



The Summit – August 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026 9:30 am

Elks Lodge
6245 E. 2nd Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 9:00 am

Diane Short's home
Meetings are open; seating is limited
Contact Diane Short to attend

President's Message

Hello Mountain Top Members:

I want to thank Sharon Harris for stepping in for me while my family has been on an extended vacation. She is our President Elect and I know she will make a great president next year. My board is starting off by jumping right into the great year we have planned.

Check out all the classes Elizabeth Phinder has scheduled for this year. This month our speaker is Sandy Corbin - Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh, with a Half Day Workshop - Twinkle Star Pillow, and an all-day class on Tuesday, 4 Borders Pillow. These should be great classes. If you take both classes you get to go home with two pillows. Great way to start your Christmas gifts.

In September we will be having Joy Schwartz speak on Quilt History from 1800 – 1875 and a Sit 'n Sew on Tuesday. Come join all our members for a fun day.

On October 28th & 29th we will be having a Mini Day Camp. Sign up with Elizabeth. Christmas is getting close and you'll have two days to get to work or finish all your gifts.

In December we have the Viewerie at the Prescott Library. I would like to fill it with "Christmas Around the World". Everyone is welcome to submit items they would like to have in our display. Please bring them to our November meeting. You can bring anything and everything. Quilts, tree skirts, embroidered items. If it is homemade, please submit it. Let me know if you would like to come and help set up our display on Tuesday, December 1st. All items will be taken down on December 31st.

If anyone would like to join our UFO Mini Group, please text me @ 805-732-3338. The room we have been using at the Prescott Library is booked for the afternoon of the 2nd Tuesday of the month through November.

I know our area has been hit by some tough monsoons, and I hope things are starting to settle down. School is starting this month too.

Enjoy your quilting.

Diane Short

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.			
August			
Mon 8/17	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Sandy Corbin - Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh Time: 9:30 am Sandy Corbin is a certified "Quilt in a Day" instructor and quilter based in Laguna Hills, CA, known for her patterns and educational workshops. She founded Sandy's Designs in 2002 and began teaching classes in quilt stores in 2004. Her background in the quilting		community includes significant leadership roles with the Beach Cities Quilters Guild, where she served as President and Quilt Show Chair for events like "FantaSea of Quilts" in 2010 and 2016. She has been a member of the guild for over 23 years and describes her teaching motto as "Fun & Done". Sandy has always loved using lots of different fabrics in her quilts. This is what drew her to making scrappy quilts. In this talk she describes the different styles of scrappy quilts and shares what makes scrappy quilts fresh.
		Mon 8/17	Half Day Workshop - Sandy Corbin - Twinkle Star Pillow Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Workshop Fee: \$25 Kit Fee: \$11 (payable to instructor on the day of class - cash or check) This is a fun block to make! It is

perfect for scraps. You will be making one block for a pillow, but it makes a beautiful quilt!!



**Tue
8/18**

**Sandy Corbin - 4 Borders
Pillow**

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Setup 8:40 am

Workshop Fee: \$40

Kit Fee: \$11 (payable to instructor on the day of class - cash or check)

This pillow uses four different borders in 20" sections. Come and learn all about how to create

and use these borders in your future quilts.



September

**Mon
9/21**

Monthly Guild Meeting
**Program: Joy Schwartz - Quilt
History from 1800 - 1875**
Time: 9:30 am

Come and hear a discussion of quilts from around 1800 to 1875. We will trace the changing habits in design and fabric of the American quilter through the century, complete with many examples. Joy is a wealth of knowledge!! This is a lecture not to be missed!!



**Tue
9/22**

Sit 'n Sew

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Setup 8:40 am
Workshop Fee: \$10
Kit Fee: \$0

Join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie!! Bring your unfinished projects, sewing machine, and whatever you usually bring to a class. It can be machine sewing or handwork. Bring your own lunch and have a blast with your friends! Please bring items that you want to get rid of for our "Free to a good home" table.

October

**Mon
10/19**

Monthly Guild Meeting
Program: Deb Deaton, Fiber Artist's Journey of No Rules, Just ART
Time: 9:30 am

Deb's journey has taken her through oil, watercolor, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media, and

eventually into the rich, tactile world of fiber art. She began quilting over 30 years ago, and her artistic spirit pushed her further than making traditional quilts. That passion led to the birth of DJ's Fiber Arts (DJ being short for Debbie Jo). As an award-winning fiber and mixed media artist, she paints her own fabrics, layered with thread, and embellished using silk, wool, beads, paint, and natural elements. Her motto: "NO RULES, JUST ART."

**Mon
10/19**

Deb Deaton - Thread Play

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Setup 12:40 pm
Workshop Fee: \$25
Kit Fee: \$0

A great techniques class where the student learns how to create images with thread, removing all the fear of free motion quilting. Create quilt designs easily, making your piece come alive with color and highlights. So, let's break all the rules of free motion quilting, build your confidence, and have fun!



**Tue
10/20**

**Deb Deaton - Beginning
Inktense**

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Setup 8:40 am

Workshop Fee: \$40

Kit Fee: \$35

Create this beautiful sunflower block with Inktense! This design was created to make it easy for you to learn and play with all the techniques of both Inktense pencils and blocks. You will get hooked! They dry permanently so imagine the possibilities! Everything you need will be provided for you in the kit! Your kit includes: 6 Inktense pencils, set of brushes, pattern; textile medium, container.



**Wed
10/28**

Mini Day Retreat

Location: VFW

2375 N. 5th St., Prescott Valley

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Setup: 8:30 am

Cost: \$20 (for two days)

Lunch: Purchase at VFW

It's time for our Mini Day Retreat! We will provide a happy sewing place where you can sew all you want while you are enjoying the company of friends. Whether you are finishing UFOs, starting a new project, taking a break to walk around on the beautiful grounds or just mingling around the room socializing. How you spend time at the retreat is completely up to you. We will also have ironing boards, irons and a cutting station. Feel free to bring your own if you prefer. You will be able to leave your machines overnight in the locked

	room. The only requirement is that we purchase lunch from the VFW. Space is limited to 26, so be sure to sign up and pay to hold your place!!
Thu 10/29	See Wednesday 10/28.

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.

September	
Mon 08/21	I will be demonstrating Inklingo. A technique on how to print on fabric, cut the pieces and stitch together.

October	
Mon 10/19	Spinning the back of center squares. This will be make and take.

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

Christina Tisdale & Chrissy Henning

I want to shout out to all the guild members that attended community quilts. It was an awesome turnout and we accomplished a lot. We look forward to seeing you and anyone else that wants to join us.

We will be continuing to get all the quilt tops that have been turned in ready to go out to be quilted and distributed to all the organizations that have asked for them.

At our next general meeting we will be distributing quilts that need quilting and/or binding. We look forward to all the quilts that are being turned in to show at the guild at the meeting. By doing this, it gives everyone an idea of the quilts you can make and share with the kindness of your hearts with the community. We will also have fabric for sale.

Our next Community Quilt Day is Monday, August 27. Bring your sewing machine and have another successful day of sewing. Bring a lunch or a treat to share if you are so willing. We will be sewing from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Any questions, please text us at MTQGCQ@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, September 3, 2026**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

New Members Group

Valorie Nelson, Peggie MacKenzie, Theresa Barnard, Janice Zolnierowicz

This month's meeting will be hosted by Janice Zolnierowicz and Peggie MacKenzie. We will meet at Coco's Quilt Works with Coco and members of her staff.

Coco will tell us about her fabric lines, quilting products, as well as give us an introduction to the many events that she and her staff have each month at Prescott Quilt Works. In addition we will have a technique demonstration by Janice Z.

Our focus is to provide education about our Mountain Top Quilters Guild, answer new member questions as to how our guild operates, demonstrate both new and familiar sewing techniques, and offer excursions outside of our regular meeting location. We aim to serve as a reliable resource for information and support, with a primary goal of mentoring all our new members. We encourage ALL members to attend and share knowledge and experiences with our new members.

Hope to see you at the meeting!
New Members Committee

When: August 20, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Coco's Prescott Quilt Works,
1781 E AZ-69, Ste 29, Prescott, AZ 86301

Yavapai County Fair

Suzy Davidson

The Yavapai County Fair is celebrating America's 250th anniversary and is now accepting applications in the Home Economics Division. This includes quilts, clothing, bags, weavings, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, etc. Basically anything made of fibers.

To enter the fair, go to Yavapaifair.com, click on **PremiumBook/Entry Link**, then **Entry Link**. Select **Enter Show** and **Create an Account**. Or if you already have an account **Login**. Verify your information and then select **Static Exhibit** on the far right. Scroll all the way down and select **Home Economics**, it is the next to the last selection. The next page is **Pick Show**, select **Adult Home Economics**. The Exhibitor is yourself, and the Division is what you are entering. Read this selection carefully. They are very specific about what you are entering.

Online Entry closes on August 30th. Check-in of the product begins at noon on August 31 and continues on September 1.

Please remember that the item you enter has to be made in this calendar year.

Questions? Contact Suzy Davidson, suzyd5350@gmail.com or 928-308-5518



August Birthdays

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

1. Diane Bare
2. Jeanie Braheme
3. Joan Carrell
4. Carol Foss
5. Patsy Franco
6. Billie Gipe
7. Kay Hoff
8. Janice Key
9. Ellen Larson
10. Dawn Marcuse
11. Patty McClearn
12. Beverly Parker
13. Joan Powers
14. Michele Schneider
15. Patrice Sienko
16. Roberta Simpkins

17. Dona Speights
18. Christina Tisdale
19. Nadeen Van Dyke
20. Carolyn Wright

Upcoming Quilt Events

Card Tricks Quilters Guild Quilt Show

August 13-14, 2026

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

1915 S. Penrod Lane

Pinetop, AZ 85935

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

Chino Valley Quilt Show

October 9-10, 2026

Chino Valley High School

760 E. Center Street

Chino Valley, AZ

MTQG General Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026

President Elect Sharon Harris, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Approval of the June General meeting Minutes:

Deb Godin made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Jane Godwin seconded the motion. The June General Meeting minutes were approved as read.

President Elect Comments:

Sharon Harris said she is filling in President Diane Short's absence. Noting that Diane was on a family vacation entertaining relatives visiting from Italy.

Welcome and Happy New Year: Sharon welcomed members to the first meeting of the new fiscal year and recognized the newly elected and returning board members and committee chairs. She thanked everyone who volunteers their time to make Mountaintop Quilt Guild a strong and active organization within the community.

Membership Dues:

Members were reminded that annual membership dues of \$40 were due at the meeting today.

AccuQuilt Equipment:

Sharon announced that the AccuQuilt machines had been moved from the Conex to the white cabinet outside the meeting room. This was done to protect the machines and dies from excessive heat. Sue Ely is in charge. If Sue is not available, members may contact Diane Short or Sharon Harris for assistance.

The guild owns two AccuQuilt electric cutting machines and nearly 50 dies available for member use. Members must complete a brief certification session (approximately 10 minutes) before checking out equipment. Certified members may borrow dies and machines for one month or use them during Community Quilts Day.

An inventory of the available dies is posted under the Forms section of the guild website. Members were encouraged to take advantage of this valuable benefit.

First Aid and Tool Kits:

A first aid kit and tool kit are now available for guild use. They are stored on the top shelf of Cabinet #2 beyond the double doors. Members needing access should contact Diane Short, Sharon Harris, Janice Z., Elizabeth Phinder, Christina Tisdale, or Chrissy Henning.

Reimbursement Requests:

Members requesting reimbursement should submit reimbursement forms and receipts directly to the Treasurer whenever possible. If an in-person submission is not possible, requests should be emailed to the guild email account (MTQG2017@gmail.com). Members were asked not to send reimbursement requests to the Treasurer's personal email address.

Upcoming Programs and Activities:

Sharon shared that an exciting year of programs and activities has been planned, with the goal of making MTQG a place for friendship, fellowship, and quilting each month.

Elizabeth Phinder has arranged an excellent lineup of speakers and programs, including the national speaker presenting at this meeting.

Returning this year is our Fun Day where a Mystery Quilt is designed, cut, packaged, and is ready for participants. The one-day Mystery Quilt event is always popular and typically sells out.

Debbie Jones will once again coordinate the annual bus trip to the AQG show in Glendale. Sharon encouraged members to participate, noting the convenience of luxury bus transportation and the enjoyable day spent with fellow guild members.

Members were invited to suggest new programs or interest groups, with the reminder that those making suggestions may be asked to help organize or lead them.

Free Share Table

Beginning with next month's meeting, the guild will offer a Free Share Table.

Members are invited to bring quilting-related items they no longer need and place them on the table for others to take. Donations may include fabric, notions, tools, patterns, books, scissors, and other quilting supplies.

The table will also provide a place for Community Quilts to share donated items that cannot be used in its projects, giving members an opportunity to put those materials to good use.

July Birthdays:

Sharon recognized the 18 guild members celebrating birthdays in July and wished them all a happy birthday.

Committee Reports

Membership – Donna Domino

Donna Domino reported a very busy membership renewal period as annual dues were being collected.

To better assist visitors and new members, Valerie Nelson will now join Donna at the membership table during meetings. While Donna handles membership business, Valerie will welcome guests, answer questions, and help orient new members to the guild.

Membership update:

82 members had checked in before the meeting began, with approximately 40 additional renewals received during the meeting.

Seven guests attended the meeting today and three of those guests joined the guild as new members.

Donna announced that an updated membership directory will be emailed following the August meeting to include all renewing and new members. Members without email access should notify Donna so a printed directory can be provided.

New Member Committee – Valerie Nelson

Valerie Nelson introduced the New Member Committee:

Valerie Nelson, Janice Zolnierowicz, Theresa Barnard and Peggie MacKenzie.

Guests and new members were welcomed and encouraged to participate in guild activities. Informational brochures describing guild opportunities were given to them.

Valerie explained that the committee hosts a monthly New Member meeting. Although designed for new members, all guild members are encouraged to attend. Experienced members attended the most recent meeting and helped make it especially enjoyable.

The previous meeting included a demonstration on self-binding placemats and distributed templates for making the 45-degree cuts. The next New Member meeting will be held at

Prescott Quiltworks, where Coco will provide a demonstration. The date, time, and additional details will be published in the guild newsletter and on the website.

Programs – Elizabeth Phinder

Elizabeth reminded members to send Zelle payments to the guild email account (MTQG2017@gmail.com) rather than to her personal account.

She announced the return of the guild's **TOADS** (Treasured Objects Almost Done) challenge in January. Participants will bring two unfinished quilting projects, explain why they remain unfinished, and guild members will vote on which project should be completed before the following January's reveal. Elizabeth requested a volunteer to assist with coordinating the event.

Upcoming Programs:

August: Sandy Corbin (visiting from Southern California)

- Lecture: Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh
- Monday Afternoon Workshop: Twinkle Star Pillow
- Tuesday Full Day Workshop: Four Borders Pillow (Focusing on Building and incorporating unique borders into full quilts).

September : Joyce Schwartz (Quilt Historian)

- Lecture: Antique quilts from 1800 -1875, showcasing an extensive private collection.
- Tuesday Event: Sit-and-Sew gathering here at the Elks Lodge with a break for lunch.

October: Deb Deaton of DJ's Fiber Arts

- Lecture: No Rules—Just Art
- Workshops: Thread Play
- Beginning InkTense Techniques

Elizabeth also announced a two-day guild retreat at the VFW on **October 28–29**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The registration fee is \$20, with lunch available for purchase from the VFW.

Members were also invited to take complimentary quilting books provided by the day's guest speaker, Helen Frost. *"Garden Party by Dorothy Kinsley Wray"*

ECHOES – Ronnie Sandoval

Ronnie Sandoval reviewed upcoming ECHOES educational sessions, which are held immediately following the general meeting and are free for all members.

July: Hand stitching using different types of needles, allowing participants to compare their performance while stitching.

August: No ECHOES session due to scheduling conflicts.

September: Inking demonstration, showing how to print stitching lines directly onto fabric for accurate piecing.

October: Demonstration on spinning quilt seams to reduce bulk and improve flatness at seam intersections.

Youth Quilting Program - Janice Zolnierowicz

Janice provided an update on the guild's **Youth Quilting Program**.

The program serves youth ages **10–17** and meets every **Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** While several experienced students are returning, the program also has openings for new participants. Members were encouraged to recommend young people who are interested in learning to sew and quilt.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. Members do not need to commit to every session—even occasional assistance is greatly appreciated, particularly when regular volunteers are unavailable.

The students have completed several quilts and will begin the new session by making checkerboards to strengthen their quarter-inch seam skills. Sharon will assist by preparing fabric strips using the AccuQuilt cutter, allowing the students to assemble and complete the project.

Members who are unable to volunteer in person were invited to contribute ideas for simple projects that could be completed in one or two sessions. Donations of fabric and other quilting supplies for youth projects are also appreciated.

Janice thanked everyone for their continued support of the Youth Quilting Program.

Mini Groups – Susie Davidson and Vicki Hall

Susie Davidson reported on the guild's mini groups and noted that the information on the guild website is currently being updated to ensure it accurately reflects active groups and available openings.

Updates included:

Color Catchers – The group currently has only three members and may discontinue unless additional members join. Interested members should contact Judy Brungardt.

Rags to Bags – This group is full. Because of its popularity, a second bag-making group, Bag Ladies, was established. The group is currently seeking a new leader, and interested members were encouraged to contact Susie.

Mysterious Ladies – The group continues to meet monthly and is nearing completion of its current mystery quilt project. A new mystery project will begin soon, and additional members are welcome.

Scattered Threads – This handwork group, led by Carolyn Edwards, has openings for new members and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Prescott Country Club POA Building.

Susie reminded members that mini groups provide opportunities to explore specialized quilting interests and encouraged members to contact her if they would like help finding a group that matches their interests.

Yavapai County Fair

Susie also provided information about the **Yavapai County Fair Home Arts Department**, where she serves as the board coordinator.

Highlights included:

Entry information and the premium book are available online.

The entry deadline and project drop-off date are **August 13**.

The fair will be held **September 13–17**.

Textile exhibits will be displayed in the **Freeman Building**, separate from other Home Arts exhibits.

Adult entry categories are being consolidated to provide stronger competition and improve opportunities for ribbons and monetary awards.

Members needing assistance with the entry process were encouraged to contact Susie.

Block of the Month – Velia Glazier

Velia introduced this year's **Block of the Month** program, a self-paced project that members may complete at their own speed.

The featured quilt, **Points of Interest**, finishes approximately 64½" × 82½" with 8½-inch unfinished blocks. Instructions include both rotary cutting and AccuQuilt cutting methods.

For the first month, members are to complete Block A, making four identical blocks. Velia reported that the instructions were straightforward and accurate.

Members were reminded that:

Patterns are available on the guild website.

The guild's AccuQuilt equipment includes the required 8½-inch cube.

Members may also use the equipment during Community Quilts Day.

Velia also introduced an optional second project, **Add It Up**, a simple quilt featuring rail fence and nine-patch style blocks. The quilt was selected because of its beginner-friendly construction and manageable size. Members who choose to make additional blocks may donate them for future Community Quilts projects.

Sample quilts and color variations were displayed, and members were encouraged to visit the display table with any questions.

Winter Luncheon – Maureen Sinkiewicz

Maureen provided an update on plans for the annual **Winter Luncheon**, which she coordinates each December.

Traditionally, the luncheon has featured a holiday meal with turkey, ham, side dishes, festive decorations, costumes, and a themed program. Maureen shared that she is considering changing the format this year by hosting a **Christmas Tea** while still serving a substantial holiday lunch.

She explained that the goal is to keep the event fresh, fun, and festive while maintaining the traditions members enjoy. Information about the proposed format will be included in upcoming newsletters, and a final decision will likely be made in October.

Members briefly discussed the possibility of incorporating festive hats into the event. Maureen noted that participation would be optional, recognizing that not everyone may wish to create or purchase a holiday hat.

An informal show of hands indicated interest in the Christmas Tea concept. Members were encouraged to watch the newsletter for additional details as plans are finalized.

Community Quilts – Christina Tisdale

Christina Tisdale introduced the Community Quilts committee and recognized committee members Roberta, Irene, and Norma for their assistance.

During the past month, the committee focused on organizing donated materials and supplies. Community Quilts reported:

56 quilts were turned in.

39 quilts were distributed to community organizations.

The committee also announced several fundraising opportunities available at the back of the meeting room:

80/20 cotton batting is available for purchase at the guild's wholesale cost:

Full 30-yard roll: \$180

By the yard: \$8 per yard

Pre-cut bowl cozy kits are available for \$10 and include enough materials to make two bowl cozies.

Grab bags of donated quilting supplies are available for \$5.

Packages of twenty-five 10-inch pre-cut fabric squares **are** available for \$10.

Proceeds from these sales support the Community Quilts program by helping purchase batting and other quilting supplies.

Christina reminded members that the next **Community Quilts Day** will be held on **Monday, July 27**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the meeting room. All members are welcome to attend, regardless of skill level.

Members were also reminded that quilt tops, batting, backing, and binding are available for those who wish to take quilts home for quilting or binding. The committee appreciates everyone's willingness to help complete quilts for community donation.

Committee members asked that anyone who has taken home Community Quilts projects but is no longer able to complete them simply return the unfinished quilts. Members were assured there is no judgment, and returning projects allows them to be reassigned so they can be finished and donated.

Community Quilts meets on the **fourth Monday of each month**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the meeting room. Work sessions generally continue until noon and may be extended until **3:00 p.m.** to allow members additional sewing time.

Members are encouraged to bring their sewing machines and spend the day helping with quilt assembly, quilting, binding, fabric preparation, batting cutting, or other tasks. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome, and refreshments are always appreciated.

The committee thanked everyone for their continued support and participation in the Community Quilts program.

Member Update

PJ Parker provided an update on her mother, who will celebrate her **100th birthday** next month.

She reported that her mother recently suffered a broken leg following a fall. After surgery to repair the fracture with a plate and screws, she is recovering well at Mountain Valley Rehabilitation Center. Debbie shared that her mother's spirits are good, she is participating in therapy, and it is hoped she will be able to return home soon.

Debbie thanked guild members for their cards and support, noting that they had been greatly appreciated.

Prescott Meals on Wheels Placemats – Kay Denny

Kay provided an update on the guild's ongoing Prescott Meals on Wheels Placemat Project.

Guild members make placemats that are distributed each year to Meals on Wheels recipients in Prescott and at the Prescott Valley Senior Center during the holiday season. Members are encouraged to create and donate placemats throughout the year. Project guidelines include:

Maximum size: **14" × 18"** (approximately **12½" × 17"** is preferred).

Any fabric theme is welcome except political or overtly religious themes.

Patriotic designs are encouraged and appreciated by many recipients, including veterans.

Guild labels are available from Kay and are encouraged so recipients know the placemats were made locally.

Any quilting or binding method may be used.

Orphan blocks and leftover fabric are excellent materials for the project.

Community Quilts also has donated fabric available for members wishing to make placemats.

Kay Denny encouraged all members to participate, noting that the handcrafted placemats are greatly appreciated by Meals on Wheels recipients and have become a meaningful community outreach project for the guild.

Kay noted that while placemats with religious messages are discouraged, seasonal themes such as Christmas, Halloween and Easter are welcome. She encouraged members to participate, emphasizing that the project is enjoyable, quick to complete, and greatly appreciated by recipients.

In response to a question, Kay explained that some Meals on Wheels recipients are couples. Members are welcome to make matching sets of placemats; if the placemats are not delivered to a couple, they can simply be distributed to individual recipients.

Doggy Bed Project – Charlene Coxworth

Charlene Coxworth presented the guild's Doggy Bed Project, which provides handmade pet beds to local animal shelters.

Members were encouraged to use quilting scraps and leftover batting as filling for the beds. Fabric scraps should be cut into pieces approximately 2½ inches in size, with long

strings removed to prevent tangling. Beds should be filled generously to provide comfortable cushioning for the animals.

Bed covers are prepared in advance and are partially sewn, allowing volunteers to simply fill the beds and sew the final opening closed. Each bed is stitched twice for added durability.

Completed dog beds may be returned to the guild, where they are delivered to the local Humane Society and other animal rescue organizations as needed.

Members with heavier decorative fabrics that are not suitable for quilting were encouraged to donate them for use in the dog bed project.

Charlene encouraged members to keep a dog bed at the end of their cutting table to collect fabric scraps while quilting. She also suggested taking unfinished dog beds to mini groups or retreats so members can easily fill them with scraps that might otherwise be discarded, helping reduce waste while supporting the project.

Sewing Machine for Sale

Charlene also reminded members that information about a used **Baby Lock Crescendo** sewing machine for sale is available in the guild newsletter. Printed information was available for interested members.

Show and Tell - Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Barbara Stein, Betsy Mayorga, Patty McClearn, Christina Tisdale, Michelle Kirkpatrick, Kay Hoff, Maureen Sinkiewicz, Carolyn Edwards, Theresa Barnard, Kay Wentworth, Martie Winkelman and Sharon Harris.

10:44 a.m. Sharon Harris called for a 15 minute break before the start of the program.

New Business to be addressed: None

Closing Remarks – Sharon Harris

Sharon thanked Helen Frost, the guest speaker and the members for being at the meeting today and happy quilting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Maris, Secretary