RED ROCK QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER
MAY 26



Next Guild Meeting

May 12th

10:00 am – Noonish or a bit later.

Christ Lutheran Church

Zoom Info

Topic: RRQG May 2026 meeting Zoom invite

Time: May 12, 2026 10:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82212423555?pwd=Up20PyuWKWMuax666u9wbDjfmLsHS.1

Meeting ID: 822 1242 3555

Passcode: 236914

Hospitality Signup Link

RRQG Hospitality Sign Up

May Potluck sign up sheet

Please bring your own place setting and utensils. Preferably in a bag so that you can take them home.

Group Sew

Due to Memorial Day and other conflicts Group Sew is canceled for May

Below are the Group Sew dates thru the summer

9:00am-1:00pm

June 22nd, 2026

July 27th, 2026

Aug 24th, 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.

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,

When I became your President in September 2024, I promised you that the board would be transparent in our decision making. There are two recent developments that I need to appraise you of.

The first relates to boutique sales that are open to the public. In the time that I have been a member of this guild, we have never charged the Transaction Privilege Tax (sales tax) on items sold at a public boutique. We were recently asked about this by another 501(c)(7), that has been collecting the tax. In researching the matter, I found conflicting information. I reached out to the Arizona Department of Revenue asking for a definitive answer. On May 5, 2026, I received a response from the License Compliance Division. They have referred me to the Tax Policy Department and require additional information. When an answer is provided, I will let you know. The integrity of this guild is at the forefront of the board's decision making. As such, it is imperative our actions conform to the law. We are committed to doing whatever is necessary to achieve compliance.

The second item is a request that has come from the community. We have been asked to donate a quilt for an auction that will benefit a local family dealing with a medical crisis. Conrad Kelly has been studying in Japan and was recently diagnosed with Stage IV cancer. He is too ill to travel back to the U.S., so his parents have gone to Japan to be with him and support him through this ordeal. You can find more information on the Go Fund Me page that has been set up by Melissa Slaybaugh. Look for Support for Patty, Geno, and Conrad Kelly.

Historically, our guild has provided quilts to organizations and not individuals, so a donation such as this would be setting a precedent. The board discussed this at our meeting on May 4, 2026, and unanimously approved donating a quilt for the fundraising event. Our motto is "Sharing and Caring." The fact this request came from a local citizen and not an agency, does not change the need. To be asked to help a local family is an honor. Through the years, this guild has been the recipient of generous donations from community members that have furthered our charitable work. This is an opportunity for us to share out of the abundance we have been blessed with. Could this open the door to more requests, the short answer is yes. Does it mean we will honor each request, no. The board will vet all requests on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that they meet the mission of this organization and that we have the resources to help.

I realize these two items may create questions and I want to make sure they get answered. Please feel free to reach out to me at: DarceyBakerPhilpot@gmail.com or call me at (503) 449-7192.

Warmly,

Darcey

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Lyn Goodman & Pauline Bauer

May – PotLuck May Potluck sign up sheet

September

Program-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

9/30/26-Workshop via zoom

Time TBD but would like to plan ~9-3 depending on presenters schedule.
Susan Edmonson Faces collage quilting. https://www.susanedmonsondesigns.com/. This will be a 6 hour class via zoom in the comfort of your home. We will not have set up at the church. The charge is $65 with a kit that is ~$20. I would like to start sign-ups this month since we will be off for the summer and September will be here before we know it. I can also take sign-ups remotely over the summer.

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 May meeting to continue registration. We will continue to register folks through October. If you have not paid, please do so to hold your spot in the class.

November

We will do 4 corners again as this was very well received last year. There will be 4 stations to learn a skill from another member of the guild. Each will last ~15 minutes and then we will rotate so everyone has a chance to attend each session. You will also be able to see via zoom. Thanks to those who have volunteered or been recruited.

Survey

I feel like there was a good response to the survey and has helped in planning future events.
Results are attached

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We are on the last block of our Block of the Month Bijou Wonder. The pattern is free and you can access it via the link;
https://media.rainpos.com/4018/REVISED_INSTRUCTIONS_FOR_BLANK_QUILTING_BIJOU_WONDER_BOM_QUILT_8_4_2022.pdf

A Message from the RRQG Treasurer Deb Payne

Submitted by Lori Feine

As promised, attached is a first quarter wrap up as well as April report. Transaction details for Jan, Feb & March are on prior monthly reports. I am still refining software reports so things look quite different than in the past. Next step will be an over/under budget analysis after June 30th. Thanks for being patient with me, and I welcome any questions that you might have.
Email is either deborahpayne@me.com or rrqguildtreasurer@gmail.com

Spotlight on Members – Julie Carey

Quilting Journey:
Julie started quilting in May after taking her first class with Joni at Quilter's Quarters. She has focused on making Quilts of Valor (QOV) for her family and is currently working through ten quilts, with Mary Dean handling the long-arm quilting.

Quilting Style:
Mostly QOV quilts, working with kits at each meeting. Julie had planned to long-arm quilt herself but realized her current space wouldn't accommodate a machine.

Quilting Setup:
Julie's quilts are completed but await long-arm quilting. She appreciates working with skilled quilters like Mary Dean.

Fabric Stash:
Julie's stash is modest—mostly what she won at a stash sale. She has donated patriotic fabric to the Cottonwood patriotic group and QOV group.

Beyond Quilting:
Julie is endlessly creative:

- Gardening in her backyard sanctuary
- Sewing fun items for her granddaughter
- Making table covers for DJ Pinktastic
- Reading spiritual books and taking classes
- Preparing homemade yogurt and sprouting vegetables
- Pursuing low-sugar/keto lifestyle, having lost 75 lbs since August 2024
- Caring for her husband, Mike, and enjoying adventures together
- Spending time with grandkids
- Cooking healthy, delicious meals
- Crocheting for 25+ years

Career Background:
Julie's work has been varied, including roles with:

- Employment support for the mentally challenged
- Edmarc Hospice for Children (VA)
- Make-A-Wish Foundation Director of Wishes and Medical Outreach
- Urology practice
- Thrift shop assistant manager
- Soul Shine customer service in Sedona
  Now, she considers herself to "play" full-time.

Residences:
Julie has moved extensively due to military family life: Texas, Japan, Thailand, Virginia, Germany, New Mexico, North Carolina, and finally sett ling in Cottonwood, AZ in 2007.

Family:
Married 45 years to Mike. Two sons (Brad and Bryan) and their families. Five grandchildren: Ronan, Paxton, Piper, Sawyer, and Nolan.

Favorite Colors:
Currently loves blues, purples, and aquas, but generally adores all jewel tones—royal blue, magenta, hot pink, bright yellow, gold, and all greens.

How She Found Us:
Julie learned about RRQG after joining QOVF. She appreciated the guild's proximity and the creative, talented women she met.

C-Sews Update

Submitted by Lori Feine

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Show and Tell from the April Meeting










The Secret of Life is Living the Passage of Time



















Blocks by Guild members Assembled by Lynn Good man

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.





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

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