



The Summit – November 2023

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023 9:30 am

Elks Lodge
6245 E. 2nd Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2023 9:00 am

Rhoda Chapman's home
Meetings are open; seating is limited
Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

The holidays are approaching so quickly. I am definitely having trouble getting everything accomplished that's on my list. If you are traveling for the holidays, I hope you travel safely and enjoy it. I wanted to bring up a couple of things we discussed at our Board meeting. I really need to ask that you do not enter the Lodge until 8:45 unless you are setting up at one of the tables. Especially if we have an out-of-town speaker who needs to get set up and organized. I know parking is often a problem so if you are coming early to get a close spot, please stay in your car. As we are growing, we are getting a bit cramped for space, so please be patient if the table you are trying to go to is crowded. Because of the time it takes to get through snacks and with the length of some of our great programs, we are asking that you only share two items at Show and Tell. Thanks for all your cooperation and understanding on these two items. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Suzy D

Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

This month on Monday, November 20, we will enjoy Gail Shannon's Trunk Show with her Color and Design Workshop following

the meeting and a quick lunch. There are still a few spots available.

Tuesday November 21, the workshop is Sew Kind of Wonderful Quick Curved Rulers, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost \$50. You will need a QCR Large and/or QCR Mini ruler. There are still a few spots open.

Monday, December 18 is our Guild Holiday Party followed by an ECHOS making Friendship Star Mug Rugs for the boutique. Carol Cooley will provide further information at the meeting. There will be a signup list at the programs table and a supply list on the website.

Monday, January 15, 2024, is TOADS followed by an ECHOS making snap purses for the boutique. There will be a signup list at the programs table and a supply list on the website.

On Monday, February 19, 2024, Patsy Kittredge will do a Trunk Show. She will also do an ECHOS demo for us called, "Playing with Watercolors". Cost for the ECHOS is free, but signups will be needed at the programs table. There is a supply list for those that want to stay after her demo and continue playing with what Patsy taught us. Programs will have some of the supplies.

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, December 6, 2023**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Holiday Party

Suzy Davidson

The Guild holiday party will be on Monday, December 18. We still have a few spots on our signup sheets for food items and also for decorating tables. This used to be something we did at our old location and have simplified it due to our new space. We are supplying a white tablecloth, napkins, plates, and flatware. You can bring an additional tablecloth if you like. So all you need is a fun centerpiece or other type of table décor. We will have the membership vote for their favorite and there will be great prizes. So sign up to host a table. I enjoy sharing the holiday decorations I don't use much anymore. There will be additional information about the party shared with you at the November meeting.

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 last three quilt showings added \$729 to the account. Thank you to all who assisted!

Two more showings are scheduled in December for which I need volunteers and there will be signup sheets at the November meeting:

1. December 1-2 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm is the Jingle Bash in Chino Valley at Del Rio Elem School.
2. December 16 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm is Last-Minute Stocking-Stuffer Bazaar in Prescott at the Prescott Activity Center (Old Armory).

I contacted Wickenburg and was told their show space is small and there is no room for us to display.

I contacted the Lake Havasu Stitchers Guild (80 members) and they have a quilt show we can display our quilt at, February 2-3, or we can display it at an upcoming meeting which is on the third Wednesdays of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Block of the Month

Sue Szot

In November we will be making Block 4, which can be downloaded at:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/american-patchwork-and-quilting/block-month-block-4>

We are getting lots of practice with half and quarter square triangles and flying geese. The secret to a great block is cutting your shapes true to grain and an accurate 1/4 inch seam. Directions for this block are also available in this newsletter under the Activities tab.

Happy Quilting!



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Quilt Show 2024

Diana Ramsey & Linda Rosengarten

Ideas are being discussed, plans are being made and forms are getting updated all to get us ready for our May 31 - June 1, 2024 Quilt Show. Our next committee meeting

will be at 9:30 am on Friday, November 17th at the Ramseys' home. Please contact Diana if you are not on the committee but would like to attend the meeting. Expect the Quilt Registration, Quilts with a Story, and President's Challenge entry forms to show up on the website this month. Some of our committee chairs will be on the General Meeting agenda in November and are looking forward to letting the membership know what they have planned.

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

There will be two free ECHO classes coming up! One in December (Friendship star mug rug) and one in January (a cute mini pouch). Be sure to look for the supply list for those at the Programs table.

The Boutique committee will have some new kits for members to take home to complete. The kits come in a range of completion times, from 15 minutes to an hour. We have also tried online tutorials and will have links to those that seem to be the most straightforward and easy to follow. If you've been wanting to learn how easy a zipper can be to put in, check out the link for the project bag.

The goal is to have each member make one item per month, which will enable us to have a well supplied boutique at the next quilt show. We are hoping each mini group will contribute items as well and have already received items from several groups. It's really fun to see what has been turned in!

So, remember to check out the boutique table at the meeting, get your creative juices flowing to try something new, or make a tried and true project that you know others will like. If you would buy it, then it will be the perfect item to make for the boutique. Thank you for the items already dropped off. We are very excited about what has been turned in.

Community Quilts

Diane Stockhaus and Carol Foss

Our next workshop will be held on Monday, November 27, starting at 9:00 am, at the Elks Lodge in Prescott Valley. This will be our last workshop in 2023, so plan to join in the fun. We will be piecing quilt backs, cutting batting for bundles, and have our 'Free to a Good Home' table.

We will be selling excess guild fabric again at the November regular meeting. Available pieces will be quarter-yards, fat quarters, and homespun. This will be our last sale of the year, so as not to interfere with the guild Holiday Party in December. Starting in January, we will have 'grab bags' for sale. Each bag will contain one pound of miscellaneous fabric of assorted colors and sizes. Each bag will cost \$1, and sold 'as is', that means no swapping of fabric between bags before you buy. What's in the bag is what you buy...but you can swap with your friends to your hearts delight! Again, this will begin in January.

For those of you participating in the current **Community Quilts Arizona Block Challenge**, please don't forget to get your

project going, if you haven't started already. The rules are simple...at least one Arizona Block (pattern included in each package) must be included on your quilt top. If you need backing or batting for your quilt, please come to the monthly workshop for selection availability. Also, if you need help quilting your project, please contact Diane Stockhaus so she can provide you with the names of guild members who have volunteered their time, resources and talents to help with this task. Remember, each quilt must be turned in ready for distribution...which means quilted, bound, and with a guild label affixed to the back of your quilt.

And speaking of labels, I'd like to remind those of you finishing quilts for our monthly donation efforts to attach a guild label to the back of your quilt(s). Labels are always available at the Community Quilts table during our monthly meetings.

And, as always, happy quilting!

Picture below is from November 3 CASA Adoption Day.



Birthdays of the Month

November Birthdays

- Kathy Barrett
- Jeanne Dunk
- Teresa Franco
- Shelley Graham
- Chrissy Henning
- Yvonne Kruser
- Pat Little
- Martha McLellan
- Ann Novak
- Barbara Phil
- Terri Reynolds
- Veronica Sandoval
- Maureen Sinkiewicz
- Laura Stone
- Erin Sullivan
- Jenalee Taylor
- Donna Wagner
- Sharon Watt
- Nancy Williams

New Members Group

John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy

The New Member Group met on Thursday, November 3 at Prescott Quilt Works. A dozen members attended the meeting. Mary Vaughn, owner of the shop was our hostess and showcased the many things offered at the store. Class schedules and programs can be found on her website at: www.prescottquiltworks.com.

Some featured items included the National Parks panels and fabric line. This was very popular with the group.

We discussed the upcoming quilt show and what to expect and shared show and tell projects. Program chair, Cheri Heineken reviewed the process for securing speakers and scheduling classes for the guild which was also very informative. Our guild spends a lot of time and money securing great speakers and educators. Be sure to take advantage.

Overall we had a great meeting. If anyone has not had a chance to visit Prescott Quilt Works, make sure to add this to your list of fabric shops to visit.

It was a lively and fun meeting.

Our next meeting is December 7 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Granite Dells Clubhouse, 5520 Crown Rock Trail in Prescott.

Youth Sewing Program

Diana Ramsey and Janice Zolnierowicz

Our kids have had so much fun making a large variety of items from quilts to bags to flannel pajama pants – and the list goes on! We have a super group of ladies who are dedicated to working with the kids on their sewing adventures, however, we are always looking for additional volunteers, especially in January when we will add about 5 new students to the class.

Please contact Diana or Janice if you would like to help on any Tuesday afternoon. We

meet at the Elks Lodge from about 3:00 to 5:30.

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Cox and Linda Snavely

November 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.

Nadeen Van Dyke, Karen Varela, Cathy Vetrano, Renee Voll, Sue Van Hagel, Ingrid Votava, Donna Wagner, Jan Walls, Vicki Wangenstein, Patricia Ware, Sharon Watt, Kay Wentworth, Nancy Williams, Martie Winkelman

Library News

Bobbie Mae Ball and Sandra Wolf

This is the last month for the library. There are still books to purchase. Any books that are left will be donated. Thank you for supporting the library.

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 October 16, 2023

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

September Minutes: Jeanne Dunk motioned to approve, second by Linda Marley, and approved.

Sad News: Members Carol Stewart and Pat Autry have both passed away.

Birthdays: Suzy Davidson read the list of October birthdays.

Welcome Lonesome Valley with their Opportunity Quilt: Lonesome Valley Quilters are selling tickets today for their Opportunity Quilt. Their boutique is this weekend, October 27 and 28, here at the Elks.

Community Quilt: Suzy Davidson thanked members who attended last month's ECHOS, as well as those who completed quilts this month. She noted there are 3 to 4 bins with backs to be pieced.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing: Vicky Hall, chairperson, noted there are three sign-up sheets available for ticket sales for the next three weekends. Suzy Davidson spoke about an email received from The Rusty Barn advising us that we will not be able to market our Opportunity Quilts there any more since we left our reserved booth unattended over the Labor Day Weekend.

Placemats: Michelle Schneider noted this is the last month for placemats. Remember to put an MTQG label on each placemat. A total of 134+ have been received including today's. She needs about 150.

Fall Camp: Nancy Hall noted this year's theme was Christmas with a surprise visit from Santa. The group worked on 23 community quilts. Fall camp October 8 – 11, 2024 needs new chairmen.

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

- **October 16-17:** Karen Miller, Red Bird Quilts, (<https://redbirdquiltco.com>)
- **November 20-21:** Gail Shannon, a trunk show, on Monday, 11/20, and ½ day workshop. The cost is \$40 on how to select colors and take the fear out of choosing fabrics. Book needed is: A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color & Design: The Basics and Beyond by Heather Thomas. Members will need to order the book

online to have it in time for class. Tuesday, 11/21, the full day workshop, \$50. Teaches how to use Sew Kind of Wonderful, Quick Curve Rulers, Large (12"x7") and/or QCR Mini. Order rulers online if members don't already have them.

- A few members expressed interest in an ECHOS after the holiday luncheon.
- Members from Chino and Paulden can sign up for a new mini group for their area.

Holiday Party: Suzy Davidson noted that sign-ups for salad, desserts and bread were available today; the snack committee will take care of the main dishes. Members can sign up to decorate a table and the decorations will be judged with prizes awarded.

Membership/Guests: Donna Domino noted guests Sylvia Perkins, Karen Kimmel, Margret Boris and Mary Andra Holmes were present. New members include Yvonne Kruser, Kym Mayer, and Pamela Poehlmann. New directories were distributed today. If you did not receive one, she can send you an email copy or you can obtain a printed one next month.

New Member Group: John Ramsey noted the next meeting will be held Thursday, November 2, from 1 to 3 with the location yet to be determined.

Quilt Show Update: Diana Ramsey reported the contract has been signed with set up on May 30, and the show May 31 and June 1 at the Toyota Center. The next quilt show meeting will be held Friday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Diana's home.

Boutique for 2024 Quilt Show: Carol Cooley noted Creative Gypsies have donated several items. The committee would like every member to donate 12 items to the boutique. Sam Logan will do an ECHOS in January on the snap bag.

Block of the Month: Susan Szot showed two completed blocks for this month. Instructions are on the website or can be emailed to participants.

Community Quilts: Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 35 quilts were distributed this month for a total of 168 for the year.
- This month's workshop was canceled due to renovations at the Elks.
- CASA's Adoption Ceremony will be held Friday, November 3, at the Juvenile Center. She asked members to attend.
- Fabric sales will continue with homespun and fat quarters next.

Show and Tell: Quilts were shown by: Marcia McMullen, Maria Williams, Debbie Jones, Sandra Wolf, Patty McClearn, Dona Speights, Kay Wentworth, Jessica Brothers, Diane Short, John Ramsey, Mary Jane Godwin, Kay Hoff, Barbara Phiel, Marcia Ford, Nancy

Hall, Jeanne Dunk, Peggie MacKenzie, Martha McLellan, Bobbie Turnbow, Linda Cox, Sandy Gallo Lee, and Sandy Koch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary