



The Summit – April 2024

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024 9:00 am

Rhoda Chapman's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

All Quilt Show Entries are due no later than Monday, April 15!

President's Message

Two months until our quilt show! Are you getting your quilts ready? Don't forget the sleeves and labels. Your entry forms need to be turned in no later than the April 15th meeting. The quilt show committees have been working hard to get all the planning done and now it's your turn to sign up for the areas where you can help. We will need members to hang quilts, sell at the boutique, admissions, white gloves, etc. A sign up board will be available at the April meeting, and each committee chair will be able to answer any questions you have. I love helping at our shows. Seeing all the amazing quilts displayed really does inspire me to start creating for our next show.

I will be sending out a flyer next week that you can forward to friends and family, post on your social media, take to your bridge club or where you meet, so you can help spread the word about our show. The show is our major fundraiser and allows us to support the programs and activities we do for two years.

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Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

Monday, April 15th, Cynthia England (www.englanddesign.com) is finally here. I hope you like her as much as I do. She will present a trunk show and lecture of her unique Picture Piecing method. Following the meeting will be a half day workshop, Roadrunner Landscape, 1:00-4:00.

Tuesday, April 16th is a full-day workshop called Small Landscapes. The class is 9:00-4:00. Workshops are now full.

Monday, May 20th General Meeting is reserved for our quilt show prep.

Monday, June 17th will be a guild picnic luncheon for all our members sponsored by your MTQG Board.

Tuesday, June 18th, Gail Shannon is returning to offer us her highly requested Mexican Stars workshop. There are two color samples of Mexican Stars at the programs table. Workshop is from 9:00 – 4:00 with set-up starting at 8:40. Cost is \$50. No kit fee, but you will need to get the pattern, Mexican Stars by A. Ornelas. Supply list is available on our website. This is also your last chance to use your half price workshop.

Monday, July 15th David and Trish are coming to present a trunk show, Two Artists, One Studio. They each have a very unique style. You won't want to miss them.

Tuesday, July 16th our very own Janice Zolnierowicz is going to do a workshop for us. You will learn to make a Baker Street Bag. Come to the Programs table to see the samples. They are so cute! Workshop is 9:00 – 4:00, set-up at 8:40, fee is \$30. There is no kit fee, but you will need to print the free pattern ahead of time.

Just a reminder and for those new to our guild, workshops are paid for when you sign up by cash or check. There are no refunds, but if the workshop has a wait list, then your spot can possibly be filled from this and the person taking your spot will pay you directly. You may also find your own replacement. Workshops open to the public one month before the workshop. Supply lists for workshops are available on our website.

Text me at the number in the directory or call and leave a message if you have any questions.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Leadership Opportunities

Bobbie Mae Ball

The following are the committee chairmanships open for next year.

New Members Group - ask a friend and do this together. Help new members and quilters learn the in and outs of our guild and quilting.

Spring Camp - again ask a friend or two to work together to prepare for Spring Camp.

Website - please contact Patty McClearn for more information.

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

Budget Review

Sue Ely

Please review the proposed 2024-2025 budget that is being emailed with your newsletter. All comments must be turned in to Sue Ely no later than May 1, 2024.

Spring Luncheon

Rhoda Chapman

This year's spring luncheon will be June 17th after our regular business meeting and will have a picnic theme. If you would like to decorate one of the 18 tables, see Rhoda Chapman to sign up. There will be picnic foods and checkered tablecloths. Mark your calendars.

Opportunity Quilt

Vicky Hall

"Desert Diamond" will be on display for the April 15th Meeting. This will be the last meeting where the quilt will be displayed, as the May meeting will be busy with Quilt Show business!

Reminder: It is suggested that each member purchase at least \$10 in tickets.

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson & Susan Ryan

So far we have received approximately 30 donations and would be happy if we could receive 30 more of your creative donations. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated.

A Small Quilt Auction form is required with each donation. The form is available at our table at each guild meeting until April 15th. This form is also available for download on the guilds website.

Examples of items donated so far include wall hangings, purses, lap quilts, supply caddy and wearable art.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Quilt Show Judging

Suzy Davidson

Last month Anne Peterson spoke to the guild about how quilts are judged. The board thought it would be a great learning experience to use this information at our

show. This is totally optional, and we will still have viewer choice ballots and awards. She mentioned several ways of judging quilts and the one we think will work for our show is a point system. So, based on her information I came up with a maximum 10-point system. You can vote in each category for as many quilts as you have time for, but a maximum of 10 points can be given to any one quilt. We will be giving out only one award, to the quilt that gets the most points regardless of category. We will have ballots available to members at the May meeting and at the quilt show.

Judging will be based on the following:

1. Overall appearance
2. Design - does it fit the category, hang flat, is it clean
3. Technical Skill - matching points, piecing straight, no markings showing
4. Quilting - even stitches, buried threads, tension, smooth edges
5. Binding - corners, batting to the edge of the outside edge of the binding

Have fun!

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

We are almost there! All items for the 2024 Quilt Show Boutique are due April 15. Thank you to all who contributed. We have a wonderful selection of items that we are excited about. We will need volunteers at

the boutique for both days of the show, so please sign up for 2 hour shifts at the next meeting if you are able to help out.

Quilts with a Story

Joan Carrell and Peggie MacKenzie

This is the last call for your Quilts with a Story. We have some wonderful entries that have already been submitted, but we need more! Some of you have asked for entry forms and now is the time to fill them out and submit them. We know you have quilts with great stories! If you need help writing your stories, Joan and Peggie are available. The forms are on the website. The deadline is April 15. Don't let the opportunity to share pass you by!

Remember, every quilt has a story!

Block of the Month

Sue Szot

Well Quilters, we are down to the last block. Find the instructions you need for Block 8 in the BOM article on our Guild website under the Activities tab. Additionally, find the directions for the setting triangles and borders as shown on the display photo. Please know, if you don't want as large a quilt as the pattern as presented makes, you could easily make a block twice so that you have 9 total, and put them together or off set with sashing strips to make it your own. Use the pieced border, or not, as you wish. I hope to have my two quilt tops complete to share during our June meeting. If you have been making this quilt, please contact me by phone or email so that we

can plan a show and tell display sometime soon.

I am thinking about next year's BOM. Because so many of you came by my station and said this quilt had too many triangles, making it beyond your ability, I have been looking for a pattern that does not use triangles. I have found one that uses only squares and rectangles, so it is really very straight forward in the cutting and sewing. I have also found a pattern that uses triangles as well as squares. I am taking a poll about which pattern to use next year. Please stop by my table and vote for the one you like. If there is enough interest, I may do both.

I have enjoyed this BOM journey with you and hope to see you for your input for next year's BOM quilt.

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/american-patchwork-and-quilting/block-month-finishing-instructions>



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Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss

Again this month, we will have some excess fabric to sell, mostly fat quarters and quarter yard pieces, at very reasonable prices. Come see what's available that you can't live without!

If you signed up to participate in the Quilt Show challenge, you need to turn in your entry at the April meeting. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for a friend to turn in your quilt. We will be displaying all entries at the May meeting, when all guild members will be able to vote on their favorite. The top three vote getters will receive a prize! And, all entries will be displayed at our Quilt Show!

Our monthly workshop will be held on Monday, April 22, at 9:00 am, at the Elks Lodge. All our regular activities will be available, piecing backs, cutting batting, orphan blocks, etc. Come join in the fun.

Happy quilting!

New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Member group meeting took place on April 4th. All members had projects to share from full size quilts, and wall hangings with custom exotic leather and another with hand painted pieces and applique blocks. Fun stuff.

Lori demonstrated how to use Applipop circle makers which are very handy when very small applique circles are needed.

Everyone was reminded to submit paperwork for quilt show entries by the next guild meeting.

Our next meeting will be on June 6th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at John Ramsey's home, 602 Panorama Drive, Prescott. Call or text for directions 623-680-3975. We will have a show and tell and encourage everyone to bring their favorite sewing gadget. Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavelly

April meeting refreshments will be provided by the members indicated below. If you cannot bring a snack on your designated day, please either send them with another member or trade meetings with someone else.

Nancy Hall, Vicky Hall, Liz Hart, Pat Hawley, Cheri Heinecke, Pam Hendricks, Phyllis Henley, Chrissy Henning, Barbara Hinds, Kay Hoff, Kathy Hofmeister, Sandi Hoppe, Renee Hromish, Sherri Hubbs



April Birthdays

- Karen Austermilller
- Rosemary Carr
- Carol Cooley
- Linda Coppola
- Kim Haugen
- Pat Hawley
- Catherine Horneman
- Jan Kimbro
- Kym Mayer
- Carol Miller
- Elizabeth Phinder
- Pamela Poehlmann
- Donna Scott
- Sheila Smith
- Linda Trudeau
- Jan Walls

AQG Bus Trip - That's a Wrap

Debbie Jones

It was a blustery, chilly morning as we arrived at Walmart and Kohl's parking lots to board the bus and start our journey down to Mesa to enjoy the AQG Hip To Be Square quilt show. And what a show it was! We were greeted by MarKetta, the AQG bus trip coordinator upon arrival. She was very excited that we came from the Prescott area to take in the 375+ quilts. We got our wristbands and were off to view the beautiful, creative, artistic, and fabulous

quilts on display. Needless to say, we were not disappointed. The vendors did their best to entice us with miles of fabric, the latest tools, threads, patterns, long arm, short arm, and every type of machine in between.

My thanks go out to Master's Touch Charter Bus Services for their continuing help to make this one of our annual events. Our driver, Jeff, was courteous, helpful, and navigated his way safely through Phoenix traffic to reach our destination and home again without incident.

I'm grateful to each of our members and guests who arrived early both going and coming home so we could stay on schedule. Those of you who paid for your ticket but were unable to attend, I have a prize for you that I will bring to our April 15 meeting. My thanks also to Dona Speights for her help in turning over the reins of chairing this event.

The AQG show next year is called "Sew Whimsical—joy, charm, and a touch of magic." Mark your calendars now for yet another fun trip to Mesa, AZ. The show dates are January 16-18 so our bus trip date will be Friday, January 17th. ROAD TRIP!!!

Dog Beds

Charlene Coxworth

I make about 12 dog bed covers every month and put them under the coat rack on your left as you walk in the Elks building. They are for you to take home and fill with scraps of fabric. Once filled you can sew the opening closed two times. Fabric scraps

should be very small, about two-inch square strips, and should not be too long. Thread, batting and soft fabric cut into small pieces are acceptable. Please make sure no hard objects such as pins, clips, or pens have gotten mixed in by mistake. Place filled beds under the coat rack on your left as you walk in the Elks building when you attend the MTQG meeting. We donate the beds to the Yavapai Humane Society on Sundog Ranch Road, Prescott.

If you have any fabric that you think I could use, please bring it to the next meeting.

For Sale

Husqvarna Viking Designer Epic Sewing & Embroidery Machine Like new. Usage has only 23 sewing hours and 7 embroidery hours.

10.1" Tablet like Screen, LED light, large sewing area 12.5" x 5.5"

30% Larger Bobbin, 650 Embroidery Designs, over 1200 sewing stitches up to 45 mm wide, telescopic thread guides, instruction manuals, Hoops included 360 x 260, 260 x 200, 120 x 120, basic and specialty feet. Straight and zig zag stitch plate and much more!

mySewnet cloud, automatic software updates through Wi-Fi, mySewnet Monitor App

Please call Carol Foss 303-881-1123 for additional information \$3500



For Sale

A-1 Longarm Model 923, 24" throat, on a 10' metal table. Hydraulic lift system for easy height adjustment. Has a stitch regulator and ergonomic handles. 100% hand guided.

Comes with lots of thread and bobbins, bobbin winder, ruler bed, many rulers and numerous pantographs. I also will include whatever parts I have on hand and I have a hutch that everything is stored in. Asking \$6,000.

If you are interested contact CJ York at cjthequilter@msn.com or 928-716-3265.



Upcoming Quilt Events

AQS Quilt Week
April 24- 27, 2024
Paducah, KY

Mountain Top Quilters Guild Quilt Show
“Every Quilt is a Memory” 2024
May 31-June 1, 2024
Findlay Toyota Center
3201 Main Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Strawberry Patchers 26th Annual Quilt
Show
June 7-8, 2024
Cultural Hall in downtown Pine
Hwy 87
Pine, AZ

Round Valley Quilt & Fiber Arts Show
June 21-22, 2024
Round Valley High School
550 N Butler Street
Eager, AZ

MTQG Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2024

President Suzy Davidson thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to mute their cell phones.

February Minutes: Beth Miller motioned to approve, second by Genny Kerutis, and approved.

Birthdays: Suzy Davidson read the list of March birthdays and advised that long-time member Sally Plummer's husband recently passed away.

President's Challenge: Suzy Davidson explained the challenge depicting one of your favorite memories. Entry forms are on the website. This does not count as one of your 5 entries.

Member Only Quilt Show Ballot: While there will still be a Viewer's Choice and our show is NOT a juried show, ballots will be available for our members only to judge quilts in each category with a stated criterion. This is optional. Ballots will be distributed at the May meeting and will include information that we learn from our today's speaker on what judges look for. There will be one award to the quilt that receives the most votes, regardless of category.

June Luncheon: Red and white checked tablecloths will be provided for the picnic theme luncheon. A sign-up sheet is available for members who want to decorate one of the 18 tables.

Leadership Opportunities: Bobbie Mae Ball, President-Elect, noted the following positions are available: 2026 Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt Design Chairman, New Members' Group, Spring Camp and Website. Patty McClearn would like someone to work with her on the website so she can step down in the future.

Budget Preparations/Updates: Sue Ely, Treasurer, reminded members that next year's proposed budget will be in the April newsletter. If any current chairmen need to adjust their budgets, let her know now. Members can look the budget over and will be able to discuss it at the April meeting and then the budget will be approved at the May Annual Meeting.

Quilt Camp: Deb Mulcahy noted the dates of April 2 (Tues) to April 5 (Fri) at Chapel Rock in Prescott. There is one opening for a day camper. Maps of the camp are available.

AQG Bus Trip to Mesa: Debbie Jones noted the trip is Friday, March 22; one seat is still available. Prompt pick up will be in Prescott and in Prescott Valley. The return bus will leave Mesa at 2:30. Each participant should bring their own snacks due to allergies.

New Member Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, April 1.

Programs: Cheri Heinecke, Program Chair, announced the programs

- Today, March 18: Ann Peterson, the Obsessive Quilter, will lecture on “What the judges are looking for.” The Beginner Free Motion Quilting on your domestic machine workshop follows. Tuesday is the “Curves Again.” Workshop.
- April 15: Cynthia England, Trunk show and lecture on Picture Paper Piecing. Same day workshop on Roadrunner Landscape from 1 to 4. Class fee: \$30; Kit fee \$43. Next day April 16, Small Landscape from 9 to 4, Class fee \$38 and Kit fee \$58.
- May 20: Quilt Show
- June: Spring Luncheon with a picnic theme

Membership: Dues are now reduced to \$20 for the rest of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, and members will be responsible for full membership for the next fiscal year beginning in July. New members whose names are not on the Refreshment List can feel free to bring a treat whenever they want.

Donna Domino noted there are 225 members and four guests today: Paulette Kirster, Bonnie Philippon, Laura Christianson, and Betsy Mayorga.

Block of the Month: Sue Szot showed the two blocks she had made for this month. She also showed two possible patterns for next year and is taking a vote on which one everyone likes. Patterns will be uploaded to the website for members to view.

Quilt Show Update:

- Diana Ramsey noted she has presale tickets available. Signups for volunteers begin in April and she will have sticky notes available so you can write down your signed up times. Volunteers are needed for quilt set up and take down on May 30 and pizza will be provided. She reviewed the registration forms, reminded everyone to include the width and length, include your phone number and be sure to sign the form. If you are unsure of the category, just pick one. All entry forms are due on April 15. She explained the sleeve on the quilt.

- Joan Carrell and Peggie MacKenzie read a quilt with a story. They have room for more quilts.
- Carol Cooley, Boutique, thanked everyone for their donations. There will be no markdowns at or near the end of the show. She is looking for a sunshade to add onto the boutique.
- Valorie Nelson, Small Quilt Auction, showed a few of the small quilts. They have about 30 and need more. Maximum size is 45" x 54." The auction is on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- A total of 59 quilts were turned in bringing the year's total to 359 quilts. We are on track to exceed 500 donations this year.
- This month's workshop will be held here next Monday.
- Quilts for the Community Quilt Challenge are due April 15, voting will be in May and the quilts will be displayed at the Quilt Show.
- Sharon Lubin won the drawing.

Show and Tell: Quilts were shown by Kay Wentworth, Debbie Jones, Marcia McMullen, Rosemary Carr, Patty McClearn, Liz Hart, Kay Hoff, Marie Willison, Erin Sullivan, Dona Speights, Bobbie Turnbow, Sue Von Hagel, Susan Cupp, Kathy Allen, Lucy Fields, Ruth Ann Clark, Jan Adams, and Michele Schneider.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary