

Quilt Show

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Because we cannot do this show without you!

ALSO: We need members to volunteer for the following positions:

1. Quilt Show Director
2. Quilt Show Deputy Director

Education

In-Person Workshop at the Quilt Show!

Successful Machine Quilting Basics & Beyond
with Cindy Seitz-Krug

Thursday, March 23

9:00am – 3:00pm

Delta Marriott Hotel, Mesa AZ



\$60 for members

see <https://arizonaquiltersguild.org/event-5076721> for details

From the President ...

Below is the mission statement for the Arizona Quilters Guild. You might be surprised that it does not include buying more fabric...

The Arizona Quilters Guild (AQG) was created in 1978 to promote the appreciation of fine quilts, sponsor and support quilting activities, encourage quilt making and collection, and to further the growth of Quilters' education. Our mission, years later, still includes these activities.

The board has always placed a high importance on education to support the mission statement. The education committee has done an outstanding job of providing lectures and classes for our members. Our Quilt Show is also a way for us to present our art to the public and provide education through lectures and classes.

Recently, I went to Globe, Arizona to visit with two of our members, Rob Schultz and Malcolm Nason. These two quilters have started a youth quilting group in conjunction with the local 4-H club. I sat through their weekly meeting with 7 kids between the ages 8-12. They were in the process of working on a table runner and were starting another lap quilt block project. This is a wonderful outreach to educate young kids on the art of sewing and quilting. AQG has supported them by providing fabric and kits from donations. They are open to additional donations for items such as batting and tools. Several of the kids are left-handed and so if you are left-handed and can provide ideas on what tools would help these kids, please reach out.

In addition, we have another quilting chapter that is working with a local college to offer a beginning quilting class. I have asked them to write an article for the chatter to share this wonderful educational opportunity.

If you are promoting quilting education, consider writing an article for the chatter to share what wonderful things our members are doing.

Debbie Ament



Member Numbers

January 1991 700 members
January 2002 1,632 members
January 2023 1,430 members

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Please check the [calendar](#) for the current schedule
No advance notice is required to attend. However, special circumstances can sometimes alter meeting dates and times. Calling ahead is recommended.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Arizona Quilters Guild is based on a fiscal calendar running from July 1 through June 30. Current member renewal dues are accepted beginning April 1 for the following membership year and must be postmarked by June 30 to avoid a \$5 late fee charge.

Annual Membership Dues

Renewals postmarked by July 1st	\$25
New memberships and renewals postmarked after July 1st	\$30
Affiliate Membership (business)	\$75
Affiliate Membership (non-profit)	\$45
• Memberships are not pro-rated.	
• AQG mailings are not delivered to non-USA addresses.	

IT IS THE POLICY OF AQG NEVER TO SELL A LIST OF OUR MEMBERS TO ANYONE. THE ROSTER IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE ONLY.

CHATTER DEADLINES

The Patchwork Chatter is published 10 times a year by AQG (no June or July issues). For more information or to submit articles and reports, please contact the AQG Communications Director through the office or send reports and jpeg photos to newsletter@aqgmail.org.

Next Chatter Issue = March, #344
Deadline for submissions = February 15, 2023

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AQG Education

Take advantage of these great education opportunities!

Get more details and register for events on the AQG website: <http://arizonaquiltersguild.org/events>

Upcoming Events



February 2 -

What Makes a Quilter Tick

David Sirota (Quilt Maven Dave)

Zoom lecture 6:30pm – 8:00pm

A laugh-out loud look at ourselves as quilters.



February 18 -

Storm at Sea

David Sirota (Quilt Maven Dave)

Zoom Workshop 9:00am -3:00pm

\$47 for members

Learn to love paper piecing with Dave's "No More Tears"© paper piecing method.



March 7 -

NH (New Hampshire) Beauty

David Sirota (Quilt Maven Dave)

Zoom Workshop 9:00am -3:00pm

\$47 for members

Learn Dave's "No More Tears"© paper piecing method and tackle curved piecing.

Events at the Quilt Show

In-Person Workshop

March 23 -

Successful Machine Quilting Basics & Beyond

Cindy Seitz-Krug

Delta Marriott Hotel, Mesa AZ

9:00am – 3:00pm

\$60

This class will give you the confidence and ability to finally quilt your own quilts on your home sewing machine. Visit the quilt show preview night after class.



AQG Education-Continued

In-Person Lectures

Lectures will be held in the Mesa Convention Center Auditorium

Lectures are included with your quilt show admission

No registration required



March 24 - 10:00 – 11:00am

Twenty Tips & Tricks for Better Machine Quilting

Cindy Seitz-Krug

1:00 – 2:30pm

Rust Dyeing Fabric

Linda Hopkins

March 25 - 10:00 – 11:30am

Textiles from Thailand

Gale Carson

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Moving Up to the Big Leagues - Taking your Quilts from Local Shows to International Competitions

Cindy Seitz-Krug

Help Wanted The Education Team needs your help!!!

Do you enjoy the AQG workshops and lectures? Would you like to help us organize future education events? We could use your help.

Here are a few of the tasks we need help with:

- Selecting teachers
- Drafting Contracts for teachers
- Creating education events on the AQG website
- Moderating Zoom lectures and workshops
- Help with graphic design
- Help with marketing our events

It doesn't require a large time commitment. We meet once per month via Zoom and work on our tasks between meetings.

Contact Victoria Nelson and Audrey Longhurst at education@aqgmail.org if you'd like to help.



canyon of colors

AQG 2023 Quilt Show

Professional Photographs in 2023

A new feature offered with your Quilt Registration for the 2023 show is that you can purchase a professional photograph of your quilt for only \$10. Photographs can be ordered by either the Entrant or the Quilter listed on the entry form.

These are great for entering quilts in other shows, for high resolution details in Juried shows, for insurance or appraisal purposes, for showcasing your work on your website, or for any other place you want to use them with no restrictions. After you register your quilt, click on the link for ordering photographs. The digital photograph will be emailed to you after the quilt show.

The order form and all the details can be found on the AQG website <https://arizonaquiltersguild.org/QuiltEntryPhotos>



Member Questions For the Board

Question: Recently I received an email that the board is looking for board members for next year, what positions are needed?

Answer: There are 7 board members and we started a staggering schedule with 3 being added one year and 4 the next. For the 2023-2024 board, we have 3 positions to replace existing members who have timed out. We also have a board member who has resigned as of the end of their first year, so we have another position open.

At the first meeting of the board in June, the board members decide who will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or general board members.

Question: What does a board member do?

Answer: The board deals with the items that need to be handled for AQG to run. This includes working with the committees, ensuring policies are followed, filing the annual tax reports, running necessary meetings, and volunteering for AQG events such as fun day and the quilt show. For certain positions, there are more responsibilities. The secretary does the meeting minutes. The treasurer handles all of the monetary items for AQG. The president and vice president work to make things run smooth.

The committees handle duties such as the Chatter, membership, education, quilt show, fun day, mini-grant, and more.

Question: What is the time commitment? How long and how much?

Answer: For a board position, the time commitment is 2 years. Board members are allowed to be on the board for a total of 4 years and can come back to the board after a 2 year leave. The monthly time commitment depends on the position. At the minimum, it is the following:

- 1-3 hour board meeting once a month held through zoom.
- 1-3 hour chapter leadership meeting in the summer after the new year starts held through zoom.
- 2-4 hour membership meeting held in the spring held through zoom.

The rest of the time required depends on the position and what interests the board member wants to focus on for the year.

Question: Do I have to live in the Phoenix metro area?

Answer: No, we have several board members this year that live outside the Phoenix metro area. Since the meetings are via zoom, it is easy for everyone to participate. AQG values all of its members and it works the best if we can get input from many locations around the state and we can hear from chapter members and members at large.

Question: How do I apply?

Answer: Fill out the application on the AQG website under Resources > Documents> Board of Directors > Application to join. A nominating committee will contact each nominee to conduct an interview. Then, the nominees are sent to the membership for a vote.

Dear Aunt Quiltie - Advice Column,

A number of my quilting friends (which included experienced quilters) and I submitted quilts to a recent quilt show and were surprised that none of us received any ribbons for our beautiful quilts. Can you offer some advice on how we can improve our techniques and win ribbons in the future?

After being able to volunteer in the judge room (not judging but holding and sorting quilts) for a number of years, there have been a number of comments I have heard from a variety of judges.



Applique edges are not attached.	Run your fingers around your applique to make sure that your fabric is completely tacked down.
Batting is visible on the top of the quilt	Make sure you use a new needle when quilting. Nicks on the needle can pull batting to the top
Binding is wavy and doesn't lie flat and corners are not square	Blocking a quilt will assist in straighten out binding and squaring corners. There are a number of YouTube videos that will help. I have used the rubber floor mats that look like puzzle pieces. Spraying down with water. Using a long ruler and large square ruler, straighten the binding. With T pins pinning them to the mat. It might take a few days to dry. You can also use carpeting with a sheet underneath or 8 foot insulation boards from hardware store. To me this is the number comment.
Binding stitch on the back are showing or are not close enough.	When stitching by hand, match the thread to the binding, try to stitch so the thread is not visible and close enough that your fingernail cannot lift the binding up.
Blue friction or tracing lines are visible.	Look over your quilt top to make sure that all tracing lines have been removed and are not visible. Blue lines show up very well on lighter fabrics.
Color issues	Think about how you select your fabric color choices. Do warm and cool colors complement each other? Look at a color wheel and see if the color blend well together.
Dark fabric is showing thru lighter background	Maybe ironing to the dark side may not always be best when your background fabric is more transparent. Try ironing to the light side.
Quilting stitches are not even or quilting tension is off.	Look on both the front and back of your quilt. Check to make sure that your spacing and tension is appropriate.
Piecing thread is visible.	Look over your blocks and make sure that the thread used to piece the block together is not visible. You may need to rip out and stitch again.

Sincerely, Aunt Quiltie

If you have a question and would like it to be answered in future Chatter publications, please send in you question to news-letter@agqmail.org You may win a prize from the Co-Publishers.

Chapter Reports

Sunrise Stitchers' of Scottsdale

submitted by Nancy Cisar

December found us deep in Christmas projects for family members and friends.

Eva welcomed all our members. We had a very short meeting since our meeting was to celebrate the Christmas season. Some of our plannings for our 2023 meetings will include a presentation on quilt binding, a heartfelt project for February, a sew-in for charity quilts and Marla Hattabaugh showing the "Bojage" technique.

Some of our members presented quilts they had completed during show and tell.



Our Christmas party was attended by most of our members. Each one brought a dish to share. After we ate we played games led by Eva Kilgore, our president. You can see how much fun we had with them.

At the end we had a gift exchange, but with the ability to steal a gift from a previous person. All were laughter and delight.



Chapter Reports

Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

submitted by Susan Thomas

New Chair Cindy Fonseca started our year off with a Zoom program with Cheryl Brickley and her Charm Pack Quilt Book . We viewed each quilt and heard her story on the creation of each. We had 38 Members present all ready for the new year of learning and fun.

Reports show that 177 quilts/bibs/etc. were given to the Veteran's First Charity.

67 dog beds to the Arizona Humane society

17 quilts to Project Linus

7 Quilts to Pregnancy Center Boutique.

We are starting our year with a Block a month Mystery Quilt Challenge.

We were encouraged to sign up for the coming AQG Quilt Show especially since our group has more than 9 entries in this years show.



Cheryl



Terry

Chapter Reports

Delightful Quilters of Scottsdale

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January. The Patchers accomplished quite a bit! A new challenge, selecting Charitable funding, and planning the Quilt Camp. We have had a couple of our members get new joints and join the bionic quilters some of us are! Thankfully sailed through the surgery. And, our Chapter Chair, Leslie Peacock, sends information out weekly as to which member needs to be 'bombarded with cards'.

Thursday, January 19, we will have a sew day Sew Day & how to make a Gnome class taught by Maureen Pastika. Members received the supply list, and it will be so fun to see how everyone's little (or big) gnome comes out! Pictures next month!

Apologies for not getting the December report in on time, but posting photos of our oh so fun Holiday Party! It was held at That Brewery and we had the entire back room to ourselves. A fun a merry time was had by all!

submitted by Jane Wilcox



The Strawberry Patchers meet the first Thursday of the month at the Library Annex located behind the Pine Community Center. Meetings start at 9:30am but come at 9:00am for coffee and goodies. On the 3rd Thursday of the month, we have "Sew Fun" Days. Come for help, sewing, handwork, and the fun from 9:00am – 3:00pm! Hope to see you, too!



Chapter Reports

Calico Cut- Ups of El Mirage

submitted by Pat Weddle

We survived the holidays and look forward to a rewarding year in 2023! We celebrated Christmas with a wonderful luncheon provided by the Board members and Christmas committee. Each person was asked to bring 1 dozen cookies that were displayed on a beautiful table by Marian Jump, with bags provided to take home leftovers.



We were entertained by Lexi Burg, who presented a Trunk Show of some of her beautiful work! The work she does on quilts is superb and encourages each of us to want to learn more. Each attendee took home a Christmas Tree made from Fat Quarters, thank you Becky Simmerman and 5 lucky winners took home beautiful Christmas Cactus. A pattern that was designed by our very own, Lexi Burg, was given to each attendant and each bowl was served in its very own bowl cozy to be kept by the recipient. Several booming rounds of Quilt bingo were played with wonderful prizes for the winners! Thank you, Karen Stickney, for providing this rip-roaring game and calling the items for us. We had a very special Elf (Shirley Helgeson) visit us and read a story, "For The Mature Audience" by Helen Kelley from the book, Every Quilt Tells A Story. Thank you, Elf, it was enjoyed by all! Thank you to everyone that attended and to our Christmas Committee!



Our upcoming programs are going to be:

January 23 – Charm Square Bag – Presented by Lexi Burg

February 27 – Vinyl Project Bag – Presented by Becky Simmerman

Please check our website for a supply list for these programs and come to class prepared. Our Community Service produced 13 quilts and 2 Luke Air Force blankets. Remember this for the upcoming year, Put your foot down and Quilt!

Happy New Year 2023



Chapter Reports

Cotton Patchers of Coolidge

submitted by Brenda Lohr

Wow. December was over in the blink of an eye, wasn't it? The Coolidge Cotton Patchers have been very busy. On December 15 we spent the morning distributing comfort quilts and Quilts of



Valor. We also supplied necessary resources to the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. It was our honor to have several city officials in attendance, including Mayor Jon Thompson, City Manager Rick Miller, Development Services Director Gilbert Lopez, and Yasmeen Mufti, also of Development Services. We were able to donate 47 comfort quilts to several agencies: the Hope Women's Center, Coolidge Police Department, Coolidge City Magistrate, and Pinal County Victim Services. We also presented two Quilts of Valor to local veterans Dennis Gillespie (Army) and Charlotte McGrew (Airforce and Army Reserves). We know the recipients of these quilts will be able to feel the love and support of their community when they snuggle up. Our members also donated food for holiday meals and \$102 in cash to the D.A.V. as well as numerous new toys for needy children.



Our next major event will be our "Quilt Till You Can't" retreat coming up on January 21-22. We have a lot of fun activities and projects planned and are very excited to get to spend this extended time together, doing what we love to do . . . Quilting!

Also on December 15, eight of us took part in an ornament making class taught by Ruth Hill. We all had a great time, and our ornaments are sure to be a delight on the Christmas tree.



Chapter Reports

Cotton Patchers continued

On the evening of December 16, Cotton Patchers joined together to celebrate the holiday with a delicious potluck dinner of ham and all the trimmings, followed by a white elephant game, a rousing game of

BINGO and a silent

auction. We also had a Christmas fashion show and contest for

the best outfit, and let me tell you the competition was fierce. It was a great time, and we all left with full tummies, several special gifts and many new treasures.



White Elephant Game



Waiting for the party to start—

The new year brought us together for our weekly “Social Sew” and a class on making quilt sleeves taught by member Anne Lacasse.

On January 5th, eight members learned how to make both permanent and temporary sleeves for hanging our quilts in the upcoming quilt show (Feb 25 and 26 and March 4 and 5), and we will be having a “sleeve-pinning” workshop in February for anyone who needs the time and space to get it done.

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Anne Lacasse

Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Jill Eskew

We welcome in the New Years with a program based on what inspires me to get my UFO’s done. We split up into groups and discussed ideas to figure out the best way to finish our UFO’s for the coming year. Michele had lots of questions to the group asking us how we sew our quilts. It was a great program to inspire us!



Chapter Reports

Nimble Thimbles continued

Our show and tell we're quilts the members had finished through the holiday. So Pretty then the next! What a nice way to start the New Year.

Community services received many quilts this meeting. Thank you to all the members who volunteer their time. A total of 270 have been donated since July. If you like making quilt tops to donate to various non profit organizations this group is for you!

For additional information about our group , please refer to our Facebook page and nimblethimblesblogspot.com



Chapter Reports

Card Tricks Quilters of Pinetop

submitted by Cheryl Holtz

The Card Trick quilters met on Thursday January 12th.

The speaker, Karen Bloom, is a member of our group and gave a fascinating presentation on sewing with denim. She showed us her technique to make a quilt, but also lots of other ideas- aprons, hot pads, placements, totes (big and small) and vests! As she talked she demonstrated how to deconstruct a pair of jeans. Her quilts with denim varied from lace to feed sacks as the other material in them.

At Show n Tell we got a sneak peak at our raffle quilt for this year. It is gorgeous! Tickets will be on sale through August 11th. Plan to come to our quilt show August 10th & 11th to see for yourself and buy tickets. We would love to meet you.

A group of our quilters will be teaching an Adult Education class at a community college in Snowflake, AZ starting in March. This is an exciting way to teach people to quilt. We hope to gain new members also :)



Chapter Reports

Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carol Paul

Our first meeting in 2023 was certainly “lively.” Lots and lots of different discussions during the meeting. Our opportunity quilt is done and ready to be exhibited at quilt shops and other places where people might be interested in buying raffle tickets. Anyone who had an idea as to where we might sell tickets was asked to check into available dates and permission to sell. Each member received 20 tickets to sell and more are available when those are gone.

The year promises to be a busy one as, in addition our usual charity projects, we were challenged to make new nametags and given the first month of our mystery quilt.

Nametags are to be a minimum size of 2½ x 3½ inches but can be larger. They are to be in desert colors, quilted or not as the maker chooses, and can be hung from a lanyard, clipped or pinned on. Use of the Chapter name is optional but each person’s name must be written or embroidered in an easily readable size. The big reveal will be in April at our annual potluck.



Colleen



Karen



Illa

Last June, when questioned by the incoming program chair as to what members would most like to do in the coming year, there was resounding interest in doing a mystery quilt. Chair Marlys Houge (lovingly called “Pitbull” by this committee member) has put a lot of effort into finding a pattern she thinks will be educational for our members who are new to quilting, yet not boring for those of us who have been at it for a while. The first month’s clue has been given out so everyone can pick the fabrics they want to use, either choosing a collection or using scraps from their stash. The mystery ends in July and quilts (if done) or flimsies will be shown at our August meeting. In the meantime, members who use Facebook were asked to post their fabric selections to our Foothills group using a hashtag. After discussion of what a hashtag is, for members like myself who were clueless, it was decided we should use #2023Mystery.

A heart quilt was presented to Ellen Born who recently lost her mother. Following a greatly scaled-down show and tell, the meeting adjourned so we could all get busy with nametags and mysteries.



Chapter Reports

Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Pat Sinclair

The second annual Quilters University was the program for the January meeting of Desert Threads. Attendees were divided into 4 groups and rotated through 4 stations, spending about 15 minutes at each. Maryellen Swanson presented tips on sewing with mink. Laura Alexander taught how to determine the amount of binding needed for individual projects. She also discussed methods of attaching binding including mitering corners. Mary Platt illustrated how to make a chain of $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles using scraps cut into 5-inch squares. Barb Strand showed how to attach magnetic clasps to tote bags and purses. Everyone benefits when members share their skills and we all learn from each other.

With the new year 2 major challenges were issued. President Vicki Jones asked members participating in the President's Challenge [Document 1.docx](#) to make a quilted wall hanging using fabric or techniques from another culture. The UFO challenge begins January 11th on projects purchase or started prior to January 11th. Prizes will be awarded in December. In order to participate members must submit a list of the projects by the January meeting. Since everyone has some UFOs this is great motivation to finish.

Classes and projects are being scheduled for upcoming meetings. In January Maryellen Swanson taught a reversible quilt using a "quilt as you go" technique during one of our sew days. Community Sew Days are scheduled for the sewing room.

The meeting time has been changed to give presenters more time. Social hour begins at 9 a.m. with the meeting following at 9:30



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