



# The Summit – October 2025

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, October 20, 2025 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Monday, November 3, 2025 9:00 am**

Diane Stockhaus' home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

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## President's Message

Well, it's sure getting cooler outside, especially as the sun goes down! The leaves are changing color, the birds are fattening up at the feeders, and quilting is on our minds - at least it's on my mind! Gifts for family and friends; placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients; the winter snuggle for a favorite aunt...all these things need to be finished in time for gift giving!

But wait a minute - we need to celebrate Halloween first! All the little - and not-so-little - kiddos out and about begging for candy and treats to keep them wide awake well into the night, is right around the corner. So, before we worry about holiday gifts, we need to dust off our garment making skills, for that wear-only-once costume. Cinderella, pirates, puppy dogs, or little kittens...such fun for kids! Boy, am I glad those days are over for me!

Soon, we will return to our never-ending UFO list, to select that special treasure for finishing. Aren't we blessed!

Happy Halloween, and happy quilting everyone!

Diane Stockhaus

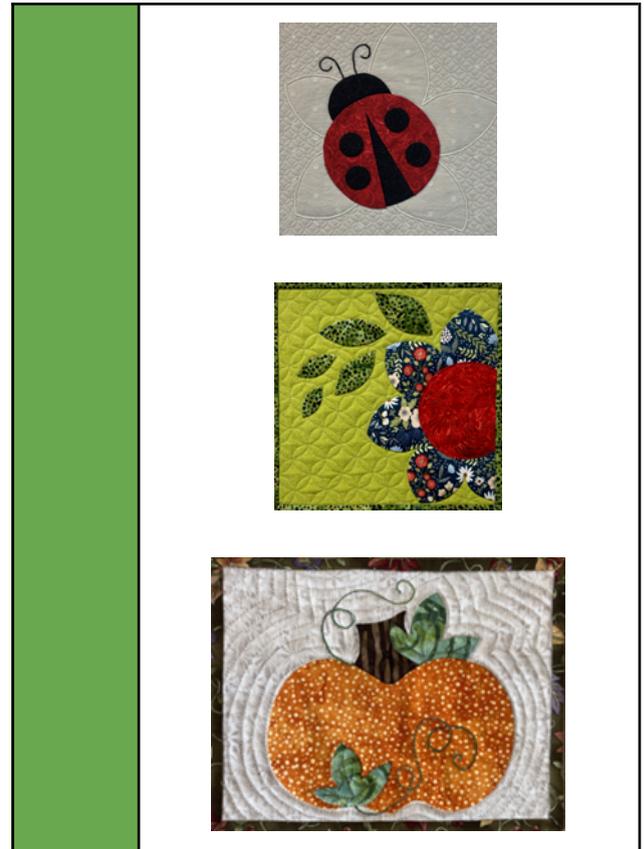
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## Programs

*Elizabeth Phinder*

See the Programs Table for more information. Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash or check only. **Supply lists are available online at MTQG's website.** No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

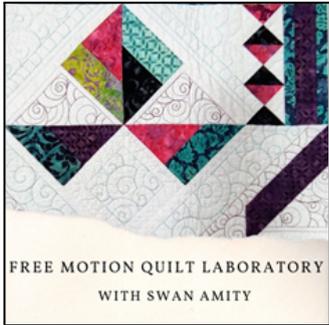
October	
<b>Mon 10/20</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting  <b>Program: Elizabeth Phinder Trunk Show</b>                      Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Our Programs Chair, Elizabeth Phinder, will be doing a trunk show. Come see her beautiful quilts!</p>
<b>Mon 10/20</b>	<p><b>Finished Edge Hand Applique Workshop with Elizabeth Phinder</b>                      Time: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup 12:15 pm                      Workshop Fee: \$20                      Other Fees: Pattern \$11 (paid to Elizabeth in class)</p> <p>Elizabeth will teach you how to hand applique with a finished edge that is not needle turn. Choose from one of 3 mug rug patterns for the class. They are washable and fun to make. When signing up, please indicate which pattern you wish to use. Supply Sheet on the website.</p>



November	
<b>Mon 11/17</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting  <b>Program: Swan Sheridan, Contextualized Quilting</b>                      Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Explore the creation of quilting concepts that pair with or accentuate the quilt top design, looking at a variety of samples and discussing the process from concept to completion. The 45-minute lecture includes 20+ examples of quilts and details the process of making decisions that guide the quilter towards the</p>

	<p>best possible quilting plans, employing the strengths of the quilter and the imagination. This process can be applied to both free motion design work as well as working with your favorite longarm quilter to find the best programmable options.</p>
<p><b>Mon 11/17</b></p>	<p><b>Swan Sheridan, Color Mastery</b>  Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup 12:40 pm  Workshop Fee: \$30  Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>Does color feel mysterious? Do you find yourself uncertain about how to talk about color, what you want to make your quilt stand out, and/or even have difficulty describing the exact fabric you're looking for? Color theory is the tool for you! In this class Swan will guide you through the details of color from the language of color to the most effective ways to approach pulling color into your quilts. This interactive class will have you testing your new principles from start to finish and sending you out of class with an excellent set of color tools to make your quilts beautiful from the beginning. <a href="#">Supply Sheet</a> available on the website.</p>
<p><b>Tue 11/18</b></p>	<p><b>Swan Sheridan, Free Motion Quilting Lab</b>  Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm; Setup 9:10 am  Workshop Fee: \$45  Other Fees: \$0</p>

Do you find it difficult to know where to start with your free motion work? Do you have a project that is hard to plan for? Bring a finished quilt top and get the guidance you need! Learn to make choices about your specific project, discover tricks to make your projects more approachable, and ultimately create a personal plan for the project you bring to class. Swan will help you test your plan, tailor it to your abilities, and help you to organize an order of operations (where to begin and where to finish). [Supply Sheet](#) available on the website.



December	
<p><b>Mon 12/15</b></p>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting  <b>Holiday Luncheon</b>  Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon. The Guild will provide turkey and ham. We need volunteers to cook and slice up the turkey and ham.</p>

Sign-up sheet for decorating tables will be available at the October meeting. Sign-up sheet for other food items will be distributed at the November meeting.

For our fellow quilters who may have hearing or visual challenges, please reserve the seats in the front row for our General Meetings.

## **ECHOS**

*Ronnie Sandoval*

**E-Educate C-Challenge H-Help O-Opportunity & S-Social**

All ECHOS sessions are free and held directly after the regularly scheduled Guild meetings.

No ECHOS in October.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

## **Community Quilts**

*Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie*

We want to thank everyone who came to our September Community Quilts meeting. We were able to get many quilts

sandwiched, fabric sized and sorted and a lot of backs pieced and matched with tops.

Come join us on the 27th. We have a new donation of fabric and we will have some fun new projects to start. We start at 9:00 am and have the room until 3:00 pm, so bring lunch and help us turn that new donation into beautiful quilts.

At the October 20th general meeting we will have unquilted bundles for you to pick up, quilts that need binding and some kits available also. We will also be having a sale on fat quarters, \$0.25 ea. and half yard cuts \$0.50ea.

## **Block of the Month**

*Susan Szot*

Welcome to Fall, Quilters. When it is cold or rainy outside, your sewing studio is the place to be. Nothing is better than completing a project so you can begin to plan the next one!

For our **Graceful Gardens** project you can download the directions [here](#) and scroll down to the Graceful Gardens quilt. Click on the quilt and the directions will populate. This month we are doing Block 4 called Girl's Favorite, Blocks 1 and 2. It is actually the same block but one is turned 90 degrees so the orientation is different. I have found some of the directions need correcting, so make note of this:

In the cutting directions for each block, you are told to cut four 5" squares of Mint Floral (or your substitution). You really need to cut four 4 1/2" squares. This will save you

from trimming 1/2 inch from 2 sides of these squares as you complete the block. You only need to cut one Orange Diagonal plaid (or substitute) per block, not two as instructed. In the Quarter Square triangle tutorial, you are told to trim the unit to 4 1/2" square, and then sew units together and cut in half again. If you follow that direction, your units will be too small and you will waste fabric and need to start again. I have found that it is best to wait until the unit is complete before trimming to 4 1/2" square.

For our **Gemtones** project, we are working on the Topaz blocks. You can download the directions [here](#). This block went together very well and no corrections were noted. Make two of this block.

With these great projects to work on, bring on the weather!

## **2026 Stitches of Love Quilt Show**

*Theresa Barnard*

We have our dates! We've confirmed Findlay Toyota Center for Friday and Saturday, **May 29 - 30, 2026**. Our load in/setup date will be on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Please add this to your calendars.

Our first committee meeting was very productive. We decided on including raffle baskets, member quilts for sale, admission and vendor fees, and some other miscellaneous details.

We will be having a workday at our shared storage unit on **Wednesday, October 15,**

**2025 at Ponderosa Mini Storage, 555 N. 6th Street, Prescott, Unit #F123, at 8:00 am.** Any help and any amount of time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Lots of hands make light work. We'll plan to work until Noon and will then determine where we are and what is left to be done to determine if we need to schedule another day to finish.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19 at 9:00 am at StoneRidge Community Center.

### **Bee Greatful Quilt Co.**

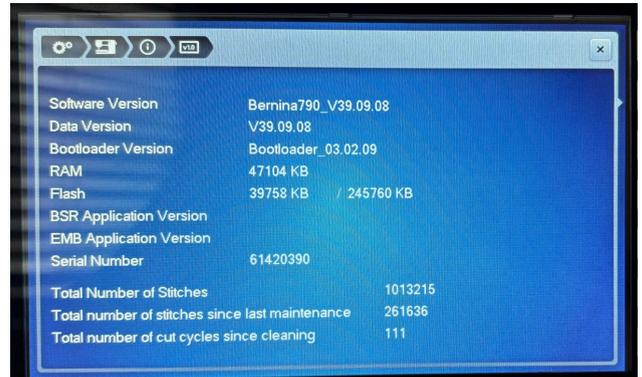
Longarm quilting service in my home in Chino Valley. \$0.03 per square inch, including batting and thread. Currently, edge to edge only. Very short lead time [beegreatfulco@outlook.com](mailto:beegreatfulco@outlook.com)

Leslie Ward 928-533-0403  
Susan Welker 928-533-7707

Text first preferred.



Contact Patty Foley at [pjwfoley@gmail.com](mailto:pjwfoley@gmail.com) or 503.804.6260.



## October Birthdays

Wishing a special day to those members with birthdays this month.

1. Ellie Cannon
2. Susan Cupp
3. Kay Denny
4. Janet Friedrich
5. Deborah Godin
6. Sandra Koch
7. Sherry Nazzaro
8. Irene Stonecipher
9. Aurora Wallace
10. Janice Zolnierowicz
11. Michele Zulim

## For Sale

Bernina 790 Crystal Edition with embroidery arm. Both in trolleys and with many accessories. Paid \$12,738; will sell for \$6,000 cash. Machine has been loved and had regular service at a Bernina dealer. Comes from a pet free, non-smoking home.

## Upcoming Quilt Events

A Covey of Quilts Quilt Show  
**October 17-18, 2025**  
 Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church  
 330 Scenic Drive  
 Clarkdale, AZ

Lonesome Valley Boutique  
**October 24-25, 2025**  
 Elk's Lodge  
 6245 E. 2nd Street  
 Prescott Valley, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival  
**November 6-8, 2025**  
 Tucson Expo Center  
 3750 E. Irvington Road  
 Tucson, AZ

Rim Country Quilt Roundup  
**November 7-8, 2025**  
 Mazatzal Casino Exhibition Hall  
 Hwy 87 at Milepost 251  
 Payson, AZ

## MTQG General Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus thanked everyone for coming and the meeting began at 9:31a.m.

Diane Stockhaus reminded everyone to please mute their cell phones.

### Approval of August meeting minutes:

Jan Walls made a motion to approve the minutes. Deb Godin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

### President's Comments:

- Diane held up a small black notebook that someone had misplaced. She hadn't opened it or read any of the contents, however if this was your notebook please come and retrieve it from her.
- Sedona Quilt Guild Opportunity Quilt – are friends are here from Sedona showing their beautiful Opportunity Quilt at our meeting today.
- President Diane Stockhaus asked the members for a volunteer. To help out. The Guild needs a volunteer to lead the New Members Group.
- Diane encouraged new members and beginners to come to the monthly Community Quilts meetings where they can get assistance and guidance with their projects from other Guild members.
- Diane also suggested that any member who was wanting to improve their skill level consider joining a mini-group. Please talk to Liz Hart, the Mini-group Coordinator, to find out what mini-groups were available.
- Ronnie Sandoval is having her book signing and sales today, "Thread is Just Not Thread", during the break and after the business meeting. Ronnie spoke briefly and said, "I guess this means I am an author" and the book was selling for \$17.50 including tax.
- Placemats - Diane Stockhaus said that there have been some changes regarding placemats for Meals on Wheels and asked Kay Denny to come up the podium to talk about those changes. Kay said that Meals on Wheels distributes the placemats at different times during the year and currently they have 387 placemats that have not been distributed.
- This year the placemats will be given to the Senior Center in Prescott Valley. They will be collected through November and distributed in December.

- Please no holiday or political themes, Veterans, red, white and blue, Americano themes are acceptable and appreciated.
- Yavapai County Fair results – Diane Stockhaus thanked everyone who participated and submitted projects at the county fair.

12 different members were awarded 34 total ribbons. (8 Red ribbons; 26 Blue ribbons)

6 Best of Division/Best of Class

2 Best of Show

4 Reserve of Division/Class

Carolyn Wright, Sue VonHagel, Janice Zolnierowicz, Janice Adams, Susan Cupp, Cheryl Giovenco, Barbara Stein, Peggie MacKenzie, Vicky Hall, Susan Davidson, Jessica Brothers, and Barbara Sheehan were members who submitted projects at the County Fair.

- Story of the Pink Quilt – as told by Diane Stockhaus:

In 1971 Sandra Wolf bought a queen-sized Cross Stitch Quilt kit, she worked on for a while and put it away. In 2021 Sandra started working on it again until she was sick of it. She announced at a General Meeting, if anyone wanted, please come and get it. Diane Stockhaus picked it up, worked on it some and then put it away. Last week, Diane pulled it from her unfinished projects bin and quilted it.

Sandra Wolf and Diane Stockhaus held up the beautiful finished Pink Quilt for members to see. It will be a great story for the “Quilts that have a Story”, category during the 2026 Quilt Show.

- Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events:

1. Covey Of Quilts show, Clarkdale, October 17th & 18th, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale \$5 admission
2. Lonesome Valley Boutique, October 24th & 25th, at the Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley
3. Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival, November 6th thru 8th, Tucson Expo Center
4. Rim Country Quilt Roundup, November 7th – 8th, Mazatzal Casino Exhibition Hall, Payson. We need volunteers for the Opportunity Quilt sales. Need 5 hours of volunteer time, please sign up.

**Birthdays:** President Diane Stockhaus read the list of September birthdays.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership – Directory - Donna Domino**

Donna asked if everyone received the Directory that she emailed out the first of August. Please contact her if you haven't received the Directory or if you have corrections or additions to the Directory. We have 160 total paid members.

We had six guests that signed in today. Donna introduced them and asked them to tell the members how long they have been quilting.

### **Programs - Elizabeth Phinder**

Elizabeth thanked everyone for participating in the survey that was handed out at the August General Meeting. We had a great response. There was 83 members that signed in at the meeting and 81 surveys were turned in. We will be looking at the results and be bringing in speakers based on your feedback from the survey.

- **October 20th** – Elizabeth Phinder will do a trunk show. Come see her beautiful quilts.
- **October 20th** -- Finished Edge Hand Applique workshop from Elizabeth Phinder. Elizabeth will teach you how to hand applique with a finished edge that is not needle turned. Time: 12:30 to 4:00.
- **Nov 17th** – Swan Sheridan of Swan Amity Studios will lecture on Contextualized Quilting for the program. Explore the creation of quilting concepts that pair with or accentuate the quilt top design.
- **Nov 17th** - The Color Mastery Work Shop. Time 1 PM to 4 PM set-up at 12:40.
- **Nov 18th** – Swan Sheridan will teach a Free Motion Quilting lab.
- **December 15th** – Holiday Luncheon
- **January 19th** – Sit and Sew with some ECHOS
- **February 16th** – Renee will do a Trunk Show at the General Meeting
- **February 17** – Collage Workshop - Renee

### **ECHOS - Ronnie Sandoval**

Education, Challenge, Help, Opportunity and Social. This is a member-to-member training session held after the General meeting, lasting ½ hour to an hour depending on the topic. Carolyn Wright will be giving today's free demonstration.

### **Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard**

The Quilt Show committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. We are planning to have a work party in October to inventory what is in the joint storage unit with TBQG in preparation for the Quilt Show. The committee is looking for help from members with taking the inventory.

Quilt Show Boutique – Carol Cooley said they need a couple more members to join the committee. You can turn in finished items for the Boutique any time.

### **Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

We have sold almost \$2,000 worth of tickets so far. Please sign up to help with for Community Quilts' sales. There's a sign-up sheet on our table at the back of the room. We will need members available to sell tickets for our quilt and answer questions.

### **Block of the Month - Sue Szot**

We are making two different blocks this year. Gem Tones is the name of the first block. Sue showed the members an example of this block and said this is very easy and straight forward to make this 8-inch block. The instructions are accurate and easy to follow. The Accuquilt Cutter is a great way to cut out the pieces for Gem Tones.

Graceful Gardens is the second block. Sue said she used the same designer as last year and had no problems. This year the instructions are not so clear. Sue showed an example of the block and said to please contact her with questions regarding the instructions.

### **Fall Quilt Camp – Barbara Saia**

The Fall Quilt Camp is from October 7th through the 10th. There will only be a Fall Camp this year and no Spring Camp in 2026. There are only a couple of spots left be sure to come sign up.

Barbara will bring the Accuquilt Cutter to the Fall Quilt Camp. Any questions, please contact Barbara Saia.

## **Youth Quilting – Janice Zolnierowicz**

Youth meetings are every Tuesday from 2:30 to 5:50. Currently there are 10 members. New members will make a little Charm Quilt. Janice held up an example for everyone to see. This year the members are learning how to make a thread basket and a stuffed frog. Janice held up examples of the finished projects.

## **Holiday Luncheon – Maureen Sinkiewicz**

MTQG will buy the turkey and ham for the luncheon. We just need volunteers to cook and slice up the turkey and the ham.

The sign-up sheet for other food items will be out at the November meeting.

We need volunteers to decorate the tables and those sign-up sheets will be available at the October General Meeting.

## **Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

There were 51 quilts delivered last month. That brings the total to 152 quilts delivered year to date.

On average 50 quilts are turned into the guild every month.

These are the numbers for the quilts turned in today:

47 finished quilts were turned  
15 bound and labeled quilts turned  
8 finished quilt tops turned in

Some people just love to just do the binding and all the quilts that needed binding were picked up today.

Bobbie Turnbow won the drawing.

## **Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth**

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Carolyn Wright, Cheryl Giovenco, Bobbie Mae Ball, Bobbie Turnbow, Janice Key, Lucy Fields, Marty Arambula, Susan Cupp.

## **New Business – Diane Stockhaus**

**There was no new business to discuss.**

## **Closing comments – Diane Stockhaus**

My goal is to keep the business meeting to no more than an hour. Today the meeting was less than an hour.

Diane Stockhaus read the following poem:

“A Legacy of Stitches” by Sandra E. Andersen

A Legacy of Stitches is what we leave behind;  
The imprint of our very soul that last beyond our time.

The heart that quilters knows, oh so well, the peace that can be found.  
As needle meets with fabric, for there is no sweeter sound.

Whether quiet piecing done by hand or on our sewing machine,  
There’s rhythm to our stitches as we sew along each seam.

Those stitches tell the story of our lives as they unfold  
As we think of quilts that Grandma made with stories left untold.

The humdrum of our daily lives grows elegant and grand,  
When we start to cut the pieces, then stitch the fabric in our hands.

And whatever is the reason for the quilts we piece and sew,  
And whoever is the maker, there is one thing that we know.

Each quilt is full of memories, and is a treasured thing.  
If quilts could talk, imaging how some quilts would surely sing!

For some quilts are sewn in happy times and others when we’re sad,  
And some are sewn in laughter and others when we’re mad.

Some are sewn to warm us, and some sewn just for fun,  
And some are “works in progress” that never get done!

Some quilts are sewn for beauty, a quilt made just for “show”,  
But the heart of the true quilter is the one who really knows –

That no matter how the quilt is stitched, we leave our mark in time.  
This Legacy of Stitches is what we leave behind.

Happy Quilting, everyone.

Meeting Adjourn 10:23 a.m.

Break

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary