcements on page 6 for more information on the reception. Exhibit information is available at <http://fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/fofwebflyer.pdf>.

Firehouse Quilts Annual Quilt Show— July 18th and 19th in Highlands Ranch. Information is available online at www.firehousequilts.org.

Libby Lehman— August 11th and 12th, Libby Lehman will be teaching *Bring on the Bobbin* and *Super Machine Stitching* at the Presser Foot in Fort Collins. See the store website at www.thepresserfoot.com for more details.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival— August 23rd and 24th at The Ranch in Loveland. For quilt entry guidelines and forms, see www.northernlights-designs.com/rmqf/files/RMQFQuiltShow.pdf and www.northernlights-designs.com/rmqf/files/RMQF_quilt_show_entry_2008.pdf. There will be an associated Christine Dabbs stumpwork workshop August 25th-26th. See www.northernlights-designs.com/rmqf/files/christinedabbs_wkshp_form.pdf for more information.

ArtWear Fashion Week— Dedicated to highlighting the work of wearable art artists. September 5th through 12th at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins. More information is available at <http://fcgov.com/lctix/galleries-artwear.php>.

Cas Holmes—British textile and multi-media artist Cas Holmes is coming to Colorado in September. Cas was recently featured in *Cloth Paper Scissors Magazine*. Her website is www.casholmes.textilearts.net. She is doing a workshop in Grand Junction September 4th-6th, a lecture for Front Range Contemporary Quilters on September 15th, and a Front Range Contemporary Quilters workshop in Estes Park September 19th-21st. She will also have workshops at The Artists Nook in Bellvue. These workshops will be: *From the Land* on Thursday September 11th, *Paper and Stitch* on Friday September 12th, *The Sketchbook Workshop* on Saturday September 13th, and *Of Cloth, Pattern and Clothing* on Sunday September 14th. Details will be posted on the shop's website (www.theartistsnook.net). This is a great opportunity to take a workshop from a world-class artist close to home!

Quilt-A-Fair— September 26th and 27th at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. Email 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.

Announcements

The opening reception for the 27th Annual Fabric of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition at the Lincoln Center Fort Collins will be held July 18th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The evening will include free demonstrations of different curves techniques and a book signing by *Louisa Smith* and *Lisa Harris* for their new book, *One Patch Quilts*. Demonstrations during the reception will include: *Curved Machine Piecing* by *Vicki Carlson*, *Curved Fusing* by *Cookie Warner* and *3D Curved Quilting* by *Mary McCauley*. Louisa, Vicki, Cookie and Mary are all RMCQ members. The exhibition also includes the work of five RMCQ fabric artists. For more information, see the flyer at <http://fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/folwebflyer.pdf>, which includes photographs of quilts by RMCQ members *Kit Robinson* and *Gwen Hatchette*.

Please remember to notify the newsletter editor (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, July 28th.

RMCQ Board Meetings

The RMCQ Board meets the last Thursday of every month at the REA building in Windsor. The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 31st 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.

Please remember to check our website regularly at www.r-m-c-q.org for the latest news, meeting minutes, forms, and contact information for the board members and committee chairs. Please contact *Jean Boland* at website@r-m-c-q.org if you have information for the site.