RED ROCK QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER
APRIL 26



Next Guild Meeting

9:15 am – Noonish (Note time change)

April 14, 2026

Christ Lutheran Church

25 Chapel Rd, Sedona

Stash Sale

Zoom Info

Topic: April 14th RRQG Zoom invite
Time: Apr 14, 2026 09:00 AM Arizona
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81339032307?pwd=1qPk0Re6IdrBJMp937lqRHUpOjSRb0.1

Meeting ID: 813 3903 2307
Passcode: 210144

Hospitality Signup Link

RRQG Hospitality Sign Up

May Potluck sign up sheet

Group Sew

9:00am-1:00pm

April 27th, 2026

Christ Lutheran Church

We have irons, ironing boards, a large cutting mat, and several extension cords. Bring your own project or come and chat/assist someone else.

Mondays at the Museum

May 4 11:00am-1:00pm

Sedona Heritage Museum

435 Jordan Rd

Bring your handwork and talk about quilting with other members and visitors.

Food Bank Donations

There is a shopping cart at Christ Lutheran Church for local Food Bank donations. If you have any non-perishable food items, the local food banks would appreciate them

President's Message

Submitted by Darcey Baker Philpot

Dear Quilting Sisters,

I hope that you have been enjoying the lovely spring weather we have been having. Soon, I will be returning to Oregon, so I am relishing these last days of warm weather. Since I do not belong to a guild in Oregon, I am also savoring my time with you. Your friendship makes the art of quilting so much sweeter. Thank you!

Our spotlight article this month features Alexis Levin. As you know, Alexis will be our guild secretary starting in September, but for the past three years, she has served the guild as committee chair for Mondays at the Museum. I am pleased to report that Wendy Lopez will take over this role in September.

Wendy joined the RRQG in 2016 and has served in various roles. Before returning to Arizona, Wendy was a member of a large guild in Virginia that had a strong mentoring program. When we were discussing Mondays at the Museum, Wendy asked for someone(s) who could shadow her and fill in for those times she may need to be away, taking care of her elderly mother. Mondays at the Museum are a great entry into guild service and a place to meet fellow members in a relaxing and fun environment. Those participating have welcomed me each time I have attended. It is held on the first Monday of the month, September through May, at the Sedona Heritage Museum and runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bring your hand work and get to know your fellow guild members. You will be amazed at what is under their needles. It's also a time to chat with museum guests and explain the art of quilting. We are planning an online sign-up for Mondays at the Museum, so stay tuned over the summer.

Someone once told me that Sedona has a shelf life and that is certainly coming true in the RRQG. Barbara Lewis and her husband, Lenny, are planning to move back to New York to be near family. The move date is not firm yet, but they hope to have their house sold and move this summer. It is sad to lose long time members of this guild, but that is the reality of life. I applaud Lorrie Peterson and Barbara Lewis, for taking charge of their futures and doing the planning themselves. It is always best to have a say in your future.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the women like Lorrie and Barbara who have come before us. Without their time and efforts, we would not be here. The best way we can honor our predecessors is to keep this guild alive and thriving. Each of you is needed and I hope you will find the best fit for you to be of service and grow.

Warmly,

Darcey

STASH RECYCLING CELEBRATION

Submitted By Patsy Kittredge

Celebrate spring cleaning by donating unwanted and unused sewing stuff!

Celebrate bringing intriguing fabric or other sewing stuff into your life!

With the rising cost of fabric and all other supplies, you can get a great deal for a lot less money. So bring fabric, thread, rulers, books, magazines and any sewing related items to our April meeting between 8:30 and 9am (ok, by 9:15 if you must.) Please keep items somewhat neat (tie up fabric with yarn or string, put thread in see-through plastic bags, etc.) We will put all donated items into piles (we try to even out the piles.)

You can buy tickets (cash, check, or credit card accepted) - $5 for 10 tickets, $10 for 30 tickets. All money goes to Red Rock Quilters.

DO NOT PUT ANY TICKETS INTO CUPS UNTIL WE TELL YOU TO. We will be moving piles around until then.

One winning ticket is chosen from each pile/cup. After winning a pile, you can go through and re-donate anything you don't want. At the end, if anyone has not won a pile, they can choose items from the re-donated table.

So give a big cheer for decluttering!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Lyn Goodman & Pauline Bauer

APRIL

Karin, Magdalena and Patsy will once again organize our stash sale. Go through your quilt room and cull fabric, notions, patterns, tools…anything sewing related you no longer need or desire. Every year I am amazed at the wonderful items up for sale.

May – PotLuck May Potluck sign up sheet

September

Karen Eckmeier from the Quilted Lizard will present a program titled Wiggles and Waves. This will be via zoom. Inspired by the textures, lines and colors found in nature, Karen shares her love of curved piecing and collage, and how it led to the creation of her layered topstitching technique. Wild curves and dramatic angles may look difficult to do, but the process is really easy and quite relaxing!

So, sit back and let Karen inspire you during this presentation on how to use her topstitching technique to create wiggles & waves, twists & twirls, logs & leaves, Accidental Landscapes™ and even waves to wear.

To learn more visit http://quilted-lizard.com/workshops.htm

October

Veronica Sandoval will be doing a program on thread titled Thread is Not Just Thread. This will be followed after lunch by a Featherweight class. The class will be ~ 4 hours and include a kit for maintenance. The cost is $35. We need a minimum of 6 people and can accommodate up to 10 people. I will bring a sign-up sheet to the March meeting to start the process. We will continue to register folks through October.

November

Plan is to do 4 corners again as this was very well received last year. We are still looking for at least 2 volunteers to share their skills in a short demonstration. The demos last ~15 minutes. I know there are very talented ladies in this guild who have skills to share. This can be anything from a piecing technique, quilting technique, special tools you enjoy, or hosts of other things. Please reach out to us if you would like to share something.

Fall work-shop

Check out this website https://www.susanedmonsondesigns.com/. She has a collage quilting class titled Faces. I thought this would go along well with our President's challenge. She would present a

6 hour class via zoom. The charge would be $65 with a kit that is ~$20. According to the survey Wednesday was the most popular alternate date for a class. I will talk about this at the meeting to see what interest there is and provide a couple of options for dates.

Survey

To help us with future programs and workshops we have sent out a short survey. I will re-send link after this meeting and close the survey on Friday. Your participation will help in determining programming and logistics.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Currently we are on Block 11 of our Block of the Month Bijou Wonder. The pattern is free and you can access it via the link; We'd love to see what you have been working on whether it's one block or more. Please share your work at the meeting.

https://media.rainpos.com/4018/REVISED_INSTRUCTIONS_FOR_BLANK_QUILTING_BIJOU_WONDER_BOM_QUILT_8_4_2022.pdf

Youth "Quilting Activity"

Submitted by Lori Feine

We're excited to introduce a new effort to engage youth in sewing and quilting! A committee has been formed and has begun planning—now we need volunteers to help bring it all to life. If you'd like to lend a hand, please reach out to any committee member.

Committee Members:

Mary Dean, Joyce Bethune, Linda Hollenbeck, Patsy Kittredge, Karen Gieske, Patty Delp, Deb Payne, Lori Feine

We've scheduled two project days in partnership with the Community Library Sedona's summer program, each designed for a different age group:

Thursday, June 11 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

All Ages Welcome

This session will offer a variety of fun, beginner-friendly projects such as tote bags, fabric decorating (markers, fusible appliqué, or glue), and simple potholders. Younger participants are especially encouraged to attend with a parent or helper, but all ages are welcome!

Tuesday, July 14 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Ages 10–17

This session will focus on creating quilt squares and will include fabric cutting, sewing, and design. With a little luck, some of these creations may even be entered into our next quilt show!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our guild to share our passion and inspire the next generation of quilters. We hope you'll consider volunteering—whether helping with preparation or assisting during the events.

For more information or to get involved, please contact any committee member or Lori Feine.

Spotlight on Members – Alexis Levin



I made my first quilt in 2000 (though I had been sewing clothes for many years), when my niece asked me to create a T-shirt quilt for her. I had no idea what I was doing at the time, but I managed to get it finished and she just told me it is still her go-to tv watching blanket.

Over the years, my quilting style has evolved. I started out enjoying traditional patterns and loved learning the many classic blocks and designs. These days, however, I find myself drawn more to modern quilting, in design, construction and in the quilting itself.

I usually quilt my own projects. Back in 2009, I made my first very large quilt—a king-size—and had it quilted by a longarmer. Since then Tracey has quilted a few quilts for me over the years, but I've been working on improving my own longarm skills. That said, I do have another king-size quilt in mind, so I may be calling on Tracey again!

My fabric stash feels just right for me—some might call it large, others small. Either way it includes quite a bit of turquoise fabrics, my favorite color. I love starting a new project and "shopping" my stash to find the perfect combination of fabrics.

Outside of quilting, I enjoy reading—quite a lot—and traveling. Reading is definitely the more economical hobby!

My husband and I moved from Chicago to Sedona in October 2012, when I retired from my administrative position at Nestle Foods. We then moved to Cottonwood in 2023, ready for a quieter pace away from the tourist traffic and rising costs.

We have been married for 48 years and have two daughters and two grandchildren, living in Chicago and Flagstaff.

When we first moved away from Chicago, I found myself feeling quite lonely and missing our friends and family. While talking with a friend back home, she gave me some simple but excellent advice: "Get out there and join a guild!" I followed her suggestion, found the Red Rock Quilt Guild, and it has truly been a wonderful discovery. I've been a member since 2013.

Homemade Spray Baste

Submitted by Karen Gieske

I like to Spray Baste my quilts when I sandwich them. Unfortunately, the last time I purchased a large can of 505 Basting Spray it was $19 (Just checked Amazon and the price is up to $25-$30 for a 14 oz can). So, when a YouTube video on making and using homemade Spray Baste came up in my feed, I was interested.

I have been using Homemade Spray Baste for the last couple of months (3 batches) and there are a few observations that I can give.

- Cheap Vodka ($7.88 for a large bottle at Bashas) smells much better than rubbing alcohol.
- One batch of the Spray Baste will baste 2-3 queen sized quilts.
- The homemade spray baste does work but at the expense of time. You need to let the baste dry before you can start quilting, however one blogger suggested ironing the basted quilt to quick dry it. I have not tried an iron yet.
- You must wash the quilt to remove the basting before using the quilt.
- I would NOT use homemade spray baste on a wall hanging or fabric that could not be washed.
- The baste does not gum up my needles.
- Homemade spray baste is not repositionable after it dries.
- I left a partially filled but closed spray bottle stand for over a month and it was still usable, just needed to be shook for about 10 seconds.
- If you use a heavy layer of spray baste your project may be stiff, but this does not affect the ability to quilt your project.
- Some spray bottles are easier operate than others. Find one that works for you. The $5 large bottle from Ace was comfortable but broke after 2 months. Am trying the $3 bottle from Walmart now. It is a bit stiff to operate. Will keep looking for a comfortable bottle that lasts.

The recipe I use – Boil 2 cups water with 1 tsp table salt. In a shaker bottle shake 3-4 tbsp flour with 1 cup water. Stir the flour/water mixture into the simmering, salted water. Stir and cook until thickened. Let cool a bit as you don't want to melt your plastic bottle. Pour 1 cup vodka into the spray bottle. Pour the cooled glue mixture into the spray bottle. Cover and shake till blended.

Videos and recipes are available at

https://www.quiltmavendave.com/post/spray-homemade-basting-and-why-i-love-it

https://www.stringandstory.com/blog/2017/2/14/tips-tuesday-homemade-spray-baste

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/lr1--1gTzQM

Show and Tell from the March Meeting



Karen Gieske

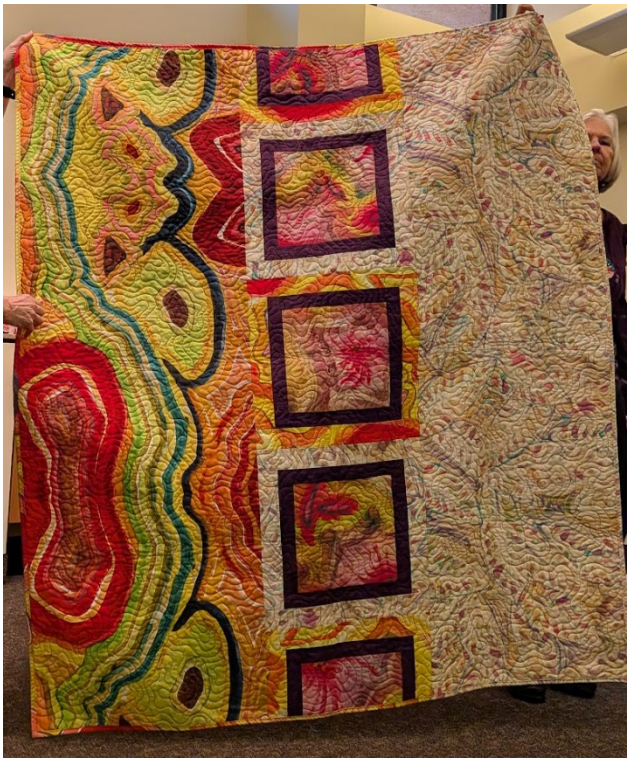


Alexis Levin



Cyndy Cook

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Wendy Lopez



Audrey Ferguson



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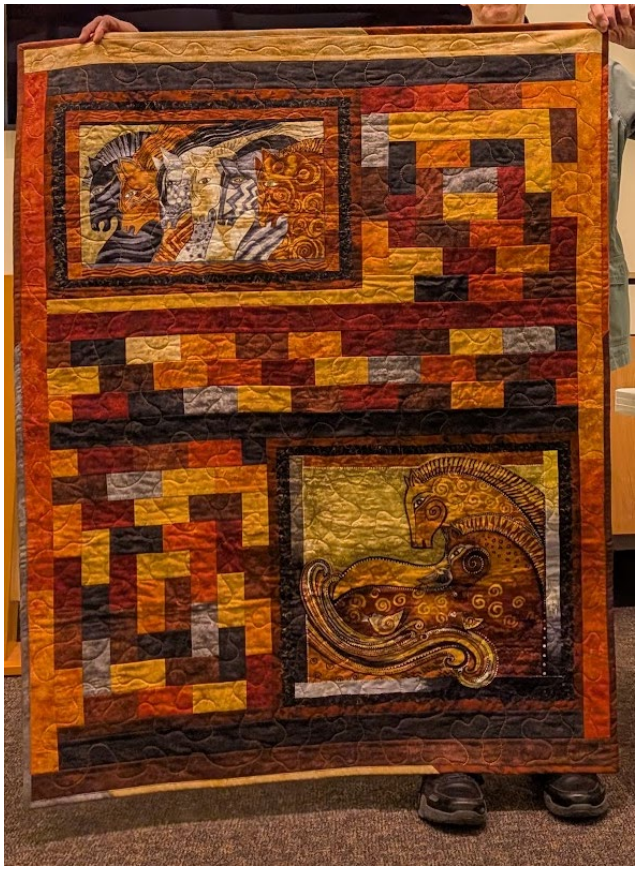
Deb Payne



Barbara Kess



Wendy Garrison



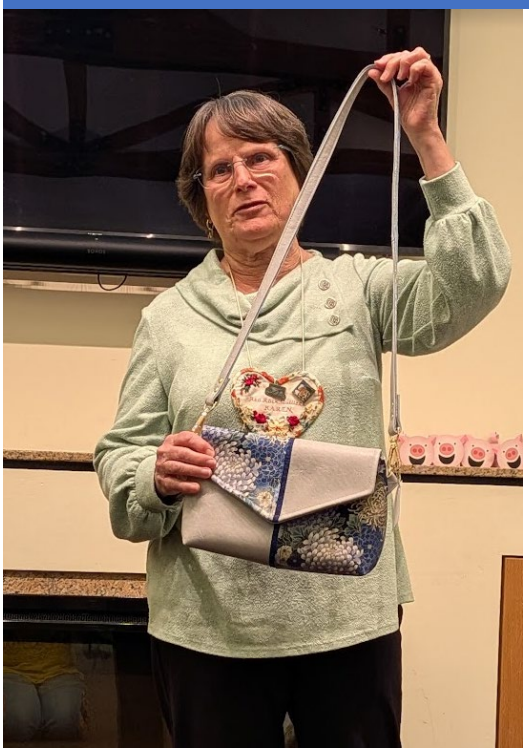


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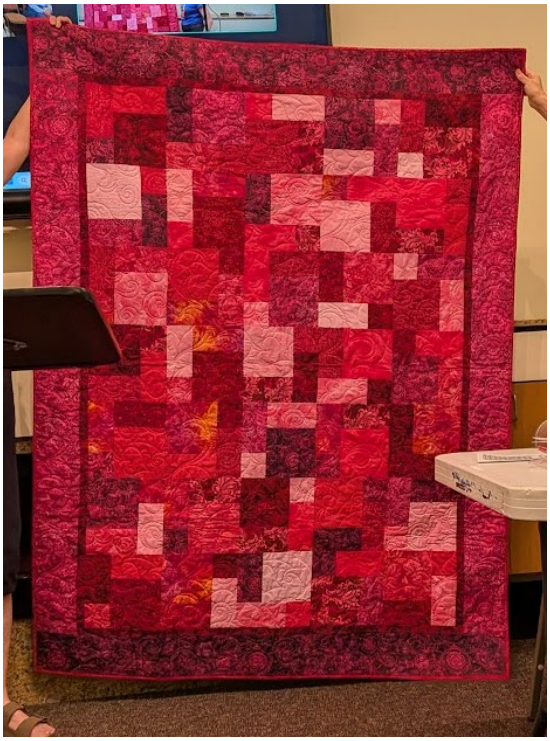


Lynn Goodman



Guild Quilts

Made by multiple people Will be donated via C-Sews







Upcoming Quilt Shows – If you hear of any other local shows send an email to Karen Gieske (kagweasel@gmail.com) and I will include the info in the next newsletter.



Stitches of Love
MTQG 2026

Mountain Top Quilters Guild
2026 Quilt Show
May 29 & 30,
Friday 9-5,
Saturday 9-4
Findlay Toyota Center
3201 N. Main Street,
Prescott Valley, AZ

Admission $10
(covers both days)
Ages 16 and under free
Over 300 quilts on display

Shop our boutique of homemade items.
Vendors offering quilting supplies, clothing and home goods

Raffle Baskets

Quilts With a Story presentation Live

Small Quilt Auction
(Saturday at 2:00 pm)

Food available for purchase; please no outside food or drink