



The Summit – February 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, February 16, 2026 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026 9:00 am

Elizabeth Phinder's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

Here we are, about to celebrate St. Valentine's Day! It's such a fun time, with plenty of opportunities to show your feelings for loved ones, and partake in the chocolate feast! At least, that's what I do! And as a reminder of our good fortune, creating quilts and giving back to our community is so gratifying.

Let's keep up the good work of our guild, and help those less fortunate and in need of a little warmth and love.

Happy quilting, everyone!

Diane Stockhaus

Programs

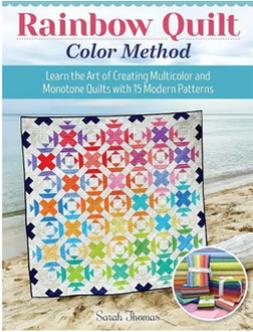
Elizabeth Phinder

See the Programs Table for more information. Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash, check or Zelle. **Supply lists are available [here](#)**. No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

February	
Mon 2/16	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Renee Hromish Trunk Show Time: 9:30 am Join us to learn all about Renee

	and see her beautiful trunk show!!
Tue 2/17	<p>Renee Hromish - Exploring the Art of Fabric Collage Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$25 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>In this class we will discuss different methods of approaching fabric collage. You will learn options you have for fusing or glueing down and assembling your project. We will discuss fabric choices and how to use them to make your creation more interesting. Join in the fun and come create with us.</p> 

March	
Mon 3/16	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Sarah Thomas of Sariditty - Rainbow Quilt Color Method Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Learn how to dissect the color wheel, learn color terminology that helps when choosing fabrics, and use a handful of helpful tools to choose quilt</p>

	<p>palettes and focal fabrics. Sarah shares her approach to selecting a harmonious palette that achieves design strength through color placement. You'll be inspired to dive into her book to start creating your own colorful creations. Sarah will also be available to sign your copy of her book. sariditty.com</p> 
Mon 3/16	<p>Sarah Thomas Workshop - Sketch Book Quilting Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$30 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>Sketchbook Quilting is Sarah's approachable, uninhibited, "no rules" style of free-motion quilting. In this fun hands-on workshop, you will become more comfortable with drawing your own style of free-motion designs. You'll turn these designs into multiple groupings and combinations by building off the foundation pieces Sarah will teach. In doing so, you'll be ready to create your own set of personal go-to designs, practice</p>

	<p>fillers, and develop the muscle memory of drawing the doodles.</p> <p>Sarah will show you how to use a variety of rulers and stencils to help create basic shapes and line guides for the doodling.</p>
Tue 3/17	<p>Sarah Thomas Full Day Sampler Workshop Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$45 Other Fees: Rainbow Quilt Color Method \$25.99 (link offers 10% discount)</p> <p>In this full day workshop, Sarah will teach different elements from her pattern book, "Rainbow Quilt Color Method," for an info-filled day of different piecing methods and techniques. Once the class concludes, you'll leave with blocks and units to continue making the quilts from her book. Sarah will provide templates for each section of the class. It should be a great learning experience!!!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

April	
Mon 4/20	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Gina Perkes from The Copper Needle, Payson Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Lecture: "How Do I Quilt This?" and have a trunk show of her beautiful and award winning quilts!!</p>
Mon 4/20	<p>Half Day Workshop - Quilt as you Go Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pam Workshop Fee: \$35 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>More information is coming and will be on the website soon.</p>
Tue 4/21	<p>Free Motion Ruler Quilting Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 pam Workshop Fee: \$45 Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>More information is coming and will be on the website soon.</p>

ECHOS

Ronnie Sandoval

E-Educate C-Challenge H-Help O-Opportunity & S-Social

All ECHOS sessions are free and held directly after the regularly scheduled Guild meetings. See Programs table for sign up information or any questions.

February	
Mon 02/16	Sue Van Hagel will demonstrate how to sew zippers.

March	
Mon 03/16	Nancy Williams will demonstrate a unique way to sew a sleeve on your quilts. This will be very timely for the upcoming quilt show!

April	
Mon 02/16	Ronnie Sandoval will have you experiment with different needles, needle threaders and threads.

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 & Peggie McKenzie

Peggie and I want to thank everyone who helped at the January Community Quilts meeting. We were able to sort and label the remaining boxes from our last donation, ready for a sale in February. And we used all the available batting to prepare quilts for all you eager quilters.

At the February meeting we will be asking you to piece backings that have been matched to tops. We have several bins ready and until the backs are sized and pieced we can not get them ready for batting. So please bring your sewing machine and help us with this important project.

Thank you and we hope to see you at the next member meeting and then at Community Quilts on February 23.

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Block of the Month

Susan Szot

We are in the home stretch. All of our blocks have been constructed and now it is just time to add sashings and cornerstones to Gemtones and construct the quilt top of Graceful Garden.

Find the finishing directions for Graceful Gardens [here](#) and scroll down to the Finishing Instructions. Be advised that the blocks, as completed according to the designers directions, are different sizes and I found I needed to add sashings that are not called for in the directions, in order to put my quilt top together. I will not give the directions for the sashings I added as there are several ways and locations that will get the blocks to fit and you can do what

pleases you with the fabrics you have enough of to get the top together. As I have said before, this designer really needed an editor. There were so many errors in her directions that I would never choose to use her free designs again.. You get what you pay for!

For Gemtones, find the directions [here](#): and scroll to the bottom for the finishing directions. There are no corrections to this pattern. This quilt top went together very easily and looks great!

I will show my completed quilt tops for both projects at our next meeting. Please finish your quilts in the next few months and don't hesitate to enter them in our quilt show.

AQG Quilt Show Bus Trip

Debbie Jones

The date is getting closer for the annual AQG Quilt Show bus trip to Glendale on Friday, March 20th.

We will have one bus making two pick ups—in Prescott, Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 69 at 6:45 am and Prescott Valley, Kohl's parking lot on Glassford Hill Rd. at 7:00 am. Bottled water will be provided. Please feel free to bring any snacks you might like to have on the ride.

The cost of the ticket is \$59 which is only \$2 more than last year. This includes the bus trip, entry to the show, bottled water and PRIZES! We have 54 seats available and MTQG members will have priority. After

the February meeting any open seats will be available to guests and outside guild members. Sign up sheets will be at the January 15 and February 19 meetings. Payment (cash or check only) will be required when you register.

Let's have some fun—QUILTER'S ROAD TRIP!!!

Stitches of Love Quilt Show

Theresa Barnard, Quilt Show Chairman

Hopefully everyone has received the email with the link to the online Entry Form. If you haven't, please check your Junk or Spam folder. If you still haven't received it, please let me know and I'll get it to you.

We have started to receive entries, albeit slow. Don't let the online form deter you. We will have helpers at the Guild and Community Quilts meetings to help you with your entries. If you are seeking help, please have the following information with you: **size of your quilt, quilt maker, quilter, pattern, description and a photo.** Once your entry is submitted, you should receive a confirmation email (check your Junk or Spam folder). We have a long way to go to hit 300 quilts.

Entries for General Exhibition, Quilts with a Story, Small Quilt Auction donations and the President's Challenge will be accepted through our April 20 guild meeting.

We will soon have our Volunteer Signups available as well. Look for this in your Inbox in the next few weeks.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 9:00 am at the StoneRidge Community Center.

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

We will have more kits available at the February guild meeting for you to take home. Be sure to stop by and check them out. We are asking each guild member to submit at least 5 completed kits.

We look forward to seeing what your wonderful creations are this month!

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart

Small Quilt Auction (SQA) looks forward to accepting your donation(s) at the monthly guild meetings beginning February 20th. Make something new, donate a past class project or an item you have acquired. Besides quilts, we have also auctioned jackets, door stops and purses. Maximum donation size is 45" by 54".

The donation form is on-line. Paper forms will not be accepted. Pictures of your donation(s) must be emailed to; valorie.nelson@gmail.com. We will have a laptop to provide individual help with donations at the monthly meetings. We are also available by email or phone for questions.

Last day to donate is April 20th.



February Birthdays

Wishing a special day to those members with birthdays this month.

1. Theresa Barnard
2. Betty Foley
3. Cheryl Giovenco
4. Sherri Hubbs
5. Norma Jarrels
6. Debby Kelley
7. Karen Kimmel
8. Karen Koehler
9. Jan Mawk
10. Carol Miller
11. Kathy Oppelt
12. Sandra Sherrill
13. Martie Winkelman

Upcoming Quilt Events

Red Rock Quilters Guild 2026 Quilt Show
January 5, 2026 - February 28, 2026
Sedona Community Library
3250 White Bear Road
Sedona, AZ

Tombstone Quilt Show
February 1-24, 2026
Tombstone Art Gallery
383 E. Allen Street
Tombstone, AZ

Quilt Fiesta
February 19-21, 2026
Pima County Fairgrounds
11300 S. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ

Palo Verde Patchers Biennial Quilt Show
February 21-22, 2026
Palm Ridge Recreation Center
13800 W Deer Valley Drive
Sun City West, AZ

Quilter's Point of View Quilt Show
February 28, 2026
View Point Golf Resort
8700 E University Drive
Mesa, AZ

AQG Quilt Arizona
March 20-21, 2026
Martin Auto Museum
4320 W. Thunderbird Road
Glendale, AZ

MTQG Stitches of Love Quilt Show
May 29-30, 2026
Findlay Toyota Center
3201 N. Main Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus wished everyone a Happy New Year and the meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of the December General meeting minutes:

Mary Jane Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes and Sam Logan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

President Comments:

Placemats: A recommendation was made to the Board to convert the Placemats project into a stand-alone committee. The Board approved this action, which will become effective with the new guild fiscal year in July.

This means that the Nominating Committee will be looking for a volunteer to manage this effort.

Introduction of guest speaker: Today, we have a special visitor, Neal Sneller, the Executive Director for Prescott Meals on Wheel, to say a few words and share the impact this project is having on the community.

Neal said this is the third year in a row that he has come to MTQG's General Meeting to thank the members for providing the wonderful placemats. The placemats are distributed out during the year and the recipients are always thankful to receive them. He mentioned that a cash donation to Meals on Wheels qualifies for an Arizona Tax Credit. You can make a donation up to April 15, 2026 to receive the credit on your 2025 tax return.

Mini-Groups: Diane Short is starting 2 new mini-groups: UFO and a Block a Month group. Anyone interested, please contact Diane Short during the break or after the meeting.

Reduced Dues: Diane said that the dues are reduced starting in February. The Board voted on and approved that the reduced dues in February will be \$25 since the annual membership dues have increased.

Donations for Whitney and Bill: Ronnie Sandoval said \$1,100 in donations was raised from members at the December General Meeting. The donation was completely unexpected and Whitney with tears in her eyes, thanked all the MTQG members for their

donation. Bill has had a relapse and is still in the hospital. Ronnie said you can still make a donation if you want.

The Post at Fort Whipple: This is an ongoing effort by the VA to provide housing for homeless veterans in our area. We have a group of Community Quilts workers assembling quilts for The Post. The first 23 veterans will be taking up residency in January, with an additional 80 moving in during June. Supplies for the apartments are being collected by The Post. They are looking for towels blankets New pillows, dishes, silverware, pots & pans, drinkware, cleaning supplies, small appliances and similar items. For more information or to donate contact: email: mphillips@usvets.org Phone: 928-308-0069 Address: 1040 Whipple St. #400 Contact Deb Mulcahy if you have questions regarding MTQG donations.

Financial Review for fiscal year 2024-2025: Thanks to our member Linda Snavely for conducting this required review. Four minor discrepancies were noted and corrected. One discrepancy requires me to remind all member that our Standing Rules REQUIRE submission of a valid receipt and approval of the cognizant committee chair before reimbursement is issued. The guild By-Laws and Standing Rules are posted on the website.

Blood Drive: The Elks Lodge is having a Blood Drive today. You can stop by after the meeting if you are interested, and donate blood.

Recent Sad News: Passing of member Judy Sloan. Carol Hood's husband passing.

Birthdays: President Diane Stockhaus read the list of January birthdays to the members at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership & Directory - Donna Domino

We currently have 180 members. There are no visitors at the General Meeting today.

Next week Donna will be sending out the new updated Directory. Please contact her if you have corrections or additions to the Directory. Please let her know if you don't use email so she can get you a paper copy of the Directory.

Donna said she has Quilt Show Book Markers. Please stop by her table and pick-up a bunch to distribute around the local area.

Pictures: Please look at Donna during Show & Tell so she can get a good picture of you standing by your finished project.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **February 16th** – Renee Hromish will do a Trunk Show at the General Meeting.
- **February 17** – Full day Collage Workshop by Renee Hromish.
- **March 16th** – Sarah Thomas will lecture on Monday: Rainbow Quilt Color Method. Monday afternoon: ½ day Workshop on Sketch Book Quilting.
- **March 17th** - Full day Workshop: Full Day Sampler
- **April 20th** – Gina Perkes will lecture: How Do I Quilt This. Monday afternoon: ½ day Workshop on Quilt as you go.
- **April 21st** – Full day Workshop: FM Ruler Quilting.

ECHOS - Ronnie Sandoval

Education, Challenge Help, Opportunity and Social. This is a member to-member training session held after the General meeting, lasting about a ½ hour or so, depending on the topic. ECHOS will have a demonstration on zippers in February.

Mini-Group Status - Liz Hart

Liz asked if anyone participated in the Jenny Christmas Box program from Missouri Quilt Company.

Liz said that Nancy Hall would like to form a Jenny Box mini-group to finish up unfinished projects from the Jenny Box. Please contact Nancy Hall during the break or after the meeting if you are interest in joining.

Bus Trip – Debbie Jones

The sign-ups are going hot and heavy. The Chartered bus trip is Friday, March 20th. The Quilt Show will be in Phoenix this year and the theme will be “Let Freedom Ring”. The cost is \$59 which includes the bus fare and quilt show admission. The entry fee is \$12 if you don’t take the bus. The bus riders only pay a \$10 entry fee.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

Welcome to January and get ready for the MTQG's Quilt Show May29 – 30th.

Registration forms: This year the registration forms for the Quilt Show participants will all be on-line. We will not be using any paper registration forms this year. This will make it easier for everyone. The form will be a “point & Click” format. Theresa said she is taking full responsibility for the on-line format of the form.

You must submit a photo to complete the registration and the photo needs to be in JPEG format.

Theresa did a 15 minutes demonstration on how to do the on-line registration for the Quilt Show.

The link to this form will be available by the end of the week. You will receive an email with this link to register for the Quilt Show.

MTQG will only accept entries through the April General Meeting to register for the Quilt Show.

Starting in February, if you need assistance with the registration form, there will be committee members at the General Meeting to help you. They will also show you how to attach a photo of the quilt if you need assistance. You will need to submit a separate photo of each quilt that you are submitting.

Theresa is working on the on-line volunteer sign up form and it should be available in March or April.

- Quilt Sells: You can sell your quilts at the Quilt Show. MTQG will charge a 10% commission for each quilt you sell. Your quilt will have to be on display until after the end of the Quilt Show before giving it to the purchaser.
- Small Quilt Auction: Will be held on Saturday, starting at 2 o'clock. You can drop off these quilts at the General Meeting in March and April. Please type up a good description of your donated item. It is recommended but not required, to have a hanging sleeve.
- Quilts with a Story: Please type out a clear description of your story. Make sure you spell check before submitting and what you have wrote will fit in the form.
- President's Challenge: The size is not to be more than 20 x 20 inches. You must do a separate entry and photo for each one you are submitting. The focus is the 250th Birthday Celebration for USA. A hanging sleeve is not required.

- FYI: Having too many quilts submitted for the Quilt Show has never been an issue.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

The Sedona Quilt Palooza starts January 23rd. MTQG will be displaying their quilt at the Sedona Quilt Palooza January 23rd and 24th 2026.

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

Suzy thanked everyone bringing in all the finished quilts projects. They took in 18 -20 finished quilts today. She read a couple of Thank You Notes MTQG received to let the members know how much these quilts are appreciated by the recipients.

Community Quilts meets next Monday and starts at 9 a.m. There is lots of work that needs to be done. There are no more quilts that need to be finished. Help is needed to sort, cut fabric, batting and put together kits for Community quilts projects.

10:50 – Diane Stockhaus called for a 10-minute break before the start of the Show & Tell Extravaganza Program.

Show and Tell Extravaganza – Kay Wentworth

Kay asked the participants to please print their name clearly on the sign-up sheet so we can read it. She also reminded the members to be polite and quiet during Show & Tell Program. Participants have spent months working on their projects and we need to be respectful so everyone can see and hear what is being presented. Kay said that since there were so many participants this morning, to please stay seated and wait until you see that there was only five people standing in line. The line would be way too long if everyone stood up at once.

Members showing their finished projects were: Diane Stockhaus, Kay Wentworth, Mary Jane Goodwin, Velia Glazier, Vicki Wangenstein, Marcia McMullen, Bobbie Mae Ball, Ann Novak, Carol Miller, Charlene Coxworth. Elizabeth Phinder, Theresa Barnard, Norma Jarrels, Lucy Fields, Linda Snaveley, Linda Cox, Sue Ely, Stephanie Lugo, Betty Boren, Diane Bare, Nancy Hall, Kathy Allen, Sandy Gallolee, Kris Kinigson, Martha McLellan, Kay Hoff, Sandra Wolf, Susan Cupp and Christina Tisdale.

Outstanding Old Business – None at this time.

New Business

Diane Stockhaus reminded members to contact Diane Short if they were interested in joining the new mini-groups she was starting.

Charlene Coxworth has dog beds that that need to be filled with fabric scraps. Come and pick up the bags from her.

Closing Remarks – Diane Stockhaus

This quilt is made of cloth and thread
To place upon your little bed.

It's not an heirloom just to keep,
But to lie upon as you count sheep.

Or perhaps the floor's the perfect place
For a doll and Teddy picnic place.

Pretend it's a raft adrift at sea,
Or just cuddle up when you watch TV.

So use it up and wear it out.
I promise I won't yell or pout.

Just tell me when its days are through,
And I'll make another one just for you!

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Meeting Adjourned 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary