RED ROCK QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 26



Next Guild Meeting

November 10th

9:00 am – Noonish

Program **Karen McTavish**

"How Do I Quilt That"

Christ Lutheran Church

Zoom Info

Topic: RRQG Membership Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85430463377?pwd=22bS3d4u2wiZjmTpJ04k6ytoLh9hQb.1

Hospitality Signup Link

RRQG Hospitality Sign Up

December Potluck Signup Link

RRQG December Potluck Signup

Next Guild Board Meeting

Monday Nov 30th, 9:00 AM

Agenda will be sent prior to meeting

Zoom Info

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83000413578?pwd=XrzfHDyLOhdu6RC8zi730LzuX4lrAe.1

Mondays at the Museum

December 7th 11 am – 1 pm

Sedona Historical Society

Bring your handwork, chat and talk quilting with visitors.

Group Sew

9:00am-1:00pm

Monday, Nov 23rd, 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 Challenge

Self-Portrait

Can you embody yourself as a quilt? Produce a self-portrait quilt. Size must be no wider than 24". Max length is ~36". Enter it into the Annual Library Quilt Show. Make sure to mark this entry as a Challenge quilt on the entry form.

Quilt Show Entry

Quilt Show Online Application.

President's Message

Submitted by Darcey Baker Philpot

Dear Quilting Sisters,

Since becoming your president my mantra has been, "This guild belongs to all of us." It would be impossible to do justice to our membership if we relied on my views alone or those of the board. This is why we have periodically queried your opinions on guild activities and business. To those of you who participated in our "Finances and Fundraising" survey, thank you! As the board plans for the guilds future, it is important for us to understand what you value and what you are willing to support.

Most of you feel the guild is a tremendous value for your investment and are willing to support a dues increase to maintain the benefits. The board promised we would not raise dues without a vote. Therefore, at our November meeting we will be voting on a $5 dues increase, making annual dues $35. We don't want to lose any members due to financial hardship. You are more important than money, so if you or anyone you know needs financial assistance, let me know and it will be quietly taken care of.

It was gratifying to see your trust and support of the board in the handling of our fiduciary responsibilities. Budget discussions have taken up a great deal of the board's time over the summer, and we are indebted to Deb Payne for her expertise and clear explanations. We heard you when you said you don't want to talk about money all the time. In response, we will move to quarterly budget reports, rather than monthly.

These past two months, the board has shared with you our belief that we should be operating with a balanced budget. It was affirming to hear so many of you agree. To balance the budget, we must raise funds. While that might seem daunting at first, when you consider the top votes for fundraising were the boutique, opportunity quilt ticket sales, and the stash sale, it becomes much more doable. We are already seasoned pros at these tasks. What we will need are volunteers. I hope you will answer the call when given the opportunity to support your guild.

Warmly,
Darcey

Hospitality News

For the November meeting we still need a couple of people to set up the room. Please sign up if you can come 30 minutes early and assist in setting up chairs for the meeting. **RRQG Hospitality Sign Up**

Are you looking forward to the December Potluck? Sign up at RRQG December Potluck Signup The December meeting will start at 10 AM. Bring your own place setting in a Ziplock bag, including plate and silverware. Dessert plates, cups & napkins will be provided. Also please remember to bring appropriate, labeled serving utensils with your Potluck contribution.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Pauline Bauer

Details of all the programs and workshops so far for this year and next are located in the September newsletter including links to websites and sign-ups



At the October meeting Veronica did a program titled "Thread is not just Thread. I know I learned a few things from her presentation. She also had a book she wrote with the same title. I will bring my copy to the meeting to share. She is selling for $17.50. If you were not able to pick up a copy and still want one, just let me know and I can place an order. I would like to do that all at one time and will try to do by November 6. If you don't plan to be at the November meeting and want to order just email me directly pollyjbauer@yahoo.com

November

This month we have ***Karen McTavish*** doing a program via zoom titled "**How do I Quilt That?**" When I took my first machine quilting class many years ago the instructor told us to look up Karen to see amazing quilting. I have been following her ever since. I am so excited to have her speaking to our group. If you won't be at the meeting please join her program via zoom.

Karen has worked as a longarm quilter since 1997. She has won many national/international awards and is respected as an accomplished fiber artist and as one of the innovators of the machine quilting industry. Karen is known internationally as the creator of a style of quilting referred to as "McTavishing." She teaches quilting throughout the US and abroad.

December

Pot Luck and Holiday Party. More info from the Hospitality group

January

Karen Barrow will be doing a program on Bag Making. We all know how talented Karen is and look forward to her tips and tricks.

She will also be doing a **workshop on bag making**. She has been working hard on samples and patterns for you to choose from

The workshop size will be limited to 10 people so Karen can provide assistance to everyone.

We will begin s**ign-ups at the November meeting**. Please read the details to be sure you are available before signing up.

There will not be a cost for the workshop and a supply list will be provided. Karen may have some supplies for purchase as well.

There are two options for patterns as well as different sizes.

The plan is for Karen to meet with those signed up for workshop **after the January meeting** to get everyone started.

Than at the **Monday group sew in January,** spend the day working on the bags together with Karen facilitating.

When you sign-up for the workshop please note which bag you would like to make. Karen will bring sample to our meeting.



The Mia Bag is a pattern by Sallie Tomato. The pattern is $12.99 and can be downloaded as a pdf. A video is included on her website.
Mia pattern



Santorini Tote
The pattern is $10 and can be downloaded as a pdf and there is a video if you download the pattern. She included 3 sizes in the pattern.

February

We will continue to take registration for the ***Bethanne Nemesh*** workshop. I will have Karen send the flyer with all the details as an attachment to this newsletter. Please remember that you need to pay for the workshop to guarantee your spot. I know I was having difficulty with the square payment at our last meeting due to Internet connection. So if you weren't able to pay at that time here is the link https://square.link/u/GNqB32yW I will be taking cash/card/check at the meeting. Class is filling so don't miss your opportunity to sign-up!

April

Stash Sale back by popular demand. Thanks to Patsy, Karin, and Magdelena for agreeing to coordinate this event again. Start gathering your supplies, patterns, fabric, etc. that you would like to bring to the sale. More to come later



Block of the Month

I will send out a separate e-mail for Block of the Month. I have a list of those interested but will send out to the whole guild for those that may still want to be involved. I plan to do a short meeting (~15 minutes) after the November meeting. We can discuss the pattern, logistics, and how you would like the group to run. Bring your ideas and thoughts! Plan is to start in January.

Any questions please reach out directly to me at pollyjbauer@yahoo.com

RED ROCK QUILTERS GUILD IS PLEASED TO HOST

Quilting
BETHANNE NEMESH
MASTER QUILTING & DISCOVER YOUR VOICE

About Bethanne

Hi! My name is Bethanne Nemesh and I am a classically trained artist with degrees in Art and Art Therapy...but more importantly...I've been mastering the art of free motion machine quilting for over 23 years! I have extensively shown my quilts and have been honored to win many major awards in all levels of national and international quilting. My deepest love though, is teaching. I have taught quilters all over the world to love quilting and find their own voice of creative expression through the stitched line. And now...I'm thrilled to be able to bring that experience into your own home digitally! Whether taking a 3 month 1:1 feedback masterclass with me, or a shorter quilt retreat, helping you on your creative journey is my most important achievement!





A Wild fiber Art Journey

Presented at the Red Rock Quilters Guild Meeting on February 9, 2027

Explore Bethanne's 30 years of fiber arts through the natural lens. Enjoy her show quilts, yarn couching, temperature quilts, and yarn couching featuring the flora, fauna, and climate of the world, including Bethanne's Quilts in the Wild, featuring remote hiking and exploring with a quilt in hand!

Quilted Texture A to Zen (quilting)

Workshop on February 11, 2027 from 9:00-3:30

Explore free motion quilted textures inspired by the world around us! One fresh and creative design inspired by each letter of the alphabet is presented. Intermediate. Material is condensed, or work time expanded to adjust for different class lengths. Domestic machine class students will bring pre-basted sandwiches.



WORKSHOP DETAILS

FEBRUARY 11, 2027
9:00-3:30
Christ Luthern Church
Apropriate for beginners as well as more advanced quilters

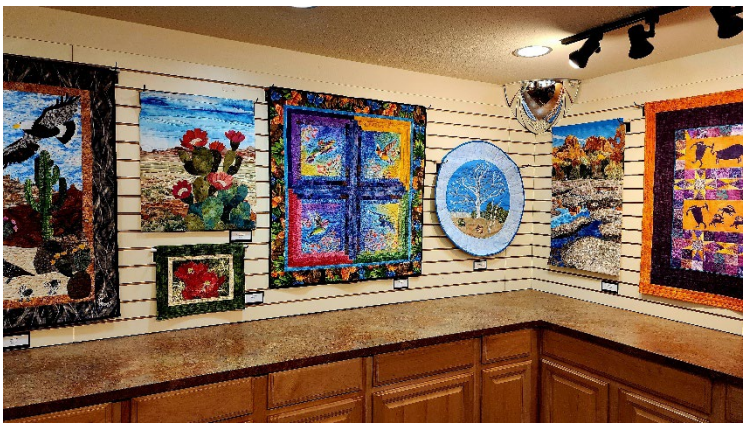
Sign Up at link below. Space is limited so get your seat now! Class fee is in the link
https://square.link/u/9Id4vXi6

**Workshop and Meeting Program are only open to Red Rock Quilters Guild members. If you are not a current member, you are invited to join the guild and enjoy this program, workshop, and a one year membership to the guild*

For more information contact pollyjbauer@yahoo.com

Red Rock Quilters Head to the Forest Service Visitor Center!

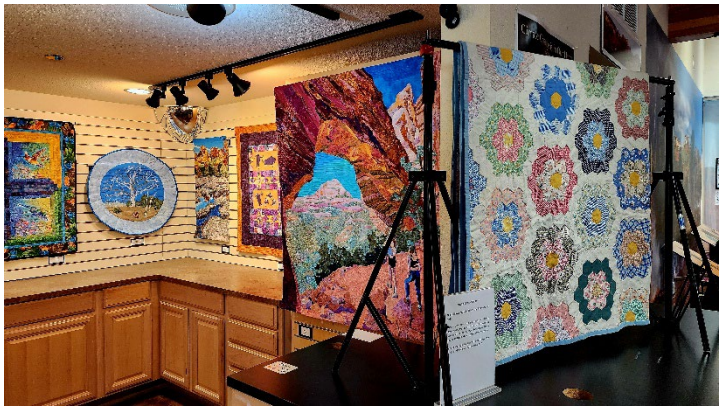
The quilts are hung, and the display is officially open!
A big thank-you to all the Red Rock Quilters who generously shared their beautiful quilts for our special display at the Forest Service Visitor Center. And a special thank-you to **Patsy Kittredge** for helping hang the quilts and bring this colorful display to life!



Although the available space is small, there's plenty of creativity, color, and quilting inspiration packed into it. The quilts will be on display through late December, so there's still plenty of time to stop by and enjoy them.

We encourage everyone to spread the word to friends and neighbors and plan a visit. You'll have an opportunity to admire the quilts, discover what the Visitor Center has to offer, and support two wonderful organizations: **the U.S. Forest Service and Red Rock Quilters Guild.**

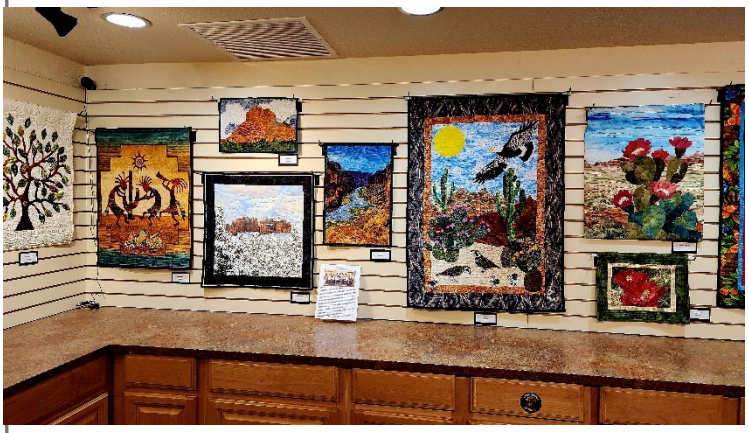
And let's be honest—how many of us have driven past the Visitor Center without ever stepping inside? Here's the perfect excuse to change that! Come enjoy the quilts, explore something new, and help celebrate the creativity and community spirit of Red Rock Quilters.



Plan your visit!
Forest Service Visitor Center
8375 Arizona 179
Sedona, AZ
Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday–Sunday: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: Noon–4:30 p.m.
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Stop by, see the quilts, and show your support! We hope you'll enjoy this special display as much as we enjoyed putting it together.







Quilt Palooza Is Coming — We Need YOU!

Submitted by Lori Feine

Mark your calendars for **February 12 and 13!** Quilt Palooza is coming, and we're looking for enthusiastic Red Rock Quilters to share their talents, tips, techniques, and quilting adventures with our quilting community.

Throughout both days, we'll offer demonstrations and trunk shows, and we need volunteers to fill those time slots. You can sign up for a **two-hour demonstration or spend the entire day sharing your quilting knowledge**. Whether you're an expert in a particular technique or simply enjoy showing others how you do something, we'd love to have you participate!

What Can You Demonstrate?
Need a little inspiration? Here are just a few possibilities:

- **Piecing and design:** Half-square triangles and the many designs you can create with them, chain piecing, and quilt layout ideas.
- **Creative techniques:** Thread painting, One Block Wonder design, and English paper piecing versus foundation paper piecing.
- **Quilting and finishing:** Quilt-as-you-go techniques, binding quilts, and free-motion quilting on your domestic sewing machine.

And those are just the beginning! Have a favorite shortcut, a clever trick, or a technique that makes quilting easier or more fun? This is your chance to share it. You never know who might discover a new favorite method thanks to you!

Have Quilts to Show Off? We Need Trunk Shows, Too!
We're also looking for members to present **trunk shows on topics of their choice**. Perhaps you've made a collection of quilts using a particular technique, explored a special theme, worked through a series of challenging projects, or simply want to share the stories behind some of your favorite creations. We'd love to see them!

What's It Like to Be a Presenter?

We'll be gathering in the **main room at Community Library Sedona**, where stations will be set up throughout the space. Visitors can simply walk up to your station, watch you demonstrate your technique, and ask questions as you work. It's a relaxed, interactive way to share your knowledge and connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts.
Still not sure about volunteering? Our presenters last year had a wonderful experience, and we're confident you will, too! You'll have the opportunity to share your passion, learn from others, and inspire quilters of all skill levels.

Sign Up and Share Your Passion!
Quilt Palooza is a wonderful opportunity to learn from one another, celebrate our creativity, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes Red Rock Quilters Guild special.
You don't have to be a professional teacher to participate. If you enjoy quilting and are willing to share what you know, there's a place for you!

Interested in presenting or have questions? Contact Lori Feine to sign up or learn more.

Please consider volunteering for a demonstration or trunk show on February 12 or 13. Let's fill the schedule with great ideas, beautiful quilts, and plenty of quilting inspiration. **Quilt Palooza will be even better with YOU as part of it!**

Spotlight on Members- Meet Corrie DeCamp

I've been quilting for more than 35 years. I started in 1991 while attending Army officer training in San Antonio, initially focusing on traditional piecing. Over the years, my interests have evolved toward art quilting, fabric collage, dyeing, and surface design—basically anything that gives me an excuse to play with fabric and color.

When I first started quilting, I was living in a Washington, D.C., suburb and served as my guild's program chair for five years. That experience gave me a lasting appreciation for the work involved in finding good teachers, so I'm especially grateful for all that Polly does to bring such wonderful instructors to Red Rock Quilters.

I do some of my own quilting, including free-motion quilting, but I'm also happy to quilt "by check." I'm much better at piecing or placing the fabric than quilting - I'm still learning to FMQ. I had recently acquired a longarm, but I sold it last year when we dramatically downsized. I'm now learning to use the longarm at a local library, including its computerized quilting program, so there is still plenty for me to learn. I hope to find a friend in Sedona who's willing to trade fabric for quilting time on their machine, until I can figure out space for a long arm or at least a sit down machine.

And my stash? An independent audit would be unwise (and embarrassing!). I'm sure it numbers in the thousands of yards. I may not finish lots of quilts, but I am a world-class fabric collector! When Mauricio and I had an estate sale last year before selling our home, the fabric and dyeing supplies were among the few things I could not relinquish. Most of it now lives in three 10-by-15-foot storage rooms in DFW—which perhaps tells you everything you need to know about my priorities. 😊

Mauricio and I recently retired and are taking advantage of the opportunity to spend a few years traveling, usually by car, while I continue to seek out quilt workshops and places to play with fabric along the way. Over the years, I've enjoyed workshops across the country, including in Houston (I'm from Texas!), Paducah, the Hudson River Valley, MISA, Asilomar, Sisters, and PNWAS, among others. For the first time, I'll be visiting the John C. Campbell Folk School in January and the Crow Barn in May. If you ever want to travel to a quilt or dyeing class and share housing, we're in! Mauricio even takes meal requests. 😊

Before retiring, I spent my career as an Army officer, management consultant, program leader, and product leader. We have four adult children but no grandchildren yet—one day, we hope, although there is nothing on the horizon!

We've lived in Texas and Chile (Mauricio is from Chile), and we own a home in Uptown Sedona. We hope to make Sedona more of our home base after another year or two of traveling. I first found Red Rock Quilters through an online search while looking to connect with fiber artists in the community, and I'm very glad I did.

My favorite color is fuchsia, although my fabric purchases might suggest that my definition of "favorite" is fairly broad. One of the things I love most about quilting is that there is always something new to learn—and usually another piece of fabric that I apparently really need, though I'm trying to cut back on new purchases, at least

I look forward to meeting and creating with you. I also welcome recommendations for a contractor who could help remodel our Sedona garage into a sewing and dyeing studio.



Quilt Show Updates

Submitted by Karen Gieske

We have an on-line form for submitting your quilt to the Annual Library. As I am writing this we have 5 entries already. The form will be available for submittal until December 4th. Enter your quilts here Quilt Show Online Application.

Please consider volunteering to help with the setup of the Quilt Show. We need people for the Quilt Intake, Quilt Prep, and Quilt Hanging. Sign up here at volunteersignup.org/F7MLA

Quilt Intake shifts are 2 hours long where quilts are received, logged, stacked, and receipts given to the makers. These shifts will occur on Jan 5 and Jan 7.

Quilt Prep Day occurs on Jan 8th. We typically start at 10:00 am and go until we are done (usually before noon). All quilts are placed on hanging rods, photographed, then organized in hanging order.

Quilt Hanging Day will occur on Sunday Jan 10th. Start time is at the discretion of the Library staff. Last year we were done within 1.5 hours. All quilts are hung and the ambassador table set up.

Show and Tell from the October Meeting



Mary Dean







Mary Ball



MaryAnn Kenney

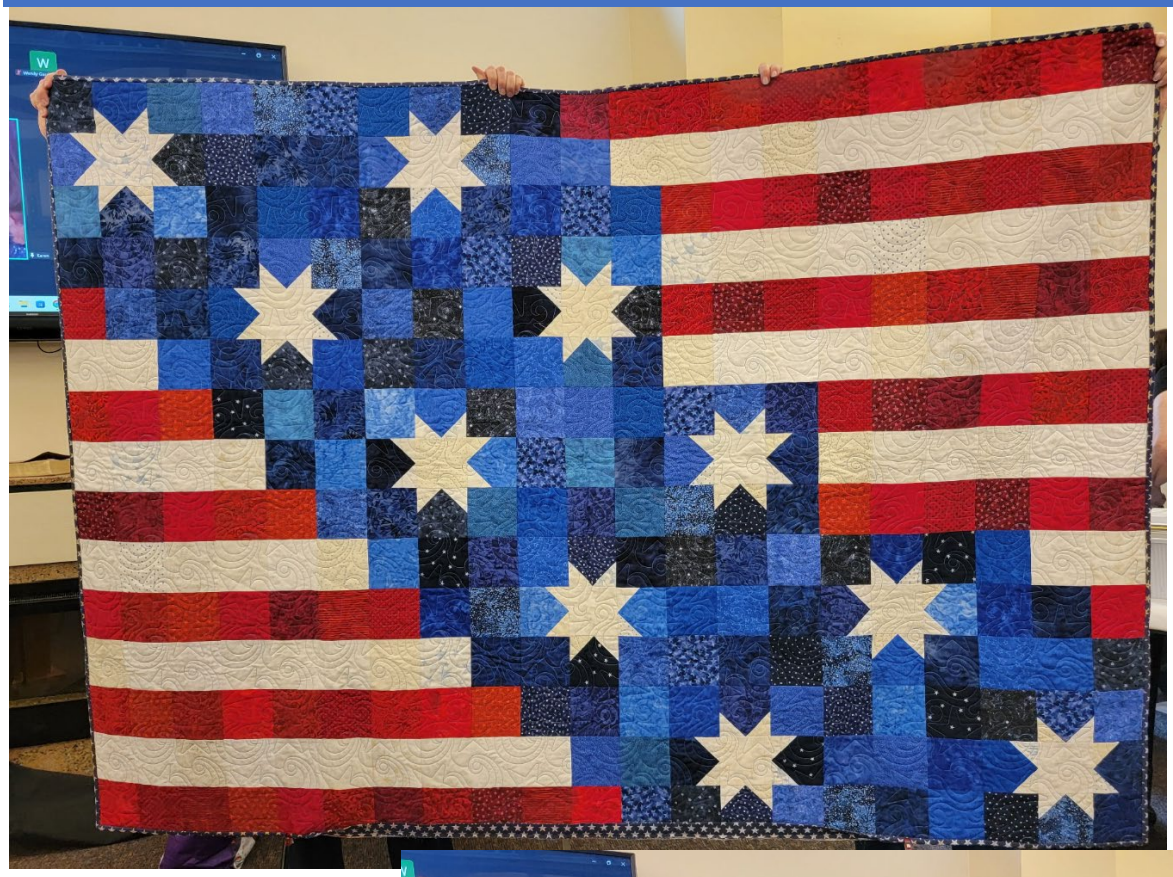




Pat Loomis

Karen Gieske





Joyce Bethune



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



The following was sent from Mulqueen Sewing

March 4-6, 2027
Did you see the line up of educators yet?

(Classes will go sale Dec/Jan)

Did you know we will have 80 Shopping Booths?

(we will be paying your tax)

Did you hear we will be giving away over $30,000 in prizes during this event?

Get your tickets before early bird pricing ends!



Website https://mulqueen.regfox.com/sewzona-2027

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Mulqueen sewing is hosting a Quilt Contest at SewZona.
With $9000 in prizes!

All who enter will automatically be entered for 1 of the main prizes.

1 prize will be picked by a celebrity judge and 1 by viewers choice.

The basic guidelines to enter
-Buy fabric from a specific area at mulqueen locations.
-Use majority of this fabric to make the quilt.
-Use any pattern you like.
-60" x 80" finished size (about)
-We have a list of 10 longarm quilters who will quilt at a discounted rate for this charity event.
-Turn in your quilt by Feb (exact date to come)

When you turn in the quilt we will hand you a $80 Fat Quarter Bundle - I've Got Hue, Babe - FREE! Yep - FREE!



The amazing Jaftex Fabric Company Is The Sponsor Of This Gift.

Brands under Jaftex - Free Spirit, Henry Glass, Blank Quilting, Studio e, AE Nathan & Fabric Editions.

ALL QUILTS IN THIS CONTEST WILL BE DONATED TO QUILTS OF VALOR!

-Each day of SewZona QOV will host 2 ceramonies honoring Veterans

To be placed on a notification list for the QOV contest info submit your name here
https://www.mulqueen.com/win

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