



The Summit – September 2023

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, Sept 18, 2023 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2023 9:00 am

Suzy Davidson's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

Quilt challenges, a quilt depicting a favorite memory to put in the show, or the Community Quilts challenge due in April, TOADS, Camp, Classes! There is a lot going on in our Guild and I hope everyone has found time to join in on the activities. Remember to ask anyone wearing a crocheted flower if you have questions. I know at times it can be overwhelming, but it is so much fun to meet and join your fellow quilters. If you're a new member, please try to make it to a New Member meeting or check our website for mini group options. Both are a great way to meet members and get involved. And let's not forget our quilt show, "Every Quilt is a Memory", that is coming up in late May. The first quilt show meeting will be this month so you will start hearing about the plans and how you can participate at the next meeting. Boutique is already creating kits and asking for your support. As you plan your quilting time, remember the small quilt auction will be seeking your donations also. Enjoy the beginning of fall, the nights are cooler, the days will follow soon and we'll be using all those quilts we are making.

Suzy D

Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

Special thanks to Janet Nieuwenhoff for sharing her amazing quilts last month. Also,

thank you to John and Diana Ramsey for teaching us how to safely use the AccuQuilt.

September 18-19: Member Coco Alanez, will be presenting a Trunk show on Monday September 18. Tuesday, September 19,

workshop will present a large pocket apron. Cost \$45, which includes a pattern. Contact Coco if you are interested in purchasing a kit.

September ECHOS: Members, Charlene Coxworth and Bobbie Turnbow, will be providing tips and tricks for sandwiching quilts.

October 16-17: Karen Miller of Red Bird Quilt Co. (<https://redbirdquiltco.com>) will be our guest on Monday, October 16, and will feature a lecture on Aurifilosophy. Immediately following will be a half day workshop on playing with different weight threads titled Creative Chaos. Cost is \$25, plus a kit fee of \$39.91.

Tuesday, October 17, will be a full day workshop on wool hand applique titled Wren in Spring. Cost is \$50, plus optional kit fee of \$25 (includes pattern). If you are not purchasing a kit, you must purchase the pattern at class for \$5. Only a few spots are left in each class.

November 20-21: Gail Shannon will be presenting a trunk show on Monday, November 20. Immediately following the meeting will be a half day workshop on how to select colors and take the fear out of choosing fabrics. Cost is \$40. Book needed is: A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color & Design: The Basics and Beyond by Heather Thomas. You will need to order the book online, so you have it for class.

Tuesday, November 21, will be a full day workshop with instruction on how to use Sew Kind of Wonderful's Quick Curve

Rulers. Workshop is \$50. You will need either the large (12"x7") and/or QCR Mini rulers. Order your rulers online if you don't already have them.

Remember: Each member gets 2 half price workshops for the fiscal year. Please pay by check or cash when signing up. Any questions about programs, please contact Cheri, caheinecke@gmail.com, 858-254-0151 (text is best).

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Fall Quilt Camp
Janice Zolnierowicz

Fall Quilt Camp is **Tuesday, October 10 - Friday, October 13, 2023** at Chapel Rock in Prescott. At this time the quilt camp is full. For all the campers who paid a deposit in August, the balance (\$170 for a double room; \$236 for a single room) is due at the September Guild meeting. There will again be a table set up prior to the start of the meeting. Make checks payable to MTQG. If anyone else would like to be on the waiting list in case there should be a vacancy, please see Nancy.

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

Updated Job Descriptions

Rhoda Chapman

A copy of updated job descriptions will be available for this year's chairpersons at the September 18 meeting. Stop by the table where Rhoda will give you your copy. Please place this copy in your binder or folder for your use and later pass along to next year's chairperson. If you have any questions, please contact Rhoda.

New Directories Available

Donna Domino

The 2023-2024 Membership Directory will be available for pickup at the September meeting. All current members can receive a printed copy. However, should the need arise and you are unable to attend a meeting to pick up a copy, you can email Donna at djdopg60@yahoo.com and a copy can be emailed to you.

2024 Quilt Show

Diana Ramsey and Linda Rosengarten

We are gearing up for our 2024 Quilt Show and have filled all the committee positions with some awesome members. Our first meeting will be on **Friday, September 15th at 9:30 am** at Diana's home in Prescott. If you are heading a quilt show committee or would just like to come see what we do to put together the show, please plan on attending. Call Diana for directions because Google maps may lead you on a wild goose chase!

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

The Boutique Committee is busy making kits for members to take and make for the boutique. Members are encouraged to pick one up before the meeting and during the break. Some kits will require the addition of an item, such as a zipper or a scrap of batting.

We'd also love to hear what the mini groups are planning to contribute, as well as individual members' ideas. We are asking each member to make one item per month (or more 😊) which will give us a good showing to offer at the boutique next year. If you have already started, we will be collecting items at each meeting. We are excited to see what you have made!

Meals on Wheels Placemats

Michele Schneider

Thank you to all who have made placemats for Meals on Wheels. They are beautiful. We have collected 79 to date.

For those of you who may not be familiar with this program, we are making placemats to be given to Meals on Wheels at the beginning of December, 2023. This will allow the organization to prepare the placemats for distribution at Christmas. They have asked that the placemats not suggest religion or politics. The placemats should be made to standard placemat size (suggested 12x18 or 14x20), no mug rugs or napkins, please. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 847-682-3246.

MTQG labels are available at the Community Quilts table by Diane Stockhaus and can be sewn on the back.

I will not be at our September meeting to collect placemats, so Linda Marley will be collecting them for me. The November 20 meeting is the last date we will collect placemats as they need to be delivered to Meals on Wheels by the 1st of December.

Block of the Month

Sue Szot

The calendar says we are well into September, so in our minds, at least, Fall is in the air. The temperature index keeps us in our shorts, but soon we will enjoy snuggling up in a soft quilt to ward off chilly mornings and evenings.

September is our month for Block Two of our Block of the Month for 2023-2024. To access the pattern and directions go to:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/american-patchwork-and-quilting/block-month-block-2>

It is not too late to get started, and if you missed the directions for block 1, let me know and I will email them to you. This is a great quilt pattern to practice using 1/2 square and 1/4 square triangles, as all the blocks feature these shapes predominantly.

I am making this quilt in two colorways: one for myself and one in patriotic themed fabrics to be donated to Quilts of Valor. I love scrappy quilts and on my 6 week drive across America this past summer, I picked

up fabrics at each of my destinations to use in these quilts. Please consider making one for yourself and donating another to our Community Quilts or other worthwhile agency.

Happy Quilting!

Opportunity Quilt

Vicky Hall

Ticket sales as of September 6 are \$927.00. Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far including 35 members who will assist at the Yavapai County Fair September 7-11.

We have two events in October that you will be able to sign up for at the September 18th meeting. So please check your calendars for your availability.

1. October 20-21 "A Covey of Quilts" by Quail Country Quilters at Verde Valley Fairgrounds in Cottonwood.
2. October 27-28 "Lonesome Valley Holiday Boutique" at Elks Lodge in Prescott Valley.



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Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss

We received a very nice thank you from the Prescott Frontier Rotary Club this month. They requested a donation to be used for their 2023 Grapes 4 Good Wine Tasting & Auction fundraiser to be held September 17. We provided them with a Queen size quilt, and I'm anxious to hear how well the auction went.

At the next regular Guild meeting, Community Quilts will be selling excess homespun (loose weave) fabric, for \$1/yard. Each piece is packaged separately, and marked by length. Come find your next treasure!

Our monthly workshop will be held on Monday, September 25, at the Elks Lodge, at 9:00 am. We will be cutting and piecing backs for matching tops, as well as other projects, and orphan blocks, to include the very popular 'free to a good home' table. No batting to cut this month, as we currently have an excess of bundles to be quilted. Come join your fellow quilters for fun and service.

Happy quilting!

Library News

Bobbie Mae Ball and Sandra Wolf

Due to the declining number of books being checked out and the availability of information on the internet, the Board has decided to discontinue the library.

There will be a sell down of books starting at the September 18th meeting. We will sell them until they are gone, or the November 20th meeting, whichever comes first. Books will sell for \$1.00 each.



September Birthdays

- Bobbie Mae Ball
- Betty Baran
- Nancy Clover
- Charlene Coxworth
- Sharon Doublin
- Terry Greener
- Liz Hart
- Cheri Heinecke
- Pam Hendricks
- Renee Hromish
- Margot McDonnell
- Adrienne Morrison
- Valorie Nelson
- John Ramsey
- Hildy Smith
- Vicki Smola
- Ingrid Votava
- Sue Yamasaki

New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Member Group had its second meeting on Thursday, September 7th. The topic of the meeting was helpful tools and

techniques for quilting. We covered how to organize pieces for applique quilts, design boards to make block piecing easier and how to organize your stash for more effective use of your fabric. Everyone had an opportunity to also show current projects from art quilts to project bags.

Our next meeting is October 5th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Granite Dells Clubhouse, 5220 Crown Rock Trail in Prescott.

Beginner Quilters Mini-Group

Diana Ramsey

We are starting a min-group for members who are fairly new at quilting and want to share information, get help with projects, learn new techniques or just come meet new quilters. We will meet on the 1st Wednesday each month with our first meeting on **October 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 am** at the Ramseys' home. Please contact Diana Ramsey at 928-499-8792 if interested in joining us.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavely

September 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.

Diane Short, Kathie Siggs, Roberta Simpkins, Maureen Sinkiewicz, Judy Sloan, Hildy Smith, Jan Smith, Sheila Smith, Vicki Smola, Linda Snavely, Dona Speights, Nancy Steele, Barbara Stein

Tips 'n Tricks

Theresa Barnard

Have you heard of Charlotte's Fusible Web? This caught my eye and as I like to do both machine and hand applique, I thought I would order a spool and give it a try. This is primarily used for raw edge applique. I'm actually quite impressed. The thread is a nylon thread and is intended to be used only in the bobbin. Top thread should be something smooth like a polyester or mono-poly. Here are the steps in using this thread:

- Trace your applique piece onto your fabric using a heat removable marker. Do not cut out.
- With Fusible Web in your bobbin and polyester (or other) thread on top, sew as close to your marked line as possible. Do not cut your tail threads short.
- Cut out your applique piece as close to the sewn line as possible without cutting through the thread.
- Place your applique piece with Fusible Web thread against your backing fabric, leaving the top tail hanging outside of applique.
- With a warm iron (cotton setting), press for about 10 seconds until the applique is fused.
- While the applique is still warm, pull the top thread out. Make sure to do this while the fabric is warm, otherwise your fabric can fray.
- Your applique is fused to the backing fabric, with no added stiffness or bulk.

- Stitch around your applique with decorative stitching.
- If you'd like, you can cut out the backing to leave only one layer of fabric.
- If you are working with multiple layers of applique, start with the bottom piece first and work to the top.

If you've used this thread, let me know how you like it.



Upcoming Quilt Events

The Rim Country Quilt Roundup
November 3-4 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Mazatzal Casino Exhibition Hall
 Hwy 87 at Milepost 251
 Payson, Arizona

Road to California
January 17-20, 2024
 Ontario Convention Center
 Ontario, California

Bridge of Friendship XV
February 2-3, 2024 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Havasu Aquatic Center
 100 Park Avenue
 Lake Havasu City, Arizona

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

MTQG Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2023

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

July Minutes: Diana Ramsey motioned to approve, second by Bobbie Turnbow, and approved.

Birthdays: Suzy Davidson read the list of August birthdays. Mary Terry won the drawing.

President's 2024 Challenge: Suzy Davidson reminded members of the Quilt Show Challenge based on the theme "*Every Quilt is a Memory.*" Make a quilt of any size that shows one of your favorite memories. Quilts will be grouped together at the 2024 Quilt Show.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing: Vicky Hall, Chairperson, asked for volunteers to sell tickets at two events: Quilt Craft and Sew Festival (formerly The Rusty Barn) held in Scottsdale over Labor Day Weekend and the Yavapai County Fair held September 7 – 10. Our place to sell tickets is in the air conditioned Mackin Building. Shifts last for 1-1/2 hours. Signup sheets were available.

Programs: Cheri Heinecke, Program Chair for 2023-2024, announced the programs:

- **September:** Coco Alaniz, MTQG member, a Monday lecture and trunk show. Tuesday class making an All-purpose Apron with Deep Pockets. Cost: \$45 includes pattern. The supply list will be on our website.
- **October:** Karen Miller, Red Bird Quilts, Monday trunk show followed by a half-day workshop on different thread weights called Creative Chaos, cost \$25. Tuesday will be a full day Wool Hand Applique class called Spring Wren. The cost is \$50 plus an optional \$25 kit fee paid directly to Karen.
- **November** will be Gail Shannon with a lecture on Color and Composition. A half-day workshop on Monday requires the book *Color and Design* by Heather Thomas. There will be a full day workshop on Tuesday using either of the large or mini curved "Some Kind of Wonderful Ruler."

ECHOS: John Ramsey will present how to use the Accuquilt Cutter after Janet Nieuwenhoff's presentation today. An inventory of cutter supplies is on our website.

Membership/Guests: Donna Domino noted there were 13 guests today – too many to introduce individually. Pages from the new directory are being circulated for proof. New directories will be distributed next month.

Mini Groups: Liz Hart noted there are 12 friendship groups. She will attend a New Member Group with more information and today circulated a form listing current Mini Groups with space to submit suggestions for additional groups.

New Member Group: Lori McCarthy and John Ramsey noted the first meeting was held at the Granite Dells Clubhouse. Next month's meeting will be **September 7** at the same location from 1 to 3 p.m. and the topic will be your favorite tool.

Block of the Month: Susan Szot talked about this year's BOM program from All People's Quilts. The finished size is 55-1/2 by 73-1/2. Instructions will be on the website or can be emailed to participants. She suggested that members consider making two blocks in different colors each month – one to keep and one for a community quilt.

Boutique for 2024 Quilt Show: Carol Cooley noted that kits are available and encouraged members to pick up kits to make one item per month at home. Things that have not sold in the past include Christmas and baby items.

Fall Quilt Camp: Nancy Hall noted 17 campers signed up this morning leaving one open spot. Dates are **October 10 - 13**. If needed, there will be a waiting list. Costs are \$340 double occupancy, \$406 single and \$170 for commuters.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 42 quilts were distributed this month for a total of 103 for the year.
- The next workshop will be **Monday, August 28**, here beginning at 9 a.m.
- She introduced a new challenge for the Quilt Show. Thirty kits are available; each contains three yards of coordinated fabrics. She showed an Arizona Block. A challenge rule is that one Arizona Block must be on the front of the quilt. Each must have a Mountain Top label on the back. Viewer's Choice will be selected in May with the top 3 quilts receiving a prize.
- Nancy Hall delivers quilts to a number of agencies, such as CASA, AZ Crisis Team, U.S. Vets and the VA, Project Linus, and various hospice agencies. She asked for additional suggestions.
- Donations will be accepted and, if Mt. Top cannot use it, the donation will be forwarded to an agency who can.
- Many quilt tops need quilting and then binding.
- In October excess fabric will again be for sale.
- Sue Ely won the drawing.

Refreshments: The schedule for bringing finger foods is alphabetical and will be included in the directory, the newsletter and on the website. If you cannot attend when

you are scheduled to bring refreshments, please arrange for a sub, or notify Linda Snavelly.

Other: Suzy Davidson announced that:

- Completed Meals-on-Wheels placemats can be turned in today.
- John Ramsey noted the Elks is collecting small teddy bears to be given to children by law enforcement agencies when the children have had a traumatic experience.

Show and Tell: Quilts were shown by: Norma Jarrels, Diane Short, Christina Tisdale, Kay Wentworth, Theresa Barnard, Sandy Koch, Donna Wagner, Rhoda Chapman, Vicky Hall, Kay Denny, Lori McCarthy, Janice Zolnierowicz, Peggie MacKenzie, Suzy Davidson, Carol Miller, Beth Powers, Patty McClearn, and Ann Novak.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary