



# The Summit – January 2024

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, January 15, 2024 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Monday, February 5, 2024 9:00 am**

Sue Ely's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Suzy Davidson to attend

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## President's Message

Happy 2024!

I hope everyone had the holiday season they were hoping for and if you were traveling that you made it home safely. Our holiday party was a great event and I know everyone enjoyed seeing all the creative table decorations and of course the amazing food. Thank you to everyone who helped make the party a success.

Now it's time to get to work on those quilts for our show, "Every Quilt's a Memory", May 31 through June 1 at the Prescott Valley Event Center. I love helping with our quilt shows, getting quilts hung, helping visitors, and answering questions. There is something for everyone to do. And of course, it's always fun to show your latest creations. Quilt show applications are due in March, but your quilt does not have to be completed at that time. You will need to know the finished size and if a photo is possible, great, but if not fabric swatches or color scheme will do. The finished quilts will be turned in on May 30th at the Event Center for hanging.

Cheri has scheduled some great speakers and classes for us this spring so you might even get some ideas for new projects. There is so much going on please make sure to read your newsletter and check the website. That's where you will find the most updated information.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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## **Programs and ECHOS**

*Cheri Heinecke*

What's happening with Programs:

This month, **January 15, 2024**, we will have our TOADS, Treasured Objects Almost Done, presentation. These are the members who agreed to complete the quilt you voted for, so come and see how they did. If they did not complete the assigned quilt they will need to beg for mercy. After the meeting we will have an ECHOS on making snap purses for the boutique led by member Sam Logan.

**February 19, 2024**, Patsy Kittredge will present a Trunk Show and lecture. After the meeting she will do a free demo for us called, "Playing with Watercolors." It is FREE but you will 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 Patsy just taught us. Programs will have some of the supplies.

**March 18, 2024**, Ann L. Petersen, The Obsessive Quilter (<https://obsessivequilter.weebly.com>). Her lecture is titled, "What the Judges are Looking For". **March 18, 2024**, a workshop called Beginner Free Motion Quilting on your domestic machine from 1:00-4:00, set-up at 12:40, \$20 cost, no kit fee. **Tuesday, March 19**, the workshop is "Curves Again", Paper Pieced Curves, 9:00-4:00, set-up at 8:40, \$30, no kit fee. Supply lists will be on the website in January. Sign-ups will start at the January 15th meeting.

**April 15, 2024**, Cynthia England, will present Picture Piecing ([cynenglanddesign.com](http://cynenglanddesign.com)), a trunk show of her unique picture piecing method. Following the meeting will be a workshop, Roadrunner Landscape, 1:00-4:00, set-up at 12:40, \$30, kit fee \$43 Kit includes everything you need for the top including pattern and binding. **Tuesday April 16** there will be a workshop called Small Landscapes. There are 2 choices - Old Grist Mill or Southwest Splendor. The class is 9:00-4:00, set-up at 8:40, \$38 plus a kit fee of \$58. This kit includes everything you need to make the top of the quilt including the binding. The first half of the class will focus on making the small 15" x 18" landscape quilt. The second half of the day will focus on turning your own photos into a picture piecing pattern. All supplies for this are included in the kit. Signups begin at the January 15th meeting.

Upcoming programs to look forward to:

- Mel Beach ([melbeachquilts.com](http://melbeachquilts.com))
- Jill Finley ([jillilystudio.com](http://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 **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

### TOAD Reveal

*Susan Perry*

It's TOAD time!! Did our volunteer's finish their Treasured Objects? Will they have smiles on their faces or sad stories to share? Come clap for their efforts at this month's 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*

Happy New Year to all of you!

Desert Diamond will be on display at our January 15th meeting to give you all an opportunity to purchase tickets in hopes of winning! Remember to bring your \$\$\$.

Barbara Sheehan and I will show and sell tickets at Thumb Butte's meeting on Monday, January 8th. Then Peggie MacKenzie and I will do the same for the Red Rock Quilters group in Sedona on Tuesday, January 9th!

### Block of the Month

*Sue Szot*

Welcome to 2024. This month we are starting out with Block 5 of our 8-block quilt. We are getting great practice with half square and quarter square triangles and making some very interesting blocks. I encourage you to make this quilt two blocks at a time, perhaps in two color-ways, one to keep and one to donate to our Community Quilts. Don't forget that our Quilt Show is coming up in a few months and this quilt will make a great addition to display. The pattern for each month's block can be downloaded under the Activities tab of the Mountain Top Quilt Guild website.





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## Quilts with a Story

*Joan Carrell and Peggie MacKenzie*

Our quilt show is fast approaching and we need your quilts with a story! During our show we will have several quilt turnings during which we will display and narrate your quilts that have special stories. Your stories can be family stories, humorous, sentimental or historic and can be any size. You do not have to be the quilt maker. This event is one of the high points of the show. Make sure your special quilt is included! You will find the registration forms on our website. We will also have some available at our membership meetings. Remember, every quilt has a story!

If you have any questions please contact us.

## Small Quilt Auction

*Valorie Nelson & Susan Ryan*

Thank you to all who have already donated beautiful, quilted 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*

Beginning in January, we will be selling fabric Grab Bags, each containing one pound (mostly more) of fabric scraps, for \$1 each. The bags contain various sizes and colors of fabrics and will be sold "as is". You are welcome to swap fabrics with your friends, but we ask that you do NOT open and swap fabric before your purchase.

We will resume our monthly workshops on Monday, January 22, starting at 9:00 am, at the Elks Lodge in Prescott Valley. Several rolls of batting will need to be cut; backs will need to be pieced; and our ever popular "Free to a Good Home" table will have plenty to choose from. Come join the fun!

Participants in the Community Quilts 2024 Quilt Show Challenge are reminded that your project should be completed by the April Guild meeting. If you need backing

fabric, or batting, please come to the workshops to get needed supplies. If you need help with quilting your project, please contact Diane Stockhaus as soon as you can. Several Guild members have volunteered to help with quilting, and Diane can get you in touch with a volunteer.

Happy Quilting!



### **January Birthdays**

- Jan Adams
- Claire Bell
- Judy Brungardt
- Holly Caruso
- Ivy Chavez
- Donna Domino
- Mary Jane Godwin
- Carnell Hafer-Spitz
- Deena Knight
- Marcia McMullen
- Julie Nanke
- Janet Nieuwenhoff
- Susan Ryan
- Judy Sloan
- Danette Tice
- Lynn Vache
- Cathy Vetrano
- Sandra Wolf

### **New Members Group**

*John Ramsey and Lori McCarthy*

The new member group meeting took place on January 4th. We discussed various sewing gadgets including different marking pens and when and how to use them. A selection of scissors was also shown - fabric shears, spring loaded shears and small thread cutting shears. Members also brought show and tell projects.

Our next meeting will include an update on the quilt show from Diana Ramsey and a demonstration of the Frixion pens. As always, we will have a show and tell and encourage everyone to bring their favorite sewing gadget. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on February 1st from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Granite Dells Clubhouse, 5220 Crown Rock Trail, Prescott.

### **AQG Bus Trip**

*Debbie Jones*

THE BUS! THE BUS! THE B-U-S!!

Well, that's what we used to shout when we saw the school bus coming around the corner. We are getting ready for the annual AQG Quilt Show bus trip to Mesa on Friday, March 21st. The "Hip To Be Square" show should be yet another great gathering of quilts and quilters. Of course the vendors, lectures and classes are always a great way to spend a day in the valley of the sun.

Mark your calendars. We will have one bus making two pickups—in Prescott, Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 69 and Prescott Valley,

Kohl's parking lot on Glassford Hill Road. There will be water and snacks provided as well as a few games to help pass the time and prizes. We all like to win prizes and there will be some good ones!

The cost of the ticket is not finalized but will be comparable to last year's price. It's a great way to enjoy the ride down and home again with friends in a beautiful tour bus from Master's Touch charter bus service. We have 54 seats available and MTQG members will have priority, but guests are also welcome. Signup sheets will be at the January 15 and February 19 meetings. Payment will be required when you register.

I'll see you at the registration table this Monday before the meeting and during the break. Let's have some fun—ROAD TRIP!!!

Debbie Jones, Bus Trip Coordinator

### **Youth Sewing Program**

*Diana Ramsey and Janice Zolnierowicz*

Our new class begins January 9th and we have 5 new students joining our 8 continuing students this session. We like to pair the new kids one-on-one with an adult, if possible, so we will need additional volunteers. 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.

### **Spring Quilt Camp**

*Deb Mulcahy, Dona Speights & Bobbie Turnbow*

Spring Quilt Camp will be Tuesday, April 2 - Friday, April 5, 2024 at Chapel Rock in Prescott. Sign ups will take place at 9:00 on Monday, February 19th, prior to the start of the February Guild meeting. 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 your registration form and either your deposit of \$170 or full payment at the time of sign up. The balance will be due at the March 18th Guild meeting. This is non-refundable, unless there is someone on the waitlist who can fill your vacancy. Registration forms are available on the MTQG website under Forms.

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

- \$340 per person double occupancy
- \$406 for a single occupancy
- \$170 for day campers not spending the night

No mail in registrations will be accepted.

### **Meeting Refreshments**

*Linda Cox and Linda Snavelly*

January 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.

Theresa Barnard, Kathy Barrett, Claire Bell, Jill Bodine, Jeanie Braheme, Judy Brungardt, Gerry Carr, Joan Carrell, Holly Caruso, Rhoda Chapman, Ivy Chavez, Ruth Ann Clark, Carol Cooley, Linda Coppola

### **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!

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Please call Carol Foss 303-881-1123 for additional information \$3500



### **Upcoming Quilt Events**

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival  
**January 25-27, 2024**  
Arizona Exposition and State Fair  
1826 West McDowell Rd  
Phoenix AZ

*Bridge of Friendship XV*  
**February 2-3, 2024**  
Havasu Aquatic Center  
100 Park Avenue  
Lake Havasu City, AZ

Quilt Fiesta 2024  
**February 23-25, 2024**  
Pima County Fairgrounds  
11300 S. Houghton Road  
Tucson, AZ

Quilters Point of View Quilt Show  
**February 24, 2024**  
View Point Golf Resort  
8700 E. University Drive  
Mesa, AZ

## MTQG Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2023

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

**November Minutes:** Barbara Stein motioned to approve, second by Sherri Hubbs, and approved.

**Birthdays:** Suzy Davidson read the list of December birthdays.

**Opportunity Quilt Marketing:** Vicky Hall, chairperson, noted tickets were sold at the Jingle Bash in Chino Valley and the Stocking Stuffer event last Saturday. Volunteers are needed for two events in January – the Thumb Butte Quilters meeting and the Sedona Quilt Show.

**Placemats:** Michelle Schneider noted that a total of 240 placemats were delivered to Meals on Wheels and were very much appreciated. Meals on Wheels would like us to continue this program year-round.

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

- January is TOADS: Treasured Objects Almost Done will be revealed.
- Information for future programs is in the newsletter and signups will resume in January.

**Membership/Directory Update:** Suzy Davidson noted that updates will be distributed quarterly beginning in January.

**New Member Group:** Suzy Davidson noted the next meeting will be held Thursday, January 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Granite Dells Clubhouse.

**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 noted bookmarks have been received and are available for distribution. Entry forms are on the website and the quilt show logo is on Facebook and our website. The next meeting will be Friday, January 12 at 9:30 at Diana's home.



**Block of the Month:** This program resumes in January.

**Community Quilts:** Diane Stockhaus reported:

- 43 quilts were distributed this month for a total of 262 for the first half of the year.
- There will not be a workshop this month but will resume in January.
- Agencies that receive quilts include Az Crisis, VA, CASA, various Hospice facilities, AZ Life. U.S. Vets are now looking for twin-size quilts.

The **Bag Lady Group** then had a drawing to give away bags the group had made.

**Show and Tell:** Quilts were shown Suzy Davidson, Linda Marley, Linda Trudeau, Kay Wentworth, Cindy Hermann, Peggie MacKenzie, Bev Thomas, Carolyn Wright, and Diane Short.

**Holiday Party:** The annual Holiday Party was held following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Chapman, Secretary