



Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

December 2008

Newsletter

RMCQ Meeting - Monday December 8th 2008 Holiday Show and Tell and Introduction of Officers

It is time for our December meeting! Pass this newsletter along to anyone you know who may be interested in RMCQ and invite them to join us. Inside the newsletter this month:

- ❄ Our December program will include a potluck dinner, Holiday Show and Tell, drawings for gifts and introduction of 2009 RMCQ Officers. Bring some quarters to vote on the contributions to the President's Quilt Project— details on this month's program appear on page 2
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Fort Collins Senior Center

1200 Raintree Drive

Meeting registration starts at 6:00 PM

Potluck dinner begins at 6:45 PM



December Program - Holiday Show and Tell and Introduction of Officers

Our December program will consist of a potluck dinner, Holiday Show and Tell, and the introduction of our new Officers for 2009. Our 2009 Officers were elected at our November meeting: President *Cookie Warner*, 1st Vice President of Programs and Workshops *Maxine Carlstedt*, 2nd Vice President of Programs and Workshops *Janet Pugh*, Recording Secretary *Annette Miller*, and Treasurer *Nancy Tracy*.

Please bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share with appropriate serving utensils. We are asking that you bring your own plate and tableware, in an attempt to minimize the use of disposable items. We will provide beverages (our usual coffee, tea, and water service) as well as napkins. If you have prepared something special and would like to share the recipe, please bring a copy and give it to our Hospitality Chair, *Rebecca Judson*. She will make copies to bring to our January meeting. Rebecca plans to have a power strip available for crock pots, if needed. If you have any questions about the potluck dinner, please contact Rebecca at hospitality@r-m-c-q.org.

For our Holiday Show and Tell, we would like to see as many holiday-themed quilts as possible. This does not mean only the winter holidays— for example, we are hoping to see some Arbor Day and Groundhog Day quilts! Of course, non-holiday quilts are also welcome. Please remember to fill out a Show and Tell form, using the form available on the website (www.r-m-c-q.org/files/RMCQ_show_n_tell_form.pdf) or at the meeting.

We will also have an opportunity to view our members' contributions to the President's Quilt Project. You may vote for your favorites by contributing 25¢ per vote— and you may vote as many times as you like! The money raised during voting will go into RMCQ's general fund.

Our tentative schedule for the evening is:

- 6:45 PM Food service begins; display of President's quiltlets (see page 6)
- 7:15 PM Entertainment
- 8:00 PM Special drawing for gift baskets— this drawing will include those members who have paid 2009 membership dues by 8:00 PM (including members who have renewed at an earlier date)
- Introduction of 2009 Officers
- Announcements regarding meetings and workshops



Please remember to sign up to bring a snack to share at one of our 2009 meetings. If you bring something to share, you will be eligible for an additional entry for the door prizes that evening and for a special drawing at our December 2009 meeting. If you do bring something, remember to check in with *Rebecca Judson*, our 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.

Upcoming RMCQ Programs and Workshops

January 12th 2009— Melody Randol— Capturing Nature in Fabric Melody, a Loveland quilt artist, will present an array of ways to capture nature's beauty in fabric and thread. From simple to complex, exact to arty, she'll show the varied approaches she uses in her landscape quilts. A biologist by degree, teacher by profession, and fiber artist by passion, Melody's mentor is Mother Nature. She uses camera, computer, scanner, printer and sewing machine as her tools. Each art quilt evolves as she works, with the end result being something more than she envisioned at the start. Recent awards include: 1st Place Award 2008, "Fabric of Legacies," Lincoln Center, Fort Collins Colorado; Best Wall Quilt Award, Denver Quilt Festival 2008, Denver, Colorado. For a look at Melody's work, please visit her website at www.melodyquilts.com.



A New Dawn by Melody Randol (above); Last Anemone © Carol Shinn 2006 (below)

Melody will be teaching a two-day workshop on her "Stencils and Sponges" technique. In this workshop, you will have your choice of images, either a tiger or a tree, with the stencil provided by Melody. The registration form and additional information about Melody's workshop are available on our web site at (www.r-m-c-q.org/files/workshop_melody_randol.pdf). If you are interested in taking this workshop, please register by December 15th. If we don't reach our minimum of 10 people registered by that date, we will have to cancel this workshop.

February 9th 2009— Carol Shinn— Freestyle Machine Embroidery Carol is a studio artist from Fort Collins, Colorado, known internationally for photo-realistic machine-stitched images. She has taught many classes and workshops across the United States as well as teaching at Arizona State University and at Mesa Community College in Arizona. Her work is in numerous public and private collections and has been featured in many magazines and in books. In *Surface Design Journal*, September 2006, Jessica Hemmings wrote, "Carol's embroideries are a study in the complex and minute details it is possible to render in thread...." To view her work, visit www.carolshinn.com.



Carol will also be teaching a two-day class to help you build your free-style skills, in which you saturate fabric with layers of thread to shade, hatch and mix color. A full description of this workshop will soon be posted on our web site at www.r-m-c-q.org/workshops.html.

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Upcoming RMCQ Programs and Workshops (continued)

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March 9th 2009—Annette Kennedy Annette, who lives in Longmont, is an increasingly well-known fiber artist, whose main focus is landscape and pictorial work based on her personal photographs. She uses raw-edge appliqué, stitching, beadwork, and dyed and painted fabric to produce her images, and then often paints the cottons or silks to enhance the images. This year, she will teach at International Quilt Festival in Houston for the first time, and recently won First Place in wall quilts at the American Quilter's Society show in Nashville, Tennessee. Annette will discuss her creative process as well as her painting techniques.

May 8th 2009—Janet Jo Smith—Dyesmithy at Work Workshop on dyeing fabric

July 13th 2009—Debra Danko

August 10th 2009—Denise Labadie

September 14th 2009—Marta Amundson Marta will present *A Cowgirl's Journey in the Quilt World*. Workshop: *The Cowgirl's Book of Machine Quilting*.

October 12th 2009—Kate Cox Kate is a British textile artist now living in south-central Colorado. She will bring a trunk show and talk about the contrasts between her life as an art quilter in England and in the U.S.

Information on upcoming RMCQ programs is available on our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/programs.html.

Announcements

Cookie Warner and *Melody Randol* are the featured artists in the Winter 2008 edition of *Machine Quilting Unlimited*, and Cookie's quilt 'Solar Energy' graces the cover. Also featured are *Maxine Carlstedt*, with her quilt 'Jungle Fever' in the Notables section, and California member *Patt Blair*, whose 'Endangered' quilt is the Jaw Dropper.

Twenty four pieces by 20 artists, out of a total of 129 entries, were selected by juror *Dr. Sandra Sider* to comprise the Front Range Contemporary Quilters Portfolio. Dr. Sider stated that she included only pieces which were "worthy of national exhibition." RMCQ members whose works were chosen are: *Gwen Hatchette*, *Melody Randol*, *Kit Robinson*, *Louisa Smith* and *Cookie Warner*.

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, December 29th.



2009 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your RMCQ membership for 2009. The membership form is available on the website (www.r-m-c-q.org/files/RMCQ_2009_membership_form.pdf) for you to fill out and mail. Forms will also be available at the door at our December and January meetings. If you have paid your 2009 dues before 8:00 PM on December 8th, your name will be placed in a drawing for some beautiful gifts. The drawing will include those who paid previously at other meetings. You do need to be present to win. Remember to bring your checks for \$30 to the December potluck.

Upcoming Events

Sangre de Cristo Arts Center—Pueblo, Colorado, November 1st 2008 through January 17th 2009. *Altered Threads, Work by Front Range Contemporary Quilters*. More information available at www.sdc-arts.org.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum—Golden, Colorado, November 4th 2008 through January 31st 2009. *California Gold* in the Opal Frey Gallery and *Speaking in Cloth: 6 Quilters, 6 Voices* in the Eugenia Mitchell Gallery. For more information, see www.rmqm.org.

Handweaver's Guild of Boulder Show and Sale—December 4th through 9th, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, Colorado. There will be a selection of hand woven, knitted, quilted and hand-dyed items available for purchase. Jewelry and Christmas items will also be available. Free admission and free parking. More information is available at www.handweaversofboulder.org.

Prospect Artists Association Holiday Open Studios—December 6th and 7th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in Longmont Colorado. Experience the atmosphere of a professional artist's studio and view the diverse talents each artist has to offer. Call Susan Strok at (303) 772-0630 or visit www.prospectartistsassn.com/events.html for more information on the studio tours.

Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts and Beyond—November 14th through February 8th, Loveland Museum/Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln Avenue. More information is available at www.ci.loveland.co.us/Cultural_Services/cultural_services_museum_exhibits.htm.

Denver National Quilt Festival—April 30th through May 3rd 2009, Denver Merchandise Mart. Entry forms available in December 2008. For more information, see www.quiltfest.com.

Annual Northern Colorado Weavers Guild Fiber Celebration—A juried exhibit to be held May 30th through July 12th 2009 at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln Avenue. Entry form deadline is February 15, 2009. See www.fortnet.org/ncwg for entry forms and details.

Fabric of Legacies—This annual exhibit will appear at the Lincoln Center, Fort Collins. Entries are likely to be due in March or April. Information will be posted on the Lincoln Center website (www.fcgov.com/lectix).

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

November Show and Tell

Title	Owner/Maker	Technique/Description/Inspiration
Benjamin's Trains	Benjamin Vander Wall/ Shirley Vander Wall	Hand embroidery, fussy-cut trains and track, quilted free-motion on longarm/The embroidered blocks are framed by the track fabric. The background tan fabric has trains that coordinate with all the other trains/ Benjamin's love for trains; he helped pick out colors for the embroidered blocks; the train and track fabrics were another source of inspiration for the piecing.
Batik Stars	Gail Zirtzlaff	Class at Fig Leaf
Not available	Ruth Briggs	
Not available	Linda Hibbert	

We want to see lots of your quilts at our meetings! There are no restrictions on the types of quilts you can bring to share—quilts that have previously appeared at our Show and Tell have ranged in style from traditional to innovative, and quilts from all skill levels are welcome. Please remember to fill out a Show and Tell form and turn it in at the meeting so we can include information about your quilts. Show and Tell Forms are available at the meeting and on our website at www.r-m-c-q.org/files/RMCQ_show_n_tell_form.pdf.

President's Quiltlets

We are honoring our Guild President, *Stephanie Patterson*, by presenting her with individual quiltlets. She has invested much time, energy and perseverance fulfilling the role of RMCQ's first president. Pieces received so far express the creativity, humor and appreciation of numerous members. You are asked to view them at the December meeting and vote for your favorite. Voting will be 25¢ per vote and you will be allowed to "stuff the ballot box" with your quarters. Proceeds will go to RMCQ. If you have not yet turned in your quiltlet, please bring it to this meeting and pin it on the wall!

RMCQ Board Meeting

Because of the holidays and the election of the new Board, details regarding the December RMCQ Board meeting were uncertain at press time. The Board expects to meet sometime around the middle of December. If you are interested in attending this month's Board meeting, please contact *Cookie Warner* at our December general meeting or at president@r-m-c-q.org. 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.

Class Listings

*Please submit information about upcoming classes taught by RMCQ members to the newsletter editor (newsletter2008@r-m-c-q.org) by the **December 29th** newsletter deadline.*