



# Patchwork Chatter

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**MISS OUT!**



## It's Showtime!

### Quilt Show Hours:

Thursday 3/21/24, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Friday 3/22/24, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 3/23/24, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Grab your friends! Grab your family!

Come see the QUILTS!

Enter the raffle!

Shop the vendors!

Attend a workshop or lecture!

Print your Next Gen voucher for a youth  
and one accompanying adult to get in  
free from our website.

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# From the President:



Hello Quilters!

March is an exciting month for me because it means the 2024 Quilt Show “Hip to be Square” is just ahead. This is where we all have the opportunity to see and appreciate the incredible creativity of our members and become inspired to sew our own masterpieces in the coming year.

This year we will have over 300 quilts displayed including 18 youth quilts. We will also have 30 vendors on site of which 9 are brand new vendors for our show.

During the show you will have the opportunity to attend 1 workshop and/or 5 free lectures.

In addition, we will be offering several exciting new events!

- There will be 24 raffle baskets with assorted fabric and quilting supplies that you can purchase tickets for. Winners will be announced Saturday afternoon.
- There will be a quilt show Boutique with handmade items for sale made by members of our chapters
- There will be a special booth and special activities for young people (the Next Gen program)
- Four ribbons will be awarded to 4 youth quilts
- There will be a drawing for a sewing machine that will be given to a lucky attendee at the end of the show

All of this is possible because we have a dedicated group of volunteers who work for months planning, organizing, coordinating, and problem solving to finally make our show come together. I extend my HEARTFELT THANKS to every one of them. We couldn't do it without you.

*-Eva Kilgore*



# Extra: Quilting News

## NEXT GEN Program

One of our key goals at AQG is to introduce young people (i.e. the next generation) to the art of quilting. Late last year we formed a small team of AQG members who were committed to this goal. After many hours of brainstorming and planning we are ready to announce there will be a NEXT GEN program at our March quilt show. The NEXT GEN program is a set of incentives and special activities specifically geared to young people.

First of all, there will be a NEXT GEN booth at the quilt show which will be the starting point for many of the activities such as:

- Touchable displays of various fabrics, battings, threads
- Quilt block coloring pages
- Hand quilting - hands on activity
- Sewing blocks together on a sewing machine
- Scavenger Hunt – 3 fat quarters to everyone who finishes the scavenger hunt
- Educational tours of the quilt displays (afternoon only) led by experienced quilters
- A raffle for a new sewing machine (open only to someone under 18)

In addition, to incentivize parents to bring young people to the show, we are offering a voucher that would allow a young person (under 18) plus one accompanying adult into the show **for free** on Friday and Saturday. (We hope some of the accompanying adults will also gain an appreciation for quilts and maybe take up the hobby themselves.)

To see the flyer with all of the above information plus the voucher, go to the homepage of our website, scroll down and click on the link where it says NEXT GEN PROGRAM FLYER.

Feel free to print the flyer and mail or email it to anyone you believe would be interested in our Next Gen program. Teachers, youth groups, art students, friends, family, etc. We believe we have a wonderful program to offer but we do need your assistance in getting the word out.

Last but not least please give a big round of applause to the following people who created the Next Gen Program. We appreciate all the time, effort, and commitment they have given to this project!

Diana Anderson, Kimm Murray, Debbie Cole, Kate Glenn, Teresa Darling, Penny Liston, Jody Mahaffey

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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

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### 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](mailto:newsletter@aqgmail.org).

**Next Chatter Issue - April #355**

**Deadline for submissions - March 15, 2024**

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### ADDRESS CHANGES • ADDRESS CHANGES • ADDRESS CHANGES

**Please help us keep our records up to date.** You can (1) submit address changes using our Online Membership system at <https://arizonaquiltersguild.org/Sys/Login> or (2) e-mail address changes to membership@aqgmail.org or (3) call the AQG office and leave a message clearly stating your name and address changes. You should receive confirmation when your address has been updated.

# Quilt Show 2024



## Quilt Arizona! 2024

# QUILT BASKETS

## AQG Fundraiser

Purchase an opportunity to win one of the 24 Quilt Baskets at the quilt show: 12 tickets for \$10. Each basket will have approximately 20 yards of fabric, 2-3 books or patterns, notions, plus bonus item(s) related to the basket's theme. Drawing to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 2 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Kaffe             | 13. Aboriginal                 |
| 2. Tula Pink         | 14. Asian                      |
| 3. Christmas         | 15. Civil War                  |
| 4. Dot-Dash          | 16. Jinny Beyer                |
| 5. Batiks            | 17. Blenders                   |
| 6. Black-White-Red   | 18. Tea Time                   |
| 7. Wool              | 19. Days of Wine and Chocolate |
| 8. Geometric         | 20. 30's                       |
| 9. Spring Time       | 21. Garden                     |
| 10. Solids           | 22. Travel                     |
| 11. ????             | 23. Vintage-20-30-40-50-60-70s |
| 12. Hip to Be Square | 24. Americana                  |

## Thank You

Thank you to all AQG members who donated items for the baskets. A special thanks to **M&S Textiles** and **Mary Lucille** for donating the fabric for the Aboriginal basket.



# Quilt Show 2024



March 21-23 at the Mesa Convention Center

## Quilt Arizona! 2024 Educational Opportunities March 21 – March 23

In conjunction with our quilt show, AQG will offer an in-person workshop and five lectures.

Thursday, March 21:

**Workshop:** Bite-Sized Gems with MJ Kinman

Friday, March 22

**Lecture:** Gems and Joy Trunk Show with MJ Kinman

**Lecture:** For the Love of Red and Green with Lenna DeMarco

**Lecture:** Hiring a Long Arm Quilter... The Basics and A Bit More with Penny Boese and Cindy Stohn

Saturday, March 23

**Lecture:** Color Play: Beyond Color Theory with MJ Kinman

**Lecture:** Diving into Dyeing with Dextrins with Cindy Lohbeck

See below for details and please join us!

Register for the workshop on the AQG website.

Lectures are complimentary with your quilt show admission and no registration is required.



# Quilt Show 2024



## MJ Kinman

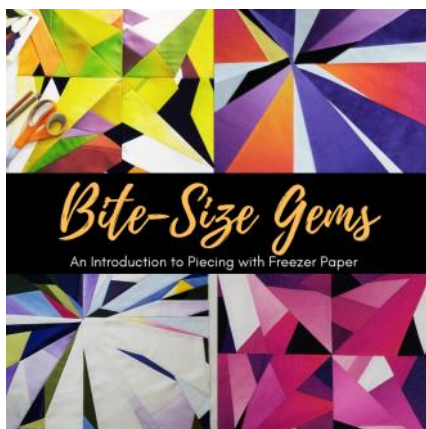
MJ KINMAN will be our keynote instructor and speaker at this year's quilt show. Her passion is creating textile artwork inspired by faceted gemstones.



MJ's work has been exhibited at the National Quilt Museum, the International Quilt Museum, the New England Quilt Museum, Quilt Festival (Houston, TX), Quilt Week (Paducah, KY), Festival of Quilts (Birmingham, UK), and Art Quilt Elements (Wayne, PA).

Her work is included in collections as varied as Maker's Mark Distillery, the National Quilt Museum (Paducah, KY) and the International Quilt Museum (Lincoln, NE), plus many private collections around the United States.

Her first book, *Gemstone Quilts*, was released in 2020. Her work has also been featured in periodicals published by both the quilting and jewelry industries. Most recently, her work can be found in author and historian Linda LaPinta's new book *Kentucky Quilts and Quiltmakers: Three Centuries of Creativity, Community, and Commerce* (University Press of Kentucky, 2023). In it, LaPinta writes: "MJ Kinman...emerged as a premier art quilter in the first quarter of the twenty-first century."



### Workshop: Bite-Sized Gems

**Thursday, March 21, 2023**

**10:00 am - 4:30 pm**

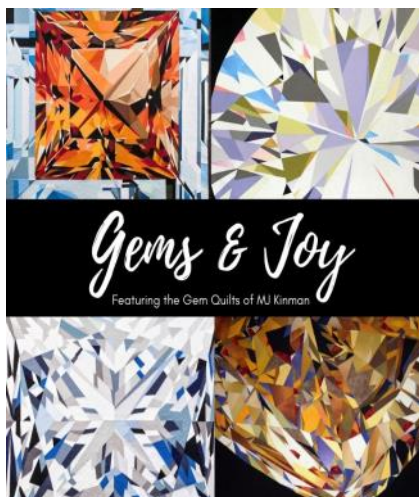
**\$65 for members**

#### **In Person at**

3548 Ave Sew and Vac  
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Using the design and piecing techniques that MJ relies on to create her giant gemstone quilts students will create their own singularly beautiful work of faceted light. Freezer paper piecing techniques are powerful techniques that can transform any quiltermaker's ideas into reality. This is NOT foundation paper piecing! Instead, this is traditional piecing using freezer paper as your template.

# Quilt Show 2024



## Lecture: Gems and Joy Trunk Show

**Friday, March 22, 2023**

**10:00am – 11:00am**

**Mesa Convention Center  
Conference Theatre**

**Admission is complimentary with  
your quilt show admission**

The most beautiful gemstones capture light and reflect it back to us with unique brilliance, revealing their fiery personalities. Every gem has a story to tell...just like people.

This slide lecture and trunk show chronicle my own story – my 20+-year adventure learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world in cloth. Most importantly, though, the underlying message to my audiences throughout my presentation is the importance of choosing joy and saying “no” to fear, both in our creative lives and in our personal lives.



## Lecture: Color Play: Beyond Color Theory

**Saturday, March 23, 2023**

**10:00am – 11:00am**

**Mesa Convention Center  
Conference Theatre**

**Admission is complimentary with  
your quilt show admission**

Color plays a pivotal role in my gem quilts. Over the past 25+ years I’ve learned ways to approach color with confidence and I’m delighted to

share these ideas with you in this lecture.

Using a standard color wheel, I’ll describe how our brains crave harmony and why certain color combinations satisfy that craving. We’ll then move beyond basic color theory to exploring how a color can “change” simply by being placed to other colors. Josef Albers, the great artist/instructor of the 20th century, wrote about these ideas in his groundbreaking book *Interaction of Color*. However, they were introduced in the early 1800s by a scientist named Michel Eugene Chevreul.

# Quilt Show 2024



## Lenna DeMarco



LENNA DeMARCO is a former professional dancer and choreographer, spent 35 years as a professor of dance, teaching and performing both in AZ and nationally. She currently spends her time researching and writing about quilt history as well as presenting lectures, workshops and trunk shows.



### **Lecture:**

### **FOR LOVE OF RED AND GREEN – Red and Green Applique Quilts of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.**

**Friday, March 22, 2023  
11:45 – 12:45pm**

**Mesa Convention Center  
Conference Theatre**

**Admission is complimentary with  
your quilt show admission**

One of the most challenging and admired quilt styles of the 19<sup>th</sup> century is the beautiful red and green applique quilts. They often were created as a showcase of a woman's needle skills and were considered her "best" quilt if not her masterpiece. 1840 to 1870 marked the high point of the style. Through numerous examples, this presentation will explore the history of these beauties from their stunning needlework in the early years to their decline in the last decades of the century. Be prepared to be awed!

# Quilt Show 2024



## Penny Boese and Cindy Stohn

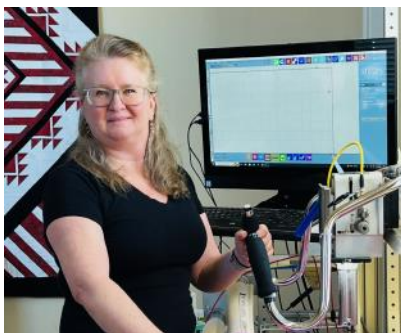
CINDY STOHN is a proud descendant of ingenious makers and garage inventors. She has been working with textiles (and other media) since she was very small. Cindy made her first quilt when she was 15, finishing a quilt made from the scraps of her handmade baby clothes. She began sewing and quilting in a major way over 25 years ago. When she retired from corporate life in 2016 she began long-arm quilting for herself and others. Cindy has won multiple awards at local, regional and international quilt shows for both design and quilting.



PENNY BOESE made her first quilt in junior high with scraps from clothes and leftovers from projects her Mom made. But it wasn't until 2000 – after a career as a reporter and a university career counselor—that she truly began quilting. From the start, Penny wanted to work her quilts from beginning to end, so the purchase of her Long Arm in 2014 was a natural progression. Since then, Penny has designed her own award-winning quilts and earned many more awards for her custom quilting of client quilts.

### **Lecture:**

**Hiring a Long Arm Quilter... The Basics and A Bit More**



**Friday, March 22, 2023**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

**Mesa Convention Center  
Conference Theatre**

**Admission is complimentary with  
your quilt show admission**



Have you ever considered taking your finished quilt top to a Long Arm Quilter for quilting, but you don't know where to begin? If your questions seem to bring more questions, this is the lecture for you! We will explain how to find a Long-arm quilter, suggest questions you should ask, what to expect, types of Long-arm quilting and the overall process. If you have a question, we have the answer!

# Quilt Show 2024



## Cindy Lohbeck

CINDY LOHBECK is equal parts human rainbow and transformative educator, Cindy Lohbeck is 100% DYE HARD! Her colorful contributions to the quilting community include an extensive line of fabric dyeing kits and innovative techniques, making her a favorite for guild events, quilt shows, retreats and quilt shop venues. Cindy brings a deep knowledge of color, dye and textiles along with an array of unique tools, tips, and tricks to help quilters, textile artists and crafters share in the empowering experience of dyeing their own fabric.



## Lecture: Diving into Dyeing with Dextrins



**Saturday, March 23, 2023**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

**Mesa Convention Center  
Conference Theatre**

**Admission is complimentary with  
your quilt show admission**

Imagine the infinite possibilities for creating pattern on fabric using water soluble resists. By exploring Corn and Potato Dextrin you can create some lovely batik looking prints! Best of all, these resists all wash out in cold water!



Education events are a benefit of your AQG membership. We encourage you to take advantage of the offerings!

See below for the details of our upcoming events. Log in to the AQG website to register.

## Upcoming Events:

### **April 10 – Leave Quilts Not Fabric**



#### **Zoom lecture**

**Jenny Kae Parks**

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Complimentary for AQG members

*Jenny Kae shares her thoughts about a heartbreaking experience from her days working at a local quilt shop. Then she offers several practical ways to finish UFO's and clean up your stash. This story touches the quilter's heart and is not to be missed.*

### **April 13 and 14 – All-Star Sampler Platter**



#### **Virtual Event**

**by Global Quilt Connection**

Noon - 3pm

Complimentary for AQG members

*In this live virtual event, an All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques.*



## **April 27 – Beautiful Machine Binding**



### **Zoom workshop**

**Jenny Kae Parks**

9:00am - noon

\$22 for AQG members

*Quilt binding can be challenging and frustrating for all quilters. Either it takes too long or never looks quite right. Either you have trouble joining your ends or your corners are bulky. Have no fear; it is time to learn a new way to bind your quilts. From start to finish, Jenny Kae shares her most-requested technique: machine quilt binding. With just a few tips and tools you will create fast, accurate and beautiful binding. You'll never dread binding your quilt again!*

*This workshop is perfect for all quilters, even beginners!*

## **May 9– Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches**



### **Zoom lecture**

**Catherine Redford**

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Complimentary for AQG members

*Join Catherine in this humorous, educational and interactive event, including a game with prizes. Catherine will take you on a trip around the world with her hand embroidered quilts. Learn where she found her inspiration, the stitches she used and the finishing techniques she employed. Leave the meeting ready to embark on your own creative journey!*



*with handwork!*

## **June 1 – Folk Art Stitching - Pretty in Paisley**

**Zoom workshop**

**Catherine Redford**

9:00am – 4:00pm

\$40 for AQG members

*Start by learning, or being reminded of, some basic hand embroidery stitches while working on a specially designed pre-printed panel and then learn some novel embellishment techniques and trickier stitches. We'll also discuss choosing and transferring designs for future projects and look at lots of samples. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect*

See the AQG website for more details and for registration for all of these events. <http://arizonaquiltersguild.org/events>



Each year AQG holds an all-member meeting in the Spring to conduct any required business and to share information about current and future initiatives. We are pleased to announce that the 2024 Spring Meeting will be on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. It will be a Zoom meeting so that everyone can attend regardless of their location.

We have some interesting things planned for the meeting that we hope will generate some excitement.

First of all, we will have a President's Challenge this year. Those of you who have been members for a number of years may remember that the President's challenge was a regular feature at our Spring meeting. However, when we moved to Zoom meetings, the challenge feature fell by the wayside. This year with a little creative thinking we have come up with a way to do the challenge again.

**The President's Challenge for 2024** - Each chapter is challenged to design and create ONE 12 inch finished block that represents their chapter.

At the start of the Spring meeting we will have a chapter role call where a member of each chapter share their chapter's block and tell everyone how it represents their chapter.

All of the blocks that are sent to AQG after the meeting will be displayed in a special exhibit at the 2025 quilt show.

Secondly, we are going to give away several prizes this year.

- 1. Individual Prize** - During the meeting, the names of 3 attendees will be chosen at random. Each winner will receive free AQG membership for one year beginning July 1, 2024.
- 2. Chapter Prize** - Any chapter that arranges for a "viewing party" with 5 or more people will receive a nice bin of free fabric.

More information about the Spring meeting plus the agenda will be shared at the end of March. if you have any specific topics you would like us to address or any interesting ideas for the meeting, please send them to Eva Kilgore at [president@aqgmail.org](mailto:president@aqgmail.org).

# Chapter Reports



## Card Tricks of the White Mountains

submitted by Cheryl Holtz



The Card Tricks meeting was delayed by 1 week due to weather conditions ( Yes, Snow :) ) We were grateful that Immanuel Lutheran Church where we meet, was able to accommodate the change. We will be moving in April to a larger location, because we are growing!

It was nice to catch up with everyone that could make it to the meeting. Show n Tell was fun - good to see what members had been working on through the snowy days.

The Patriotic Piecers have a need for hospice quilts and we have a new favorite pattern.

The Card Tricks will have a booth at the Mesa Quilt Show in March.

Come check us out! We are busy, busy making items to sell to help support our service projects.

The Card Tricks are going to start making Baby Quilts / Children's Quilts for First Responders, EMS, Fire and Police as well as Hope House Maternity Home.



# Chapter Reports



## Copper Country Quilters of Globe

submitted by Ellen Kretsch

### Copper Country Quilters

Like many guilds, Copper Country Quilters has its share of over-achievers...you know, those ladies who finish a project while the rest of us are reading the fabric requirements, the ones who finish their binding about the time the rest of are deciding block placement. But the neat thing about quilting overachievers is that they always have the time and the inclination to give back to their community.

For the Globe chapter, this has translated to another dozen quilts, given this time to DPS for use when accident victims, especially young ones, are in need of comfort. This presentation is really impressive when you know how our supply of community quilts was depleted by year end.



With the holidays behind us, the guild is getting ready for the annual Pieces of Friendship show. It opened Saturday, Feb. 17 and if you hurry, you can just catch it at the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts in downtown Globe. The show features 66 entries and runs through Sunday, March 3. Awards were announced at the opening reception, but voting for Viewers Choice will run through the show with the winner to be chosen by show's end...and the winning quilt will be featured at next year's show.

April is the anniversary month for the Copper Country Quilters and the ladies are planning a birthday blow-out on April 27. We have combined the AQG educational session on bindings for a morning program, followed with what we do best (all right, second best after quilting) with a sure to be delicious potluck celebration.

There's always time for quilting retreats and January saw a group of eight heading to Payson and the Quilters Nest for a relaxing three-day retreat. Ladies started new projects and worked on some of the UFOs that just seem to collect no matter how we try to finish. Check out the photo of Karen Fox and the stunning floral quilt she finished from a kit that was several years old. Karen was thrilled to have one less UFO, although like the rest of the group, she may have purchased enough fabric at the Copper Needle to replace what she used.



Plans are underway for a guild block exchange later this summer using the traditional Chimney Sweep block. It's been several years since we've done a friendship exchange; it feels like we're getting back to normal after several years of pandemic. It feels good.

Next up is the Poppy Fest this spring with community events scheduled throughout April. With the wonderful rains we've gotten, I'm sure we can expect a stunning display of gold poppies and wildflowers this spring. Come see us, we will have a new display in the quilt room at the arts center and anyone looking for inspiration will find it on whole hillsides of gold, orange wildflowers against new greenery, and swathes of purple flowers.

We look forward to seeing you!

# Chapter Reports



## Daisy Mountain Quilters of Anthem

submitted by Robin Wheat

Starting off 2024, Daisy Mountain Quilters were presented with new opportunities to serve others in our community as well as reacquainting ourselves with our primary charity, Veterans First. Joan Sisko came to speak to us about the impact our donations are making in the lives of the people who come to them for assistance and to thank us for the wonderful work we have been doing. Daisy Mountain has added Hospice of the Valley and Palos Verdes Senior Living and Memory Care to our commitment to make donation items. Continuing on with the Veterans theme, Karen Keogh-Friddle of Honor Flight enlightened us with their mission to take veterans to our nation's capital to see the war memorials. And now that we have a local Quilt of Valor chapter, many ladies are busy sewing quilts to honor the veterans in our lives. Our meetings enjoy a refreshment break, Show & Tell, several raffles and a themed Fat Quarter Bonanza drawing, this month being pink & purple for Valentine's Day.



# Chapter Reports



## Delightful Quilters of Scottsdale

submitted by Jo Ann Bergdoll

It was great being together again, welcoming the New Year. So much catching up to do! Some items of business to review. And a speaker and trunk show – all within the 2 ½ hours of our January meeting!

As we do every January, we review the organizations our guild serves by providing them with our handiwork. Then we vote to continue, or not. We also entertain suggestions for new charities to consider. By voice vote, all current charities were re-approved this year.



Delights who took part in last year's "At Home Round Robin" revealed their quilts. It was amazing how each quilt differed from the others while all adhering to the guidelines. (See photos.)



Is there any better way to get energized about quilting than a good trunk show?

Cindy Bader, the designer of Patterns on the Prairie, shared "Mosaic Applique." Her patterns literally look like beautiful mosaics, with small to medium pieces arranged with just a hint of background showing. Her work differs in approach from what most of us use in fusible applique in that she uses Hot Fix Adhesive, which forms a permanent bond. Because there are no fibers or webbing, quilters need not worry about fraying, stretching or needing to edge stitch. This leaves plenty of negative

space to freely quilt her patterns as desired. Cindy offered 2 classes and the results were beautiful. (See photos.) We look forward to seeing more of these beautiful quilts as members complete them.



# Chapter Reports



## Desert Threads of Sun Lakes

submitted by Sue Bart

Our chapter enjoys and appreciates the lectures arranged by Cindy Templeton and classes arranged by Maryellen Swanson. We have heard about The Modern Quilt Guild and about improvisational quilting from Claire Victor. Several members participated in a class taught by Claire to cut and collage art quilts of faces. Participants quickly cut fabric components and placed on a background in less than 30 minutes. There was so much laughter, especially over the wild hair styles in these funny faces. A lecture given by Alyce Leach covered her journey into curved piecing. Alyce will teach a class for some of the members using the 'Quick Curve Ruler' during February. Chapter members also heard Pam Rackley from Sweet Pz tell and show examples of quilts and accessories made using printed fusible interfacing. Members observe a variety of demos during the February meeting titled 'Quilters University 101'.



Kathy, Teresa, and Vicky show the faces they collaged during a recent class.

Barb, Jackie, and Teresa show the sling bags they made in a class.



Desert Threads received its chapter charter from AQG in October of 2018. We will be celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary at the March meeting. The agenda for this party includes refreshments, games and socializing activities plus the always enjoyed members' 'Show and Tell'.

Community Service is led by Teresa Roberts efforts providing kits and patterns and arranging sew together days. Recently the board approved the purchase of an Accuquilt cutter to make the construction of our quilts given to charities much faster and more accurate. We received a discount from '35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sew and Vacuum in Chandler' for this purchase. Members will learn the proper use of this time saving tool during our 'Quilters University 101' during the February meeting.

Kathy with help from Jody shows some of the Block-of-the-Months that she finished.



Cindy shows her art quilt of a fox embellished with 4 generations' of jewelry.

Terry shows her fused Quail quilt.



# Chapter Reports



## Foothills Quilters of Glendale

submitted by Carol Paul

At our February meeting, Chapter Chair Ruth Faulls showed samples of fidget quilts that were made in the fidget class held the end of January. It was decided that fidget quilts will be our quarterly charity for the first quarter of 2024. The Quilts of Valor National Sew Day was well-attended and resulted in 14 quilts being made. Many have expressed interest in doing a QOV sew day quarterly.



Our April Potluck is rapidly approaching and the invitation to the Busy Bees Chapter to be our guests has been gratefully accepted. Members were given three possible choices for the potluck and voted for pulled pork and grilled chicken, both of which will be prepared by Kim Richards' husband. Sign-up sheets were circulated for dishes to be brought by members. Our theme this year is dishes our mothers and/or grandmothers made, i.e., 50s and 60s fare.

Member Colleen Euge brought supplies so members could try Sashiko. She talked about fabric and thread to be used and passed around books she has found to be very helpful. Those who tried it had a good time and were proud of their accomplishments.



Our March program will be a hands-on introduction to English Paper Piecing presented by Member Lynn Pinda. Those interested in trying EPP are asked to bring scissors, a needle, thimble, and the finest thread they have.

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## Havasu Stitchers

submitted by Susan George

Oh...Oh...Oh..I can hardly sit still as I tell you about our Quilt Show. It was absolutely FANTABULOUS!!!. The quilts were beautiful, Sew Up a Creek Boutique was amazing. Vendors offered a variety of fabrics and other quilting products. Heart's Desire raffle had everything and anything you might want. And, we all had a really good time.

Our show is not juried, but many ribbons were awarded by Viewer's Choice, local/state dignitaries, and some of our own members specializing in a particular technique or talent. I really don't know how you choose a favorite quilt, when one is just as lovely as the next.

If you were unable to attend our 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Bridge of Friendship Quilt Show, I'm sorry to say that you missed a varied yet colorful display of quilts. We had quilts that were hand appliqued and hand quilted. And, quilts that were made of special memories of friends and loved ones. Each quilt represented the maker's passion for quilting. And, WOW, who knew we had sew much talent in our membership.



Anyhow, there's still more to share...Phyllis Barton did it again. She narrated the bed turning event with expertise and finesse. Her knowledge of quilt "eras", techniques, fabrics and sew much more, allows her to share stories of our cherished antique quilts. It was sew very interesting and informative. WOW!!!

Now it's time to thank all those who had a part in producing this extravaganza. First...Our Quilt Show Chairs...Tanya Braun and Barbara Withers. It was their leadership that produced this extremely successful show. THANK YOU, SEW MUCH. To all the committee chairs, thank you for your dedication to your tasks. (This includes especially you, June Trubia.) And thanks to all our members who sew readily accepted the challenge to work as white glove princesses, vendor assistants, boutique handmade goods makers, and sew many more. You are all GREAT. Thank you Thank you Thank you.



Sew, it is with this I close, as it is now time to regroup and start planning for our next show in 2026. Hope you can join us then.

Happy Quilting,  
ya'll!!!!



# Chapter Reports



## Night Owls Of Phoenix

submitted by Theresa Baethke, photos by Kim James

Shaking things up, Night Owls started their February meeting with our guest speaker, Norene Skiles of [LuvTwoCreate.wordpress.com](http://LuvTwoCreate.wordpress.com).

Norene delighted us with her system of storing fabric, from yardage to bits and her "I don't love you" box of fabric. She sorts by color and if the bin gets full she creates a scrap quilt. She mostly does quilt as you go types and even uses scraps of batting. Her philosophy is that we don't have a stash, we are curators of a textile collections. We should treat it with care and waste as little as possible. "Use it all! You paid for it!" She likes to create crumb blocks and string blocks. For each quilt she creates, she decides on a rule to follow. It might be a color theme or some other idea to make a cohesive overall quilt.

She showed us so many of her creations and let us know if we follow the hashtag #pscrappy on Instagram, we will see all the quilts she posts.



Kate Morgan introduced our Take and Make project for this month. "I Found a Quilted Heart" is a national project for creating a heart and placing them in public places, like parks, rest stops and outdoor shopping centers, for others to find. We picked out fabric, embellishments and buttons. We also received a sample template and heard the rules of the project.

After celebrating our February birthdays, we got down to business. Annual Chapter dues will increase to \$25.

Our block of the month for February is named Grace. Patterns will be sent out with the minutes. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Kim James.

Members displayed about a dozen quilts to be donated to charity. We have quilt kits, pillowcases and eyeglass cases ready to be picked up. Cindy Boyd will get batting and backing if you need it to complete a charity item. Just let her know what you need.



So far this year, Night Owls has donated 10 quilts to Ryan's House and 15 to OCJ (Opportunity, Community & Justice). More than 100 eyeglass cases were given to John C Lincoln Hospital.

Our UFO challenge is going strong. About a dozen projects were completed, from small wall hangings to large bed quilts! Vicki Jensen won the drawing.

The Brown Bag Challenge continued this month. Mary Lynott has panels in small brown bags. Use the panel in the bag to make something! All entrants need to be completed and brought to the

October meeting for a Viewer's Choice award. If you have questions, reach out to Mary Lynott at [mary-lyno@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-lyno@hotmail.com).

### Save the Date:

April 20 8am – 1pm we will host a Watch Party for the AQG membership meeting. It will be salad potluck and everyone is encouraged to bring hand sewing projects to work on during the meeting.

July 8 – 12; we will host another Kids Camp. If interested, Teresa Darling will be taking volunteer sign ups. Email her at [tbds@cox.net](mailto:tbds@cox.net) if interested in helping out.

August 12 – 16; August Retreat

January 17 – 19, 2025; AQG Quilt Show (note the new month!)



# Chapter Reports



## Nimble Thimbles of Chandler

submitted by Joanne Reiter



January saw Nimble Thimbles starting the new year off on Jan 2nd with a delightful in-person class taught by our own Melissa Bickham and Michelle Frasier on Quilted Sweatshirts and how to make them. Melissa and Michelle proved to be a dynamic duo in finished showing examples and then proceeded to deliver a fun workshop, including tips and tricks, to those who brought their own 'hoodie' sweatshirt and coordinating fabric to replace pockets and hood. A creative start to the new year.

January 16 brought Ray Steeves to our chapter. Ray gave a insightful venture into his patterns and how they were developed, combined with an informative trunk show of the quilts made from those patterns. He showcased his talent and creativity using his own, created jellyrolls and one or two other fabrics. Members got to purchase patterns afterwards.



January 13 was our first Sew-in of the year at Sweet Pzs Designs, in Gilbert. Most of those attending focused on creating a lovely bag project. The sew-in is open to anyone wishing to attend. Cost is \$10, payable to Sweet Pzs. Our own Jo Sutliff hosted two TGIF creativity sessions at the downtown Chandler Library. These are free, creative sessions open to anyone and for creative projects, and need not be just quilting.



# Chapter Reports



## Rippers of Mesa

submitted by Wendy Beesley

The February Ripper's meeting is always a special event. It is our month to celebrate all the Birthdays during the year. The coordinators of this event plan and WORK all year for this occasion. Games, prizes decorations and handmade gifts for each and everyone of the members is planned. A special event quilt is designed, then portions are assigned to Ripper volunteers to complete. The Event planners sew blocks together and quilt. At the Celebration then those who participated in the construction of the quilt have their names put in a drawing to win the quilt. Paulette Smith was the winner of the quilt this year. A special shout out to the event coordinators Dawn Funkhouser, Susan Casey, Susan Quisenberry, Jerri Meacham, and Dolores Paeth.



Our Rippers class for January was taught by Connie Clark, who shared with us a special technique for making "easy" flying geese. The final products were delightful, unique, as presented at our recent meeting. Connie also coordinates and plans our yearly challenges. The fat quarter challenge this year will feature three fabrics black, white and one yet to be announced. Such fun this group can have.

The active and energetic Charity Committee has added another project for the year. In addition to the quilts, walker bags, and adult clothes protectors, pillowcases with draw strings have been added. Already 20 pillowcases have been completed and are ready for delivery to Helen's Hope Chest.



# Chapter Reports



## Sunrise Stitches of Scottsdale

submitted by Kerry Marksbury

We had a great turnout for our January Meeting, with 3 new Members joining us. Welcome to Pat Wills, Indira Varma and Linda Estes

Our meeting centered around a discussion and showing of items to make for the Arizona Quilt Show Chapter Boutique. Sunrise will be participating, and our members shared a lot of great items.

Sharing was inspiring and beautiful as usual. Pat Wills shared a beautiful blue and white scrappy quilt, Christiane Ermke shared a Family Tree Quilt, Lois Edwards a beautiful miniature quilt, Melody Savoian a scrappy heart quilt and a Laura Heine cactus quilt, Eva Kilgore shared her Butterfly quilt, Chris a beautiful green and red quilt and a fun miniature quilt, and Peggy Shewmake a beautiful, framed art quilt.



February 13<sup>th</sup> was our Sew-in at Scottsdale Shadows. We had over 12 members join in to sew items for the Boutique for the Quilt Show in March. We made project bags, scissor holders, stilettos, microwave bowls, and other items that will be for sale during the Quilt Show. Come and check out the booth to see all the great items. Thank you to all who are making/donating items for the booth.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10am at Paradise Valley Lutheran Church. 14845 N 40th St., Phoenix, AZ. Please come and join us!



# Community Events



## Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

- ♦ **February 17– March 3 2024 Copper Country Quilters “Pieces of Friendship” Quilt Show**  
10am-4pm Monday-Saturday, noon-4pm Sunday  
Cobre Valley Center for the Arts 101 N. Broad Street Globe, AZ 85502  
Free admission <http://www.facebook.com/cvcarts>
  
- ♦ **February 23-24 & March 2-3 Coolidge Cotton Patchers Quilt Show**  
11am-4pm Coolidge Womens Club  
240 W. Pinkley Ave, Coolidge AZ
  
- ♦ **March 2 Apache Wells Quilt Show**  
8am-1pm Apache Wells Park in the Navajo Room 2223 N. 56th Street, Mesa AZ 85215  
Presented by Git’Er’ Done Piecemakers & Apache Wells Hummingbirds - no entrance fee!
  
- ♦ **March 8-9 PAQA Quiltapalooza Quilt Show**  
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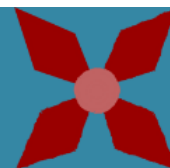
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