



Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

August 2008

Newsletter

RMCQ Meeting ~ Monday August 11th 2008

Donna Brown Trunk Show

Please plan to attend our next meeting! Remember to pass this newsletter along to anyone who may be interested in attending, and invite your friends to join us. Inside the newsletter this month:

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Fort Collins Senior Center

1200 Raintree Drive

Meeting registration starts at 6:00 P.M.

Business meeting begins at 6:45 P.M.

August Program

On Monday, August 11th, *Donna Brown* will share with us a trunk show of her award-winning garments, from creative vests and purses to eveningwear and bridal gowns. Each piece is a work of art, with exquisite workmanship. Her mastery of the capabilities of her sewing machine is astounding.

Donna is a native of Sydney, Australia, where she earned a BS and a PhD in Textile Technology from the University of New South Wales. Donna moved to Laramie, Wyoming in 1987 to join her husband on the faculty at the University of Wyoming, where she now holds the rank of Professor of Textiles, Merchandising and Design in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Her faculty position combines her passions for textiles, art, and education. Donna enjoys sharing her knowledge, enthusiasm, and talent with students in apparel construction, fashion illustration and fiber arts. She enjoys working with a variety of different media and techniques, although she prefers to work with natural fibers.



Donna Brown



Donna's work has been featured in the *Everyone Loves Sulky Challenge*, *Hobbs Bonded Fibers Fashion Show*, *Hoffman Challenge*, and the *Fairfield and Bernina Fashion Shows*, and she was a grand prize winner in the *Inspired by Threads Challenge*.

"Jeweled Collage" vest and bag, with detail (left); "A Snowflake's Journey" dress and cape, with detail (right)



Volunteers Needed in 2008!

We are in need of volunteers to take the lead with Show and Tell and Philanthropy. The responsibilities for Show and Tell include helping to display the items, handling the microphone during the presentations, collecting the information forms, and putting the Show and Tell information into a table for publication in the next newsletter. The duties for the Philanthropy chair are wide open. Because we have not yet filled this position, it would be a chance for you to make your mark on our organization, using your creativity to benefit our community.

We are also looking for members willing to assist with Programs and Workshops. Committee members would share in program planning, supervision of workshops, facilities arrangements, and “care and feeding” of teachers/speakers when they are in town. This would be a great chance to get to know some of the interesting and talented artists who present our programs and workshops, and to have an influence on the programs that form the heart of our guild.

Volunteering for these positions or any other position in RMCQ is a benefit to the guild, helping to ensure that our activities run smoothly. In addition, there is no better way to get to know your fellow guild members and to collaborate with the energetic and creative people who are serving as officers and committee chairs. Please contact *Stephanie Patterson* (president@r-m-c-q.org) or any of the other officers or committee chairs if you are interested in helping out.

Nominating Committee for 2009 RMCQ Board Members

It is time to put together our slate of officers and committee chairs for 2009. According to our bylaws, one person is to be named by the Board to oversee the elections. The Election Committee chair and committee members cannot be current members of the Board. We need a volunteer for Election Committee chair to put together a slate of candidates who will be presented at our October meeting and voted on at our November meeting. If you are not a current Board member and would be interested in leading this committee, or if you are willing to help out as a committee member, please contact *Stephanie Patterson* at president@r-m-c-q.org.

President's Quilt Project

If you are interested in participating in the President's Quilt project, please contact *Kit Robinson* for a free kit, including instructions. Kit's email is treasurer@r-m-c-q.org. Some completed projects are already coming in, and it looks like the makers have been using their creativity and having a lot of fun! We will need your completed projects by the November 10th meeting.

There is still space available for the *Joan Somada* workshop, *Values— Another Tool*. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Ranch in Loveland. More information, including directions to the Ranch, a sign up form and supply list, are available on the RMCQ website at www.r-m-c-q.org/workshops.html.

July Show and Tell

Title	Owner/Maker	Technique/Description
Two Purses	Judy Cunningham	Knitted fabric strips/Gotta use up all those fabrics!
Growing Love	Marilyn Walter	Fusible appliqué, hand stitching, beading/Started in class with Laura Wasilowski
Peaches and Cream	Karen Azevedo	Trapunto, glitter/Wholecloth- felt trapunto baked with glitter

Please remember to bring items for Show and Tell to our meetings and to complete a form with information about your item. Forms are available at the meeting and on our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/files/RMCQ_show_n_tell_form.pdf. If you are an RMCQ member and have a photograph of your Show and Tell piece, it can be displayed on our website; see www.r-m-c-q.org/show_n_tell.html for more information.

7th Annual Stitches in Time Quilt Show

The Johnstown Historical Society will host their 7th Annual Stitches in Time Quilt Show on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 19th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The show will include old-time quilts, crafts, and demonstrations. All proceeds go to the Johnstown Historical Society, mainly to support the Parish House and Museum, and projects for the historical society. The museum is the original 1914 house of Harvey and Mary Parish, the founders of Johnstown. The show will be held at Roosevelt High School, Greeley Avenue and 2nd Street, Johnstown.

Registration: You are welcome to display all quilts, old and new. Because of limited space, please pre-register your quilt(s). Registration will be \$5.00 per person, regardless of the number of quilts entered. Please email *Sandy Bennett* at sb2929@aol.com and she will reply with the necessary information and application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Sandy at 970-663-0079, and she will mail you the forms.

Any quilt item may be offered for sale and must be so indicated on the registration form with its price. The Historical Society will handle the sale of the quilt and will collect and pay all applicable sales taxes. The Historical Society will retain 20% of the sales price as a commission. Checks for sales will be mailed a week following the show. Show organizers will call you with quilt drop off and pick up information after your registration form is received. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Sandy at 970-663-0079.



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, don't forget to check in with *Rebecca Judson*, our new hospitality chair, so she can enter your name in the drawings. Please contact Rebecca 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.

Upcoming RMCQ Programs

September 8th 2008 – Joan Sowada We are pleased to have Joan, a 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.saqqa.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 are 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 vpprogramsandworkshops@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!

December 8th 2008—Holiday Show and Tell and Installation of Officers One item discussed at the July board meeting was a possible cookie exchange. It was not certain that our members would be interested in having a cookie exchange, so please let *Maxine Carlstedt* or *Janet Pugh* (vpprogramsandworkshops@r-m-c-q.org) know if this is something we should pursue.

January 12th 2009—Melody Randol Lecture and workshop.

February 9th 2009—Carol Shimm Lecture and workshop.

March 9th 2009—Annette Kennedy

June 8th 2009—Denise Labadie

July 13th 2009—Debra Danko

September 14th 2009—Marta Amundson Marta will present *The Cowgirl's Book of Machine Quilting*.

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

Upcoming Events

27th Annual Fabric of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition— Fort Collins, Colorado, July 5th through August 20th. More information is available at <http://fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/folwebflyer.pdf>.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum— Golden, Colorado, August 5th through November 1st: *Above the Barr*, a collection of works by Barbara Barr, and *30 Years of Collecting*, Amish quilts from the Henry and Angela Hite Collection. For more information, see www.rmqm.org.

Quilt and Craft Garage Sale, League of Northern Colorado Quilters— August 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2000 S. Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins. See www.lncq.org for more information.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival— August 23rd and 24th at The Ranch in Loveland. Entries are due August 11th. See www.northernlights-designs.com/rmqf/ for more information.

23rd Annual Quilts and Fine Woodworking Show— August 30th through November 1st at the Colorado Pioneers Museum, Colorado Springs. More information can be found at www.cspm.org.

Art Wear 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>.

First Annual Longmont Quilt Guild Quilt Show— Saturday, September 13th at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, Building A, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, see www.longmontquiltguild.org/updatesnewsandads.html.

Quilt-A-Fair— September 26th and 27th at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. Email QAF2008@lpbroadband.net for more information.

7th Annual Stitches in Time Quilt Show— October 18th and 19th at Roosevelt High School in Johnstown. See the article on page 4 for more information on the show and quilt entries.

More information on upcoming events is available on our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/quilting_info.html.

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, August 28th 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. *Jean Boland* does a wonderful job of keeping the website up to date, but she needs your help to keep things current. Please contact her at website@r-m-c-q.org if you have information for the site.

Announcements

All Squared Up by *Daisy Boulter* (quilt maker) and *Stephanie Patterson* (quilter) won Grand Champion at the 2008 Weld County Fair in its category (quilt top made by one person, and machine quilted by another). The quilt also won Overall Grand Champion and Colorado Quilt Council Best in Show. Daisy, who owns the quilt, will allow RMCQ to view it at our August meeting.

A flower basket quilt pieced by *Ethel Greenley* and quilted by *Alycia Carmin* won Reserve Grand Champion Quilt at the Weld County Fair.

Mary McCauley's humorous take on Sunbonnet Sue can be found in the September/October 2008 issue of *Quilters Newsletter Magazine*. Several of the animals from Mary's *Sunbonnet Zoo* are featured in the magazine, along with a picture of the whole quilt. More photographs can be found at www.quiltersnewsletter.com (search on Sunbonnet Zoo).

Louisa Smith and her daughter, *Lisa Harris*, have written a new book entitled, *One-Patch Plus, A New Twist on One-Patch Piecing*. Quilts by RMCQ members *Cookie Warner*, *Melody Randol*, *Josephine McCoy* and *Vicki Carlson* are also featured in this book, which brings traditional one-patch designs to a new level of artistry.

The *Fabric of Legacies International Art Quilt Exhibition* at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center includes the work of five RMCQ fabric artists: *Melody Randol* (1st place), *Cookie Warner* (3rd place), *Gwen Hatchette*, *Mary McCauley*, and *Kit Robinson*. A photograph of Melody's quilt, *Fifty Years*, was included in a July 18th article about the exhibition in the *Loveland Reporter-Herald*. For more information on the exhibition, see the flyer at <http://fcgov.com/lctix/pdf/fofwebflyer.pdf>.

Please 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, August 25th.