

The Summit – February 2025

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, February 17, 2025 9:30 am

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

Board Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2025 9:00 am

Sue Ely's home
Meetings are open; seating is limited
Contact Bobbie Mae Ball to attend

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you had a great one! As the weather warms up we are going to be outside or in our garden more. However, do not forget we still need quilts finished for Community Quilts so keep them coming.

Thank you everyone who participated in Sewlabration. There was good chili, fun cupcakes, informative demos, and a lot of different tables with items for sale. And do not forget door prizes.

Cheri, Programs Chairperson, has plenty of openings for workshops. Head over to see her to take advantage of all the things you can learn. And also Spring Camp is coming up. There will be information and sign ups at the February meeting.

It is that time of year to think of next year. The nominating committee will be looking for new Board members as well as Committee Chairs. Please consider helping the guild out by taking a position.

Bobbie Mae

Meeting Refreshments

Linda Snavelly

February 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.

1. Linda Craig
2. Susan Cupp
3. Suzy Davidson
4. Kay Denny
5. Jan Dole
6. Donna Domino
7. Patty Duncan
8. Jeanne Dunk
9. Dianna Dunn
10. Sue Ely
11. Lucy Fields
12. Betty Foley
13. Carol Foss
14. Janet Friedrich
15. Sandy Gallo Lee
16. Cheryl Giovenco
17. Velia Glazier

Programs and ECHOS

Cheri Heinecke

Note: Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash or check only.

February	
Mon 02/17	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Karen Bolan Trunk Show Time: 9:30 am

	Karen is coming to us off of QUILTCON. She will be presenting a trunk show and sharing information on engineering our own quilts.
Mon 02/17	Karen Bolan Special Effects with Color Workshop Time: 1:00 - 4:00 Workshop Fee: \$30 Other Fees: None You will develop color confidence and basic color theory, all while having fun! Supply list is available on the guild website. Spots still available.
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March	
Mon 03/17	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Swan Sheridan Trunk Show and Lecture Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Lecture - All About the Base. Using basic shapes and heirloom blocks as jumping off points to create more intricate or modern design work.</p>
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Tue 03/18	<p>Swan Sheridan Threadscapes Workshop Time: 9:00 - 3:00 Workshop Fee: \$50 Other Fees: None</p> <p>This is an introduction to creating landscapes with sky, mountains, and desert foreground with a cactus. You will learn to play with thread on top. Suggested book, <i>Stitched Textiles by Kathleen Matthews</i>.</p> <p>Check out her website (SwanAmityStudios.com).</p>

April	
Mon 04/21	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Martie Winkelman Trunk Show Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Martie will be doing a trunk show.</p>
Mon 04/21	<p>If anyone would like to do an ECHOS, please see me.</p>

May	
Mon 05/19	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Alyce Beach Trunk Show Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Alyce will be doing a trunk show.</p>
Mon 05/19	<p>Alyce Beach Fundamentals of Piecing Time: 1:00 - 4:00 Workshop Fee: \$40 Other Fees: None</p> <p>Alyce will take you from start to finish. Beginner, new to quilting or experienced and not quite sure what went wrong, this workshop is for you. Come and let Alyce teach you. Setup begins 20 minutes before start time.</p>
Tue 05/20	<p>Alyce Beach Fundamentals of Piecing Continued Time: 9:00 - 4:00</p>

A continuation of Monday afternoon's class. Setup begins 20 minutes before start time.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Sewlabration Wrapup

Cherie Heinecke

I hope you were able to join us for Sewlabration 2025. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of you that stepped up and shared your talents. Whether you shared your talents by way of a wonderful demo, making a pot of delicious chili, baking delicious cupcakes, setting up a Sew Shop, or sharing your winner from the show with us, know that you are awesome. You made this a fun and successful event.

Special thanks to John Ramsey, Ann Novak and Nancy Stewart. The interviews were my favorite part of Sewlabration 2025, and I thought it would be the cupcakes. I hope you stayed for these. They were simply delightful.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

It is Winter so cooler temps and threatening weather encourage us to remain in our quilting happy place. In February we will construct the last two blocks, Numbers 11 and 12, of our "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not". Once these two blocks are completed, we will stitch the sashings and pieced corners, and this quilt top will be complete. The designer of this quilt gave permission for us to use this pattern with the promise to send her a photo of our completed quilt tops. How you complete this project is up to you. If you want to do the full quilt, great. If you leave the sashings out, it will be smaller. Perhaps you did a few blocks but did not continue. If so, stitch a few blocks together for a lap quilt or a table runner. Plan to complete your project and bring to our May meeting so that we can share our projects with the guild and take a group photo.

If you are working on "Happy Hues" , you know that we have completed that quilt top. Same instructions: complete your quilt or quilt top and plan to bring your project to our May Guild meeting so we can share with our guild and take a group photo.

Happy Quilting!

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

Community Quilts

Suzy Davidson & Vicky Hall

Vicky and I want to thank everyone for participating in the Community Quilt Overstock sale. We raised over \$800 which will keep us in batting for a few months (we used over 2 rolls on the last workday). To date this fiscal year we have given out 350 quilts and we have 5 months left to donate.

We will have quilts that need to be quilted, quilts that need to be bound and some kits available for you at the February 17th meeting. We'll also continue to sell some of our overstock, 1yd cuts for \$1, fat quarters for \$0.50 and 1 lb. grab bags for \$1.

As we continue to sort through donations, we will have more items for sale. Our next work meeting is on February 24th, at 9:00 am. Come and join us. We have lots of new fabric, started tops and new patterns and backs that need to be pieced! It should be a fun and creative day. Bring lunch as we will be working on projects until 3:00 or 4:00 pm.

Bags for Foster Kids

Diana Ramsey

We had a nice turn out in January for sewing bags for the foster children program and finished about 50 bags. Thank you to all the wonderful sewers who showed up to help with this ongoing project.

Please join us for the next bag sewing day on Saturday, March 22nd at the Elks Lodge from 9:00 to 12:00. All materials and

supplies will be provided – just bring your sewing machine and basic sewing kit. Sign up at the guild meeting or contact Diana at 928-499-8792 or dianajohnramsey@gmail.com

Spring Quilt Camp

Spring Quilt Camp will be from Tuesday through Friday, April 1 to April 4, 2025 at Chapel Rock in Prescott. (www.chapelrock.net) Sign ups will take place starting at our regular guild meeting on Monday, February 17. There is room for 18 campers and a waiting list will be started in case of cancellations.

In order to secure your reservation, you must turn in the registration form and either your deposit of \$170 or full payment at the time of sign ups. The balance will be due at the March 17 guild meeting. This is all non-refundable. Registration forms are available on the MTQG website under Forms.

Prices include hotel-style accommodations (except for day campers), 9 meals at the on-site dining hall, snacks, and an abundance of sewing time with new friends! Bring your own projects to work on.

In a snapshot:

What? Spring Quilt Camp!

Who? MTQG members first! If there is leftover space we will open it up to non-members

When? Tuesday through Friday, April 1-4, 2025

Where? Chapel Rock, 1131 Country Club Drive, Prescott

How Much?

- \$406 for a single occupancy room
- \$340 per person for double occupancy (2 beds per room)
- \$170 for day campers not spending the night



Creative Gypsies Mini Group

Peggie MacKenzie

Creative Gypsies are having an open house on Friday, February 28th at 10:00 am, to share information about our art mini group.

If you would like to attend, please let me know by sending me a text or email so I can get a head count. You can find my contact information in the MTQG directory. I will give you directions to my house when I hear from you.

Opportunity Quilt

Barbara Sheehan

All blocks have been received by our participating Guild members. Work has begun on trimming blocks and design placement. We are on track to reach our schedule. Here's a preview.

AQG Sew Whimsical Wrap Up

Debbie Jones

The morning was cold, damp and dark. The quilters were at their appointed places at the right times. Our bus arrived and we couldn't get on board fast enough! The bus was warm and we settled into our comfy seats and enjoyed letting someone else do the driving. Everyone was excited to be on our way to Mesa, including Winnie! The friendship was evident by the conversations going on. Many of you were lucky winners of gift certificates to our wonderful quilt shops—enjoy using them for your next project!

The show did not disappoint. Many, many quilts including a fantastic youth quilt exhibit that gives hope for the next generation to carry on. The vendors were in their glory as well, enticing us with fabric, patterns, tools and some tasty treats.

We are always grateful for Master's Touch Charter Bus Tours for the beautiful bus and the wonderful driver, Shana Banana, who brought us to the show and back home again safely. Thank you for another great trip and we look forward to next year.

We do not have any information about next year's quilt show as yet. AQG is searching for a new location, so when they know, we will be informed. Until then, keep creating, quilting and signing up for the fabulous classes Cheri is bringing to our guild!!



February Birthdays

1. Theresa Barnard
2. Julie Dodds
3. Betty Foley
4. Cheryl Giovenco
5. Sherrie Hubbs
6. Norma Jarrels
7. Debbie Kelley
8. Karen B. Kimmel
9. Julia Laraway
10. Jan Mawk
11. Carol C. Miller
12. Kathy Oppelt
13. Renee Voll

For Sale

Janome Skyline S-7 Asking \$1,100.
Machine is in perfect condition. Last routine maintenance service was December 12th, 2024.

Features:

Color LCD Touch Screen
240 Built In Stitches
11 One Step Buttonholes
7 Alphabets that go up to 9mm width
Top Loading 9mm Full Rotary Hook
Automatic Thread Tension
Built in Advance Needle Threader
Snap On Presser Feet
Memorized Needle Up / Down position
Automatic Presser Foot Lift / Pivot Feature
Automatic Thread Cutter
2 Acu-feed "walking feet"
Free Motion Quilting / Ruler Work capability
USB port for adding stitches
Knee Lift
Extra Lg. Foot Controller
8.5" throat space
Spiral bound manual
Janome Black Canvas Machine Cover
25 lbs (easily taken to classes)

The Janome S-7 retails for \$2,000 plus approximately \$180 in sales tax.

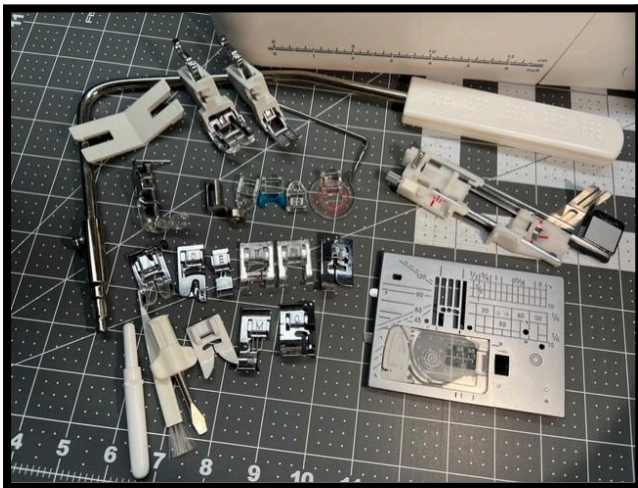
Contact Susan Ryan at 805-235-9686 for more info.

Upcoming Quilt Events



Chino Valley Quilters Rummage Sale
February 14, 2025 9:00 - 3:00
Chino Valley United Methodist Church
735 East Road 1 South
Chino Valley, AZ

Quilter's Point of View Quilt Show
February 22, 2025
View Point Golf Resort
8700 E. University Drive
Mesa, AZ



QuiltCon Phoenix
February 20-23, 2025
Phoenix Convention Center
100 N 3rd St.
Phoenix, AZ

Splendor in the Desert Biennial Quilt Show
March 14-15, 2025
Historic Canoa Ranch
5375 I-19 Frontage Rd.
Green Valley, AZ

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2025

President Bobbie Mae thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to their mute cell phones @ 9:30 a.m.

Approval of December meeting minutes: Beth Miller made motion to approve minutes, and Dona Speights seconded motion. Minutes were approved.

Birthdays/Sunshine: Bobbie Mae read the list of January birthdays with some missing.

Bobbie Mae reminded everyone who brings a snack to mark your name off the list so Linda knows who brought them.

Programs – (Cheri Heinecke):

- **January 21 - Sewlabration 2025 – Sew Much to Do! Free 9-3pm**
- **February 17 –Karen Bolan (KarenBolan.com).** She is coming to us off of QUILTCON. Karen is doing a trunk show and talking to us about engineering our own quilts. The afternoon workshop from 1-4 is Special Effects with Color, \$30, no kit/pattern fee. You will develop color confidence and basic color theory, all while having fun! Check out her website for more information.
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on top. There is a suggested book, *Stitched Textiles* by Kathleen Matthews. Check out her website for more information and pictures.

Cheri started off Sewlabration 2025 by drawing 5 raffle ticket winners and then ended drawing 6 raffle ticket winners before break. Cheri advised of schedule for tomorrow, Tuesday –

8:00: Setup Sew Shop Table, Demoers, Chili Cookers, Cupcake Bakers, and Ask the Expert Participants

8:45: Doors Open and Sew Shop Tables open and stay open until 3pm.

9-11:00: Rotating Demos start

11:30-1:30: Chili Cook off

12:30-1:30: Ask the Experts

2:00: Chili Champion Crowning

3:00: That's All Folks

Cupcakes available all day until gone!

Meals on Wheels Placemats – (Michele Schneider): Michele thanks those who brought in placement today and thanked everyone. Michele introduced Neal Sneller, the director of Meals on Wheels, who thanked everyone.. He said they they have over 400 homebound individuals in Prescott Valley and Prescott. If you are looking for an Arizona tax credit, please consider contributing cash donation to Meals on Wheels. In Dewey, they have 28 at this time with a wait list and they distribute from a hub. Chino Valley has their own Meals on Wheels through the city.

Opportunity Quilt Design—(Barbara Sheehan, Karen Austermiller, and Norma Jarrels): Bobbie Mae said the committee did not want to get up and talk and they just wanted to remind everyone to turn their blocks into Norma Jarrels today.

Membership - Directory –New members & guests – (Donna Domino): Donna reminded everyone that after today, the dues are \$20 for the remainder of the year. We had 3 guests today, Janice, Vanessa, and Karen. We have 190 members as of today.

Creative Gypsies – (Suzy Davidson): Suzy and some of her members in their Art Quilt mini group showed off their latest challenge. They are having an open house on February 28 and they meet the 4th Friday of each month. We currently only have 6 members so consider coming to the open house and see if it's something you might be interested in.

Color n Design – (Liz Hart): Liz advised of a new mini group called Color n Design. They meet 1st Friday at 9:30-11:00 am at Diane Short's house in Chino Valley. If interested come to a meeting.

Mesa Bus Trip- (Debbie Jones): Debbie Jones said the trip was wonderful and everyone had a good time. It started out cold and dark in the morning but they had perfect weather in Mesa.

Block of the Month- (Susan Szott): Susan showed sample of block 8, 9, & 10 and then block 11 & 12 next month and then showing the quilt top in May for Loves Me Loves Me Not. Happy Hues will be finishing this month with the top done. The Acquit made the cutting of this layout so much easier.

Fun Day – (Diane Stockhaus): Diane showed the sample quilt done last year. April 22 is the date starting @ 9am until we are done. Lunch will be provided as well as the kits to make the top.

Spring Camp – (Liz Rider) Liz advised the Spring Camp is from April 1- 4 at Chapel Rock. See out website for costs. Anyone who has any leftover 2 ½ binding please consider donating to her.

Bobbie Mae presented Diana with gift card and card thanking her for all her hard work for several years with the Youth Quilters.

Casa Foundation – (Diana Ramsey): Diana advised of another sew day to make foster care bags on January 25, 2025 from 9am to 1pm at the Elks. Signup sheet is on the table.

Youth Quilting – (Janice Zolnuierowicz): Nothing to report at this time.

Community Quilts – (Suzy Davidson & Vicky Hall): Suzy said they took in 14 tops and they have 7 bins to sort through. We are caught up on backs and will begin cutting binding and batting for next month. Suzy advised we donate to Prescott Area Shelter Services, Maggie's Hospice, Veteran Affairs, Launch Pass, and recently include Quad City Police and Fire Departments.

- Took in 339 completed quilts so far this year
- Marcia McMullen won the drawing.

Show and Tell – (Kay Wentworth): Bobbie Turnbow is covering for Kay Wentworth while she is on vacation. Rosemary Carr, Maureen Little, Sherri Hubbs, Judy Larson, Mary Jane Godin (5 Amigos), Norma Jarrels, Kay Hoff, Marcia McMullen, Rags to Bags (Janice Z, Jeannie D, Nancy H), Nancy Hall, Diana Ramsey, Michele Schneider, and Sandy Koch.

Adjourn 10:30

Break

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Brungardt, Secretary