



The Summit – November 2025

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025 9:30 am

Elks Lodge
6245 E. 2nd Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, December 1, 2025 9:00 am

Diane Stockhaus' home
Meetings are open; seating is limited
Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

As fall settles in, and winter approaches, it's time to be with family and friends, to celebrate all that we are thankful for, and each other. We must also remember those less fortunate, and share our skills and passions to help those in need. Quilts made for donations keep others warm and cozy, and are much appreciated. Let's share our bounty and remember that a little goes a long way.

Happy Quilting, everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Diane Stockhaus

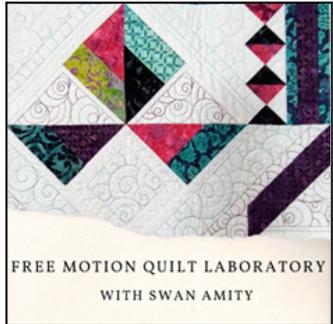
Programs

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 [here](#).** No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

November	
Mon 11/17	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Swan Sheridan, Contextualized Quilting 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</p>

	<p>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 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>Mon 11/17</p>	<p>Swan Sheridan, Color Mastery 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.</p>
<p>Tue 11/18</p>	<p>Swan Sheridan, Free Motion Quilting Lab Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm; Setup</p>

	<p>9:10 am Workshop Fee: \$45 Other Fees: \$0</p> <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).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FREE MOTION QUILT LABORATORY WITH SWAN AMITY</p> </div>
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December	
<p>Mon 12/15</p>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Holiday Luncheon Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon. The Guild will</p>

provide turkey and ham. We need volunteers to cook and slice up the turkey and ham.

Sign-up sheet for decorating tables and side dishes will be distributed at the November meeting.



January	
Mon 1/19	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Show and Tell Extravaganza Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Bring your quilts and show off what you have made. It is one of the best parts of being in the guild!! Share your stories and come and be inspired!! This will be an extended time of sharing.</p>
Mon 1/19	<p>Sit 'n Sew Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup 12:45 pm Workshop Fee: \$5 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>Join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie!! Bring your unfinished projects, sewing machine, and whatever you usually bring to a class. It can be machine sewing or handwork. Bring your own lunch and have a blast with your friends! There will be door prizes. We are still working on a few more things for this day of fun!!</p>

February	
Mon 2/16	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Renee Hromish Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Join us to learn all about Renee's Journey and see her beautiful trunk show!!</p>
Tue 2/17	<p>Renee Hromish - Exploring the Art of Fabric Collage Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$25 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>In this class we will discuss different methods of approaching fabric collage. You will learn options you have for fusing or glueing down and assembling your project. We will discuss fabric choices and how to use them to make your creation more interesting. Join in the fun and come create with us.</p>

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

Holiday Party Reminders

Maureen Sinkiewicz

Our November Meeting will have sign ups for the potluck portion of our party.

Remember our Christmas Party is only as festive as we make it. We only have 5 volunteers so far to decorate our tables. We have a total of 18 tables. All we really need is just a center piece and a few trinkets (some candy canes, or Christmas ornaments, a holiday stuffed bear). I really would appreciate the room feeling festive❤️.

I have the volunteers I need to cook the ham and turkeys.

Christmas Swap - Please bring a fat quarter to swap at your table during game time, wrapped up or in a small gift bag.

Community Quilts

Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie

Thanks to everyone who helped us to sort our newest donation at the October meeting. We were also able to get many quilts sandwiched.

With the upcoming holidays coming so close to the 4th Monday of the month we will not be meeting in November or

December but will have quilts that need to be quilted and kits for you to pick up at the November 24th general membership meeting. We will also be having a sale on 1 yd cuts of fabric for \$.50 and our fat quarters for \$.025 plus bundles of precut fabrics at great discounts.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, December 3, 2025**. Please send to mtqnewsletter@gmail.com.

Opportunity Quilt

Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie

We have registered our Opportunity Quilt for the Last Minute Stocking stuffer on Saturday, December 20th at the old armory. The event is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and we will have a sign up sheet at our November meeting. If you have not been to this event it is a fundraiser for non-profit organizations and always a fun place to shop.

Meals on Wheels Placemats

Kay Denny

I will be collecting placemats at the November general meeting, but not in December. Collections will resume at the January 2026 meeting. Thanks to all who have been participating.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and the weather has finally cooled down. The holidays are upon us, and I pray you get all your projects done in time for the big day.

To get the directions 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 5 called Girl's Favorite, Blocks 3 and 4. 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 the following.

The first major confusion is on the fabric requirements for these blocks. There are 6 fabrics shown but there are only 5 fabrics in the finished block. The fabric Cream Medium floral (or your substitution) is not used in this block. The fabric Orange Diagonal plaid is also not used in this block and is replaced by Teal Diagonal plaid (or your substitution). The illustrations showing the units and how they are put together show the Light Pink Diagonal plaid instead of the Teal Diagonal Plaid, which is the correct fabric. It looks to me like when these directions were printed up, they erroneously used the directions for Block 4 instead of Block 5. Again, these are the same two blocks we made last month, but the fabrics are as noted above.

In the cutting directions for each block, you are told to cut four 5" squares of Medium Mint Floral (or your substitution). You really need to cut four 4 ½" squares. This will save you from trimming ½ inch from 2 sides of these squares as you complete the block. Also, you are told to cut two 5 3/8 " square Orange Diagonal plaid (or your substitution) for each block. Instead, cut one 5 3/8" square Teal Diagonal Plaid (your substitution) for each block. Do NOT square up your Quarter Square units until they are complete. Doing so when directed will result in units that are too small.

For **Gemtones**, this month we are making two Rose Quartz blocks. To get the directions go [here](#). These blocks go together well and no corrections or changes are needed.

2026 Stitches of Love Quilt Show

Theresa Barnard

At our last guild meeting there was some concern regarding the Admission Fee of \$10 the Quilt Show Committee had set. An unprecedented vote of the membership present was taken and the majority in attendance voted for \$10. After discussing with the Quilt Show Committee, we are staying with that Admission price. Thank you for airing your concerns. If there are other concerns or questions, please reach out and let me know.

We are pressing forward with our planning and soliciting vendors, collecting items for the Boutique and raffle baskets. Our pins have and bookmarks have arrived.

Raffle Baskets

Jeanne Dunk

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

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

The Boutique committee is gearing up to have new kits ready for members to take home. Everyone did such an amazing job for the last quilt show by turning in both tried and true items as well as new ideas for shoppers. We can't wait to see what you all come up with and turn in this month.

Be sure to check the boutique table for kits that might interest you. Remember we are shooting for each member to donate 5 items (or more!) and mini groups to do a project to contribute as well.

If you are needing crushed walnut shells for items such as pin cushions, Harbor Freight has them for a better price (\$27.99/25 pounds, 12 grit) than Amazon (\$25.99/5 pounds, 12 grit). You can get together with friends to share it. Nobody needs 25 pounds, but the price difference might make it worth it.

If anyone has some poly stuffing in a closet you would like to get rid of, we can help you with that! We will be happy to take it off your hands at the guild meeting. Happy sewing everyone!

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to say they will donate a raffle basket. We have commitments for a Wine basket, a basket with bag making supplies and two others who haven't selected a theme yet. Several members commented that more than one wine basket wouldn't go amiss.

We have an incredible offer from Michele Zulim. She also works in clay and will make coffee cups, wine cups (stemless), small dishes or any other clay item for themed baskets. Contact Michele directly (michgene@pacbell.net or 559.417.8553) to let her know your theme and what you'd ask her to make. She is not guaranteeing that she will be able to fulfill all requests, especially if you ask for an item within just a few weeks of the quilt show. Get in touch with Michele as soon as possible if you'd like to take her up on her offer.

Other themes you might consider are baskets that include movie tickets, pet supplies (specific to cat, dog, etc.), any business that offers gift cards, art supplies, quilt supplies. Other guilds have had good luck with baskets that also appeal to men – golf, tennis, pickleball, bowling, tools, BBQ.

Please plan to hold onto your basket until mid-May as we do not have storage space to keep them all in one place. We would appreciate being able to offer at least 20 baskets.

Be creative and have fun!

Applications for Red Rock Quilt Show

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Red Rock Quilters Guild Show in Sedona. The application form can be found at the [Red Rock Quilters Guild Website](#). The application contains additional information. Application deadline is December 4, 2025.



November Birthdays

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

1. Jeanne Dunk
2. Teresa Franco
3. Chrissy Henning
4. Carol Klepsteen
5. Yvonne Kruser
6. Martha McLellan

7. Ann Novak
8. Barbara Phiel
9. Veronica Sandoval
10. Maureen Sinkiewicz/Slate
11. Maria Thomas
12. Donna Wagner
13. Sharon Watt

Upcoming Quilt Events

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

Red Rock Quilters Guild 2026 Quilt Show

January 5, 2026 - February 28, 2026

Sedona Community Library
3250 White Bear Road
Sedona, AZ

MTQG Stitches of Love Quilt Show

May 29-30, 2026

Findlay Toyota Center
3201 N. Main Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for October 20, 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 September meeting minutes:

Two changes were required before approval: **Youth Quilting:** Change the text to reflect Youth Quilting times to be 3:30 to 5:30. Under **Opportunity Quilt Marketing** change the text to read: Please sign up to help with Opportunity Quilt sales.

Bobbe Turnbow made a motion to approve the minutes, Judy Brungardt seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with the changes.

President's Comments:

- **Yavapai County Adoption Event November 7th:** Diane said this is her favorite event of the year. It is held at the Juvenile Justice Center on Prescott Lakes Parkway. Friday, November 7th starting at 1 p.m. Each adoptive child receives a quilt, a book and a stuffed toy during the event.
- There are nice articles in the Prescott Courier: one about Project Linus and the quilts they make for this event and another great article about Judge Anna Young who does the county adoptions at the courthouse.
- Diane strongly recommended members to attend this wonderful and emotional event and be sure to bring plenty of tissue to wipe the tears from your eyes.
- **Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events:** Same as noted in MTQG monthly Newsletter.
- Diane made special mention promoting the annual Lonesome Valley Boutique, October 24th & 25th, starting at 10 a.m. and held at the Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley. It is a great event and told members attending to be sure to look for the really cute little pumpkins.

Birthdays: President Diane Stockhaus read the list of October birthdays to the members at the meeting.

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 a total of 167 total paid members.

We had two people join today, two members renew and we had two guests that signed in for today's meeting. Donna introduced the guests and asked them to tell the members how long they have been quilting.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **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 Hormish will do a Trunk Show at the General Meeting
- **February 17** – Full day Collage Workshop by Renee Hormish
- **March 16th** – Sarah Thomas will lecture on Monday: Rainbow Quilt Color Method. Monday afternoon: ½ day Workshop on Sketch Book Quilting.
- **March 17th** - Full day Workshop: Full Day Sampler
- **April 20th** – Gina Perkes will lecture: How Do I Quilt This. Monday afternoon: ½ day Workshop on Quilt as you go.
- **April 21st** – Full day Workshop: FM Ruler Quilting.

New Members – Carolyn Wright

Carolyn wasn't here today to give a report.

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. ECHOS will have a demonstration on zippers in February.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

Theresa asked if anyone knew where and when the next Quilt Show was going to be. Some people knew because they read it in the Newsletter. Theresa reminded everyone to read the Newsletter and go the MTQG's website for current updates.

The Quilt Show will be May 28th – 30th at the Findlay Center. This a Friday and Saturday with Thursday for the setup day.

MTQG pins and bookmarkers have been ordered for the Quilt Show.

Theresa told the members that we don't care where you get your fabric, whether it is new or old for items that you submit for the Quilt Show.

Admission Fee: The Quilt Show admission fee will be \$10. There will be no charge for Children age 16 and younger and no charge for MTQG members. Theresa said the Committee took a vote and didn't want to reduce the fee from prior year.

There was a concern from some of the members about the \$10 admission fee and a discussion followed. A vote was taken from the membership on who were in favor of the \$10 fee (34), those in favor of a \$5 fee (24), those in favor a \$8 fee (7). Members were only allowed to vote once for the different amounts. Theresa said she would take this information and concerns, back to the Quilt Show committee and discuss at their next meeting.

New item at the Quilt Show this year:

Quilts Sold at Quilt Show: Members will be allowed this year to sell their quilts at the 2026 Quilt Show. The quilt will have to be on display for the entire show. MTQG will charge 10% commission for quilts that are sold at the Show.

Raffle Baskets – Jeanne Dunk

There is going to be Raffle Baskets available at the Quilt Show. We would like to have at least 20 donated baskets for the raffle. Themes that are popular are: Baby Quilts, Things that appeal to Men, Wine & Beer, Dog & Cat Baskets, Sewing Baskets, etc. You can pick up reasonable priced baskets at Goodwill and Stepping Stones. Please provide a description of what is in the basket that you prepare. Email the committee to let them know the theme of your basket. It was suggested that perhaps each mini-group could prepare a basket to donate. Also, we are going to need volunteers to sit at the Raffle Basket table to help sell raffle tickets.

Jeanne told the members that she, unfortunately, will be on a cruise in Germany during the 2026 Quilt Show and is looking for a volunteer to take over for her.

Quilts with a Story – Kay Baker

We need at least 20 quilts to enter for the Quilt Show. The entry form will be available at the November General meeting. Please provide enough details to tell a good story about the quilt you are submitting.

Quilt Show Boutique – Carol Cooley

They need a couple more members to join the committee.

This is a big money maker at the Quilt Show. Last Quilt Show sales were \$5,520 which was more than \$2,000 than prior Quilt Show sales. It would be great if each member could make 5 items to contribute to the Boutique. Maybe mini-groups could work together to help reach this goal.

Newer fabric sells better than older fabric. Southwestern themes and items for men sale well. Pin cushions are always popular. Pillows aren't good sellers. The committee will be taking inventory of all items that are donated to the Boutique.

Some basic kits are available to pick up now at today's meeting. You can turn in finished items for the Boutique any time.

The Registration Form: The form will only be available on line this year and Theresa is working on getting it set up on MTQG's website. The form will include line items for Quilts to be Sold, machine embroidery and President's Challenge.

October Work Party - Theresa said that she had a crew that did an inventory and labeled contents of the joint storage unit shared with TBQG. She thanked everyone who participated in this October work party.

The Quilt Show committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

We are selling tickets today for our Opportunity Quilt. We would like to have each member buy \$10 worth of tickets.

We sold \$370 worth of tickets at Quail Country Quilt Show in Clarkdale last week. We will be selling Opportunity Quilt ticket at the Lonesome Valley Boutique Show, October 24th & 25th. Please sign up to help with Opportunity Quilt 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

This is month four. 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 the instructions are not so clear and there are lots of corrections. Sue showed an example of the block and said to please contact her with questions regarding the instructions.

Youth Quilting – Janice Zolnierowicz

Youth meetings are every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30. Currently there are 10 members.

Holiday Luncheon – Maureen Sinkiewicz

Holiday Luncheon Theme: Sisters is the theme this year because we are all sisters in quilting. Maureen said she is working on another great story to tell at the luncheon. Please sign up to decorate a table and make the room festive. You will be part of the celebration by decorating one of the 18 tables. The sign-up sheets are available at the meeting today.

MTQG will buy the turkey and ham for the luncheon.

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

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

There were 46 quilts delivered in September. That brings the total to 198 quilts delivered year to date.

These are the numbers for the quilts turned in today:

43 finished quilts

35 finished quilt tops

All the quilts that need binding have been picked up. There are still have a few quilts that need to be picked up and finished.

We have several 3 & 6-yard kits available today for pickup.

Next Monday we need help with sorting 10-12 bins of fabric that was recently donated.

Today we have lots of fabric and fat quarters for sale. Special price on fat quarters, buy one, get one free.

Suzy mentioned that Walmart currently had the best price on Batting.

Sue Szot won the drawing.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Velia Glazier, Maureen Sinkiewicz, Kay Hoff, Michelle Kirkpatrick, Judy Brungardt, Ann Novak and Susan Cupp.

10:32 – Diane Stockhaus called for a twenty-minute break before starting this morning's Program.

Program – Diane Stockhaus introduced the Program speaker: Elizabeth Phinder, who assisted by her husband, did an outstanding trunk show for this morning's program.

New Business – Diane Stockhaus

There was no new business to discuss.

Closing comments – Diane Stockhaus

Diane read the following poem:

"It's Your Quilt" by Nancy Riddell

It's OK if you sit on your quilt.
It's OK if your bottle gets split.
If you swallow some air
And you burp, don't despair;
It's OK if you spit on your quilt.

There are scraps old and new on your quilt.
Put together for you on your quilt.
If your gums feel numb
'Cause your teeth haven't come,

It's OK if you chew on your quilt.

We expect you to lie on your quilt.
If you hurt, you may cry on your quilt.
On a cold rainy night,
Don't you fret; you're all right.
You'll be snug, warm and dry on your quilt.

Happy Quilting, everyone.

Meeting Adjourn 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary