The Summit – November 2026
Mountain Top Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 12961, Prescott, AZ 86304

General Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026 9:30 am
Elks Lodge
6245 E. 2nd Street
Prescott Valley, AZ

Board Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2026 9:00 am
Elizabeth Phinder's home
Meetings are open; seating is limited
Contact Diane Short to attend

President's Message

Hello Guild Members:

It is November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We have a lot going on this month.

Valorie Nelson has generously volunteered to take over as our new Webmaster, as Patty McClearn had to step down. I want to extend a huge thank you to Valorie for stepping into this role and to Patty for maintaining our website for so many years. Additionally, we have formed a new committee dedicated to updating the site and making it more user-friendly, which will be led by Theresa Barnard. We look forward to the positive changes ahead!

We now have a storage cabinet for our AccuQuilt equipment, courtesy of the Elks. It has been thoroughly cleaned, and the lock is repaired with fully functional keys. The updated AccuQuilt inventory is now available on our website. Sue Ely, our AccuQuilt chairperson, has oversight of the certification and checkout process. If you would like to get certified on using either the manual or electric cutters, please contact Sue Ely, Sharon Harris, Christina Tisdale, or myself. Once you complete your certification and submit a signed copy of the Release and Rules form, you are free to check out the equipment at any time. Additionally, the AccuQuilt is always available during the Community Quilts meetings.

I am still looking for homemade, Christmas-related items to fill the Prescott Library Viewerie. Since the display case is quite large—nearly 40 feet long and 4 feet wide—we need plenty of submissions to fill the entire case. I will be collecting your items and entry forms at our next meeting. If you haven't filled out a form yet, you can bring your items, grab a blank one from

me at the meeting, or text me and I can send you a copy. If you cannot make the meeting, please let me know so we can arrange a pickup, or you can drop your items off at the Prescott Library on Tuesday, December 1st. Let's work together to make this a great holiday display!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am always available by phone or text at 805-732-3338. I look forward to talking to all of you. Have a good month and enjoy your quilting.

Diane Short

Programs

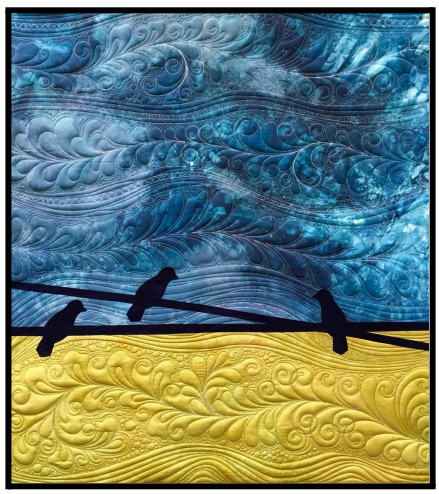
Elizabeth Phinder

See the Programs Table for more information. Workshop fees must be paid in advance by cash, check or Zelle to mtqg2017@gmail.com. **Supply lists are available here.** No refunds are issued, however, your spot may be filled from a waitlist.

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!!

December	
Mon 12/21	Monthly Guild Meeting **Guild Christmas Luncheon** Time: 9:30 am

January	
Mon 01/18	Monthly Guild Meeting **Program: Bethanne Nemesh - Walk a Creative Path** Time: 9:30 am A fun and funny one hour lecture featuring a full 30 years of Bethanne's quilting journey via trunk show with digital lecture support. Half of the lecture is devoted to a deep exploration into Bethanne's creative process with her award-winning show quilts and how various creative processes can be duplicated by the audience to organize and focus personal creativity as well.

Mon 01/18	**Bethanne Nemesh - Blocks and Borders Path** Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Location: Main Room Workshop Fee: $35 Kit Fee: $0 Using a simple feather as a learning tool, students explore block and border quilting design to create integrated full-quilt design. Beginner friendly. Material is condensed, or work time expanded to adjust for different class lengths. Domestic machine class students will bring pre-basted sandwiches. This is a skills-based class. 
Tue 01/19	**Bethanne Nemesh - Feather Faster** Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Setup: 8:10 am Location: Field of Dreams Room Workshop Fee: $45 Kit Fee: $0 This feather class focuses on teaching the spineless feather quilt path, perfect for faster feathers, particularly with sit down quilting as well as one-pass feather borders on a longarm. Beginner friendly. Domestic machine class students will bring pre-basted sandwiches. This is a skills-based class. 

February	
Mon 01/18	Monthly Guild Meeting **Program: T.O.A.D.s** Time: 9:30 am Do you have UFOs? Could you use a little push to complete an unfinished project (aka Treasured Objects Almost Done). Then sign-up at our November meeting to participate in the TOAD Challenge. All participants will be asked to share two unfinished projects. Members will then vote on which

	one you should finish by January 2028. And you'll have a finished quilt for the 2028 quilt show! If you have questions, please contact Susan Perry.
Mon 01/18	**Ronnie Sandoval - Featherweight Maintenance** Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Setup 12:40 pm Location: Main Room Workshop Fee: $40 Kit Fee: $0 Do you have a Singer Featherweight machine? Please join Ronnie in learning how to clean, oil and maintain your sweet little 221. She will take you through all of the in's and out's of keeping your Featherweight in tip top shape!!

For our fellow quilters who may have hearing or visual challenges, please reserve the seats in the front row for our General Meetings.

ECHOS

Ronnie Sandoval

E-Educate **C-C**hallenge **H-H**elp **O-O**pportunity & **S-S**ocial

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

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.

January	
Mon 01/18	Diane Stockhaus will demonstrate how to make a small trash bag for your car.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, December 9, 2026.** Please send to mtqgnewsletter@gmail.com.

Mini-Retreat Followup

Elizabeth Phinder

I want to thank all of you who attended our first Mini Day Retreat at the VFW!!! We had such a great time, and the space had great light, parking and the food was good as well. I received lots of suggestions and very positive feedback from the group. We will be doing another one in the Spring, so look for more information in the coming months!!



New Members Group

Valorie Nelson, Peggie MacKenzie, Theresa Barnard, Janice Zolnierowicz

When: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Location: StoneRidge Community Center, 1300 StoneRidge Drive, Prescott Valley, Upstairs Conference Room (Door is unlocked)
RSVP: To Valorie by 928.273.2121 or email no later than **Sunday, November 15** so we can ensure we have enough materials and provide you with a supply list.

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.

This month's meeting will be hosted by Valorie Nelson, Peggie MacKenzie and special guest Elizabeth Phinder. Elizabeth will talk about upcoming program classes at the guild and answer any questions you may have.

This month's make and take project will feature creating beautiful folded flowers from fabric squares, along with crafting leaves and stems using the Apliquick appliqué method. It's a fun opportunity to learn new techniques and create lovely fabric embellishments!



Hope to see you at the meeting!

Block of the Month

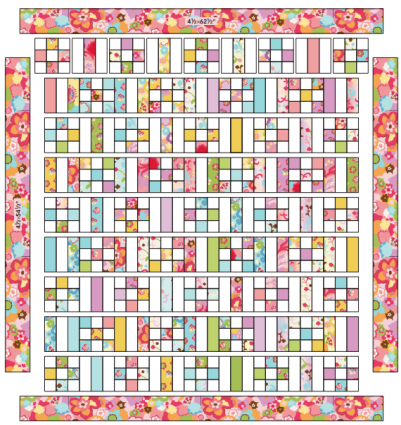
Velia Glazier

Points of Interest: I am giving you November and December Blocks E and F. You are basically cutting squares of differing sizes and cutting them in half, then sewing them together as per the instructions. You will need eight of each block. This gets us more than halfway done to be on schedule for an April "showing".



Add it Up: There is still time to start this cutie. Using strip piecing will make this project easier and sewing less rows gets you a smaller quilt. Here is the link.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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 65 quilts that are now ready for quilting.

We invite all members, including our new members, to join us for our next session on November 23 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.

An assortment of fabric and batting will be available for purchase. 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.

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

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

Fiber Arts Show

The Mountain Artists Guild has invited you to share your small art quilts and wearable art for a special exhibit at their gallery located at 228 N. Alarcon St. Prescott. The showing will be from November 23 - December 30, 2026. The deadline for entry is November 11. For more information, go to their artist call. For questions, you may contact them at 928-445-2510.





November Birthdays

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

1. Jodi Brown
2. Jeanne Dunk
3. Teresa Franco
4. Chrissy Henning
5. Yvonne Kruser
6. Margaret Loretz
7. Martha McLellan
8. Ann Novak
9. Veronica Sandoval
10. Maureen Sinkiewicz/Slate
11. Donna Wagner
12. Sharon Watt

Upcoming Quilt Events

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
November 5 - 7, 2026
Tucson Expo Center
3750 E. Irvington Road
Tucson, AZ

Mountain Artists Guild Fiber Art Show
November 23 - December 30, 2026
228 N. Alarcon Street
Prescott, Arizona

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
January 29 - 31, 2027
1826 West McDowell Road
Phoenix AZ

AQG 2027 Quilt Show “Colors of the Wind”
March 19 - 20, 2027
Martin Auto Museum and Event Center
4320 W. Thunderbird Ave
Glendale, AZ

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2026

Elks Lodge, Prescott Valley, Arizona

Call to Order

President Diane Short called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and requested that all cell phones be silenced during the meeting.

Recording

Diane informed the membership that the meeting was being recorded to help the Secretary prepare the minutes.

Sunshine Report

Members were informed that Hildy Smith is in hospice care at Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility. Members were encouraged to send cards.

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Sharon Harris to approve the September 21, 2026, General Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Marley. The September General Meeting Minutes were approved as read.

President's Comments

President Diane Short read a list of members celebrating birthdays in October.

Committee Reports

Membership and Directory – Donna Domino and Valerie Nelson

Membership was reported at 146 members at the beginning of the meeting. With the addition of Joyce Goodwin, membership increased to 147.

Two guests, Cindy and Leslie, were introduced and welcomed.

Members were reminded to verify their email addresses because several messages sent to new members had been returned as undeliverable.

An updated membership directory will be distributed at the end of November, with periodic updates planned thereafter.

New Member Committee – Valerie Nelson

The New Members Group meets on the third Thursday of each month and is open to all guild members. Meetings provide opportunities to socialize, learn about guild activities, and participate in small quilting projects.

At recent meetings, participants made folded fabric stars and learned about the guild's mini groups through a presentation by Susie Davidson.

The next meeting will be held November 19 at the StoneRidge Community Center, in the upstairs conference room. Participants will make folded fabric flowers, and Elizabeth Phinder will demonstrate an appliqué technique.

Members were asked to RSVP so sufficient kits and supplies can be prepared. Additional information will appear in the newsletter.

Echoes – Ronnie Sundoval

The October demonstration featured spinning the center seam allowances on the back of four-patch blocks to create flatter intersections.

In November, members will learn to clean their irons. Participants should bring their own iron and an old towel. Iron cleaner will be supplied.

There will be no Echoes demonstration in December because of the guild's Christmas luncheon. Members were encouraged to suggest techniques for future demonstrations.

Block of the Month – Velia Glazier

Block D was presented for October. Instructions for the block are available on line.

The block incorporates squares and half-square triangles. Members were advised that the construction is easier than it initially appears, and no problems with the instructions or measurements were reported.

An alternate quilt project, Add It Up, was also displayed in blue fabrics. The design incorporates rail fence and nine-patch blocks.

Placemats – Kay Denny

The guild continues to provide placemats to community organizations.

Approximately 20–25 placemats are delivered monthly to Prescott Meals on Wheels. Sixty placemats have been completed for Christmas distribution through the Prescott Valley Senior Center.

An additional 40 placemats were donated to the Prescott Farmers Market's Feed Your Neighbors program. Future donations to this program may continue as supplies permit.

Placemats should measure no larger than 14 by 18 inches. Patriotic and seasonal designs are welcome, but religious and political designs should be avoided. Members were encouraged to attach Mountaintop Quilt Guild labels.

A limited amount of batting is available for members participating in the project.

Community Quilts – Christina Tisdell and Chrissy Henning

Christina thanked members for their participation in Community Quilts activities.

Twenty-three completed quilts were returned during the month for donation.

The next workshop will focus on piecing fabric together to make quilt backs. Members were asked to bring their sewing machines.

A jelly roll challenge was announced. Fifteen bags containing assorted fabric strips from the guild's donated fabric supply were prepared. Participants may use the strips, supplement them with their own fabric, and create a quilt top to return at the November meeting.

Additional fabric donations are welcome.

A monthly drawing program has been established to recognize members contributing to Community Quilts. Four drawings for $25 gift certificates were held to recognize contributions from previous months. Debbie Jones, Velia Glazier, Martha McLellan and Maureen Sinkiewicz received the gift certificates. The certificates are to be redeemed at the Community Quilts table for items they are selling. Future drawings will be held on a monthly basis.

Mini Groups – Susie Davison and Vicky Hall

Members were encouraged to participate in the guild's mini groups and to consider organizing additional groups based on shared interests.

Bag-Making Group: Maggie Loretz is organizing a new bag-making group because existing group is full. Interested members were encouraged to contact her.

UFO Group: The Unfinished Objects group meets at the Prescott Library in the Elvira Room on the main floor. Members bring their sewing machines and projects, while irons, cutting mats, and rotary cutters are provided.

Meeting dates and times will be published in the newsletter. The group anticipates returning to a regular Friday schedule beginning in January.

Youth Quilting Program – Janice Zolnierowicz

Youth Quilting meets every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Seven girls are currently participating.

Recent projects include decorating jeans, sweatshirts, and T-shirts using appliqué, fabric embellishments, trims, and rhinestones. Participants have also been making fabric shoelaces.

Future projects may include puff quilts, pillows, and quilt tops.

Programs and Workshops – Elizabeth Phinder

The October guest speaker was announced as an award-winning fiber and mixed-media artist presenting Artistry in Fiber: The Stories Behind the Stitches. A drawing for a complimentary print was announced.

A Thread Play workshop was scheduled for the afternoon, and an Inktense workshop was scheduled for the following day.

Tuesday workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. to accommodate the Youth Quilting program.

October 28–29 Mini Day Retreat: The retreat will be held at the VFW from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Two openings remained available. Participants may leave their machines and supplies overnight.

November Program: A Show and Tell Extravaganza is planned. Members are encouraged to bring several projects and share the stories behind their work.

December: Annual Holiday Luncheon/Party

January Program: Bethanne Nemesh of White Arbor Quilting will present a lecture and trunk show featuring her award-winning quilts and her creative journey.

Two beginner-friendly free-motion quilting workshops are planned, including a half-day Blocks and Borders class on Monday and a second class on Tuesday.

Opportunity Quilt – Anita Havelin

Anita Haviland announced that she has agreed to Chair the Opportunity Quilt activities and ticket sales.

Four appearances at other quilt guilds have been scheduled, along with participation in the Last-Minute Stocking Stuffer held at the Armory on the last Saturday before Christmas.

Members were encouraged to recommend additional craft fairs and community events where the quilt could be displayed and raffle tickets sold.

Anita also requested volunteers to assist with future events.

The quilt was made by and donated by Sandra Koch to help raise funds for the guild.

December Holiday Party – Maureen Sinkiewicz

The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held Monday, December 21, 2026.

This year's theme will be a Christmas Tea, featuring a more elegant and festive atmosphere. Members may dress in holiday attire if they wish.

The guild will provide Costco croissant sandwiches, and members will be asked to bring holiday desserts, including cookies, fudge, and candy.

Individual table-decorating activities will not be held this year.

Approximately 18–20 empty Pringles canisters are needed for decorations. Members were asked to bring them to the November meeting.

Following lunch, a holiday fashion show will feature members wearing festive clothing, Christmas sweaters, and decorated hats. Participants will be invited to parade by table.

Additional volunteer arrangements will be announced closer to the event.

Website – Theresa Barnard

Theresa Barnard announced that she had contacted the Board offering to lead an effort to update the guild's website.

She explained that her professional background includes website and online portal development and that she would like to coordinate a committee to evaluate the guild's current website and identify needed improvements.

Susie Davison and Valerie Nelson have volunteered to assist. Theresa also plans to consult additional officers and members, including the current webmaster.

The committee’s initial objective will be to identify website requirements. Following that process, a Request for Proposal or Request for Quote may be prepared and distributed to potential vendors.

Vendor proposals and estimated costs would then be presented to the Board and membership for consideration.

Theresa expressed a preference for retaining WordPress, the platform currently used for the website, and requested recommendations for individuals experienced in WordPress development.

No vendor selection or expenditure authorization was reported during the meeting.

Board Photograph

Board members were asked to assemble for an updated group photograph for the guild's website.

Prescott Library Viewery Display

Members were reminded that quilts and other items for the December Prescott Library display should be brought to the November general meeting.

Members volunteering to assist with installation may bring their items when the display is being arranged.

Participants were asked to provide the dimensions of their items in advance to assist with planning the display.

Additional instructions and forms will be distributed.

AccuQuilt Equipment

A donated cabinet is being refurbished for the guild's AccuQuilt equipment.

Several AccuQuilt dies require attention and will be repaired. The refurbished cabinet and equipment are expected to be returned to the Elks Lodge on Monday when Community Quilts meets.

Correspondence and Thank-You Letters

Three letters of appreciation were shared with the membership.

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS): Expressed appreciation for the guild's donations supporting homeless women and children.

Hospice/Memory Care: Thanked the guild for donated quilts. The letter described how meaningful the quilts are to residents, including a memory-care resident who had become particularly attached to her quilt.

Prescott Farmers Market – Feed Your Neighbors: Coordinator Marie Higgins thanked the guild for the donated placemats, expressing appreciation for their quality, creativity, and the kindness of guild members.

Show and Tell – Kay Wentworth

Members displaying their completed projects included Kay Wentworth, Diane Peterson, Martha McLellan, Carol Miller, Lydia Stang, Lori McCarthy, Kay Hoff, Patty McClearn, and Debbie Jones.

Members displayed quilting projects and shared information about their work. The presentations included a quilting project completed during a cruise from New York City to Quebec.

Members were asked to display their projects for photographs.

Break

President Diane Short called for a 20-minute break at 10:27 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:47 a.m.

Guest Speaker -Deb Deaton

Following the break, Elizabeth Phinder introduced Deb Deaton, an award-winning fiber and mixed-media artist whose work has been exhibited in galleries and juried shows across the country.

Her presentation was titled Artistry in Fiber: The Stories Behind the Stitches.

A drawing was held in connection with the program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Maris

Secretary