



The Summit – December 2025

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2025 9:00 am

Charlotte Maris' home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

And now it's December! Where does the time go?

As we finish up our gifts, and prepare to spend time with family and friends, let's remember those less fortunate. The tired, the hungry, the overstressed - the need is great. Christmas represents the giving season, and we give so much of ourselves...either through our Community Quilts efforts, or directly to causes that you value. So, let's help create a better, nicer, and warmer world, especially to those in need.

Have a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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.

December	
Mon 12/15	Monthly Guild Meeting Holiday Luncheon Time: 9:30 am Join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon.

Bring a wrapped fat quarter for the gift swap.

Bring a pen or pencil for the Christmas game.

Small water bottles will be provided. You may bring a beverage of your choice. However, no alcohol please.

working on a few more things for this day of fun!!



Sit N' Sew

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</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>

March	
Mon 3/16	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Sarah Thomas of Saraditty - Rainbow Quilt Color Method Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>This will be a lecture of color, encouragement and lots of quilting eye candy. Information to follow soon.</p>
Mon 3/16	<p>Sarah Thomas of Saraditty Workshop - Sketch Book Quilting Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$30 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>This is a free motion quilting class on a domestic machine. More information to come.</p>
Tue 3/17	<p>Sarah Thomas of Saraditty Workshop - Full Day Sampler Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$45 Other Fees: Book (Cost TBD)</p> <p>Sarah will be teaching a block from 6 different quilts. Techniques include HST, using jelly rolls, layer cakes, EASY curved piecing, intro to Foundation Paper Piecing, and beginning English Paper Piecing. It should be a great learning experience!!! More information to come.</p>

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

Community Quilts

Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie

Even though Community Quilts did not meet in November and will not meet again this month we are hoping you have had a little time to work on quilts you had started, needed binding or maybe you did some quilting. We will be accepting finished quilts, quilt tops or quilts that need binding at the December meeting. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we will be back in January.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, January 7, 2025**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

December is such a busy month for all of us, so I have decided that Block of the Month will take a hiatus until January. We will conclude our blocks in February and have 3 months to complete our quilts.

I pray each of you has a delightful Christmas season, filled with family, friendship, and a meaningful celebration of the Birth that changed everything.

Merry Christmas.

2026 AQG Quilt Show Bus Trip

Debbie Jones

We are getting ready for the annual AQG Quilt Show “Let Freedom Ring” bus trip to Glendale on Friday, March 20th. The location has changed to the Martin Auto Museum at 4320 W. Thunderbird Rd.

The show should be yet another great gathering of quilts and quilters. Of course the vendors, lectures and classes are always a great way to spend a day in the valley of the sun.

We will have one bus making two pick ups in Prescott (Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 69) and Prescott Valley (Kohl's parking lot on Glassford Hill Road). Bottled water will be provided. Please feel free to bring any snacks you might like to have on the bus.

The cost of the ticket is \$59 which is only \$2 more than last year. This includes the bus trip, entrance to the show, bottled water and PRIZES! We have 54 seats available and MTQG members will have priority.

Registration will begin at the January Guild meeting and continue through March. After the February meeting any openings will be offered to guests and outside guild members. Payment (cash or check only)

will be required when you register and the guild policy of no refunds does apply.

Let's have some fun -- QUILTER'S ROAD TRIP!!

2026 Stitches of Love Quilt Show

Theresa Barnard

We will have pins for sale for \$5 at our Christmas party and bookmarks are available for you to drop off at any retail merchants in our local community or the valley.

We look forward to everyone participating in our raffle baskets, President's Challenge, and just entering at least one quilt in the show, although we will take up to 5. Registration form will be available in January.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21 at 9:00 am at StoneRidge Community Center.

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

We had some very nice items turned in to the boutique at the November meeting, getting us off to a good start. Be sure to stop off at the boutique table in January to see some new kits. January will be the start of the count down to the show with 4 months to go. Keep those creative juices flowing! We can't wait to see what you come up with.

Raffle Baskets

Jeanne Dunk

Currently we have commitments for baskets with the following themes:

- Hot Sauce/BBQ
- Wine (2)
- Martinis
- Make a Bag
- Breakfast
- Coffee and Tea
- Cupcakes and Muffins

We can have duplicates but it would be nice to have a variety. Suggestions other than those above are: dog or cat themed (not together), gardening, sports (golf, tennis, pickleball, etc).

If you have difficulty finding containers or baskets, let me know. I am hunting thrift shops for baskets and the like.

Don't forget Michele Zulim's offer of making 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).

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart

Quilters and Crafters, we need your help to make the 2026 Small Quilt Auction (SQA) the best ever. It will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, the last day of the MTQG Show. We can't make it the "best ever" without your donation of quilts. Maximum size is 45" x 54". All proceeds

from the auction go to the Guild to further our goals.

So make something new or pull out something you made as a class project in the past. You may also donate an item that you have acquired. Besides quilts we have also auctioned jackets, door stops and purses.

The SQA donation form will be online this year. Help will be provided at the Guild meetings to fill out the form. Donations will be accepted at the monthly Guild meetings starting in January. Final donations will be due by April 20th. We look forward to seeing you at the SQA table.

Quilts with a Story

Kay Baker and Rhoda Chapman

It is time to dig deep into your quilt storage trunk and think about the quilts you have. What is the story behind your favorite quilt? What about that quilt that was given to you or you inherited? Is there a quilt you borrow that has a special story to share with us?

You get the idea. Quilts with a Story entry form will be an easy to complete, online form. Just provide the requested information and email a photo of your quilt to Kay Baker or Rhoda Chapman. After reviewing the entries, if we need additional information, we will contact you. We are accepting up to 20 quilts and have 2 so far.



December Birthdays

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

1. Coco Alaniz
2. Marty Arambula
3. Jessica Brothers
4. MaryLou Clemmons
5. Linda Cox
6. Vanessa Dean
7. Dorothy Gustin
8. Debbie Jones
9. Charlotte Maris
10. Robyn Rousseau
11. Barbara Sheehan
12. Diane Short
13. Jan Smith
14. Barbara Stein
15. Bobbie Turnbow

Upcoming Quilt Events

Red Rock Quilters Guild 2026 Quilt Show
January 5, 2026 - February 28, 2026
Sedona Community Library

3250 White Bear Road
Sedona, AZ

Desert Lilly Annual Quilt Show
January 9-10, 2026
Yuma Civic Center
1440 W Desert Hills Drive
Yuma, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
January 29-31, 2026
Arizona Exposition and State Fair
1826 West McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ

Visions of Color Quilt Show
February 5-7, 2026
Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center
100 Park Ave
Lake Havasu City, AZ

Palo Verde Patchers Biennial Quilt Show
February 21-22, 2026
Palm Ridge Recreation Center
13800 W Deer Valley Drive
Sun City West, AZ

Quilter's Point of View Quilt Show
February 28, 2026
View Point Golf Resort
8700 E University Drive
Mesa, AZ

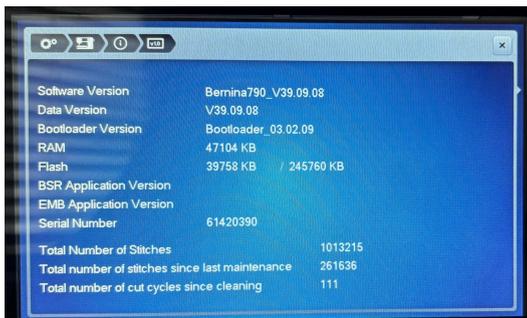
MTQG Stitches of Love Quilt Show
May 29-30, 2026
Findlay Toyota Center
3201 N. Main Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

For Sale

Janome Jem Platinum Model JP760 - \$300. Bought 8/2006, only 1 owner. Hardly used; runs great. Hard cover, manual, some attachments and carrying case. Contact Gail at 602-312-8920.



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. Contact Patty Foley at pjwfoley@gmail.com or 503.804.6260.



MTQG General Meeting Minutes for November 17, 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 October General meeting minutes:

Judy Brungardt made a motion to approve the minutes and Sue Ely seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

President's Comments:

Placemats: Placemats will not be collected in December; we will resume collecting placemats in January.

Yavapai County Adoption Event: Diane asked if anyone was able to attend the Yavapai County Adoption Event November 7th. Diane said this event is held twice a year if you weren't able to go this month. The next one will be held in May at the Juvenile Justice Center on Prescott Lakes Parkway.

This is a wonderful emotional event and they provide plenty of tissue to wipe the tears from your eyes.

Come and get it: Marica McMullen brought in an unfinished quilt project to give away. Diane held up a couple of pieces so everyone could see a sample and said it was yours to finish if you were interested.

Community Quilts: Diane reminded everyone that Community Quilts will not be meeting in November or December. The next meeting will be on the fourth Monday in January.

Diane explained if you take a Community Quilt project to piece, quilt, bind etc. and you return the finished project at the General Meeting, we put your name on a separate raffle ticket for each item that you finish. The raffle tickets go into a basket and every month we do a drawing, you have the opportunity to win a wonderful gift bag.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership – Directory - Donna Domino

Donna said she hoped everyone received the Directory. Please contact her if you have corrections or additions to the Directory. She will be sending out the Directory again in January. We have a total of 172 members.

We had one person join today and four guests signed in for today's meeting. Donna introduced the guests and asked them to tell the members how long they have been quilting.

Donna said she was selling pins for the Quilt Show and also had Quilt Show Bookmarkers to hand out.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **December 15th** – Holiday Luncheon
- **January 19th** – Show & Tell Extravaganza. Monday afternoon: 1 pm to 4 pm (Setup 12:45)
- Sit and Sew. Join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie. There will be door prizes.
- **February 16th** – Renee Hromish will do a Trunk Show at the General Meeting.
- **February 17** – Full day Collage Workshop by Renee Hromish.
- **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

MTQG new members and anyone who is interested are invited. The meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd from 1 pm to 4pm. It will be held in the Movement Room, 4700 N Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley.

Mini-Group Update – Liz Hart

Liz asked to please discuss with her if you are interested in starting up a new mini-groups. Liz will first announce at the General Meeting that a new mini-group will be forming and who is the contact person.

Diane Short is interested in starting up a Block of the Month and UFO mini-group

Bus Trip – Debbie Jones

The Chartered bus trip will be Friday, March 20th. The Quilt Show will be in Phoenix this year and the theme will be “Let Freedom Ring”. Sign-ups will start in January and the cost is \$59 which includes the bus fare and quilt show admission.

Block of the Month - Sue Szot

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.

You don't have to finish up any blocks for December. The plan is to begin putting blocks together starting in January and have completed quilts ready to show in May.

Holiday Luncheon December 15th – Maureen Sinkiewicz

Maureen was dressed as an elf and was happy to announce we will have a Bingo Game to play at the Holiday Luncheon. Sisters is the theme this year because we are all sisters in quilting. Please sign up to decorate a table and make the room festive. The sign-up sheets are available at the meeting today.

MTQG will buy the turkey and ham for the luncheon and we already have enough people to cook the turkeys and ham.

There are sign-up sheets for Bread, Salad, Side Dish and Dessert items available at the meeting today.

Maureen said she needed two volunteers to help setup the morning of the luncheon. Please talk to her if you are interested in helping.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

Admission Fee: Theresa said she did follow up at the last Quilt Show committee meeting voicing member's concern with the \$10 admission fee for the Quilt Show. The Committee decided to keep the admission fee at \$10. There will be no charge for Children age 16 and younger and no charge for MTQG members.

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 arrived. The MTQG pins are \$5.00.

Theresa reminded everyone to read the Newsletter and go the MTQG's website for current updates.

The next Quilt Show committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at the Stoneridge Community Center.

New item at the Quilt Show this year:

Raffle Baskets – Jeanne Dunk

There will be Raffle Baskets available at the Quilt Show. We would like to have at least 20 donated baskets for the raffle.

You can use any kind of container for your basket. Themes that are popular are: Baby Quilts, Things that appeal to Men, Wine & Beer, Dog & Cat Baskets and Sewing Baskets.

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. Look at MTQG's website and newsletter for more information.

We need volunteers to sit at the Raffle Basket table to help sell raffle tickets. Please contact Jeanne if you are interested.

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.

Quilt Show Boutique – Carol Cooley

Newer fabric sells better than older fabric. Southwestern themes and items for men sale well. Pin cushions are always popular. Sets of two are better for rug mugs and placemats. Be sure to use cotton thread when making a bowl cozy. Pillows and baby items aren't good sellers. The committee will be taking inventory of all items that are donated to the Boutique.

Come look at the different ideas at our display table for items to make. Kits are available to pick up now at today's meeting. You can turn in finished items for the Boutique any time.

We would love a couple more members to join the committee

Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

We have sold over \$2,700 worth of tickets so far. 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.

Youth Quilting – Janice Zolnierowicz

Youth quilting meets on the 1st and the third Tuesday of the month from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Field of Dreams room at the Elks Lodge.

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

There were 51 quilts delivered in October.

Suzy told everyone that emergency police in the area have quilts to give out whenever needed.

These are the numbers for the quilts turned in today:

- 48 finished quilts
- 7 finished quilt tops
- 7 quilts that needed Binding put on.
- Debbie Jones won the drawing.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Debbie Jones, Vickie Wangenstein, Sue Szot, Diane Bare, Susan Von Hagel, Cindy Herman, Betsy Mayorga, Kay Hoff, Barb Krit, Diane Short, Theresa Barnard, Nancy Hall, Janice Zolnierowicz, Bobbie Mae Ball, Sherry Nazzaro, Bette Boren, Carol, Suzy Davidson, Michelle, Liz Hart, Deb M, Bobbie T, Dena S, Charlen C.

10:31 – Diane Stockhaus called for a twenty-minute break before starting this morning's Program.

Program – Elizabeth Phinder introduced the Program speaker: Swan Sheridan of Swan Amity Studios who will lecture on Contextualized Quilting for the program.

New Business – Diane Stockhaus

There was no new business to discuss.

Diane read the following poem:

Quilt Maker by Pauline Havard

In the little white house, her husband built
She sews the pieces of a patchwork quilt.

There, she has made, just since November,
All rich colors and fine to remember -

The Wedding Ring pattern and the Evening Star
(Quilts that are lovely, as all quilts are

Which are sewn in the twilight in a firelit place.)

Through bits of cloth, she sees
His well-love face

He keeps her company
And she turns the seams

With a needleful of patience,
A thimbleful of dreams.

Closing comments – Diane Stockhaus

Diane wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Meeting Adjourn 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary