



The Summit – September 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2026 9:30 am

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

Board Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2026 9:00 am

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

President's Message

Hello Guild Members:

It is September and hopefully we will be having less rain and move into Fall. We have a lot of things going on this month.

Youth Sewing has been moved to the "Field of Dreams" room, known as the "FOD". It takes a bit of time and effort to move all of the equipment from our storage cabinet to this room. The Elks are looking at purchasing a new cabinet that will be kept in the FOD room or one with wheels that will be kept with our other cabinets in the storage area. They will then roll it to the FOD before the Youth Sewing class each week.

Our program classes may also be moving to this room. It would make it easier for Elizabeth to have everything in one location. This would also help Youth Sewing as the room will already be set up on the days that we have a program class. Programs would start at 8:30 am and finish at 3:00 pm. More to come when we find out when the new cabinet will be here.

Sue Ely, our AccuQuilt Chairman, and I have been working on the AccuQuilt storage and sign out process. We have updated the Release and Rules, of which Sue is putting together in a notebook. You can now be checked out on the manual and electric cutters. The dies and cutters have been removed from the Conex and placed in a cabinet as they need to be stored in a temperature controlled environment and need to be stored upright and not sitting on top of each other.

Sharon Harris and I recently conducted an inventory of the dies and it appears we are missing several. If you have any of the AccuQuilt dies, please contact Sue Ely and let her know. Dies need to be returned as soon as you have completed the cutting of your fabric. We are asking that you return them at our next guild meeting in September.

I look forward to us having a good month. 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.

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 - CANCELLED Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Setup 8:40 am Workshop Fee: \$10 Kit Fee: \$0 Due to lack of enrollment, the Sit N’ Sew has been cancelled. We will reimburse those who have paid the fees.
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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 Space is limited to 26, and we are full! A waitlist is available in case someone cancels. 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.
Thu 10/29	See Wednesday 10/28.

November	
Mon 11/16	Monthly Guild Meeting Program: Show and Tell

	Extravaganza Time: 9:30 am Bring your quilts and show off what you have made. It is one of the best parts of being in the guild!! Share your stories and come and be inspired!! This will be an extended time of sharing. There will be no workshops this month. Hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!!
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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 09/21	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. You will be removing a few stitches and spin the center of the block. This is a take home sample.

November	
Mon 11/16	Iron Cleaning – Bring your iron to be cleaned. You will be cleaning your own iron to be ready for your next few projects.

Featured October Speaker - Deb Deaton
Elizabeth Phinder

Every piece of art has a story. Some begin with a photograph, others with a memory, a life experience, or a simple moment that refuses to be forgotten. Our October speaker, award-winning fiber artist Deb Deaton, invites audiences behind the scenes to discover how those stories are transformed into richly textured works of fiber art through her engaging lecture and trunk show.

Through a collection of her award-winning quilts, fiber art, and mixed media textile pieces, Deb shares the inspiration behind each artwork while explaining the creative process, materials, and techniques used to bring every piece to life. From thread painting and appliqué to paints, inks, sari silk, wool fibers, cheesecloth, and unexpected embellishments, attendees will discover how combining traditional quilting with mixed media creates artwork filled with depth, texture, and dimension.

Along the way, Deb shares practical tips, favorite products, and creative insights gathered throughout her artistic journey.

Each attendee receives a resource handout featuring many of the supplies and materials she uses, making it easy to continue exploring these techniques at home.

Whether you're an experienced quilter, an aspiring fiber artist, or someone simply looking for fresh inspiration, you'll leave with new ideas, renewed creativity, and the confidence to explore your own artistic voice.



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

Thank you to everyone who attended last month's Community Quilts session. Thanks to your hard work, we successfully backed 50 quilts that are now ready for quilting.

We invite all members, including our new members, to join us for our next session on September 28 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring your sewing machine and join the fun. The AccuQuilt cutter will be available for anyone looking to add a unique touch to their projects. You are also welcome to bring a lunch or a treat to share.

Additionally, please consider looking through your sewing rooms for items you no longer use to place on our "Free Table" for other Mountain Top Quilt Guild members to enjoy.

An assortment of fabric and batting will be available for purchase by the yard. If you would like to order a full roll of batting for \$180, please notify us in advance via text or at MTQGCQ@gmail.com so we can ensure it is available for you.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to Community Quilts.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**. Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

New Members Group

Valorie Nelson, Peggie MacKenzie, Theresa Barnard, Janice Zolnierowicz

When: September 17, 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Location: StoneRidge Community Center, 1300 StoneRidge Drive, Prescott Valley, Upstairs Conference Room

RSVP: To Valorie at 928.273.2121 or [email](mailto:valorie@mtqg.org)

Our focus is to educate new members about MTQG, answer any questions on how our guild operates, demonstrate new and familiar sewing techniques, and offer excursions outside of our regular meeting location. We encourage ALL members to attend and share your knowledge and experiences with our new members.

This month our meeting will include a demonstration by Sue Ely on how to use the AccuQuilt Fabric cutting system. Sue will familiarize us with the many dies that MTQG has. Once you are instructed on how to use the system correctly, you will be AccuQuilt certified!

We will also be demonstrating how to make a Folded Star Pot Holder. If you would like to make one at the meeting, here are the material requirements:

- 4 coordinating fat quarters
- Glue stick

Precut the fat quarters as follows:

- One 2" square for the center
- Four 4" squares for the next layer

You will also need an 8" square for the backing, however, this will not be necessary for the meeting.

You can use the AccuQuilt cutter to cut the rest of your squares from your other two fabrics. We will have pressing mats and

irons available for use. Our goal is to have the top finished, so you can take it home and complete the final assembly, which will include backing, batting, quilting and binding.



We hope to see you at the meeting. Please RSVP to Valorie by sending a text to 928.273.2121 or [email](#) her if you plan to attend so she knows how many patterns to print.

Block of the Month

Velia Glazier

Ladies, If you haven't started your BOM yet, it's not too late! Material and cutting instructions are on our website. Choose your fabrics and have fun.

We are on our 3rd month of **Points of Interest**. Instructions for Blocks A & B are [here](#). This month we will be making 4 blocks of Block C. Instructions for Block C & D are [here](#). Be sure to use the correct fabrics and mark them before cutting as it's easy to get your dark and medium mixed up. (Yeah, I did it). There are no corrections necessary for constructing this block.



For those of you making the alternate quilt [Add it Up](#), if you wish to finish at the same time as our regular BOM, I suggest you make enough blocks for one row each month. You should be working on your 3rd row. Remember to make an extra block to turn in to me and I will make an extra quilt for Community Quilts. Thank you.



Quilters Conference

Editor

Remember why you fell in love with quilting in the first place? That feeling of creating something beautiful with your own hands — it never really goes away. What if your next quilt was the one you were truly proud of? The one you couldn't wait to gift, display, or even sell?



The Quilters Conference (September 21–28) is a free online event designed for beginner and intermediate quilters who are ready to level up. Expert-led sessions will help you build real confidence with technique, color choices, and finishing strong.

And the best part? You choose when to watch. Every session is available on demand during conference week, so you can learn at your own pace, from wherever you are — no set schedules, no pressure.

You'll also be surrounded by quilters who get it — a supportive community that celebrates progress over perfection, cheers each other on, and makes the journey so much more fun.

Whether you dream of completing your first full quilt or turning your hobby into something more, this is the week that can make it happen.

Register now and get early access to our inspirational lookbook, packed with ideas to get your creativity flowing before the event even starts.

Sign up [here](#).



September Birthdays

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

1. Bobbie Mae Ball
2. Charlene Coxworth
3. Anita Havelin
4. Renee' Hromish

5. Michelle Kirkpatrick
6. Margot McDonnell
7. Valorie Nelson
8. Hildy Smith
9. Vicki Smola
10. Karen Toci

Upcoming Quilt Events

Quilters Conference (Virtual)

September 21-28, 2026

www.masteryroute.com/quilters

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

Arizona Quilter's Fun Day

October 24, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Church

330 W. Coral Gables

Phoenix, AZ

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

November 5 - 7, 2026

Tucson Expo Center

3750 E. Irvington Road

Tucson, AZ

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

General Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026

Call to Order

Diane Short, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She asked members to silence their cell phones for the meeting.

Location: Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley, Arizona

Recording: Diane informed the membership that the meeting was being recorded to help the secretary prepare the minutes.

Approval of the July General Meeting Minutes

Barbara Stein made a motion to approve the July general meeting minutes, and Jan Walls seconded the motion. The July general meeting minutes were approved as read.

President's Comments:

Announcements and Upcoming Activities

- **Yavapai County Fair:** Registration information is in the newsletter. Suzy Davidson is available to help members register. Entries may be delivered in person on August 31 or September 1, with the required form completed at drop-off.
- **Membership Dues:** Membership dues are now due. Members who have not yet paid were asked to do so.
- **Community Quilts Share Table:** The table has assorted books, patterns, fabrics, and other quilting and sewing items, all free to members. Members were reminded that the table itself was not included.
- **Chino Valley Quilt Guild:** The guild displayed its opportunity quilt. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The drawing will be held during the October quilt show at Chino Valley High School.
- **TOADS—Treasured Objects Almost Done:** Susan Perry and Diana Bare will begin sign-ups, probably in October. Participants will bring two unfinished projects in January. The group will select one, and the participant will have one year to finish it.
- **Prescott Library Viewerie:** The December theme will be “Christmas Around the World.” The guild has the full display area, approximately 40 feet long. A participation form will be available in October before the display. Items should be

brought to the November General meeting. Items will be installed December 1 and removed December 31, then returned at the January general meeting. Volunteers are needed for installation and removal. See Diane Short if you would like to volunteer for setup and/or take down.

August Birthdays:

Members with August birthdays were recognized, including a member whose birthday was the day of the meeting.

US VETS Matthew Phillips:

Diane Short introduced the guest speaker, Matthew Phillips. He is the Development and Communications Manager for U.S.VETS. He thanked the guild for the quilts it has donated to veterans moving into U.S.VETS housing.

Its northern Arizona service area covers approximately 64,000 square miles, extending to the Utah border and Kingman. U.S.VETS will travel throughout the region to help house veterans or ensure they receive the care they need. Its services include meals, clinical care, case management, workforce development, transportation, and assistance obtaining earned veterans' benefits.

Matthew explained that U.S.VETS is a nonprofit organization that provides temporary housing and support to homeless and at-risk veterans. Its main objective is not to house veterans permanently, but to help them get back on their feet, become self-sufficient, and move forward with their lives.

Matthew reported that the guild supplied quilts for veterans housed in the newly completed facilities on the VA campus. He emphasized that U.S.VETS provides the housing and the guild's quilts provide a personal welcome.

U.S.VETS has a need for volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include kitchen service, workshops and activities for veterans, assistance with entrepreneurship and workforce development, and help with community outings. A guild member also asked about the possibility of a choral group presenting a musical program for the US VETS, which Matthew welcomed.

He again thanked the guild members for all the wonderful quilts that have been donated.

Matthew was presented with several boxes containing pillows, towels and several Wall Hangings.

Committee Reports

Membership and Directory – Donna Domino

- Donna Domino reported 127 members as of the morning of the meeting, with several additional memberships pending.
- An updated directory will be distributed before the next meeting and will include members' information, photographs, bylaws, and other guild information. Members were asked to verify their addresses, email addresses, birthdays, and other details and report corrections promptly.
- Printed directories will be prepared for members who do not have access to email. A printed copy will be mailed to them by USPS.

New Member Committee — Janice Zolnierowicz

Janice Zolnierowicz said that she is one-fourth of the New Member Committee and told the members about the following upcoming events:

- The next gathering will be Thursday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m. at Prescott Quilt Works in Frontier Village. Coco will present fabric lines, quilting products, and available classes. Attendees will receive a 15 percent discount. The gathering is open to established as well as new members.
- The September gathering will be Thursday, September 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the second-floor conference room at StoneRidge Community Center. Participants will make folded-star hot pads using 5-inch squares.
- Sue Ely will demonstrate the AccuQuilt cutting system. Members may also complete the certification required to check out the guild's AccuQuilt equipment.

Block of the Month — Velia Glazier

Velia showed an example of Block B for the "Points of Interest" quilt. This month, members will make eight Block B units, each consisting of a square and two half-square triangles.

The optional second quilt project is "Add It Up."

A correction was announced for the "Add It Up" project: the pattern requires 189 two-and-one-half-inch squares rather than 89. All other yardage information remains correct, and the correction will be posted.

Youth Quilting Program – Janice Zolnierowicz

- The youth group has nine participants and will meet in the Field of Dreams room, which is in the back corner of the Elks Lodge.
- The guild is working to obtain a cabinet to be kept in the Field of Dreams room from the Elks so program supplies will not need to be transported back and forth for every meeting.

Programs and Workshops — Ronnie Sandoval

Ronnie Sandoval presented the program report while Elizabeth is on vacation.

September Program: Guest speaker Joyce Schwartz will present a lecture on quilt history from the 1800s through 1875. There will be no Monday class.

Tuesday will be a \$10 sit-and-sew day; members should bring their own projects.

October Program: Guest speaker Deb Deaton will present “Fiber Art Journey: No Rules, Just Art.”

Monday Afternoon Workshop: a half-day Thread Play class

Tuesday Full Day Workshop: Ink tense pencil class October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October Mini-Retreat: The October 28–29 mini-retreat is at the VFW in Prescott Valley and costs \$20. One space remained available at the time of the General meeting. Sewing machines may be left overnight. Since the room is being presented to us for use at no charge, we are asking all participants to purchase lunch from the VFW.

Echoes — Ronnie Sandoval

- Ronnie said that there is no Echoes demonstration at this meeting because she was handling the Programs.
- The September demonstration will feature the Inklingo hand-piecing technique, in which shapes are printed on the back of fabric and stitched on the printed lines.
- The October demonstration will cover spinning seam allowances so intersections lie flat.
- For November, Ronnie asked members to bring in their irons for an Iron Magic cleaning demonstration. It will be fun, and the irons will be clean and ready whenever members begin working on their projects in the new year.
- Ronnie said that suggestions for future demonstrations are welcome.

Community Quilts — Christina Tisdale

- Christina thanked members for attending the previous Community Quilts workday. Batting and backing were prepared for nearly 70 quilts.
- Quilts awaiting quilting were available at the back of the room. All quilts that required binding had been taken by volunteers.
- Several quilts were displayed to the members that would go out for delivery to veterans. Approximately 30 additional quilts were prepared for donation to the Hopi church.
- Five-dollar scrap grab bags were available. Christina showed several projects she made from the scraps, including potholders, a plastic-bag holder, and other small household items.
- Next Community Quilts Workday: The next workshop will be Monday, August 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will piece quilt backs, prepare batting, and work on available quilts. Members may bring lunch or food to share.
- Monthly raffle drawing: Christina said that at the September General meeting, three names will be drawn for the members who have turned in quilts. She has been busy learning the responsibilities of Community Quilts chairperson and got a little behind regarding the monthly drawings.

New Business

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Diane Short read a list of the upcoming events:

- **Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival**: September 3–5 at WestWorld of Scottsdale, formerly known as the Rusty Barn show.
- **Northern Arizona Quilters Gathering**: September 24–26 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Flagstaff.
- **Chino Valley Quilt Show**: October 9–10 at Chino Valley High School.

Cabinet and Storage Keys

- Diane Short said the Guild needs to know who has keys to the white cabinets. She asked members that have keys to the white cabinets, to please come talk to her so the guild can update its key records.
- Diane reported the Budget Storage Unit and Conex now have new locks. Only members who were issued new keys should have access.

Guild Funds

Theresa Barnard noted that the financial statement showed more than \$17,000 in savings and approximately \$24,000 in checking. She asked if any thought had been given to moving some of the funds into a higher-interest certificate of deposit.

Diane Short said the matter would be presented at the next board meeting so the board could review the available options and determine what action might be taken.

Show and Tell — Kay Wentworth

Members showing their finished projects were: Kay Wentworth, Kay Hoff, Lydia Stang, Deb Godin, Bobbie Mae Ball, Deborah Lee, Mary Lou Clemmons, Donna Wagner, Sue Szot, Donna Speights, Flo Cade and Jessica Brothers.

Break and Program

The business portion of the meeting paused at 10:30 a.m. for a break before the start of the Program. Members were asked to return at 10:55 a.m.

Following the break, Ronnie Sandoval introduced Sandy Corbin for the featured program on “Scrappy Quilts.”

Closing Remarks

Diane Short thanked Sandy Corbin for her beautiful presentation of Scrappy Quilts and the members for being at the meeting today.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12 :00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Maris, Secretary