



The Summit – March 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026 9:00 am

Deb Godin's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

So, as the weather warms, and Spring is nearly upon us, we begin to feel renewal and inspiration. And being the artisans we all are, our focus turns to new, bright, and delightful quilts to make! We are also feeling the need to finish our creations to display at our biennial quilt show, coming faster than we thought possible. Let's remember the joy we feel while completing our treasures, and let's make the upcoming show the best ever!

Happy quilting, everyone!

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.

March	
Mon 3/16	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Sarah Thomas of Sariditty - Rainbow Quilt Color Method Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Learn how to dissect the color wheel, learn color terminology that helps when choosing</p>

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. We still have openings for both workshops.

**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!!!



April	
Mon 4/20	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Gina Perkes from The Copper Needle, Payson Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Lecture: Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the task of selecting quilting designs that are perfect for your quilt top? Gina will take you through her process of reading quilts to choose the most appropriate quilt design path and style. She will also show you how to find inspiration for creative quilt motifs for all types of quilting from edge to edge to custom and ruler quilting!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAST DAY TO SUBMIT QUILT SHOW ENTRIES</p>
Mon 4/20	<p>Half Day Workshop - Quilt as you Go Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$35 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>In this class, you'll learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Piece and quilt individual sections ● Join blocks neatly and securely ● Manage bulk and reduce quilting strain ● Adapt the technique for future quilts and projects

	<p>Whether you're new to quilting or looking for a more flexible, portable approach, you'll leave class with new skills, confidence, and a quilted piece you can be proud of. All skill levels are welcome. Come ready to sew, learn, and have fun!</p>
Tue 4/21	<p>Free Motion Ruler Quilting Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$45 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>Take your free motion quilting to the next level with ruler work! In this hands-on class, Gina Perkes will guide you through the essentials of free motion ruler quilting, showing you how to create clean lines, graceful curves, and professional-looking designs using quilting rulers. This class is perfect for confident beginners who are comfortable with basic free motion quilting, as well as experienced quilters looking to expand their design skills.</p>

May	
Mon 5/18	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Everything Quilt Show Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Quilt show information will be shared.</p>

Mon 5/18	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT RAFFLE BASKETS
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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. See Programs table for sign up information or any questions.

March	
Mon 03/16	Nancy Williams will demonstrate a unique way to sew a sleeve on your quilts. Our quilt show is coming up and many of you might want to try this technique.

April	
Mon 02/16	I will be demonstrating hand stitching needles. The difference in needles. the size, lengthen, and what threads to use for different applications. Also, I will have a selection of needle threaders to try.

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

Wow, what a great day we had in February. Everyone worked on cutting and piecing the backing fabrics we had already matched to tops and we finished them all. Several of you even went out to the Conex and found binding for those that were missing. Great job!

So, at our March 23 meeting we will be cutting batting for those quilts and we can get started on matching backing to the many tops we have previously collected.

Just a reminder, the Community Quilts Challenge is due by the May meeting. It does not count as one of your quilt show entries and will be voted on by members at the May meeting, not at the quilt show. If you still need backing or batting please come to the March Community Quilts meeting to pick it up.

Peggie and I are pleased to let you know that Christina Tisdale has agreed to take on the Community Quilts Chairman position for next year. Thank you, Christina, we are sure you will do a great job.

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**. Please send to mtqnewsletter@gmail.com.

New Members Group

Carolyn Wright

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2026 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the JClub movement room in the Jasper community. 4700 N. Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

The end is in sight. Our quilt tops are done. Now is the time to create the quilt sandwich with backing, batting and the top, and determine what quilting will be applied to finish the project. Either of these projects, **Gemstones** or **Graceful Gardens**, would make a great addition to our upcoming quilt show. When you have finished your quilt, please bring it to our guild to share with the rest of us.

I have chaired the Block of the Month for three years now and am stepping down from this role. If you have any interest in fulfilling this role, please let me know. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our year ends in June, so your service will be from July 2026 to June 2027.

Happy quilting.

AQG Quilt Show Bus Trip

Debbie Jones

HELP!!! March 20th is coming up quickly and we still have 18 open spots on the bus!

If you are thinking about joining our fun road trip to the quilt show, it's not too late. I will be set up before and during the break at the March meeting for registration. The cost is \$59 which includes entry to the show.

The good news is that we are very close to the break even point, money-wise for the trip. The bad news is that with so many empty seats there are no funds for the prizes. Let's fill this bus so we can have it all — a great time, meet some new quilting friends and win some gift certificates to our wonderful local quilt shops.

I will be at the Chino Valley Quilters Guild meeting on March 10th to sell tickets (I already have 3 sold!) but we need to sell more.

If you have any questions, please call me at 928-642-2728. Let's fill this bus! Thank you for your participation and support of this fun event.

Stitches of Love Quilt Show

Theresa Barnard, Quilt Show Chairman

We are only 3 months away from our quilt show. My how time flies when you're having fun, and yes, we are having fun.

The committees are all working diligently to wrap up the details for the quilt show. We have secured an AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, Cindy Kurey, who will be coming from Albuquerque. Written appraisals are \$65 and verbal consults are \$35. See

information below as to why you might want a written appraisal.

Volunteer Signups are online this year and the email has been sent with links to the respective positions. We need over 200 volunteers to make the show complete. Please don't wait to sign up. Online signups allow us to open up additional positions on the fly, if we need to. Committee members will be available at the meeting to help you with signing up.

If you haven't submitted your quilt show entry yet, several committee members will be available at the guild meetings and community quilts to assist you with your entry. Assistance is available for Small Quilt Auction, Quilts with a Story and the President's Challenge as well.

If you are seeking help with your entry, please have the following information with you: **size of your quilt, quilt maker, quilter, pattern, description and a photo.** Once your entry is submitted, you should receive a confirmation email (check your Junk or Spam folder).

Don't forget to email your photos to the appropriate committee person. Your submission is not complete until a photo is received.

Entries will be accepted through our April 20 guild meeting.

Presale tickets will be available at the April and May guild meetings if you want to buy a couple for your friends or family.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00 am at the StoneRidge Community Center.

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

It is getting so close to our 2026 quilt show! April will be the deadline to turn in items for this year's show. Mark it on your calendars so you don't miss the deadline.

We will still have some kits available at the March guild meeting for you to take home to complete. Be sure to stop by and see what is available. We are asking each guild member to submit at least 5 completed kits or 5 of your own creations.

Our guild's mini groups have always been very creative in what they come up with.

We look forward to seeing what your wonderful creations are this month!

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart

Thank you for the lovely donations so far. We have received 10 donations, but to make this auction a success we still need another 50 or more. The more donations, the more fun at the auction and the more money for the guild.

There is still time to donate your item no larger than 45" X 54". Be sure to check out the guild newsletter and website for information about how to donate. The last day to donate items is April 20.

Since the auction is the last couple of hours of the show it is Fast, Furious and Fun. Donate to the Fun and be there for the Fast and Furious!

Any questions, please contact myself or Liz. We will also be at the monthly guild meeting for questions or help.

Thank you.

Quilts with a Story

Kay Baker and Rhoda Chapman

Time to change out your quilt wall hangings? Next is a visit to your quilt storage trunk to see which quilt speaks to you. But while looking, you fall upon your Great Aunt Dot's baby quilt. You really haven't looked at it in years but now, you realize, you have a chance to share the story of the quilt. So you jump on the MTQG Quilt Show Entry Form and follow the prompts to Quilts With A Story.

We definitely need a photo sent to us and the entry form completed. If you have problems with the form or sending us a photo, help is available at the March and April meetings. Keep pondering and considering the quilt you have to offer.

Raffle Baskets

Jeanne Dunk and Cathy Vetrano

We are gaining momentum with our raffle basket donations, so a big THANK YOU to everyone who has committed to donate a basket.

We have commitments for donations in the following categories: honey, spices, wine, martinis, breakfast, coffee and/or tea, cupcakes and muffins, margaritas, and a bag to appeal to men.

We have seen good success at other guild shows with baskets for which we do not have commitments: sports (golf, tennis, pickleball), game night, movie night – at home or at the movies, pets – dog or cat specific, chocolate, spa day, BBQ, or gardening. Duplicates of the current commitments would also be great.

We will collect baskets at the May meeting. Please submit a description along with the basket – a suggestion for what to include in the description has been posted on the website.

We will be asking for volunteers to staff 2 hour shifts during the show. You can sign up on the volunteer signup page.

Raffle Basket Donations

Please include the following with your donation:

- A title or theme for your basket that describes the contents
- A general list of contents – you need not include everything, but hit the highlights.
- Donors are attracted to well-made, handmade items, so highlight those if you include them.
- If food, include specifics regarding the contents – e.g., pretzels, chips,

- coffee, honey, etc. and number of items – e.g., “2 bottles of Pinot Noir”
- Specifics regarding the maker of contents – e.g. Sees or Russell Stover chocolates, Twinings tea, specialty coffee, wine or liquor, china or clay, fabric designer, candle maker.
- If size is relevant, please include that – e.g., “a baby quilt that is 36”x42”, or “dog collar for medium size dog.”
- A comment about the container or basket, especially if it is unique – like a sewing basket, toy suitcase, etc.
- Name of vendor for a gift card, movie or other tickets
- If a gift card is for a vendor that offers services, it would be helpful to include a list of services offered by the vendor
- Specify the name of games, books and author.
- In general, include anything that you would want to know about your basket if you were the winner.

Why should I have my quilts appraised?

1. To establish a replacement value for insurance purposes in the event of a loss due to fire, flood, or theft.
2. To meet your insurance company’s requirements for a “Fine Art Floater.”
3. To determine the value of your quilt for insurance coverage while at an exhibit or quilt competition.
4. To determine fair market value for the sale of a quilt.

5. To determine a value for donation gift or estate purposes (as required by the IRS).



March Birthdays

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

1. Kelly Bell
2. Cindy Herman
3. Kathy Hofmeister
4. Kris Kinigson
5. Barbara Krit
6. Lori McCarthy
7. Marilyn McCarthy
8. Beth Miller
9. Kathy Miller
10. Donna Morgan
11. Beth Powers
12. Barb Saia
13. Kathie Siggs
14. Maureen Tritle
15. Sandy Turczak
16. Vicki Wangenstein
17. Pat Ward

For Sale



Bernina 440 QE W/ Stitch Regulator. Multiple feet, knee lifter, bobbins, acrylic extension table (18X24). Rolling carrying case (not Bernina). Had new boards 4 years ago. Just serviced.

Asking \$800. Will be on display at the next guild meeting. Call Velia Glazier at 928-308-4786.

Upcoming Quilt Events

AQG Quilt Arizona
March 20-21, 2026
Martin Auto Museum
4320 W. Thunderbird Road
Glendale, 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 February 16, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus asked everyone to please mute their cell phones and the meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of the January General meeting minutes:

Jan Walls made a motion to approve the minutes and Bobbie Turnbow seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

President's Comments:

Sad News: Bill Elsworth, co-owner of Cloth Plus, passed away in his home on Sunday, February 15th. The family indicates they won't be having a public service, probably just a very small private service sometime later. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Stop by and visit and please utilize the business to help keep it afloat.

Donations for Whitney and Bill: Ronnie Sandoval said \$1,100 in donations was raised from members at the December General Meeting and another \$560 was collected at the January General meeting and donated. Ronnie said you can still make a donation if you want.

Half Yearly Dues: Diane said that the dues are reduced starting in February. Diane reminded everyone that the half year membership dues are \$25.

Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee to fill 2026/2027 MTQG's Board and Committee open positions has been formed. Ronnie Sandoval and Peggie MacKenzie have graciously volunteered to fill in any open positions with guidance from the current 2025-2026 Board members. It is the responsibility of the nominating committee to ask if you wish to continue as a chairperson for another year. If you don't want to continue then it will be up to the nominating committee to find a replacement.

Please contact Ronnie or Peggie if you are interested in helping out with a Board or a Committee Chair position.

Diane said that Immediately following the General meeting, prior to ECHOS, she will meet with Ronnie, Peggie and the Board members to briefly discuss the proposed process.

2026 Spring Luncheon: The Spring Luncheon will be again organized and conducted by the Board and will be held immediately following the June General meeting. Diane said that if no one objected, the menu will be the same as we had last year, fried chicken, salads and the like.

Maureen Sinkiewicz said it would be fun if we also had a dessert pot luck and she volunteered to be in charge of that portion.

President's Challenge Quilt: Diane reminded everyone about the President's Challenge quilt for this year's Quilt Show. She held up a couple of small quilt examples for the members to see. The space is limited so please keep your submissions at no larger than 20 x 20 inches. This quilt will be returned to you after the Quilt Show.

Grand Stitchers presents: The Cactus Needle Quilters Show, Saturday, March 7, 2026. The Grand Chaparral Center, 19781 N Remington Drive, Surprise, AZ. There will be a special Patriotic Display, over 200 Show Quilts, resale Boutique, quilts for sale and food will be available on site.

Dog Beds: Diane mentioned that Charlene Coxworth has dog beds available that need to be filled with fabric scraps. Please just clean fabric scraps, no trash or other items.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership & Directory - Donna Domino

Donna said she had several copies of February/March issue of The Country Register available at her table. The ad for MTQG's Quilt Show is in this issue of The Register, stop by her table and pick up one.

Donna said she also has Quilt Show Bookmarkers, please stop by her table and pick-up a bunch to distribute around the local area. She also has Quilt Show pins available for sale.

MTQG currently have 181 members as of today. Donna said there were a couple of visitors at the General Meeting today and asked them to stand up and tell us a bit about themselves and how long they have been quilting.

Pictures: Please look at Donna during Show & Tell so she can get a good picture of you standing by your finished project.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **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.
- **May 18th** – No guest speaker in May. The meeting will be dedicated to Quilt Show preparation.

ECHOS - Ronnie Sandoval

Education, Challenge Help, Opportunity and Social. This is a member to-member training session held after the General meeting, lasting about a ½ hour or so, depending on the topic. ECHOS will have a demonstration on “How to make a quilt sleeve” in March.

New Members Group – Carolyn Wright

MTQG new members and anyone who is interested are invited. The meeting is on the first Tuesday of the month from 12 o'clock to 4 pm. It is held at 4700 N Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley. Carolyn showed several items that the group has made so far. She said at the next meeting they will be making bowls and showed examples of the types of bowls the group will be making. Please contact Carolyn with any questions.

Block of the Month – Sue Szot

Sue showed everyone the lovely completed quilt tops. There were two Block of the Month choices, Gem Tones was the easy one to complete and Graceful Gardens was the more challenging one because the instructions were not accurate.

Sue said she is stepping down from the Block of the Month chairperson. She has been doing Block of the Month for the last three years and she is ready to make the change.

Bus Trip – Debbie Jones

The sign-ups are going fast. The bus is currently half full and after today she will open it up to the other quilt guilds. The Chartered bus trip is Friday, March 20th. The Quilt Show will be in Phoenix this year and the theme will be "Let Freedom Ring". 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.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

Registration forms: This year the registration forms for the Quilt Show participants is all on-line. We will not be using any paper registration forms this year. This is to make it easier for everyone. The form is a "point & Click" format. You must submit a photo to complete the registration and the photo needs to be in JPEG format.

Theresa asked members if there were having any issues with completing the registration form. The response was that generally it was an easy-to-follow format.

Theresa said that Sandy Cook had multiple entries for the Quilt Show that need to have sleeves put on. She asked if there was anyone who would volunteer to put the sleeves on the quilts for Sandy. Suzy Davidson said that the sleeves do not have to be permanent.

MTQG will only accept entries through the April General Meeting to register for the Quilt Show.

Starting in February, if you need assistance with the registration form, there will be committee members at the General Meeting to help you. They will also show you how to attach a photo of the quilt if you need assistance. You will need to submit a separate photo of each quilt that you are submitting.

Volunteers: The on-line sign-up form will be available starting in March. We will need over 200 volunteers to help with the Quilt Show so please consider signing up to lend a hand.

Quilt Appraiser - Cindy Kurey, an AQS Certified Quilted Textile Appraiser from Albuquerque, New Mexico will be at the Quilt show on Friday this year. She will only be there one day. Cindy will provide a written appraisal for \$65 with a \$5 kickback to MTQG for each appraisal. The written appraisal will take a couple of days and you will receive it after the Quilt Show. Cindy can do appraisals of quilts that are hanging at the Quilt Show. If you want a verbal appraisal, it will cost you \$35.

We are living in fire zone and that in itself is a good reason to have your valued quilts appraised.

Boutique – Carol Cooley

Carol said over on the display table for the Boutique, there are lots of different items you can pick up and make for Boutique sales. She showed several kits that are available and easy to make. Items will be available at this meeting and at the March General Meeting. Just remember, your finished items need to be turned in by the April General Meeting.

If you donate items and they all don't sell and you want them back, you will be able to pick them up after 3:45 pm on Saturday, May 30th.

We would prefer that you use cotton thread if you are making a bowl cozy however polyester thread is acceptable.

Raffle Baskets – Jeanne Dunk

We would like to have at least 20 baskets to raffle. Please provide a typed-up description of what is in the basket and the value of the basket that you prepare. Dress them up and make them look appealing.

Small Quilt Auction – Valorie Nelson & Liz Hart co-chair

All the proceed from the donated items for the Small Quilt Auction goes to MTQG. There are going to be several other items for sale besides small quilts. Some of those items are handmade bags, binding dolls and a beautiful, framed cross-stitched picture.

The auction will be held on Saturday, starting at 2 o'clock. You can drop off these quilts at the General Meeting in March and April. Please type up a good description of your donated item. It is recommended but not required, to have a hanging sleeve.

Consider bringing a friend who doesn't sew and they might buy items for gifts.

Quilts with a Story – Rhoda Chapman & Kay Baker

We would like to have at least 20 quilts for Quilts with a Story. It can be a quilt that you made, a family heirloom or one that you purchased. Please fill out your registration form early, take a picture and type out a clear description of your story. Make sure you spell

check before submitting and what you have wrote will fit in the registration form. We will be displaying and telling the quilts' story at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm on Friday and at 10 am on Saturday.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

MTQG will be displaying our Opportunity Quilt at Chino Valley Quilters and Thumb Butt Quilt Guild next month.

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

Suzy thanked everyone for bringing in finished quilt projects. She read a Thank You Note that the Guild received to let members know their work is truly appreciated. Suzy said 71 quilts have been donated so far this year.

Rosemarie Thieme won the drawing.

Community Quilts meets next Monday and starts at 9 a.m. Help is needed to sort, cut fabric, batting and put together kits for Community quilts projects.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Sue Szot, Barbara Stein, Barb Krit, Maureen Sinkiewicz, Sue Von Hagel, Vanessa Dean, Patty McClearn, Suzy Davidson, Ann Novak, Gerry Carr. Valorie Nelson and Carolyn Edwards.

10:51 am – Diane Stockhaus call for a 10-minute break before the start of the Program.

New Business to be Addressed – None at this time.

Closing Remarks – Diane Stockhaus

Diane read this poem to everyone present at the meeting:

Love is a quilt – a quilt is love.
Both love and a quilt should be
Soft enough to comfort you,
Generous enough to enfold you,
Light enough to let you move freely,
Strong enough to withstand adversity,
Durable enough to last a lifetime,

And given gladly, from the heart.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Meeting Adjourned 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary