



# The Summit – May 2025

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, May 19, 2025 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025 9:30 am**

Sue Ely's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Bobbie Mae Ball to attend

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## President's Message

Hello Quilters!

Spring is busting out all over! We are even receiving much needed moisture.

May is a busy month for MTQG. We have our annual meeting prior to our regular meeting. We will be electing a new Board and voting on the Budget for 2025-26. Quilts made for Block of the Month and Fun Day will be shown. After the meeting, stay for a Trunk Show by Alice Leach from the Copper Needle. She will also be having a workshop.

A reminder we have suspended snacks. You may bring your own snack and water.

Sign up to decorate a table at the June Luncheon. **"Free For All"** is the theme. Have fun decorating any way you wish.

In the meantime keep on quilting!

Happy Quilting!

Bobbie Mae

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## Programs and ECHOS

*Cheri Heinecke*

Note: See the Programs Table for more information and ask any questions you may have. Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash or check only.

May	
<b>Mon 05/19</b>	<b>MTQG Annual Meeting</b> Time: 9:30 am
<b>Mon 05/19</b>	Monthly Guild Meeting <b>Program: Alyce Beach Trunk Show</b> Time: After the meeting  Alyce is coming to us from The Copper Needle and will be doing a trunk show.
<b>Mon 05/19</b>	<b>Alyce Beach Fundamentals of Piecing</b> Time: 1:00 - 4:00 Workshop Fee: \$40 Other Fees: None  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.
<b>Tue 05/20</b>	<b>Alyce Beach Fundamentals of Piecing Continued</b> Time: 9:00 - 4:00  A continuation of Monday

afternoon's class. Setup begins 20 minutes before start time.

June	
<b>Mon 06/16</b>	Monthly Guild Meeting <b>Spring Luncheon</b> Time: 9:30 am  The June meeting will be our luncheon to honor all the members of our guild. The theme is "Free For All". We will be providing a summertime lunch.  There are 18 tables of 8 to decorate in whatever theme you wish. The Board will provide tablecloths, tableware, napkins and plates. There will be a signup sheet for table decorating at the May 19th meeting.  The Lodge is kind enough to allow us to decorate on Sunday evening June 15th after 7:00 pm. Otherwise you may decorate Monday morning after 8:15am.

July	
<b>Mon 07/21</b>	Monthly Guild Meeting <b>Program: Kay Wentworth, Member</b> Time: 9:30 am  Kay will be doing a trunk show.

<b>Tue 07/22</b>	<p><b>Kay Wentworth Workshops</b>  <b>Applique Lettering</b>  Time: 9:00 am - Noon  Workshop Fee: \$10  Other Fees: None</p> <p>Kay will be doing a half day workshop on applique lettering.</p> <p><b>How to Make Eyes</b>  Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  Workshop Fee: \$10  Other Fees: None</p> <p>This half day workshop will focus on making eyes.</p>
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**Notice of Annual Meeting**

Mountain Top Quilters Guild Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 19, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley.

**2025-2026 Budget**  
*Sue Ely*

Please reference budget documents emailed with the newsletter. Dues will be increased to \$40 this year. Unfortunately, with the current financial conditions and the cost of everything increasing, we had to increase our dues to help alleviate the continuing deficit of funds. In our quest to balance the budget, we had to cut and reduce in many areas. Without an increase, there would have to be more cuts to our budget. This slight increase is shared by everyone in the guild and will make our financial situation stronger.

This budget was reviewed carefully and revised by the Budget Committee on April 28, 2025 and approved by the Board on May 5, 2025. Thank you.

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

**Community Quilts**  
*Suzy Davidson & Vicky Hall*

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's Community Quilt Day. We were able to use all the left-over batting pieces and sandwiched many smaller quilts. Good for domestic machines so stop by and pick up one or two at the May meeting.

We are needing 40 quilts for the sheriff's office this month, both children and adults. We are watching several sites for batting sales but Hobbs seems to be the best if we have labels.

We will be selling 1 yard cuts , fat quarters for \$0.25 and 1 lb. grab bags for \$1.00. We had another donation to the guild so will be sorting fabric at the Community Quilts meeting and we have a lot of new orphan blocks, quilt starts and kits. (Plus, our free to a good home table is growing).

We hope you can come and join us on May 26. (Yes, we know it's Memorial Day.) We will have everything out and ready for you at 9:00 am. Bring a lunch and sit and sew until 3:00 pm.

## **Bags for Foster Kids**

*Diana Ramsey*

We presented 65 bags to CASA for Kids in April! What an amazing group of volunteers we have in the guild.

The next sewing day will be an ECHOS program following the August 18th meeting. Bring a lunch and your sewing machine or use one of the kids' machines we have in the storage container if you don't want to haul yours in. All materials and supplies will be provided. Sign ups will be at the July guild meeting or contact Diana at (928) 499-8792 (dianajohnramsey@gmail.com).

If you would like to make the bags at home, the instructions are now posted on our website.

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

## **2026 Quilt Show**

*Jill Bodine & Theresa Barnard*

During the April meeting, the membership voted on the theme for our 2026 Quilt Show. Unanimously, Stitches of Love is it. This sounds like a great theme as I know all of our quilts are stitched with love.

We are just starting to get organized and review the materials from our last show in 2024. One of our first duties is soliciting for

volunteer chairmen for the different activities that will need to be overseen. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please let Jill or Theresa know. We have binders for each of these positions, so you won't be going at it blind. As well, we have names of all the previous chairpersons who can provide any overview if needed.

Admissions Chair  
Boutique Chair  
Hanging Chair  
Publicity Chair  
Quilt Descriptions - Diana Ramsey  
Commemorative Labels  
Quilts with a Story  
Quilt Registration - Beth Miller  
Small Quilt Auction  
Vendors  
Welcome Booth  
Ribbons

## **Block of the Month**

*Susan Szot*

Happy Spring, Quilters! If you are like me, you are planning summer travel and activities but retaining time in your schedule to enjoy making quilting memories. Please remember, if you participated in the 24-25 year Blocks of the Month, this next meeting is when you bring your quilt top to share with the rest of the group. The designer of the "**He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not**" (the one without any bias edges) requires a photo of the quilts our guild made of her pattern, as a condition of use, so please come ready for a photo.

Speaking of this designer, she has designed some of the quilts being considered for next year's Blocks of the Month. I'd really value your input on which two quilts to make. You may vote for up to two and either cast your vote by email (I am in the directory) or come to my table during our May meeting and cast your vote in person. These quilts make lovely gifts and can always be Community Quilts donations. Because they are spread out over an entire year, each month's section is easily accomplished. Additionally, our guild will have a Quilt Show in 2026 and our completed BOMs can be displayed there.

I look forward to your votes and will certainly enjoy making the selected quilts along with you.

**Gemtones.** This pattern is Accuquilt compatible with the 10" Block Cube and also has rotary cutting directions. Our guild has the 8" Block Cube which will make the quilt design, but the finished size of the blocks would be 12" square instead of 15" square as the directions call for. The pattern, as written, will make a 70 1/2" by 93" finished quilt. If using the 8" Block Accuquilt dies, the finished size would be closer to 58" by 76". This pattern will stretch over 9 months.



**Majestic Beauty.** This is a traditionally pieced quilt with the blocks set on point. It finishes at 81" square. Each individual block finishes to 13" square. Directions will be given over 10 months.





**Hometown Heros.** This pattern meets the requirements for Quilt of Valor donations to be given to a service member who has served in war. The finished quilt is 63" by 80 1/2" and the blocks finish to 15 " square. Only 3 fabric colors are used in the quilt and directions will be given over 10 months.



**Midnight Stargazer.** This quilt features 12" finished blocks with a 3 1/2 " border all around. It is traditionally pieced and the whole quilt finishes to 67" by 79". Directions will be given over 10 months.



**Graceful Garden.** This quilt finishes to 81" square. It is traditionally pieced with a central medallion that finishes to 36" square and is surrounded by 18" square blocks. Directions will be given over 10 months.



## Opportunity Quilt

*Barbara Sheehan, Karen Austermiller, Norma Jarrels*

The Opportunity Quilt for 2025-2026 is complete and the Committee is excited to present it at the May meeting. I must say that it is STUNNING and everyone who contributed their time and creativity for this AMAZING quilt will be recognized at the May meeting. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Also, because I know that you will be as excited as we are, we will have tickets available to purchase at the meeting. Tickets are the same price \$1 for one ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.



## May Birthdays

1. Suzy Davidson
2. Faye Gaines
3. Deb Mulcahy
4. Stephanie Romesburg
5. Angela Smith

## Upcoming Quilt Events

Every Quilters Home Town Quilt Show  
Thumb Butte Quilters

***June 13-1, 2025***

Prescott High School  
1050 Ruth Street  
Prescott, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

***August 28-30, 2025***

WestWorld of Scottsdale  
16601 N. Pima Road  
Scottsdale, AZ

## MTQG General Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2025

President Bobbie Mae thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones at 9:30 AM.

**Approval of March meeting minutes:** Deb Godin made motion to approve minutes, and Sam Logan seconded motion. Minutes were approved.

**Birthdays/Sunshine:** Bobbie Mae read the list of April birthdays and announced that long time member and past president Evelyn Russell had passed away. She also announced that members Deb Godin and Carol A. Miller had both recently lost their husbands. Judy Brungardt's brother also passed away. Our condolences to these members.

**Board Openings:** President Bobbie Mae informed the guild that President elect Vicky Hall has resigned her position. Peggie MacKenzie made a motion that Suzy Davidson would take over as President elect for the remainder of the term. Motion was seconded by Diane Stockhaus. Motion passed.

### Programs – (Cheri Heinecke):

- **Today, April 21, 2025 – Martie Winkelman** will be doing a trunk show with her quilts. Following the meeting, Member Lolly Platt will be teaching us how to do very, very narrow borders, not flange.
- **May 19, 2025 - Alyce Leach** will be doing a trunk show and lecture on Fundamentals of Piecing from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Workshop Fee: \$40 Other Fees: None. 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.
- **May 20, 2025 – Alyce Leach** Fundamentals of Piecing - A continuation of Monday afternoon's class from 9:00 – 4:00 pm. Setup begins 20 minutes before start time. Cheri advised that starting in July, we are going to have what she calls The Summer of Members. Some of our members are putting on programs for us.
- **June 16, 2025- Spring/Summer Luncheon**
- **July 21, 2025- Kay Wentworth** will teach us how to do lettering for quilting.
- **August 18, 2025 - Janice Zolnierowicz** will teach a workshop on bag construction.



- **September 15, 2025 - Joan Carrell** will teach us how to make a conceal carry cross body bag. She recommends the site [sallietomato.com](http://sallietomato.com) for bag supplies.
- **October 20, 2025 - Elizabeth Phinder** will present a workshop on hand work.

**Opportunity Quilt Design—(Barbara Sheehan, Karen Austermiller, and Norma Jarrels):** The Opportunity Quilt is now with Diana Ramsey for binding. Next, Marti Winkelman will make the label. The Opportunity Quilt will be presented to the guild at the May 19th meeting. Tickets will go on sale after the presentation.

**Membership - Directory – New members & guests – (Donna Domino):** Donna advised the guild that we have no visitors today and that the new directory has been emailed out to our 200+ membership.

**Nominations and Committee Chairman - (Bobbie Mae Ball):** Bobbie Mae informed the guild that all positions for the new board are open and must be filled. A brief description and duties of each position was discussed. Suzy Davidson reminded the guild that some of these positions can be split between two members. After much discussion, the following people volunteered for the positions. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering your time to fill these roles.

- **President: Jan Walls**
- **President Elect: Diane Short**
- **Secretary: Charlotte Maris**
- **Treasurer: Deb Godin**
- **Programs: Elizabeth Phinder**

**Budget – :** Bobbie Mae informed the guild that membership dues would be \$35 next year. Much discussion followed about the proposed budget. It was suggested that a sub committee should look at the budget and the guild will vote on the budget at the May meeting.

**Block of the Month- (Susan Szot):** Sue asked that those members who participated in the BOM program bring their completed quilts/tops to the May meeting for photos. She also asked the guild members to stop by the BOM table and vote on the quilts for next year.

**Fun Day – (Diane Stockhaus):** Diane Stockhaus reminded us that fun day is on April 22 at 9AM to 3:30PM. Lunch will be served and bring your sewing machines with neutral thread and bobbins. Doors open for set up at 8:30.

**Spring Camp – (Barbara Saia)** Barbara was not present at this meeting, but those who attended said they had a great time.

**Spring Luncheon - (Bobbie Mae Ball)** There is no theme for the luncheon but table decorators are needed. Please sign up if you're interested in decorating a table.

**Foster bags – (Diana Ramsey):** Diana reported that 22 finished bags have been returned. She is again taking donations of flannel, at least one yard cuts. No scraps. Foster bags may be presented in a future ECHOS.

**Quilt Show Chairman and Theme - (Bobbie Mae Ball):** Bobbie Mae read the suggested themes. The guild voted to call our 2026 show ***Stitches of Love***. Bobbie Mae asked for volunteers to chair the upcoming quilt show. **Theresa Barnard** and **Jill Bodine** volunteered to be co-chairs. Thank you, ladies.

**Youth Quilting – (Janice Zolnierowicz):** Janice was not present.

**Community Quilts – (Suzy Davidson & Peggie MacKenzie):** Suzy reminded everyone that Community Quilts meets the 4th Monday of each month from 9-3. Today we received over 85 quilts as well as several wheelchair quilts. John Ramsey won the drawing.

**Show and Tell – (Kay Wentworth):** No Show and Tell today due to the length of the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggie MacKenzie, fill in for Judy Brungardt, Secretary