



The Summit – January 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2026 9:00 am

Charlotte Maris' home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

Happy New Year, Everyone, and welcome to 2026!

This is the time of year when many people make resolutions, trying to improve their lives. I prefer to set achievable goals, then marvel at my success at the end of the year! And I believe goals can be more easily adapted when life intrudes on your best laid plans.

For 2026, my biggest goal is to achieve a successful Quilt Show. With this, we can continue to support our community with gifts of quilts and other useful items - like placemats. We can bring in more guest speakers to enhance our knowledge of techniques. And we can appreciate the skills and talents of our fellow quilters by providing a venue for displaying their quilts.

What are your goals?

Again, Happy New Year to everyone! Let's keep on quilting!

Diane Stockhaus

Programs

Elizabeth Phinder

See the Programs Table for more information. Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash, check or Zelle . **Supply lists are available [here](#)**. No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

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. We will have LOTS of wonderful door prizes and please bring items that you want to get rid of for our "Free to a good home" table.</p>

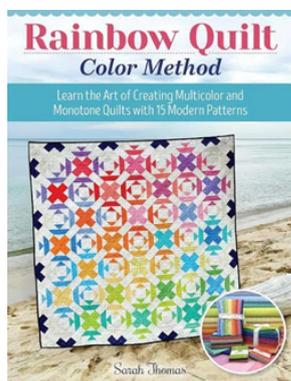
February	
Mon 2/16	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Renee Hromish Trunk Show Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Join us to learn all about Renee and see her beautiful trunk show!!</p>
Tue 2/17	<p>Renee Hromish - Exploring the Art of Fabric Collage Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$25 Other Fees: \$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> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>

March

**Mon
3/16**

Monthly Guild Meeting
**Program: Renee Hromish
 Rainbow Quilt Color Method
 Trunk Show & Lecture**
 Time: 9:30 am

Learn how to dissect the color wheel, learn color terminology that helps when choosing fabrics, and use a handful of helpful tools to choose quilt palettes and focal fabrics. Sarah shares her approach to selecting a harmonious palette that achieves design strength through color placement. You'll be inspired to dive into her book to start creating your own colorful creations. Sarah will also be available to sign your copy of her book. sariditty.com



**Mon
3/16**

**Sarah Thomas Workshop -
 Sketch Book Quilting**
 Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Setup 12:40 pm
 Workshop Fee: \$30
 Other Fees: \$0

Sketchbook Quilting is Sarah's approachable, uninhibited, "no rules" style of free-motion quilting. In this fun hands-on workshop, you will become more comfortable with drawing your own style of free-motion designs. You'll turn these designs into multiple groupings and combinations by building off the foundation pieces Sarah will teach. In doing so, you'll be ready to create your own set of personal go-to designs, practice fillers, and develop the muscle memory of drawing the doodles.

Sarah will show you how to use a variety of rulers and stencils to help create basic shapes and line guides for the doodling.

**Tue
3/17**

**Sarah Thomas Full Day
 Sampler Workshop**
 Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Setup 8:40 am
 Workshop Fee: \$45
 Other Fees: [Rainbow Quilt Color Method](#) \$25.99 (link offers 10% discount)

In this full day workshop, Sarah will teach different elements from her pattern book, "Rainbow Quilt Color Method," for an info-filled day of different piecing methods and techniques. Once the class concludes, you'll leave with blocks and units to continue making the quilts from her book. Sarah will provide templates for each section of the class. It should be a great learning

experience!!!



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

Although we haven't met for the last two months, Peggie and I have been busy sorting new donations and planning for the New Year. To start us off we will be having a larger than normal sale before and after the January meeting - new fabrics, kits, panels and precuts. This donation included some fabrics that are clothing and household weight that we will offer for sale. We will also be accepting finished quilts, quilts that need binding, and tops. And as always we will have quilts for you to pick up for quilting.

At our January 26 workshop meeting we will be cutting batting to sandwich quilts, making backings and sorting additional donated fabric. We also have some started

kits you might want to finish. So bring your machine and lunch and let's have some fun.

If you've been working on your black and white challenge and need backing fabric, we can help you find what you're looking for. Remember the completed quilt is due in May.

Opportunity Quilt

Suzy Davidson & Peggie McKenzie

If you are needing to purchase chances for our quilt, we will have our beautiful quilt at the January meeting and we will also be at the Red Rock Guild's Quilt a Palooza, January 23 & 24 at the Sedona Library. We have a few open time slots if you would like to help with ticket sales. The sign-up sheet will be at the Opportunity Quilt table.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**. Please send to mtqnewsletter@gmail.com.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

January is the beginning of a new year on our annual calendar, but according to our Quilt Guild calendar, January is month 7. We are going to make the last blocks of our two BOM projects this month and put these two quilts together. Remember, we have a quilt show in a few months, and these finished quilts will be great additions.

If you are making Graceful Garden, go to the [website](#) and scroll down to Clay's Pinwheel - Block 6 and Harry's Pinwheel - Block 7. You will make two of each block. They are actually the same block in two different colorways and the only difference between the two of each block is the orientation of the pinwheel. These blocks go together very quickly and easily. The good news is, there are no changes to the directions as printed. The completion of these 4 blocks completes the major portion of the quilt top. Next month we will add the borders and complete the project.

If you are making Gemtones, go to the [website](#) and make two copies of the Sapphire block. These are the last blocks for this quilt and the instructions as printed are accurate. Next month we will add the sashings and cornerstones to complete the project.

Happy New Year. May 2026 be a wonderful and creative year for you.

Placemats

Kay Denny

Happy New Year! Collection of placemats resumes at the January meeting and will continue all year through November.

The placemats are delivered to the Prescott Meals on Wheels on a monthly basis. So, it's important NOT to make any that are holiday and/or religious themed as the placemats are used year-round. Also

themes that are patriotic are accepted, however political themes are not.

After discussions with the directors at Meals on Wheels and at the Prescott Valley Senior Center Happy Meals, I'm back to requesting that labels be attached to the backs of each placemat. Apparently, the recipients really enjoy knowing who has donated them.

Thanks to all that have contributed to this wonderful outreach program. The placemats are so appreciated—and, so much fun to make!

AQG Quilt Show Bus Trip

Debbie Jones

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

We will have one bus making two pick ups—in Prescott, Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 69 at 6:45 am and Prescott Valley, Kohl's parking lot on Glassford Hill Rd. at 7:00 am. There will be bottled water provided. Please feel free to bring any snacks you might like to have on the ride.

The cost is \$59 which is only \$2 more than last year. This includes the bus trip, entry to the show, bottled water and PRIZES! We have 54 seats available and MTQG members will have priority. After the February meeting any open seats will be available to guests and outside guild members.

Sign up sheets will be at the January and February meetings. Payment by cash or check only will be required when you register.

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

Stitches of Love Quilt Show

Theresa Barnard, Quilt Show Chairman

Our quilt show is now only 5 months away, so be thinking about what you will submit and get those quilts done. We look forward to filling the Findlay Center again with 300+ quilts.

At the January meeting we will be demoing our new online quilt show Entry Form. Entries for General Quilt Exhibition, Small Quilt Auction, President's Challenge and Quilts with a Story will only be accepted via the online form. It is as easy as filling out any other online form. And you even get a confirmation of your submission.

At the February, March and April meetings we will have committee members available to help you with completing the form and submitting your entry. Entries will be accepted through our April 20 meeting and then they will be closed so we can do our final preparations before the show.

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

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

At the January guild meeting the Boutique committee will have some new kits for you to take home. Be sure to stop by and check them out.

If you are going to attend the ECHOS sew in, you can pick up a kit to make there.

We look forward to seeing what is turned in this month!

Quilts with a Story

Kay Baker and Rhoda Chapman

Have you been thinking about Quilts with a Story? We were looking over the entries for 2024 and were reminded how delightful the stories were. Some were short and some longer. There isn't one standard that needs to be followed. Quilts are made to be loved, shared and showcased. People want to know why the quilt was made, why the fabric and colors spoke to the quilter and why a certain block pattern was used. Hoping you will share your story or find a quilt from someone to share that story.

We will have 3 presentations of Quilts with a Story on Friday, May 29th at 10:00 am, 1:00 and 3:00 pm and on Saturday, May 30th, the final presentation will be at 10:00 am. For each presentation, we will need 4 volunteers to help hold the quilts while the stories are being read.

You will be able to sign up on the online registration form. We will need a photo of

the quilt submitted at the time of registration.

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart

Small Quilt Auction (SQA) looks forward to accepting your donations beginning in February. Make something new, donate a past class project or an item you have acquired. Besides quilts, we have also auctioned jackets, door stops and purses. Maximum donation size is 45" by 54".

The donation form will be on-line this year. Individual help will be available if needed. Donations will be accepted through April 20th.

Please help us make 2026 the best Small Quilt Auction on Saturday, May 30th from 2-4pm. All proceeds from the SQA go to support the guild.



January Birthdays

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

1. Jan Adams
2. Patty Brown
3. Judy Brungardt
4. Holly Caruso
5. Ivy Chavez
6. Donna Domino
7. Mary Jane Godwin
8. Sharon Harris
9. Marcia McMullen
10. Janet Nieuwenhoff
11. Connie Olsen
12. Julian Rodgers
13. Susan Ryan
14. Lynn Vache'
15. Cathy Vetrano
16. Sandra Wolf

Red Rock Quilters Guild Quilt Show

The [31st Annual Quilt Show](#) opens on January 5. This year's show features 102 stunning quilt entries. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorites. We hope you'll join us to celebrate the creativity and craftsmanship of our quilting community. The Opening ceremony will be at Community Library Sedona at 11:00 am.

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

Vulture Peak Patchers Quilt Show
January 23-24, 2026
Wickenburg Community Center
160 N. Valentine Street
Wickenburg, AZ

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

Tombstone Quilt Show
February 1-24, 2026
Tombstone Art Gallery
383 E. Allen Street
Tombstone, 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

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2025

President Elect Diane Short welcomed everyone to the Holiday Luncheon meeting and the meeting began at 9:32 a.m.

Diane Short reminded everyone to please mute their cell phones.

President Diane Stockhaus was absent.

Approval of the November General meeting minutes:

Ded Godin made a motion to approve the minutes and Robyn Rousseau seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

President Elect's Comments:

Diane Short told the members that Sherry Nazzaro was visiting in Texas and was hit by a car and seriously injured. She is still in the hospital recuperating.

There are a couple of bags on the counter in the back of the room with oranges and lemons that are free to anyone who would like them.

The Sew N Sew in Chino Valley is starting a Shoe Box Shuffle that begins the Saturday after Christmas and will be held the 2nd Saturday of the month after that.

Diane Short is starting 2 new min groups: UFO and a Block a Month group. Anyone interested, please contact Diane Short. They should start in January or February.

The table that has the owl ornaments will be selling the ornaments for \$3 each and the money will go the Cloth Plus donation fund.

Birthdays: President Elect Diane Short read the list of December birthdays to the members at the meeting.

Placemat Project Update – Kay Denny

422 Placemats were delivered to Prescott Meals on Wheels and 60 to Prescott Valley Senior Center this year.

MTQG will start collecting placemats again in January 2026.

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. We currently have a total of 177 members.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **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 lots of door prizes from various sources.
- **February 16th** – Renee Hromish will do a Trunk Show at the General Meeting.
- **February 17** – Full day Collage Workshop by Renee Hromish. Presently there are only two spots available if you are interested.
- **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. Carolyn showed everyone projects that the group worked on last month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th from 1 pm to 4pm. It will be held in the Movement Room, 4700 N Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley.

Block of the Month - Sue Szot

Sue is on vacation this month and there wasn't a report

Holiday Luncheon December 15th – Maureen Sinkiewicz

Maureen told a story on how she learned about MTQG and why we are all sisters in quilting. She talked about her past Holiday Luncheon experiences and the fun she had. She thanked everyone for making it a more festive event by decorating the tables.

Members were asked to bring in a wrapped fat quarter for a gift exchange. The members had fun doing the exchange.

Bingo Game was added this year. The Bingo cards were passed out along with buttons to use to mark the boxes on the cards. We used buttons as markers instead of pencils so we could use the cards again next year.

Maureen explained she would be pulling table numbers out of a stocking bag to determine which table goes first to the buffet tables. She thanked Diane Short for that idea.

Members were asked at the last meeting to bring in a pen so they could vote on their favorite decorated table. She did have a few extra pens if anyone needed one. Table number one was voted the most favorite.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

The next Quilt Show committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st at the Stoneridge Community Center.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

MTQG was approved to display their quilt at the Sedona Quilt Palooza January 23rd and 24th 2026.

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

Suzy thanked the members for working on and bringing in all the finished quilts.

Suzy thanked everyone that does the binding because it was her least favorite project.

Marcia McMullen won the drawing.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Youth Quilters- Becca, Adallida & Sonya, did a show and tell of projects they have finished.

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Charlene Coxworth and Dona Speights.

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. The entry fee is \$12 if you don’t take the bus. The bus riders only pay a \$10 entry fee.

10:00 AM – Diane Short called for a 10-minute break before starting the Holiday Luncheon program.

New Business – Ronnie Sandoval

Ronnie told the members that she was taking donations for Bill & Whitney at Cloth Plus. Bill has serious health problems and was transferred down to a Phoenix hospital. Whitney and Brett are taking turns driving down daily to Phoenix to visit and care for Bill. Ronnie is taking donations to help with gas expense.

Closing comments – Diane Short

Diane thanked everyone for coming to the Holiday Luncheon. She asked people to bring in recipes for the various dishes that were prepared for today’s luncheon to share at the January General Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 11:40

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary