



The Summit – February 2024

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, February 19, 2024 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024 9:00 am

Cherie Heinecke's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

President's Message

“**Valentine's Day** is more than just chocolates and flowers - it's a chance to express love through **needle and thread.**” I'm sure we all have those quilts that express our love. Our quilt show theme, Every Quilt is a Memory, really emphasizes that thought. We now have over 200 quilters in our guild. I would really like each quilter to enter at least one, no, at least 2 quilts in our show. Whether a beginner or an experienced quilter, this show is really for you to share your expressions of love. Quilts can be small or large, traditional or artwork. Whatever your choice or style of quilting, we want you to share it. Don't forget to sign up for Spring Quilt Camp April 2 - 5, our bus to the Arizona Quilters Guild show on March 25, and the upcoming workshops.

Remember, quilters say “I love you” with every stitch they make! 🧵❤️

Suzy D

Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

This month we will have the pleasure of Patsy Kittredge. She will present a Trunk Show and lecture. Following the meeting and a lunch break Patsy will be doing a free demo called, “Playing with Watercolors.”

Bring a lunch or go grab a bite to eat. The demo will start at 1:00. Feel free to stay, watch, and play. Bring some 9”x12” pieces of cardboard, if you have any, and an inexpensive set of watercolors.

Monday, March 18, Ann L. Petersen, known as The Obsessive Quilter (<https://obsessivequilter.weebly.com>) will be

presenting her lecture titled, “What the Judges are Looking For”. Monday, March 18, 2024 – Half-day workshop, “Beginner Free Motion Quilting Using Your Domestic Machine” from 1:00 – 4:00, set-up 12:40, Workshop fee is \$20. You will learn how to tackle your quilts on a domestic machine with the fundamentals of free-motion quilting. The workshop will cover machine set-up, including how to adjust tension, and you will dive right in with a series of beginner-friendly stitches. Find out how to create lovely loops, spirals, pebbles, and wiggles to fill lots of different shapes, corners, focal points, and borders. You can customize and combine motifs for a classic or modern look and find techniques that work for you.

Tuesday, March 19 – “Curves Again” this is a full day workshop from 9:00 – 4:00, set-up at 8:40, Workshop fee is \$30. You will learn:

- How to cut arcs using a variety of templates, tools and methods
- How to pin and sew a simple, gentle curve
- How to make custom, reusable templates out of plastic sheets or freezer paper
- Step-by-step process for constructing blocks using curves, paper piecing, and templates
- How to paper piece blocks with curvy motifs using reusable paper templates

Monday, April 15, Cynthia England (www.englishdesign.com) 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, set-up at 12:40, \$30, kit fee \$43. There are 13 spots available.

Tuesday, April 16, Cynthia will be doing a full-day workshop called Small Landscapes. There are 2 choices- Old Grist Mill or Southwest Splendor. The class is 9:00-4:00, set-up at 8:40, \$38 plus a kit fee \$58. A waiting list has started. Her kits include everything you need to make the top of the quilt including the pattern and binding. The first half of the class will focus on the sewing process of the small 15” x 18” landscape quilt. The second half of the day will focus on turning your own photos into a picture piecing pattern. All supplies for this are included in the kit.

Upcoming programs to look forward to:

- Gail Shannon - a full day Mexican Stars workshop
- Mel Beach (melbeachquilts.com)
- Jill Finley (jillilystudio.com)
- Jane Haworth (janehaworth.com)
- Karen Bolan (<https://www.karenbolan.com>)
- and some of our own special members

Reminder: Each member gets 2 half price workshops for the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. You need to pay at the time you sign up for a workshop by check or exact cash appreciated.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Opportunities

Suzy Davidson

I know it's only February but it's time to start planning for next year. Whether you have been a member for a while or are new there are many opportunities to get involved and share with the guild. Bobbie Mae Ball, our President Elect, is leading the nominating committee for positions for the next fiscal year. She will be talking to all the current committee chairs and looking for members interested in open positions. If you're thinking about an area, talk to Bobbie Mae or the existing area chairman for more information. We are getting larger and have so many new members that it's a lot harder to reach out to everyone. So let Bobbie Mae or any of the board members know if you have an interest.

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

Opportunity Quilt

Vicky Hall

The opportunity quilt showings at Thumb Butte and Red Rock Quilters meetings were fun and we netted a total of \$287. In addition, our quilt made a trip to Lake

Havasu City for their quilt show and we made \$495.

Currently working on the following showings:

- March 14, Sun City Grand Quilters Show
- May 11-12, Mother's Day Art Festival at Prescott Courthouse

Desert Diamond will be on display for the February 19th meeting and tickets will be available for purchase. Membership purchases currently total \$675. In 2020 the Membership total for the year was \$1276. My goal is for us to surpass that! I think my competitive side may be showing.

Quilt Show 2024

Diana Ramsey & Linda Rosengarten

The quilt show committee chairs are busy preparing for the quilt show in May/June and will be looking for donations, volunteers, and other support between now and the show. The official sign-ups to volunteer your time for the show will be at the guild meetings in April and May. We will need as many volunteers as possible to make this another fantastic show so please plan to help in whatever way you can.

The next Quilt Show committee meeting is on Friday, February 16th at 9:30 am at Diana's home. Please call for directions if you plan to attend and haven't been to her house before.

Block of the Month

Sue Szot

This month we will complete Block 6. As you look at the instructions, pay attention to the flying geese placement. The pattern shows the geese flying away from the center. When I pieced the block, I placed my geese flying toward the center. When I discovered my "mistake", I thought about ripping them out, but then I thought better of it. Since each block is different, there is no secondary pattern that is interrupted because my flying geese are placed in the opposite direction. It is still an attractive block. I am looking forward to seeing this quilt come together and to seeing how you will choose to finish your quilt: either according to the pattern with large set in triangles and borders, or perhaps you only want a smaller quilt and will just set the blocks with sashing. There are many possibilities with this pattern. To see the pattern for Block 6, you will find it here:

The pattern for each month's block can be downloaded under the Activities tab of the Mountain Top Quilt Guild website.



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Quilts with a Story

Joan Carrell and Peggie MacKenzie

How many of you have a quilt which, when you look at it, brings back a flood of memories? Most of us do. Sometimes it's a quilt your mother or grandmother made. Maybe it's a quilt you made for a family member or a quilt to commemorate a special event. Maybe it's a quilt that makes you laugh because it reminds you of a humorous incident. We want these quilts for the Quilts With a Story presentation at our quilt show! The public would love to see your precious quilts and hear their stories.

Space is limited, so download a Quilts With a Story registration form from our website or get one at the next guild meeting and submit it, along with a picture to either Joan

Carrell or Peggie MacKenzie before April 15.

Remember, every quilt has a story. Tell us yours!

Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss

Our plan is to continue the sale of our fabric grab bags - one pound (more or less!) of miscellaneous fabric pieces for \$1, as well as other miscellaneous fabric pieces, to help reduce the fabric stash. Come enjoy the shopping!

The monthly Community Quilts workshop will be held on Monday, February 26, at the Elks Lodge in Prescott Valley. As usual, we will have quilt backs that need to be pieced, batting to be cut, and our ever popular Free to a Good Home table.

If you are participating in the biennial Community Quilts Quilt Show challenge, please remember that entries must be submitted at the April 2024 regular meeting. This means that the entry must be ready for donation, that is, it must be quilted, binding attached, and a guild label affixed to the back of the quilt. Voting on your favorite creation will be held during the May meeting, with awards going to the top three vote getters. All submissions will be displayed at the Quilt Show, to share with the community the fine efforts of our members.

Happy quilting!



February Birthdays

- Theresa Barnard
- Julie Dodds
- Dianna Dunn
- Betty Foley
- Cheryl Giovenco
- Sherri Hobbs
- Norma Jarrels
- Debbie Kelley
- Karen Kimmel
- Julie Laraway
- Ruth Larson
- Fran Leslie
- Jan Mark
- Heather McCafferty
- Carol C. Miller
- Kathy Oppelt
- Millie Randel
- Barbara Sweeney
- Renee Voll
- Martie Winkelman

New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Member group meeting took place on February 1st. Diana Ramsey gave a presentation about our upcoming quilt show. The information was very thorough and the new members asked many questions. We also had a demonstration of

Frixion pens and shared show and tell projects.

Our next meeting will be on March 7th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Granite Dells Clubhouse, 5220 Crown Rock Trail, Prescott. As always, we will have a show and tell and encourage everyone to bring their favorite sewing gadget.

AQG Bus Trip

Debbie Jones

It's February and Valentine's Day is approaching with hearts, flowers, and some decadent chocolate to be shared. But let's be honest, we have quilts on our minds! Friday, March 22, a beautiful charter bus will be leaving Prescott at 6:45 am and Prescott Valley at 7:15 am with 54 of us ready to feast our eyes on the annual AQG Quilt Show "Hip to be Square" in Mesa. The show is always amazing with the creativity and skill we, as quilt artists, possess and love to share with others. The bus will depart Mesa at 2:30 pm for the return home.

Bus tickets are available for purchase at our meeting on Monday, February 19. The cost is \$55 and includes the show ticket, snacks and water going and coming back home. There will be some games, prizes, and general goofing around as we travel down to the valley of fun to take in everything quilt related. Check out the AQG website at arizonaquiltersguild.org and you can see some of last year's quilts as well as the vendor list. We all like to visit the vendors!

And there are always deadlines. I must turn in our reservations to the bus trip coordinator by February 24, so we need your registration and \$\$ before this date. Seats are still available, but they are going fast.

I'm looking forward to this annual trek to a little slice of quilting heaven and hope to enjoy the journey with you!

Youth Sewing Program

Diana Ramsey and Janice Zolnierowicz

Thank you to all who have kindly come and helped teach the kids in the sewing classes on Tuesday. We couldn't do this without all of your generous support! If you are interested in helping, please sign up at the guild meetings or call Diana or Janice. You can sign up for one Tuesday a month or every week – whatever works best for your schedule. No special sewing skills are required – just a willingness to share your love of sewing with a youngster! We meet at the Elks Lodge every Tuesday from about 3:00 to 5:30.

Spring Quilt Camp

Deb Mulcahy, Dona Speights & Bobbie Turnbow

Spring Quilt Camp will be Tuesday, April 2 - Friday, April 5, 2024 at Chapel Rock in Prescott. Sign ups will take place at 9:00 on Monday, February 19th, prior to the start of the February Guild meeting. There is room

for 18 campers and a waiting list will be started in case of cancellations.

In order to secure your reservation, you must turn in your registration form and either your deposit of \$170 or full payment at the time of sign up. The balance will be due at the March 18th Guild meeting. This is non-refundable, unless there is someone on the waitlist who can fill your vacancy. Registration forms are available on the MTQG website under Forms.

Prices include hotel-style accommodations (except for day campers), 9 meals at a beautiful dining hall, snacks, and an abundance of sewing time with all your new best friends!! Bring your own projects to work on.

- \$340 per person double occupancy
- \$406 for a single occupancy
- \$170 for day campers not spending the night

No mail in registrations will be accepted.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavelly

February 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.

Linda Cox, Charlene Coxworth, Linda Craig, Susan Cupp, Suzy Davidson, Sue Denike, Kay Denny, Barbara Dios, Donna Domino, Jeanne Dunk, Dianna Dunn, Carolyn Edwards, Sue Ely, Lucy Fields

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, instructions 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

Quilt Fiesta 2024

February 23-25, 2024

Pima County Fairgrounds
11300 S. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ

Quilters Point of View Quilt Show

February 24, 2024

View Point Golf Resort
8700 E. University Drive
Mesa, AZ

Arizona Quilters Guild

“Hip to be Square”

March 21-23, 2024

Mesa Convention Center
Mesa, AZ

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

MTQG Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2024

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

December Minutes: John Ramsey motioned to approve, second by Jan Walls, and approved.

Birthdays: Suzy Davidson read the list of January birthdays.

Sunshine: Jan Adams' husband has a hip injury, Sherri Hubbs' husband has pneumonia, and Sam Logan fell and is waiting for test results.

Neal Sneller, Meals on Wheels (MOW) Executive Director. He thanked us for the placemats we provided which were well received by their clients. He noted that 210 volunteers provide socialization for their clients who feel isolated and meal delivery is secondary. Record demand (an increase from 60,000 to 110,000 meals over several years) has resulted in a wait list for their services due to space limitations. About 1/3 of the country has seen the same increases. Expansion of local services are being considered such as expansion into Prescott Valley and fundraising to help cover expenses. Information about MOW was available for members.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing: Vicky Hall, chairperson, noted tickets were sold at the Thumb Butte Quilters meeting (\$101) and the Sedona Quilt Show (\$184). She encouraged members to attend the Sedona Show in the Sedona Library until March 1. Arrangements are being made to attend Lake Havasu Club meeting and she asked members to submit other suggestions for locations to sell tickets.

Spring Quilt Camp: Deb Mulcahy noted the dates of April 2 (Tues) to April 5 (Fri) at Chapel Rock in Prescott. Sign-ups with the required \$170 deposit are due next month with single or double overnight accommodations as well as a day camper option. More details are in the Newsletter or see Deb.

AQG Bus Trip to Mesa: The trip is March 22; the cost is \$55 which includes admission, and 54 seats are available. Pick up will be at 6:45 in Prescott and 7:15 in Prescott Valley. The return bus will leave Mesa at 2:30. See the newsletter for more information.

Programs: Cheri Heinecke, Program Chair, announced the programs

- Today is TOADS: Treasured Objects Almost Done will be revealed.

- February 19: Patsy Kittredge with a trunk show and lecture. That day will also be a free demo on “Playing with Watercolors.” You need to sign up. More information in the newsletter.
- March 18: Ann Peterson, the Obsessive Quilter, will lecture on “What the judges are looking for.” Monday workshop on Beginner Free Motion Quilting on your domestic machine. Time 1 to 4, setup at 12:40, Cost \$20. Tuesday, March 19: Workshop “Curves Again” Paper pieced curves Time 9 to 4 Cost \$30. Supply list on line; sign up today and next month.
- 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. See newsletter for more information.

TBQ Class Availability: Spaces are available in Kathleen Bond’s class “Freezer Paper Piecing” to be held on February 13 at the Masonic Lodge on Willow Creek Road.

Membership/Directory Update: Donna Domino noted there are two new members Patty Brown and Barb Saia and six guests today: Sharon Harris, Sandy Turczak, Patricia Minish, Linda Salaets, Wendie Ortez, and Cathy Horneman. She noted the dues reduction starting next month.

New Member Group: Suzy Davidson noted the next meeting will be held Thursday, February 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Granite Dells Clubhouse.

Quilt Show Update:

- Diana Ramsey noted show dates are May 31 and June 1; pins are available for \$5.00; and signups for volunteers are in April and May. The next meeting is today after our general meeting.
- Joan Carrell, Quilts with a Story, noted twenty quilts with a special story will be featured. Entry forms are online.
- Jeanne Dunk, Publicity, noted ads will appear in the February through May Country Register. Bookmarks are available. Please help us advertise the show.
- Boutique: Items received were shown. More are needed and kits will be available next month.
- Beth Miller, Registration, reviewed the entry form to be completed and submitted for each quilt entry along with a photo. The form has a description of each category on the back. Each member may submit up to five quilts noting the priority of each item. Forms are online and it was noted it is too late to change categories.

- Suzy Davidson noted that tables displaying quilt show items will be located in the back right of this room until the show is over. She said entries for the President's Challenge "Quilts with a Memory" are not considered part of the five.
- Valorie Nelson showed some of the 11 Small Quilt Auction donations that have been received. Maximum size is 45" x 54". In prior years over \$2000 has been raised from this activity. Forms are online and due by April 15, and she showed two samples of sleeves for displaying quilts. Volunteers will be needed. Funds from the auction go to MTQG.

Block of the Month: Susan Szot showed Block 5 of the 8 blocks. The program should complete in May or June.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 26 quilts were distributed this month for a total of 282 for the year. (On track to exceed 500 this year.)
- This month's workshop will be held here next Monday.
- Agencies that receive quilts include Az Crisis, VA, CASA, various Hospice facilities, AZ Life. U.S. Vets are now looking for twin-size quilts. Contact Nancy Hall if you would like to ride with her to deliver quilts. We are still accepting donations. Entry forms for the Community Quilt Challenge are online and due April 15. The grab bag sales will continue. She read thank you letters from recipients of our quilts.
- Suzy Davidson won the drawing.

Show and Tell: Quilts were shown by Dorothy Gustin, Kay Wentworth, Marcia McMullen, Lori McCarthy, Sue Denike, Ronnie Sandoval, Sandy Turczak, Lucy Fields, Theresa Barnard, and John Ramsey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary