

# The Summit – April 2026

## Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

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### General Meeting

**Monday, April 20, 2026 9:30 am**

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

### Board Meeting

**Monday, May 4, 2026 9:00 am**

Deb Godin's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

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## President's Message

Quilters, here it is April! Already! Temperatures are warming up, the days are getting longer, and flowers and trees are blooming - just ask anyone with allergies! Soon, we will hold our biennial Quilt Show, which should be a roaring success.

It's time to finish up your entries, to add those final touches and hanging sleeves, and come join in the fun of showing off your wonderful creations. And it's time to appreciate the creations of our fellow quilters, and enjoy the camaraderie of showcasing our crafts and those that love them! There's still plenty of work to do to get ready, but I have great confidence in our hard-working committee members to turn out a great show. We will have great vendors, and food, so let's make it an enjoyable day or two of doing what we love best - quilts, and the artists that create them!

Happy quilting, everyone!

Diane Stockhaus

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### **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.

April	
<b>Mon 4/20</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting  <b>Program: Gina Perkes from The Copper Needle, Payson</b>            Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Lecture: Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the task of selecting quilting designs that are perfect for your quilt top? Gina will take you through her process of reading quilts to choose the most appropriate quilt design path and style. She will also show you how to find inspiration for creative quilt motifs for all types of quilting from edge to edge to custom and ruler quilting!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT QUILT SHOW ENTRIES</b></p>
<b>Mon 4/20</b>	<p><b>Half Day Workshop - Quilt as you Go</b>            Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm            Setup 12:40 pm            Workshop Fee: \$35            Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>In this class, you'll learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piece and quilt individual sections</li> <li>• Join blocks neatly and securely</li> <li>• Manage bulk and reduce</li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: center;">quilting strain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapt the technique for future quilts and projects</li> </ul> <p>Whether you're new to quilting or looking for a more flexible, portable approach, you'll leave class with new skills, confidence, and a quilted piece you can be proud of. All skill levels are welcome. Come ready to sew, learn, and have fun!</p>
<b>Tue 4/21</b>	<p><b>Free Motion Ruler Quilting</b>            Time: 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm            Setup 8:40 pm            Workshop Fee: \$45            Other Fees: \$0</p> <p>Take your free motion quilting to the next level with ruler work! In this hands-on class, Gina Perkes will guide you through the essentials of free motion ruler quilting, showing you how to create clean lines, graceful curves, and professional-looking designs using quilting rulers. This class is perfect for confident beginners who are comfortable with basic free motion quilting, as well as experienced quilters looking to expand their design skills.</p>

May	
<b>Mon 5/18</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting  <b>Program: Everything Quilt</b></p>

	<p><b>Show</b> Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Quilt show information will be shared.</p>
<b>Mon 5/18</b>	<p><b>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT RAFFLE BASKETS</b></p>

<b>June</b>	
<b>Mon 6/15</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting <b>Program: Spring Luncheon</b> Time: 9:30 am</p>

<b>July</b>	
<b>Mon 7/20</b>	<p>Monthly Guild Meeting <b>Program: Helen Frost - Finish it! The art and science of getting things done</b> Time: 9:30 am</p> <p>Astonished by her overwhelming number of unfinished projects, Helen turned to organizing and time-management experts. You'll learn what she learned (and you'll also enjoy some amazing before and after photos). Hear the humorous and enlightening story of how she conquered chaos, learned to prioritize, and got things done!</p>
<b>Mon 7/20</b>	<p><b>Half Day Workshop - Helen Frost - Back to School:</b></p>

	<p><b>Precision Piecing Techniques</b> Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$25 Kit Fee: \$5 (payable to instructor on the day of class - cash or check)</p> <p>This is a great refresher course for those who want to improve their piecing. The Schoolhouse block is perfect for teaching precise seam allowances, matching intersections, and easy set-in seams. Everything is already cut so just come and sew! You'll leave with directions for a mini quilt, a crib quilt, and a bed-sized quilt. Supply Sheets are on the website.</p> 
<b>Tue 7/21</b>	<p><b>Helen Frost - Beautiful Bindings</b> Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$35 Kit Fee: \$15 (payable to instructor on the day of class - cash or check)</p>

Achieve smooth bindings with perfect corners and learn a great method for joining the ends. You'll also get great tips on preparing your quilt for binding. You'll make a sample of traditional binding then practice angled and scalloped edges. Try new "gourmet" bindings, such as two-color and faux piping. All quilted fabric and bindings are included in the kit. Supply Sheets are on the website.



**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.

**April**

**Mon  
04/20**

Ronnie will be demonstrating hand stitching needles. The difference in needles, the size, lengthen, and what threads to use for different applications. Also, a selection of needle threaders will be available to try.

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*

Thanks to everyone who participated in March and matched tops to backs and those who then made the backs. We also cut batting for many quilts, so if you can please pick up one or two or three at the April member meeting to quilt.

At the April 27th meeting of Community Quilts, we will continue working on backings and cutting batting. We also have some miscellaneous pieces that would make great placemats for the Meals on Wheels program.

Just a reminder, the Community Quilts Challenge is due at the May meeting. It does not count as one of your quilt show entries and will be voted on by members at that meeting, not at the quilt show. If you

still need backing or batting, please come to the community quilt meeting to pick it up.

Community Quilts will not meet in May as it is Memorial Day and also just 5 days before our amazing quilt show. If you haven't already, get your quilts registered for the show.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**. Please send to [mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com).

### **New Members Group**

*Carolyn Wright*

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the JClub movement room in the Jasper community. 4700 N. Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley.

### **Stitches of Love Quilt Show**

*Theresa Barnard, Quilt Show Chairman*

Our countdown has begun. We are 7 weeks away from our quilt show.

If you have not yet submitted a quilt show entry, expect to receive a call soon from a committee member. I think this will be the first time we have done a call campaign, but we find it necessary as our entries are quite low.

Is this because of the online form? Or are you just still waiting to see if you get your quilt done? Either way, it doesn't matter. Committee members will be available at the April meeting to help you in any way possible. Quilt show entries will be cut off after the April 20 guild meeting, so that we can start preparing the layout for the show.

Are you thinking about an entry for Quilt with a Story? In past years, we have had 20 stories read at the show. Currently, we are at 11, so if this is another area where you think you have a great story to tell, we are waiting for your entry. Talk to Kay Baker or Rhoda Chapman if you are unsure.

If you are seeking help with your entry, 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).

At the April and May meetings, we will have volunteer signup sheets available. We still have many openings across all areas.

Presale tickets will be available at the April and May guild meetings if you want to buy a couple for your friends or family.

Our May meeting will be dedicated to the quilt show. We will have your bags and instructions available for you to pick up.

Raffle baskets are due at the May 18 meeting. I am excited to see all that you have done.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 9:00 am at the StoneRidge Community Center.

### Quilt Show Important Dates:

- **April 15** - Committee meeting
- **April 20** - Last day to submit a quilt show entry
- **April 20 & May 18** - Presale tickets available at guild meetings
- **May 13** - Committee meeting
- **May 18** - Packets available for pick up at guild meeting. Instructions and information provided about the quilt show.
- **May 18** - Raffle baskets are due
- **May 28** - Setup day at Findlay
- **May 29 & 30** - MTQG Stitches of Love Quilt Show
- **June 30** - Committee meeting wrap up

### Small Quilt Auction

*Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart*

Your donations to the Small Quilt Auction are very much appreciated. We have received about 45 items. Previous years the donations were in the 60's. So far, purses, totes, artistic wall hangings and table runners have been donated. There is still time to make something or to look through your inventory and find something to donate to this worthy cause.

I am available to help enter your donation information in the on-line entry form. SQA also needs a few more volunteers on the last day of the show for the last two hours.

Thank you for your donations and I look forward to more at the guild meeting on April 20!



### April Birthdays

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

1. Karen Auster Miller
2. Bunny Autrey
3. Karen Coleman
4. Carol Cooley
5. Betsy Mayorga
6. Carol Miller
7. Elizabeth Phinder
8. Linda Trudeau
9. Jan Walls

## Quilt Show Boutique

*Carol Cooley*

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2026 quilt show's boutique. We received such nice items that will make this year's boutique a great one.

## Quilt Maker Stamps

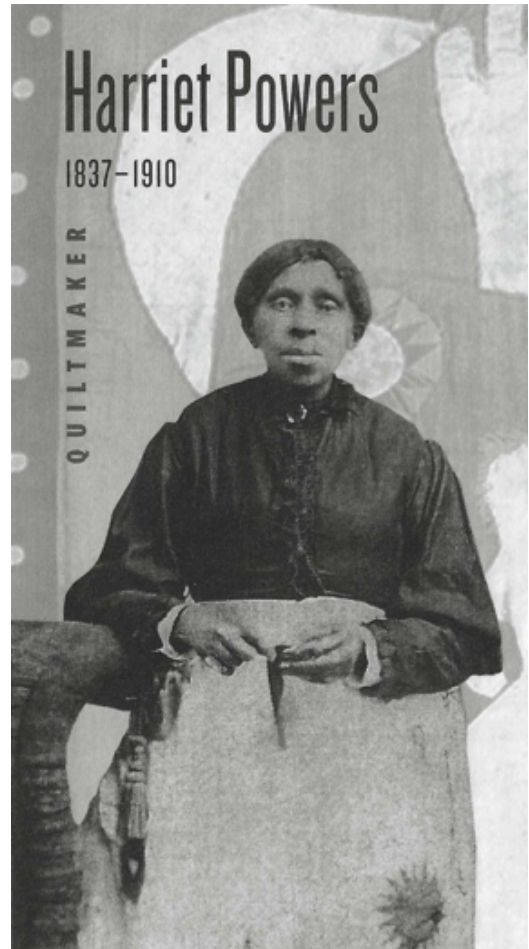
*Submitted by Sandra Wolf*

Look for these neat quilt maker stamps at your local post office.



Harriett Powers was a formerly enslaved woman who created quilts that are celebrated as masterpieces of American art and storytelling. Born on a plantation near Athens, Georgia, she and her husband, Armstead, bought farmland in the area and raised a family together after emancipation. Powers probably made many quilts in her lifetime, and in 1896 she corresponded about five of which she was especially

proud. Around this time, she had her portrait taken by Athens photographer Charles F. McDannell.



Her two known surviving quilts are story quilts. They are called this because each of their appliqued panels illustrates a Biblical scene or a natural phenomenon, such as the 1833 Leonid meteor shower. The "Bible Quilt," made around 1885-1886, is in the collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

The stamps feature details from Powers's 15-panel "Pictorial Quilt," which she completed by 1898. Atlanta University "faculty ladies" had purchased it as a gift for university trustee and Presbyterian minister Reverend Charles Cuthbert Hall. It remained in the Hall family until the 1960s and today is part of the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

## **Upcoming Quilt Events**

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 March 16, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus asked everyone to please mute their cell phones and the meeting began at 9:31 a.m.

### **Approval of the February General meeting minutes:**

Bobbie Mae Ball made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Jane Godwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

### **President's Comments:**

Diane wished everyone an early Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Prescott Library Viewerie: We were contacted by the Prescott Library (downtown) and asked if MTQG would like to display member's quilts in their Viewerie during the month of June. They asked for a display of patriotic quilts to complement their planned display. I submitted our application and we were granted approval for two of the three bays for our display.

The library will use the other bay for their own display, called America 250 in honor of our country's 250th anniversary.

Any member who wishes to include their personal patriotic themed quilt, please talk to me at the break. I will need to keep track of who wishes to participate. You can bring your quilt to me at the May General Meeting.

President's Challenge Quilt: Those of you that wish to participate in this challenge, can submit your entry form online for the Quilt Show. The space is limited so please keep your quilts to no larger than 20 x 20 inches. Anyone who is participating in the challenge and would like to allow their entry to also be displayed in the Viewerie, please check the applicable block on the entry form that gives your approval.

I will be contacting you if you have already completed the challenge entry form, to find out if you wish to participate or not in the Viewerie display.

If you want to participate, I will collect your quilt at the end of the Quilt Show and put it on display at the Library. Your quilt will be returned to you after we take down our display at the end of June.

If you choose not to participate in the Viewerie display, your quilt will be returned to you by the regular established Quilt Show procedure.

Nominating Committee: The final results of the Committee's effort will be announced at the April General Meeting.

Ronnie Sandoval and Peggie MacKenzie spoke to the membership and said there are three Committee Chairs yet to be filled: Block of the Month, Membership, and New Members.

You can have someone co-chair a committee with you if you want.

They reminded everyone that any Committee Chairs that are unfilled will go dormant for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. They asked for volunteers and said if you are interested in helping MTQG, please contact either one of them.

Diane Stockhaus reminded members why we are here:

- Promote the appreciation of fine quilts through meetings, workshops and fellowship.
- Support quilt related activities.
- Encourage quilt making.
- Contribute to the knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles patterns, history and quilt makers.
- Make and distribute quilts for charities.

Please consider volunteering and help keep MTQG moving forward.

Surprise Guest: Diane introduced Helena Dunn, a representative from Maggie's Hospice. She came to tell members the impact our quilt donations have on Maggie's patients. She gave a brief history about Maggies, passed out note pads for all and left some informational brochures and flyers. She said with deep gratitude, I thank MTQG for the beautiful quilts that have been donated to Maggie's. They are cherished by the patients and their families.

Diane Stockhaus told a story about a husband who was a recipient of one of our quilts from Maggies that was his wife's before she died. He said he could only sleep at night by wrapping this cherished quilt around him.

Dog Beds: Diane mentioned that Charlene Coxworth has dog beds available that need to be filled with fabric scraps. Please just clean fabric scraps, no trash or other items.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership & Directory - Donna Domino**

Donna was sick today and went home early. Bette Boren volunteered to take pictures for her.

Diane Stockhaus read the membership report: We had four guests today; they were introduced and they each stood up and said a few words about themselves.

We had one new person join today, Mona Keegan. She happily told the members about her quilting history.

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

#### **Programs - Elizabeth Phinder**

- **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.
- **May 18th** – No guest speaker in May. The meeting will be dedicated to Quilt Show preparation.
- **June 15th** – Spring Luncheon
- **July 20th** – Helen Frost will lecture: Ready, Set, Finish. Monday afternoon: ½ day Workshop: Back to School: Precision Piecing Techniques
- **July 21st** – All day Workshop: Beautiful Bindings

Helen Frost is the co-author of eleven books including Grand Endeavors; Vintage Arizona Quilts and Their Makers. Helen was inducted into the Arizona Quilter's Hall Fame in 2009.

She continues to explore her favorite quilt designs and she cannot begin to count how many Lone Star and Nine Patch quilts she has made.

Elizabeth broke her ankle at Walmart a couple of weeks ago. She is able to get around with a knee scooter, her ankle padded and help from family and friends.

She reminded everyone to sign up and take classes and support our speakers. MTQG gets speakers at a discounted price and you would pay much more for them at other venues.

### **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 “How to make a quilt sleeve” in March. Next month after the April General meeting the topic will be explaining different types of needles.

### **Placemats – Kay Denny**

Kay thanked everyone for making placemats. The recipients are always extremely grateful to receive them. Meals on Wheels gives out 20 to 30 placemats a month. They are always happy to see her and she loves delivering placemats to them. Please remember to put the MTQG label on each placemat you make. You can get additional supplies from Community Quilts. Orphan blocks often can be used for making placemats. The finished size of the placemat should be approximately 13 inches by 17 inches. The measurements don't have to be perfect.

### **New Members Group – Carolyn Wright**

MTQG new members and anyone who is interested are invited. The meeting is on the first Tuesday of the month from 12 o'clock to 4 pm. It is held at 4700 N Still Well Parkway, Prescott Valley. Please contact Carolyn with any questions.

### **Bus Trip – Debbie Jones**

Good news, we are at a breakeven point, 39 people have signed up for the bus trip. We have room for 16 more. This means every additional person who signs up will allow us to purchase more goodies and prizes for the bus riders. The Chartered bus trip is Friday,

March 20th. Pick up will be at two locations. Prescott Walmart at 6:45 am and PV Walmart at 7:15 am. The bus will leave at 3 o'clock to return home. 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.

## **Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard**

### Registration forms:

Theresa asked for a show of hands of those who have submitted an entry form for the Quilt Show. She said that MTQG has 186 members and so far, less than 100 entries have been submitted for the Quilt Show.

The deadline to submit an entry form for the Quilt Show is April 20th.

There is no limit to the number of quilts that you can submit for the Quilt Show. Quilts have to be finished by May 28th.

The President's Challenge is a separate category. You will need to submit a separate photo of each quilt that you are submitting.

Volunteers: The on-line sign-up form for volunteering is now available.

There are categories for set-up and take down. Take a look at all of different areas where help is needed and sign up for as many as you like. Remember, we will need over 200 volunteers to help with the Quilt Show and your support will be greatly appreciated.

### Raffle Baskets – Jeanne Dunk

We are close to having 20 baskets to raffle and we would like to have more. Please provide a typed-up description of what is in the basket and the approximate value of the basket that you prepare. Dress them up and make them look appealing. You can bring in your basket to the May 18th General Meeting.

### Boutique – Carol Cooley

There are lots of different items you can pick up and make for Boutique sales. Your finished items need to be turned in by the April General Meeting. Every item that is turned in for the Boutique will be inventoried and priced.

If you donate items and they all don't sell and you want them back, you will be able to pick them up after 3:45 pm on Saturday, May 30th.

### Quilt Appraiser - Cindy Kurey.

She is an AQS Certified Quilted Textile Appraiser from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She will be at the Quilt Show on both Friday and Saturday. She is booked all day on Friday and has some spots available on Saturday. Cindy will provide a written appraisal for \$65 with a \$5 kickback to MTQG for each appraisal. The written appraisal will take a couple of days and you will receive it after the Quilt Show. Cindy can do appraisals of quilts that are hanging at the Quilt Show. If you want a verbal appraisal, it will cost you \$35.

### Small Quilt Auction – Valorie Nelson & Liz Hart co-chair

Currently we only have 18 entries for the small quilt auction and we really need more items.

The 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 – Rhoda Chapman & Kay Baker

We only have 5 entries so far for this category. Please call or contact a committee member if you have questions or need help with filling out and submitting the registration form. It can be a quilt that you made, a family heirloom or one that you purchased. You can submit a quilt even if it has been shown before.

Please fill out your registration form early, take a picture and type out a clear description of your story.

We will be displaying and telling the quilts' story at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm on Friday and at 10 am on Saturday.

### **Publicity**

Valorie has created a place on Facebook and Next Door to promote the Quilt Show. We have ads in The Country Register and will be advertising in the Prescott Courier. We have flyers and bookmarks available to pick-up and distribute in the community.

## **Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

We had a great reception displaying our Opportunity Quilt at Chino Valley Quilters and Thumb Butt Quilt Guild this month.

We need volunteers to help with the Opportunity Quilt marketing at the Quilt Show. Please consider signing up to help.

## **Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie**

Suzy said that 40 finished quilts were turned in today and she thanked everyone for their work. She said that 29 quilts were delivered last month.

Sue Ely won the drawing.

Community Quilts meets next Monday and starts at 9 a.m. Help is needed to sort, cut fabric, batting and put together kits for Community quilts projects.

Fort Whipple -We have donated 45 Twin Quilts to Fort Whipple. You can turn in your completed quilt kit project anytime.

## **Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth**

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Carolyn Edward, Mona Keegan, Bobbie Mae Ball, Michelle Kirkpatrick, Peggie MacKenzie, Martha McLellan and Betty Boren.

10:57 am – Diane Stockhaus call for a 10-minute break before the start of the Program.

## **New Business to be Addressed – Diane Stockhaus**

Mona Keegan told the members that she has several large designer wall blocks available for free out in her car if anyone is interested. She held up a wall block to show members.

## **Closing Remarks – Diane Stockhaus**

Diane read this poem titled Deadline by Dallas Reed.

T'was the night before the quilt show,  
And at the sewing machine,

Was the biggest organized clutter,  
That you have ever seen.  
There was fabric on the table,  
Fabric on the chair,  
Fabric on the floor,  
There was fabric everywhere,

I couldn't find my rotary cutter,  
Couldn't find my mat,  
I couldn't find my scissors,  
And I'm wondering where they're at.

It's an hour before the show,  
Then I'll get up and leave.  
All I need is a few more stitches,  
The binding....and the sleeve.

But I'm not about to worry,  
Everything is going to be find,  
I'll get it done in time,  
'But I really hate a deadline!

Diane wished everyone "Happy Quilting ".

Meeting Adjourned was 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary