



The Summit – December 2023

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2023 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:00 am

Bobbie Mae Ball's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

Happy Holidays. I can't believe it's almost 2024, just a bit over 5 months until our quilt show. Are you working on the items you want to enter? How about the Community Quilt challenge or my challenge, Quilts with a Memory? And of course, there might be a few holiday gifts to finish up. The guild holiday party is this month, and the Board hopes you can all attend.

The Board has voted to update the standing rules, available on our website, MTQG Forms, MTQG Governing Rules, something we look at every couple of years. If you have any comments or concerns, let any Board member know.

Here's wishing a happy holiday and new year to each of you. Enjoy whatever you have planned, celebrate the season. If you are traveling, be safe and if staying here in Prescott be sure to participate in all our "Christmas City" has to offer.

Suzy D

Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

Monday, December 18, 2023 - Guild Holiday Party. The ECHOS Friendship Star

Mug Rug for after the party has been canceled.

Monday, January 15, 2024 - TOADS followed by an ECHOS making snap purses for the boutique.

Monday, February 19, 2024 - Patsy Kittredge Trunk Show. Patsy will be doing an ECHOS demo for us called, "Playing with Water Colors." Class is FREE, however, you do need to sign up at the programs table. There is a supply list for those that want to stay after her demo and continue playing with what she teaches us. Programs will have some of the supplies.

Monday, March 18, 2024 - Ann L. Petersen, better known as The Obsessive Quilter (<https://obsessivequilter.weebly.com>). Ann will provide information on "What the Judges are Looking For."

Monday, March 18, 2024 - Half day workshop on beginner free motion quilting using your domestic machine from 1:00 - 4:00. Setup time for machines at 12:40. Cost is \$20.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - "Curves Again" will provide instruction on paper pieced curves. Cost is \$30, from 9:00 - 4:00. Setup begins at 8:40. Supply lists will be available on the website in January. Signups will start at the January meeting.

Upcoming programs to look forward to:

- Cynthia England (cynenglanddesign.com)
- Mel Beach (melbeachquilts.com)
- Jill Finley (jillilystudio.com)
- Toni Whitney (<https://www.toniwhitney.com>)
- Karen Bolan (<https://www.karenbolan.com>)
- Gail Shannon for the Mexican Star workshop, 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 **Friday, January 5, 2024**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Holiday Party

Suzy Davidson

The holiday party will be this Monday December 18. If you signed up to bring a dish or decorate a table, Maureen will be sending you a reminder. Your dish should serve about 12 and, due to limited space we are asking you to please use smaller serving dishes if possible. Also remember to mark your dish and serving utensil. We will have outlets if your dish needs to be plugged in to stay warm.

The refreshment list for December is alphabetically Carolyn Wright through Betty Baran. If you are listed, you are on the holiday party committee and responsible for setup, clean up and whatever else Maureen needs help with. The committee will be there by 8:15 to finish the set up and table decorators can start at 8:30.

If you want to get in on the fun of our game, bring a fat quarter in some type of bag and remember to wear your holiday best.

Since we will be using the tables for our luncheon, we will have limited participation tables for you to browse. Because of this we are asking those members not contributing to the party to wait and arrive at 9:00.

TOAD Reveal

Susan Perry

January is TOAD reveal month!! Be sure to come see what the **T**reasured **O**bject **A**lmost **D**one participants completed based on your votes earlier this year. Hopefully there will be lots of smiles and relief at finishing up something special. If not, they will each get a chance to beg your understanding as they explain what went wrong. Come cheer for their efforts!

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

Our Opportunity Quilt was displayed at the “Quad City Largest Christmas Art & Craft Show” (formerly the Jingle Bash) in Chino Valley December 1-2. We sold \$161 in tickets, however the cost of the booth was \$100, making net sales of \$61. Thank you to all who helped sell tickets!

We are all set for the “Last-Minute Stocking Stuffer Bazaar on December 16 at the Old Armory in Prescott. After the new year the quilt will be taken to several other Quilt

Guild meetings in the area. Please let me know of any events that we could display and sell tickets at.

Block of the Month

Sue Szot

We have completed Blocks 1 - 4 in this 8 block quilt, so we are halfway home. In December, due to the busy holiday season, I am not promoting Block 5, but we will hit the ground running in January. Until then, enjoy your family and friends and work on your UFOs or TOADs. We will work on Blocks 5-8 in January - April, and finish our quilts with setting triangles, pieced and whole borders in May and June.

I wish you the peace and joy of this holiday season.

Blessings, Sue



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Thank You for supporting my small business

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

A big thank you for all the amazing items that have been contributed so far! We have a good start for a wonderful display in the boutique at the show.

We won't have a table set up at the December meeting, but we will be accepting new items you have completed.

The ECHOS class with Sam Logan will be after the January meeting. The supply list is on the MTQG website so you can bring the needed supplies.

We will be set up again at the January meeting so stop by. We have a few website links you can pick up that we felt were good tutorials for project bags and luggage tags, for example, plus kits.

Thank you for your continued support for this piece of our excellent quilt show.

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson & Susan Ryan

Thank you to all who have already donated beautiful, quilt projects. We look forward to receiving additional creative donations for our 2024 Quilt Show's Small Quilt Auction. Maximum dimensions of your donations should be no larger than 45" x 54". A small quilt donation entry form is required for each donation and will be available at upcoming guild meetings as well as on the guild's website. You may turn in your donations at every guild meeting until April

15th. Feel free to reach out to either of us if you have any questions.

Thank You for your generosity and for helping your guild raise funds through this fun Small Quilt Auction.

Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss

In January, we will begin selling excess fabric bags, each weighing a pound (or more!) of various sizes, shapes, and colors. Each bag will cost \$1, and will be sold "as is". You are welcome to swap fabrics with your friends, but opening and re-sorting fabric will not be allowed. These are a great deal, so come shop!

All challenge participants can pick up backing fabric and batting during the monthly workshops. If you need help with quilting, please contact Diane Stockhaus. Finished quilts should be ready to be turned in at the April 2024 monthly meeting.

As a reminder, if you have purchased fabric from the Community Quilts team, you can recycle any plastic bags...we will use them for future projects. Look for the recycle box at the Community Quilts table.

There will be NO workshop in December, since the fourth Monday of the month is Christmas Day; we will resume our gatherings in January.

Happy Holidays and Happy Quilting!



Our next meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Granite Dells Clubhouse, 5220 Crown Rock Trail, Prescott.

Youth Sewing Program

Diana Ramsey and Janice Zolnierowicz

December Birthdays

- Karen Adams
- Coco Alaniz
- Jessica Brothers
- Ruth Ann Clark
- Linda Fox
- Linda Craig
- Dorothy Gustin
- Phyllis Henley
- Debbie Jones
- Iris Lacey
- Charlotte Maris
- Robyn Rousseau
- Barbara Sheehan
- Diane Short
- Jan Smith
- Barbara Stein
- Bobbie Turnbow

New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Member Group meeting takes place after the due date for the newsletter so we are sharing what we plan to cover at our Thursday, December 7 meeting.

We are planning to review how to make a quilt sandwich and prepare quilt tops for quilting. We will also share current projects that everyone is working on and hear about updates to programs and the quilt show boutique.

We are so excited to have 5 new girls joining our class in January. It is so much fun to teach a child how to sew and watch their progress over the year. Because we like to pair the new kids one-on-one with an adult, we especially need a few additional volunteers starting January 9th. 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! Please contact Diana or Janice if you can help. We meet at the Elks Lodge every Tuesday from about 3:00 to 5:30.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavely

December will see our refreshment committee helping out with setup and cleanup of the Holiday Party.

Carolyn Wright, Sandra Wright, Karen Yamasaki, Sue Yamasaki, Janice Zolnierowicz, Jan Adams, Karen Adams Socorro Alaniz, Kathy Allen, Debra Alvarez, Rosa Amos, Karen Austermiller, Patricia Autrey, Kay Baker, Bobbie May Ball, Betty Baran

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



Upcoming Quilt Events

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 November 20, 2023

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

October Minutes: Sherri Hubbs motioned to approve, second by Jan Walls, and approved.

Birthdays: Suzy Davidson read the list of November birthdays.

Welcome Sedona Red Rock Quilters Guild with their Opportunity Quilt: Tickets are on sale today for their Opportunity Quilt. Their quilt show runs from January 8 through March 2, 2024, at the Sedona Public Library.

Sunshine: Marcia McMullen has had a double mastectomy and is recovering at home. Judy Sloan broke her arm. Adrienne Morrison suffered a light stroke last month and is recovering nicely. Cards and emails would be appreciated.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing: Vicky Hall, chairperson, noted \$210 of tickets were sold at the Rim Country Quilt Roundup Show. Two sign-up sheets are available for ticket sales: one for the Chino Valley Show this weekend Friday and Saturday; the second for the Stocking Stuffer event on December 16. Lake Havasu has agreed to let us sell tickets at their February show or a Wednesday night meeting from 6 to 8 pm. More information will follow.

Placemats: Today is the last day to turn in placemats. Linda Marley is collecting them. Over 200 have been submitted.

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

- Today and tomorrow: Gail Shannon, a trunk show, today, and ½ day workshop on selecting colors. Tomorrow's full day workshop teaches how to use Sew Kind of Wonderful, Quick Curve Rulers, Large (12"x7") and/or QCR Mini.
- December is the Holiday Party
- January is TOADS: Treasured Objects Almost Done

Holiday Party: Maureen Sinkiewicz noted that sign-ups for salad, desserts and bread have been completed; the snack committee will take care of the main dishes. Members can still sign up to decorate a table and the decorations will be judged with prizes awarded. She will have a new costume, theme, and story. Members are to bring a fat

quarter in a bag which will be passed at each individual table. She asked that if anyone has freezer space for a turkey, let her know.

Membership/Guests: Donna Domino noted guests: Barb Saia, Linda Salarts, Carolyn Lesh, Jennifer Zimmerman, and Dawn Korade were present. New members include Sylvia Perkins and Karen Kimmel. Membership has now topped 200.

New Member Group: John Ramsey noted the next meeting will be held Thursday, December 7, from 1 to 3 at the Granite Dells Clubhouse and the topic will be sandwiching quilts.

Youth Quilting Update: Diana Ramsey noted 5 new members will begin in January and volunteers are needed on Tuesday afternoons to help teach them basic sewing.

Quilt Show Update: Diana Ramsey reviewed the show dates, with set up on May 30, and the show May 31 and June 1, 2024, at the Toyota Center. Monthly meetings begin in January at Diana's home.

- Four separate entry forms, all due on April 15, 2024, will be available for:
 - Small Quilt Auction (last show raised \$2800; Valorie Nelson and Susan Ryan are in charge of this activity. Maximum size is 45" x 54") Volunteers are needed.
 - General with categories and instructions
 - Quilts with a Story
 - President's Challenge
- The logo with the theme "Every Quilt is a Memory" is on the website.
- Quilt pins are available now for \$5. Only 100 were ordered.
- Jeanne Dunk is in charge of publicity including bookmarks.

Boutique for 2024 Quilt Show: Carol Cooley noted the committee would like every member to donate 12 items to the boutique, especially items with a quilting theme. ECHOS will be held in December to show how to make the Friendship Star coaster and in January the snap bags. Quilts will be sold at the boutique. Other items include luggage tags, hot pads, zippered pouches, pin cushions, snap bags, bowl cozy, and flash drive holder. Some supplies are available along with instructions or links to tutorials. She showed a vest and jacket donated by Janice Zolnierowicz.

Block of the Month: Susan Szot showed two completed blocks for this month. Instructions are on the website or can be emailed to participants. No blocks will be done in December and the quilt top will be completed January through April.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 51 quilts were distributed this month for a total of 219 for the year.
- This month's workshop will be held next Monday here at the Elks.
- Diane reminded members to make sure the MTQG label is affixed.

Show and Tell: Quilts were shown by Kay Wentworth, Suzy Davidson, Peggie MacKenzie, Cheri Heinecke, Judy Brungardt, Stephanie Lowell, Diana Ramsey, Jeanne Dunk, Kay Hoff, Sandy Gallo Lee, Kay Denny, Tilly Bristow, Patty McClearn, and Karen Varela.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary