



Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

May 2010

Newsletter

RMCQ Meeting - Monday May 10, 2010

Jo Fittsell • "The Ten Mistakes Art Quilters Make"

Pass this newsletter along to anyone you know who may be interested in RMCQ and invite them to join us.

Participants in the April workshop with Elda Kohls are encouraged to bring some of their surface design samples for Show and Tell.

You are encouraged to bring a small baggy full of embellishments to exchange at the May general meeting. You can then take a different baggy home and create a name tag for yourself to wear to the June meeting and beyond.

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Note: We are always looking for new articles to add to the newsletter. Think about sharing some information with us!
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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

May 10, 2010 RMCQ Program



Jo Fittsell • “The Ten Mistakes Art Quilters Make”

Jo Fittsell was born in a small town in Ontario, Canada, moved to Colorado when she was in her 20s, and now divides her time between the two places. She is a self-taught artist who first learned construction techniques from traditional quilt makers. She is one of the founders of Front Range Contemporary Quilters, an organization whose goal is education about the merging mediums of art quilts and fiber arts. “Exploring, experiencing and sharing this medium with others has been a unique way to discover and nurture the artist in me.”

In addition to her own work, Jo teaches art to both children and adults. Some of her most rewarding collaborations with young people have included making a wall hanging for The Denver District Attorneys’ Office, creating props and backdrops for theatre performances, creating paper and fabric collage murals for public school buildings, and a mixed-media art project for The Children’s Hospital Clinic.

Jo considers her artwork as a path to the deepest parts of herself. It reflects her internal thoughts, emotions, and ideas. Her early pieces were rooted in the landscapes of her childhood. Her current work reflects her spiritual connection with beauty and deep love for nature. She will bring samples of her work and discuss her process.



Jo will also do a one-day workshop on “*Bringing Your Work To The Next Level*” on Tuesday, May 11. Participants will take time to examine their artistic path and focus on their unique ways of self-expression. We can still add a couple of members to this group. If you are interested please contact Maxine Carlstedt (970-377-0012). You can find more information under workshops and also download a registration form from the RMCQ website.

Upcoming RMCQ Programs and Workshops

June 14, 2010 • Gwen Hatcher • "Fabric Collage Visions" My path from watercolor, glass, and traditional quilting to fabric mixed media. Moving from teaching to making art quilts has been an exciting journey. The quilts Gwen makes today have a collage feel using sheer fabrics as well as cotton and silk. They are heavily embellished with thread work, beads, and paint. She must belong to the same puffy paint school of embellishment as Betsy Cannon and Do Palma. Beautiful flowers are a constant theme in her work. This interest is understandable if you even saw her magnificent gardens. Not only does she create her own original art but she also quilts larger pieces on her longarm machine for customers.



July 12, 2010 • Ruth Powers • "Dare to be Different" Ruth will bring examples of her work focusing on making quilts that are different from, though perhaps inspired by, a photo, a picture, or perhaps a hand-drawn sketch. Her work involves finding just the right fabric print to portray her vision of abstract realism. If you see her work, you will be reminded of two other quilters that have inspired her: Ruth McDowell and Cynthia England.

Ruth will do a two-day workshop, on July 13 & 14 titled *"Introduction to Picture Piecing."* This workshop will introduce you to the

process in a fun and easy way. It is designed to help you decide if this is a technique you might want to pursue in more depth. We will start registration for this workshop at the May 10 guild meeting, and forms will be on our website the following week.

August 9, 2010 • Vicki Pignatelli • "10 Attributes That Make a Good Quilter Better" with two, one-day workshops, "Color Your Quilt Beautiful" and "Crazy About Curves."

September 13, 2010 • Lynn Jaenke • "The Stencil Made Me Do It."

October 11, 2010 • "Finishing Touches" • A sampler night of different techniques for finishing your quilt, borders, binding, hangers, and labels.

November 8, 2010 • Ann Fahl • "It's in the Details" with a one- or two-day workshop to be announced.

Special Event

There will be a fundraiser on Sunday, May 16, from 1–4pm for *Kathy Nicolai's* daughter who had a liver transplant earlier this spring. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Ft. Collins, at the corner of Stover and Lincoln. There will be an ice cream social, a silent auction, and a place to make cash donations that will be matched by the Thrivent Lutheran Foundation.



Mark your calendars for the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival to be held on August 20–22 at the Ranch. Besides viewing beautiful quilts and shopping at the vendors' mall, you will have many classes and workshops available to you.

For more information about the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival, go to their website at: www.rockymountainquiltfestival.com

We need to get more of your lovely quilts to fill our booth, so think about what you have or use this as an excuse to finish a quilt you would like to display in the show. We will also be asking for white glove volunteers, who will get free admission for their donation of time. More information will follow as we get closer to the actual event.

RMCQ Calendar Entries

There are only 1½ months until the deadline to have your quilts entered for the 2011 RMCQ calendar! Entries can be submitted by any RMCQ member. If you haven't entered one of your quilts yet, this may be a good time to enter. We haven't heard from many of you, so please consider entering your quilts.

Each artist may send in up to three entries (please fill out an application form for each one), but only one piece per artist will be chosen. Applications are due June 14, 2010, and artists who have quilts chosen for publication in the calendar will each receive two free calendars as a thank you.

An application form is available on the RMCQ website at: http://www.r-m-c-q.org/files/RMCQ_calendar_form_2011.pdf. Quilt size requirements and shape preferences are also listed on the application.

Please send your high resolution jpeg image to Kay Jones at jones1761@comcast.net for jurying. If you are unable to give us a high resolution photo, please contact Kit Robinson at kit@norova.com to make photo arrangements.

We are looking forward to another great calendar next year – please plan on having your quilt showcased in it!

Please contact *Kit Robinson* at kit@norova.com if you have announcements related to awards, publications, acceptance of entries into juried shows, exhibitions, or other items of interest so we can include them here. Many thanks to Kit for volunteering to help organize this information for the newsletter! The next newsletter deadline is Friday, May 21.

Upcoming Classes by Members

Annette Kennedy will be teaching the following classes at Quilter's Studio at 364 Main Street in Longmont, CO:

- ☞ *Playing with Paint*, May 13 (Thursday) 6 – 9pm. We'll be painting small pieces of prepared for dying fabric to add to your fabric stash, with a focus on color mixing and creating color gradations. Setacolor fabric paints will be used.
- ☞ *Painted Canyon*, June 26 (Saturday) noon – 6 pm. Learn controlled painting techniques for creating details and depth on a 13" x 10" quilt top of Red Rock Canyon, NV. We will be using Setacolor fabric paints. You will be using my paints, medium, and brushes in class.

For more information contact Annette at annettekennedy@hotmail.com or Quilter's Studio at 303-776-6444, www.thequiltersstudio.com.

Are you an RMCQ member who will be teaching classes in the near future? If you are, please send information regarding the classes to Kit Robinson: kit@norova.com

Announcements

Mary McCauley's three-dimensional fabric sculptures, "Wisdom" and "Alzheimer's Disease," are on display in the *Confetti* exhibit at the Old Firehouse Art Center in Longmont, CO The show runs from April – May 7.

The *Loveland Reporter-Herald* included an article on April 14 featuring Louisa Smith. The article showed pictures of some of her fabric artworks and also a photograph of Louisa in her studio, and gave some of Louisa's biography and explained her beginnings as a quilter and provided information on what she is working on now.

Sandy Jung's "Portrayal" and *Torie Anderson's* "Paradise Rainbow Basket" were accepted into the juried show at the Denver National Quilt Festival.

Call for Entries

Firehouse Quilts 5th Annual Quilt Show: Quilt Show entry — \$10.00 for each quilt (early bird deadline May 15, 2010). \$15.00 for each quilt (final deadline June 19, 2010). For Entry forms and rules go to www.firehousequilts.org.



Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum News

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is located at 1213 Washington Ave., Golden CO. For more information about all events mentioned here, see the RMQM website at: www.RMQM.org or call 303-277-0377.

Current Exhibits, — May 4 – August 1, 2010

- ✂ *Kickin' Up Our Heels* — a selection of exquisite antique bedcovers from the Sharee and Murray Newman Collection
- ✂ *The Lost Heroes Art Quilt* — Limited Engagement May 1–10. Special hours — see RMQM website. RMQM is one of just three Colorado venues for this powerful quilted tribute to the servicemen and women who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Opening reception and 20th Anniversary Party Friday, May 7, 4-7 pm.

The Quilt & Art Express, Saturday, May 8, from 5:30 to 8 pm at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Pre-registration required.

Gallery Admission: \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, \$3.00 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under admitted free. Gallery admission is free for museum members

Free parking in the lot behind the Museum.

RMQM Lecture Series

All lectures begin at 6:30 PM. Individual lectures \$6 members, \$10 non-members.



Exhibits

The FCMOCA *Masks at MOC A* exhibit will be on view in Fort Collins from April 2, 2010 – May 7, 2010. More information is available here: www.fcmoqa.org

The *Fiber Arts Extravaganza* in Los Alamos, New Mexico, will be held from May 7 – June 14, 2010 at the Fuller Lodge. Please go here for more information: www.artfulnm.org/pdf/CFA_FiberArtsExtravaganza.pdf

The **Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising** is showing an exhibit entitled "*Silk Road Artisans of Uzbekistan.*" The exhibit will run through Friday, May 28 See the museum website for more info: <http://sota.colostate.edu/avenir-museum-silk-road-artisans-of-uzbekistan/>.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Avenir is offering workshops. See the following website for more information: <http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=3075>

RMCQ Board Meeting

The RMCQ Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Annie Miller's home. The next meeting will be May 25. Please contact *Carol Anderson* at president@r-m-c-q.org if you need directions. 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.

Upcoming Events

The *Home Machine Quilting Show* (HMQS) will take place in Salt Lake City May 6 – 8, 2010. It includes a large judged quilt competition, classes, workshops, and over 200 vendor booths. More information can be found at www.hmqs.org

Janet Jones Worley will be the May 22 CQC speaker in Golden. Her talk is titled “Quilts for Chocolate Lovers.” See the CQC website for more information: www.ColoradoQuiltCouncil.com.

Quilt Colorado in Estes Park, Colorado. June 16–20, 2010. Colorado Quilting Council’s biennial quilting symposium. There will be a large merchant’s mall, juried show, lectures, banquets, and other fun activities. Visit www.QuiltColorado.com for details.



Please remember to check our website regularly at www.r-m-c-q.org for the latest news, meeting minutes, forms, and contact information. *Joy Torelli* does a wonderful job 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.



Arapahoe County Quilters Festival of Quilts XI will be held June 10-12, 2010. See 150 quilts made by guild members. There will be a boutique, demos, our famous cinnamon rolls and lunch available. Admission is \$6. The show will be open on June 10–11 from 9AM – 6PM and on June 12 from 9AM – 4PM.

Location: First Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd (at Hampden), Englewood, CO 80013. Contact: Sandy Erickson 303-808-0122, sand-erixn@comcast.net

Notes from RMCQ President Carol Anderson

The final fabric sale was a success. We made \$180.00 and depleted our fabrics. The few reminding boxes of fabric were given to the League of Northern Colorado Quilters (LNCQ). The profit will be donated to the African Bag Project and Kiva, an organization that gives micro-loans to women in underdeveloped countries so that they may start businesses to support their families.

THANK YOU!!

A big thanks to *Laura Costy* for printing copies of the bookmarks she designed for RMCQ, and to the group of women that got together to assemble them. They were *Judy Beach*, *Ann Chinmook*, *Dane Packard*, and *Nancy Hallerman*. Some of the bookmarks have been distributed to local quilt stores, and others will be used at our meetings and at the quilt festival in August.

Thanks to *Julie Hallquist* and all her fellow longarmers who gave us a great program in April. Kudos to all who participated. Your work is impressive!