



The Summit – July 2023

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023 9:00 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2023 9:00 am

Rhoda Chapman's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

I found this quote and I thought it sums up my quilting fairly well. "The one thing I know for sure is there are no rules in quilting. And if you think there are, then it's time you start breaking a few." Some of you know that I was a Home Ec major who spent five years in the retail fabric business selling high end clothing fabric. My later job choices led me away from sewing, but my love of textiles led me to weaving. When I retired, I met a group of art quilters which is where my quilting experiences began. There are no rules in art quilting; design elements aren't really rules, are they? That was hard on me at first, until I saw another quote, which is one of my favorite wall hangings, "When I learned it was okay to paint outside the lines my heart was happy!"

I hope you all enjoy your quilting this year and break a few rules as we all get ready for our 2024 quilt show, "*Every Quilt is a Memory*." I know this show will be a huge success. Diana Ramsey, our Quilt Show Chairman, is already working on the logo and commemorative pin; and Carol Cooley, along with her committee, are hard at work on the boutique. I will present my idea of a quilt challenge at the July meeting which goes along with our quilt show theme. I hope you are enjoying your summer so far, and I look forward to seeing you at the July 17th meeting.

Suzy D

From your Editor

Theresa Barnard

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I wanted to introduce myself to you as your new *The Summit* Newsletter Editor. My name is Theresa and I joined MTQG last summer after checking out several of the other guilds in the area. My husband and I moved to Prescott in October of 2021 and bought a home in Prescott Valley in February 2022. I have been quilting for 25 years and it's what I really enjoy doing in my pastime. I am still working full-time for a vision insurance company, so my weekdays are somewhat limited in time. I do make time to attend our monthly meetings whenever possible. Most of my quilting gets done in the evenings after I log off from work (I have been working remotely since COVID).

My previous volunteer experience includes 5 years as Newsletter Editor for a flying club. And I have been Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee leads for other high school and community groups that my son was involved in. I have been enjoying helping out with the MTQG Youth Sewing classes.

I would like to change up *The Summit* a little bit and am interested in knowing what you would like to see. Are there articles that you are specifically interested in? Perhaps a Tips 'n Tricks section that highlights tips from members. Perhaps a

little quilting trivia? Or a section highlighting one of our members? Please let me know.

The Summit Newsletter Editor

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Programs

Cheri Heinecke

Our **Monday, July 17** meeting will bring the introduction of the new Officers for 2023-2024.

We will also have our long-awaited speaker Heidi Pridemore from Whimsical Workshops lecturing and selling her merchandise. The following day **Tuesday, July 18**, she will be teaching an all-day class on her "Chain Reaction" pattern.

In addition to Heidi Pridemore, July brings us a brand new challenge. The challenge is for beginners to professionals. More details and a sign-up at the July meeting.

For our **Monday, August 21** meeting, our very own member, Janet Nieuwenhoff, will be presenting a Trunk Show. Janet has won awards for her quilts, including Best of Show. No workshop, but John Ramsey will be doing an ECHOS (Educate, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social) on the AccuQuilt after the meeting and a lunch break. Signups start in July.

Our **Monday, September 18** meeting will bring Coco Alaniz, another Guild member and also a fiber artist. Coco will be doing a Trunk Show followed by a workshop on **Tuesday, September 19** titled *How to Make a Deep Pocket Apron*. Signups will start at the July meeting. Cost is \$45 + the pattern. After the September meeting will be an ECHOS (Educate, Challenge, Help, Opportunity, Social) on cutting accurately and safely using a rotary cutter. Signups will be starting in July.

Fall Quilt Camp

Janice Zolnierowicz

Fall Quilt Camp will be **Tuesday, October 10 - Friday, October 13, 2023** at Chapel Rock in Prescott. Sign ups will take place at 8:30 am on **Monday, August 21**, prior to the start of the August Guild meeting. There is room for 18 campers. A waiting list will be started in case anyone has to cancel. In order to secure your reservation, you must turn in the registration form and either deposit \$170 or full payment, at the time of sign up. This is nonrefundable, unless there is someone on the waiting list who can fill your vacancy. The registration form is available on the MTQG website under Forms. Prices include hotel-style accommodations (except for day campers), 9 meals, snacks, all the sewing time you can handle, and quilting with friends. Bring your own projects to work on.

- \$340 per person double occupancy
- \$406 for a single room
- \$170 for day campers, no overnight

If you cannot sign up in person, please have a friend turn in your registration form and payment on August 21. No mail-in registrations will be accepted.

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

Special Thanks

Suzy Davidson on behalf of AZ Life Hospice

We here at Arizona Life Hospice want to say **THANK YOU** for the many quilts you have brought to us! When we present these quilts to our patients, they are in awe. They can't believe we are giving them such a beautiful quilt. These, of course, get passed down to the families once our patient passes on. What a wonderful memento. You all do such wonderful work. You are all a blessing to many!



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New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Members Group will begin meeting again in August as our new coordinators, John and Lori, take over. Stay tuned for more info for next month.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavely

July meeting refreshments will be provided by the following members:

Julie Nanke, Valorie Nelson, Janet Nieuwenhoff, Ann Novak, Kathy Oppelt, Ruth Ordonez, Loria Ownsby, P.J. Parker, Susan Perry, Cheryl Peterman, Barbara Peterson, Barbara Phiel, Elizabeth Phinder, Kathleen Pickell, Beth Powers, Diana Ramsey

Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Kathy Hofmeister

Our Community Quilt challenge was quite productive, resulting in increasing the number of quilts for donations to 62! That's an impressive start to the year; many thanks to all of you who help with our charitable donations! Let's keep up the good work.

Our monthly workshop for July will be held on **Monday, July 24**, starting at 9:00 am, at the Elks Lodge. We will have plenty of backs to be pieced, Orphan Blocks to play with, and projects to work on. We won't be cutting batting, as we already have quite a

few bundles ready for quilting, so we'll postpone that task until August. Come join the fun!

Happy quilting, Everyone!

Diane Stockhaus



July Birthdays

- Kathy Allen
- Rosa Amos
- Lucy Fields
- Sandy Gallo Lee
- Judy Larson
- Peggie MacKenzie
- Linda Marley
- Diana Ramsey
- Judith Ritter
- Linda Snavely
- Diane Stockhaus
- Susan Szot
- Karen Varela

Library News

Bobbie Mae Ball and Sandra Wolf

The library will be open this month. Please return books that are checked out. Please no book donations. Magazines can be donated but should be less than 5 years old. Thank you.

Upcoming Quilt Events in AZ

For the Love of Quilts Show

August 10 - 11, 2023 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

St. Joseph Family Center

1915 S. Penrod Lane

Pinetop, Arizona

Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival

August 31 - September 2 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

WestWorld of Scottsdale

16601 N. Pima Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

MTQG Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2023

President John Ramsey thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to mute cell phones.

Special Announcement: Melanie from Quilt and Sew asked for help from members. A Bernina 570 sewing machine was stolen from the store during regular business hours. If you have any information that might help, please call Melanie at 304-966-2477.

May Minutes: Bobbie Mae Ball motioned to approve, Diana Ramsey seconded, and minutes were approved.

Birthdays: John read the list of June birthdays. Pam Verberg won the drawing.

Presentation of gifts from outgoing President: John Ramsey asked the 27 chairpersons and committee members to come forward. He noted it takes all these people to make Mountain Top Quilt Guild run smoothly. He gave each person a gift to thank them. Then he thanked and gave gifts to each of the board members. Suzy Davidson and board members presented John with his President's quilt made from blocks submitted by guild members and quilted by Kathy Hofmeister.

Refreshments: Linda Snavelly will continue as chair of this activity. The schedule for bringing refreshments will be included in the directory, the newsletter and on the website. Coffee and water will be provided.

Quail Country Quilters from Cottonwood were present with their two opportunity quilts – one a queen size and the second a smaller reversible quilt made from leftover fabrics. Their quilt show is **October 20 and 21, 2023** at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds in Cottonwood. Two tickets will be drawn and the first will receive the queen size and the second the smaller one.

Programs: Erin Sullivan introduced Cheri Heinecke who will be Program Chair for 2023-2024. Erin also reviewed programs for the remainder of the year.

- July will be Heidi Pridemore with a Monday presentation and a Tuesday class on Chain Reaction.
- August will be member Janet Nieuwenhoff with a trunk show followed by an ECHO class on the Accuquilt Cutter.
- September will be member Coco Alaniz with a presentation and a class on aprons. Sign-ups begin in July.

- October will be Karen Miller from Red Bird Quilt Company talking about wool with a Tuesday class.
- November will be Gail Shannon with a presentation and a class on a Sew Kind of Wonderful curved ruler.
- December will be our Holiday Luncheon.

Membership/Guests: Donna Domino introduced new member Marie Gniazdowski and guest Patti Gerlitz. She reminded members that dues need to be paid by the July meeting to have your information included in the 2023-2024 Directory.

New Members Group: Lori McCarthy and John Ramsey will lead this program with meetings beginning in August and held at the Clubhouse where Lori lives or at fabric stores.

Fall Quilt Camp: Janice Zolnierowicz noted camp will be **October 10-13, 2023** at Chapel Rock in Prescott with space for 18 campers. You may work on your own projects or community quilts. Signups will be **August 21** at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms are online. No mail-in forms will be accepted. There will be a waiting list. A non-refundable deposit is due with registration. Costs are \$340 double occupancy, \$406 single and \$170 for commuters. There was a short discussion of refunds for non-attendance and the board will discuss this at their next meeting.

Boutique: Carol Cooley noted the committee will meet after today's luncheon. She suggested a project each month.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 29 quilts were distributed this month with a total of 448 for the year, which is excellent.
- The next workshop will be **Monday, June 26**, here beginning at 9 a.m.
- Marcia McMullen won the drawing.
- The majority of the fabric stored in Diane's garage has been moved to the container here at the Elks.

Twenty-year Members: John Ramsey recognized Kay Denny, Sam Logan and Carol A. Miller who have been members of MTQG for 20 years. Each received a \$20 gift certificate.

Silent Auction: Sandy Gallo Lee won the silent auction for \$1,000 for the Janome sewing machine donated by Carolyn Doyle.

Panel Challenge: The quilts were shown and then on display with voting during the luncheon. Winners were: Third: Janice Zolnierowicz; Second: Deb Mulcahy; and First: Diane Short.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary