



The Summit – May 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026 9:30 am

Elks Lodge

6245 E. 2nd Street

Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2026 9:00 am

Deb Godin's home

Meetings are open; seating is limited

Contact Diane to attend

President's Message

It's May already - where does the time go? In just a matter of weeks, we will present our biennial quilt show. We will have lots of quilts on display, made lovingly by our members, to share our passion with the community. In addition to all of your wonderful quilts, we will have a great display of quilts celebrating our Nation's 250th Birthday. We will have displays of quilts made by our Youth members, and quilts made as a challenge for our Community Quilts efforts.

There will be plenty of vendors to explore, fun themed baskets to buy a chance to win, and our boutique filled with special items made by our members for sale. And if we get bored, we can take in the Quilts With a Story, and participate in the Small Quilt Auction.

All of these activities are the result of lots of hard work and coordination by dedicated and talented guild members. I thank you all for your efforts, as I am certain our show will be a roaring success! Invite your friends and family and enjoy all the fruits of your labor.

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.

May	
Mon 5/18	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Everything Quilt Show Time: 9:30 am Pickup quilt show packets. Quilt show information will be shared.
Mon 5/18	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT RAFFLE BASKETS
Thu 5/28	Quilt Show Setup Day
Fri 5/29	MTQG Quilt Show “Stitches of Love”
Sat 5/30	MTQG Quilt Show “Stitches of Love”

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

July	
Mon 7/20	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Helen Frost - Finish it! The art and science of getting things done Time: 9:30 am 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!
Mon 7/20	Half Day Workshop - Helen Frost - Back to School: Precision Piecing Techniques 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) 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.



**Tue
7/21**

Helen Frost - Beautiful Bindings

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)

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.



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

REMINDER! The Community Quilts Challenge is due at this month's meeting. It does not count as one of your quilt show entries and will be voted on by our members at the meeting.

Please try to be at the guild meeting by 9:00 am to drop off your quilt so we can get them displayed for member voting.

At our April meeting we cut batting for many quilts so if you can, please pick up one or two or three at the May member meeting to quilt. We will not be meeting this month as it's Memorial Day and only 4 days until we start setting up for our quilt show!

Our next meeting is June 22nd and there will be batting to cut, tops to match to backing, backing to make... so please plan on joining us.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, June 5, 2026**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

New Members Group

Carolyn Wright

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 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

Only 3 weeks to our quilt show! Entries closed on May 1 and we have plenty of quilts for display, the President's Challenge, and Quilts with a Story. The Auction is going to be fabulous and something you don't want to miss!

First, I want to apologize to anyone whose entry we missed, an entry we may have received, but with no photo, or a photo we received with no entry. I know the online form was new for us all and overall I am satisfied with it. For the committee, this has

dramatically simplified what we need to do to prepare for the show. Improvements will be recommended for the next show.

At the May meeting, we will have volunteer signup sheets available. We still have openings to fill. Presale tickets will also be available if you want to buy a couple for your friends or family.

Raffle baskets are due at the May 18 meeting. Baskets will not be accepted after that day. So if you can't make it to the meeting to drop off your basket, please arrange with someone else. The committee is so grateful for all you have done to make this new event a success.

Our May meeting will be dedicated to the quilt show. We will have your bags and instructions available for you to pick up. If you are unable to pick up your bag for your entries, please make arrangements with someone who is attending the meeting.

Volunteers will need to check in and check out at Admissions this year. We will have further instructions for you at the May meeting.

If you have any questions or feedback on the show, please send it to me at theresa.barnard15@gmail.com.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13 at 9:00 am at the StoneRidge Community Center.

Quilt Show Important Dates:

- **May 18** - Presale tickets available at guild meeting
- **May 18** - Quilt show 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

Small Quilt Auction

Valorie Nelson and Liz Hart

In April I was crying the blues with only 40+ submissions. But now, I am over the moon happy with 70 donations from our wonderful guild members. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

If you have never attended this auction, be prepared to witness and enjoy a bidding process that goes FAST and Furious!

So pick up your bidding paddle on Saturday, May 30th at 1:30 pm. Pick the best viewing seat and bid for your favorite items.

To name a few, we have a table runner, a luxury dog bed, a handmade jacket, a framed cross-stitched picture, binding dolls, beautiful bags and totes, a “paper” dollie quilt with many clothes and her own suitcases. There are also animal, holiday, southwestern and home decor wall hangings.

This promises to be an event you do not want to miss!!!

P.S. Don't forget to bring your family and friends.



Raffle Baskets

Jeanne Dunk and Cathy Vetrano

Thank you to everyone who has committed to donate a raffle basket. We have some amazing themes and are looking forward to seeing your wonderful baskets.

As a reminder, when you turn in your basket at the May meeting, please also provide a cute title (if you don't have one, we'll think one up), a written list of contents and an approximate retail value.

A big Thank You to Janice Z. who will use your information to create a cute label to attach to the basket for the show.

We will have a sign in sheet at the table where we collect baskets - please sign the sheet when you turn in your basket - we'd like to thank you all at the June meeting.

Quilt Show Boutique

Carol Cooley

The Boutique committee has completed pricing all the wonderful items that have been donated for the show. You all have contributed items that are sure to sell.

However, there will be some that inexplicably don't sell, and if you would like to check in with us at 3:45 on Saturday, you are welcome to pick them up for your own gift giving. Or, you can leave them with us and they will be added to the next show's inventory when they could easily sell.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped make this year's Boutique stand out.



May Birthdays

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

1. Suzy Davidson
2. Sherry Dickinson
3. Faye Gaines
4. Deb Mulcahy
5. Stephanie Romesturg
6. Angela Smith

Northern AZ Quilters Gathering

WHAT? Join us for a special time for quilters and makers of all levels. We have a variety of classes including Foundation Paper Piecing, Fabric Painting, Bag Making and much more. Registration also gets you full three-day access to our Open Sew Room! [More info.](#)

WHERE? Trinity Heights United Methodist Church- 3600 N Fourth St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

WHEN? September 24-26, 2026 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily.

HOW MUCH? \$35 This gives you access to all classes and to the Open Sew room for the duration of the event. All participants must pay the registration fee.

CLASSES:

Thursday, 9/24 -

- New York Beauties
- Beyond the Rainbow
- Beyond Stippling
- Thread Painting
- Meet & Greet

Friday, 9/25 -

- Mosaic Vase Collage Quilting
- Cabin Under the Stars
- Disappearing Pinwheel

Saturday, 9/26 -

- Easy-Does-It Bag
- Fabric Painting

Upcoming Quilt Events

MTQG Stitches of Love Quilt Show

May 29-30, 2026

Findlay Toyota Center
3201 N. Main Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

September 3-5, 2026

WestWorld of Scottsdale
16601 N. Pima Road
Scottsdale, AZ

Northern AZ Quilters Gathering

September 24-26, 2026

Trinity Heights United Methodist Church
3600 N Fourth St., Flagstaff, AZ

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2025

President Diane Stockhaus asked everyone to please mute their cell phones and the meeting began at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of the March General meeting minutes:

Mary Jane Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes and Barbara Sheehan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as read.

President's Comments:

Sad News: Diane told the members the sad news that Ellen Lawson had passed away. She sent best wishes to the family.

Nominating Committee Status: Ronnie Sandoval and Peggie MacKenzie are the committee members and you can contact them with any questions. Currently the New Members Group Chair is the only Committee Chair not filled. This is a fun and vital committee. Please talk to Ronnie or Peggie if you are interested in helping new members meet other members and learn about MTQG activities.

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

The final Committee Chair persons will be announced at the June General meeting. Diane reminded the current Committee Chair persons to update their notebooks.

Committee Chairs that are unfilled will go dormant for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Annual Meeting: Next month, May, will be the required Annual meeting. The meeting will be held immediately after the General meeting. Formal notice will be sent to all voting members later this week, along with the proposed budget for member review. If you have comments or questions about the budget, please send them to any member of the board, so we can research you concern. We will review comments and will vote on the proposed budget and slate of officers during the May annual meeting.

Budget Committee: The Treasurer organizes the Budget Committee to work on next year's budget. Designated by MTQG'S by-laws, the Committee is composed of the Board and one member from the membership. This year that person is Sharon Harris. A discussion on the process will be included in the annual meeting announcement.

President's Challenge Quilt: 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.

If you have already completed the challenge entry form, please let me know if I have permission to display your Challenge Quilt at the Viewerie during the month of June. There are 18 entries for the President's Challenge as of today, April 20th.

If you are not participating in the President's Challenge and you have a patriotic quilt that you would like to display in the Viewerie, please bring it to the May General Meeting. Be sure to have your name on the quilt.

Quilt Show: The Quilt Show is the number one and the biggest fundraiser for MTQG. The proceeds from the Quilt Show needs to carry us through the next two years. Please get your quilts entered for the Quilt Show. Pick up Book Markers and the Country Register to hand out and promote the Quilt Show.

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.

June Luncheon: Maureen Sinkiewicz will be taking sign-ups this month and May for those who want to bring desserts for the June Luncheon. Please sign up and bring one of your world-famous dessert. The more the better, we don't want to run out of desserts.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership & Directory - Donna Domino

Donna asked everyone if they had picked up a copy of The Country Register that she has available at her table. There is a nice article show-casing MTQG'S upcoming Quilt Show and advertisement.

Please come to her table and pick-up Bookmarkers to distribute around the community.

Debra Salazar signed up and became a new member today.

We have also had two visitors and they each stood up and told a little bit about themselves.

Donna said that she would be sending out a new directory at the end of the month. If there needed to be any changes or corrections, please contact her before the end of April.

Currently we have 189 members.

Programs - Elizabeth Phinder

- **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 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. There will be no ECHOS in May.

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.

Block of the Month – Sue Szot

Sue showed the members the finished quilts. Gem Tones was easy to complete and went together beautifully.

Sue said she hated Graceful Gardens. It was challenging and putting it together had major problems. She loved the finished quilt and she is going to keep it in spite of all the difficulties.

Youth Quilting – Janice Zolneirowicz

She showed several quilts that the youth are working on and will have them finished to put in the Quilt Show.

Currently Diane Short and Nancy Hall are helping her with the Youth Group. There are eleven girls in the group and Janice needs additional help. She has a sign-up sheet "just in case" the Youth Group needs help and you might be able to help.

The Youth Group meets every Tuesday 3:30 to 5:30. No meetings in June or July

Contact Janice if you are interest in helping with the Youth Group.

Quilt Show - Theresa Barnard

Registration forms:

The deadline to submit an entry form for the Quilt Show is May 1st.

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.

Volunteers:

Fortunately, three coaches from Prescott High School have volunteer several athletic students to help set up and take down. There is sign-up sheet for volunteers over on the Quilt Show tables and you can also sign up to volunteer online.

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 have collected 6 finished raffle baskets with a commitment for 13 more. We would like to have more and you can donate as many as you like. 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 must bring in your basket no later than the May 18th General Meeting.

Boutique – Carol Cooley

Your finished items needed 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.

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

Currently we have 60 entries for the small quilt auction. We will be accepting entries up to May 1st, the last day for all entries. Thanks everyone for donating items for this auction.

Quilts with a Story – Rhoda Chapman & Kay Baker

We have 15 entries so far for this category and we would like to have 20. You have to May 1st if you have a quilt you would like to enter. 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.

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.

Registration form

You can't go back and change information on the registration form after you have submitted it. Email Theresa if you want to make a change on your form.

Quilt Floor and Parking

If we don't fill the floor with quilts, we will fill the floor with vendors. We have lots of vendors who want floor space at the Quilt Show.

There is no fee for parking at the Quilt Show. The fee for parking is covered by the \$10 entrance fee.

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

The Opportunity Quilt is currently being displayed at Coco's Prescott Quilt Works.

The volunteer sign-up sheet for selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt at the Quilt Show is almost full. Please consider signing up if you are interested.

Community Quilts – Suzy Davidson/Peggy MacKenzie

Suzy said that 50 finished quilts were turned in today and she thanked everyone for their work. She showed the members some of the finished quilts that were donated to Community Quilts today.

Suzy said they found more quilts that need binding if you want to pick up a couple to take home and finish.

She read a thank you note from Maggie's Hospice. The note was about a pet dog at the facility that loved laying on one of our quilts. Our quilts are enjoyed by all, humans and their pets too.

Linda Snavely 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.

Christy Tisdale will be the new Community Quilts Chairperson starting in July.

There will not be a meeting in May because of the Quilt Show.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Mary Lou Clemmons, Maureen Sinkiewicz, Jeanne Dunk, Barbara Sheehan and Kay Hoff.

10:28 am – Diane Stockhaus call for a 10-minute break before the start of the Program.

New Business to be Addressed – Diane Stockhaus

None

Closing Remarks – Diane Stockhaus

Diane read the following poem after Show and Tell was held.

“Quilting Frustrations” by Cindy Thury Smith

First, I lost my thimble and stuck the needle into my thumb.
Then I figured the yardages wrong, so I'm short, how dumb!
And I can't understand their piecing diagram “cuz my brain's gone numb.
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay.

Now the tension's goofed up on my sewing machine.
The four yards I bought aren't the right shade of green.
And how am I to get Grandmother's unfinished quilt top clean.
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay.

I pressed under the bias until my fingers are all burnt.
Can't quite remember that finishing tip I thought I'd learnt.
Tried to do an edge in scallops, but they weren't.
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay.

I've sewed on this quilt for what seems like a hundred weeks.
Bringing my quilting skills to a new sewing peak.
And, surprisingly getting pretty close to the design I seek.
Well, maybe quilting's not so bad.

Hey, I've finally got it on the quilting frame.
As I bend over and stitch my back will never be the same.
In the corner I'll label it with the date and my name.
Well, maybe quilting is not so bad.

Now it's proudly displayed in all its pomp and glory.
Conveniently forgotten is how its construction was slightly hoary.
Currently I'm telling the "masterpiece of needle art" story.
Yeah, I guess quilting is not so bad!

Diane wished everyone "Happy Quilting".

Meeting Adjourned was 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary