



# The Summit – March 2024

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, March 18, 2024 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:00 am**

Suzy Davidson's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

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## President's Message

March, the beginning of Spring, a time to enjoy the sunshine and clean out that quilt stash! Maybe you will find the perfect fabric for an idea you have to enter in the quilt show, or maybe just cut up those old scraps for a dog bed. It doesn't matter, just enjoy the process. I have started to re-sort, re-fold and re-organize so I can take advantage of the vendors at our upcoming quilt show, which will be upon us before you know it.

Please get your registration forms in as soon as you have them ready so the committees can start getting their processes started. It takes a lot of work to produce the quilt show and all of you can help. Volunteer sign ups will be starting at the April meeting which is also the deadline to turn in those registrations. Remember to include your President's Challenge quilt, My Favorite Memory does not count as one of your 5 entries. If you want your quilt hung with a group, be sure to note that on the form.

Quilt show committee members will be set up before the meeting to answer any questions you might have. More information on the show can be found in the newsletter, on the website and at the meetings.

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## **Programs and ECHOS**

*Cheri Heinecke*

This month, **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”, followed by a Half-day workshop titled, “Beginner Free Motion Quilting Using Your Domestic Machine” from 1:00 – 4:00, set-up 12:40, workshop fee \$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 \$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—the essential technique used in this class project and other curved quilt blocks
- How to make custom, reusable templates out of plastic sheets or freezer paper
- Step-by-step process constructing blocks using curves, paper piecing, and templates

- How to paper piece blocks with curvy motifs using reusable paper templates. This method eliminates the tedious tearing paper of traditional paper piecing.

**April 15**, Cynthia England ([www.englanddesign.com](http://www.englanddesign.com)), will present a trunk show and lecture of her unique Picture Piecing method. Following the meeting will be a 1/2 day workshop, Roadrunner Landscape, 1:00-4:00, set-up at 12:40, \$30, kit fee \$43. There are only a few spots left.

Tuesday, **April 16**, is a full-day workshop called Small Landscapes. The class is 9:00-4:00, set-up at 8:40, \$38 plus a kit fee \$58. There is a waiting list. Cynthia’s kits include everything you need to make the top of the quilt including the pattern and binding.

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

**June 17th** will be an awesome luncheon, Let’s Have a Picnic, for all our members sponsored by your MTQG Board.

Tuesday, **June 18th**, Gail Shannon is returning to offer 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 ½ price workshop.

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 does have a waitlist then your spot can be filled from that and the person taking your spot will pay you directly. You may also find your own replacement. Workshop registrations open one month prior to the event.

Oops! There is a goof in my email in the directory. Texting me at the number in the directory is best or call and leave a message.

**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 **Friday, April 5, 2024**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

### **Leadership Opportunities**

*Bobbie Mae Ball*

Your guild has a few leadership positions open for 2024-25. There are two board positions open, President Elect and Secretary. The committee positions looking for Chairman are Spring Camp, New Members Group and the 2026 Opportunity Quilt Design. These openings are your opportunity to serve your guild as well as

learn more about the guild. It is also a way to meet and make new friends. If anyone has any questions please ask.

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*

It is that time of year again as we prepare a budget for the upcoming year. Committee Chairs please review your expenses/budget and let me know if you feel your budgets need to be increased. Also please watch for the proposed 2024-2025 budget to be published in the April newsletter. Please review as we will be requesting comments and approval at the April meeting.

### **June Luncheon**

*Suzy Davidson*

The board has started planning for our June luncheon. We chose A Picnic for our theme and since everyone enjoyed the decorated tables at the Holiday party, we thought we would try it again. If you would like to decorate a table for 8, we will be providing you with a red and white checked tablecloth and will have tableware available. Rhoda will have the sign-up list and we will again have 18 tables available for decoration.

## **Opportunity Quilt**

*Vicky Hall*

Ticket sales from the February 19th meeting were \$162. Thank you to all who purchased! Desert Diamond will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase at the March 18th meeting.

Every member is encouraged to purchase at least \$10 in tickets before the drawing on June 1st.

## **Quilt Show 2024**

*Diana Ramsey & Linda Rosengarten*

All the committee members for the quilt show have been busy planning, preparing, and organizing everything that will make our show another wonderful event for the community. Please continue to bring in your quilt registrations, donations for the small quilt auction and boutique items.

The due date for all submissions is April 15<sup>th</sup>, which will give the committees time to get the items organized and priced as necessary before the show.

We know our quilt show has a lot of different facets and that many of you may feel overwhelmed or confused about them, so please feel free to contact any of the committee members with your questions.

## **Small Quilt Auction**

*Valorie Nelson & Susan Ryan*

We look forward to receiving your beautiful donations to be auctioned off at our upcoming Quilt Show. Our last quilt show auction brought in approximately \$2,600.

A Small Quilt Auction donation form is required with each donation and is available at our table at each guild meeting until April 15th. Form also available on our website.

Maximum dimensions for donated items:  
45" x 54

Examples of items donated so far include Wall Hangings, Purses, Lap Quilts, Tool Caddy, Jean Jacket

## **Quilt Show Boutique**

*Carol Cooley*

We are getting to the finish line in preparing for our quilt show. Specifically, the boutique has had some beautiful items contributed, as well as some of you going well above the requested 5 items. We will have quick project kits to round out some of the items. Please pick those up at the meeting. All items must be turned in at the April 15<sup>th</sup> guild meeting.

We will have 2 hour blocks for members to volunteer during the show. Please consider helping out at the boutique!

## **Quilts with a Story**

*Joan Carrell and Peggie MacKenzie*

The entries for the Quilts with a Story portion of our upcoming quilt show have been trickling in...but we would love a flood of entries! We know you all have a special quilt that evokes a special memory. Please share it with us for the upcoming quilt show. Don't miss your chance as space is limited.

The entry forms are on the website or available at the next membership meeting. Peggie and Joan are willing to help you write your story if you need assistance. The deadline is April 15.

Remember, every quilt has a story. Share yours with us!

## **Block of the Month**

*Sue Szot*

We are nearing the end of the pieced blocks of this beautiful quilt. This month we are working on Block 7.

To find the directions, go to: <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/american-patchwork-and-quilting/block-month-block-7>. This and Block 8 are the last two blocks.

In the next newsletter, in addition to the directions for Block 8, I will include the finishing instructions. Happy quilting!



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## **Community Quilts**

*Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss*

Our guild continues to make wonderful quilts for donations, and our numbers are up. At the February meeting, 57 quilts were finished, ready for delivery to our charities! That's tremendous! A new running total will be announced at the March meeting.

Our next monthly workshop will be held on Monday, March 25, at the Elks Lodge, starting at 9:00 am. We will piece backs, cut batting for quilts, and work on whatever projects you choose to bring. As always, we will have our “free to a good home” table. Come join the fun!

As a reminder, Quilt Show challenge quilts are due at our April 15th meeting. Each submission should be ready for donation, with binding finished, and a label attached on the back. Voting on guild member favorites will be held during the May meeting, with awards given to the top three vote getters. All submissions will be displayed at the biennial Quilt Show for all to enjoy!

Happy quilting!



### **March Birthdays**

- Kelley Bell
- christine Cobb
- Sue Denise
- Marcia Ford
- Cindy Hermann
- Kathy Hofmeister
- Sandi Hoppe
- Barbara Krit
- Lori McCarthy

- Kristi McHugh
- Beth Miller
- Kathy Miller
- Donna Morgan
- Beth Powers
- Barbara Saia
- Kathie Siggs
- Maureen Tritle
- Sandy Turczak
- Vicki Wangenstein
- Patricia Ware

### **New Members Group**

*John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy*

The New Member group meeting takes place on March 7th so we will report updates in next month’s newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on April 4th 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. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

### **AQG Bus Trip**

*Debbie Jones*

We are very close to boarding our luxury tour bus heading for Mesa, AZ to feast our eyes on yet another fabulous quilt show by our state guild, Arizona Quilters Guild. We have only 8 seats left, so if you have a friend who might like to join you, please contact me by email [didijones@outlook.com](mailto:didijones@outlook.com) or phone 928.642.2728 to secure your spot. The



absolute deadline for payment is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at our general meeting.

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date to mark on your calendar. Pick up locations/times as follows:

- Prescott Walmart parking lot on Hwy 69. Arrive between 6:20 and 6:30 am. Departure time promptly at 6:45 am.
- Prescott Valley Kohl's parking lot. Arrive between 6:45 and 7:00 am. Departure time promptly at 7:15 am.

There will be water, snacks, games, and prizes to help while away the time to get us to our destination.

Will it be fun, you ask? You can bet your favorite fat quarter it will! Please join us for this wonderful time of quilting friends and fellowship, many beautiful and inspiring quilts, and vendors eager to accept our "fun money".

Who knows? One of us may find a pot of gold and a little leprechaun at the end of a rainbow! That would certainly make shopping a wee bit more fun!

### **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. Camp is full but we have started a waiting list in case of cancellations. Please contact Deb, Dona or Bobbie if you are interested.

### **Meeting Refreshments**

*Linda Cox and Linda Snavely*

March 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.

Betty Foley, Marcia Ford, Carol Foss, Karen Fox, Theresa Franco, Janet Freidrich, Sandy Gallo Lee, Cheryl Giovenco, Velia Glazier, Deborah Godin, Mary Jane Godwin, Marie Gniazdowski, Terry Grenier, Dorothy Gusin

### **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](mailto:cjthequilter@msn.com) or 928-716-3265.



## Upcoming Quilt Events

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 February 19, 2024

President-Elect Bobbie Mae Ball presided in Suzy Davidson's absence. She thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to mute their cell phones.

**January Minutes:** John Ramsey motioned to approve, second by Linda Cox, and approved.

**Birthdays:** Bobbie Mae Ball read the list of February birthdays.

**Sunshine:** Bobbie Mae Ball read a thank you card from Adrienne Morrison and referenced two thank you letters from the VA for four lap robes donated by MTQG.

**Opportunity Quilt Marketing:** Vicky Hall, chairperson, noted \$495 of tickets were sold at the Lake Havasu City show. Several members volunteered there and had a great time. She asked for volunteers to travel to Bullhead City's show for March 8 and 9 and for help in contacting Mt Artist's Guild who have an upcoming show. She noted that tickets will be sold at future meetings and encouraged members to buy \$10 worth of tickets.

**Spring Quilt Camp:** Deb Mulcahy noted the dates of April 2 (Tues) to April 5 (Fri) at Chapel Rock in Prescott. Sign-ups began today; 4 to 5 single or double spaces are still available; the day option spots are full, but a waiting list has been created.

**AQG Bus Trip to Mesa:** Debbie Jones noted the trip is Friday, March 22; the cost is \$55 which includes admission, and 11 seats are still available. Pick up will be at 6:45 at Walmart in Prescott and 7:15 at Kohl's in Prescott Valley. The return bus will leave Mesa at 2:30. Water, snacks, games, and some door prizes will be provided.

**Programs:** Cheri Heinecke, Program Chair, announced the programs

- Today: Patsy Kittredge, a trunk show, followed by a free demo at 1:00 on "Playing with Watercolors."
- 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 (Cheri showed a free motion quilting sample . 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.
- 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

**Membership:** Bobbie Mae Bell noted that dues are now reduced to \$20 for the rest of this fiscal year which ends June 30 and will be responsible for full membership for the next fiscal year beginning in July. She noted 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 two guests today: David and Trish Charity and two new members: Donna Scott and Paulene Saskowsky. There are now 221 members. Copies of the Country Register (ad on page 9) as well as bookmarks promoting our quilt show are available.

**Leadership Opportunities:** Bobbie Mae Ball noted the following leadership openings for next fiscal year: President-Elect, Secretary, Sunshine, New Member Group, and the 2026 Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt Design Chair.

### **Quilt Show Update:**

- Diana Ramsey noted show dates are May 31 and June 1; 20 pins are still available for \$5.00; and signups for volunteers are in April and May. Volunteers are needed for quilt set up and take down on May 30 and pizza will be provided. All entry forms are due on April 15.
- Joan Carrell, Quilts with a Story, noted twenty quilts with a special story will be featured. Entry forms are online. She showed two quilts from prior years and read their story.
- Carol Cooley, Boutique, noted new kits for small lower priced items are available. Project bags are being made from orphan blocks. She has vinyl available if anyone needs it.
- Linda Rosengarten, co-chair of the show, noted all quilt entries must have a sleeve and she has information on making a sleeve.
- Sue Ely, Welcome Table, noted volunteers for this sit-down activity will be needed.
- Valorie Nelson, Small Quilt Auction, described the auction which begins at 2:30 as Fast, Furious and Fun. Maximum size is 45" x 54" and 22 donations have already been submitted. Entry forms, due April 15, are available on line.

**Block of the Month:** Susan Szot showed Block 6 of the 8 blocks. The program should complete in May or June. Comments have been received that there are too many triangles in this quilt. She asked for suggestions for Block-of-the-Month for next year.

**Community Quilts:** Diane Stockhaus reported:

- A total of 300 quilts have been donated this year. We are on track to exceed 500 donations this year.
- This month's workshop will be held here next Monday.
- Entry forms for the Community Quilt Challenge are online and due April 15, voting will be in May and the quilts will be displayed at the Quilt Show.
- The one-pound grab bag sales will continue.
- Diana Ramsey won the drawing.

**Show and Tell:** Quilts were shown by Liz Hart, Kay Hoff, Pat Ware, Debbie Jones, Marcia McMullen, Elizabeth Phinder, Barbara Phiel, Kay Wentworth, Tilly Bristow, Barbara Stein, Carol C. Miller, Marti Winkelman, Sue Ely, Patty McClearn, Sue Von Hagel, Sandy Turczyk, Judy Brungardt, Cindy Herman, and Carolyn Wright.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary