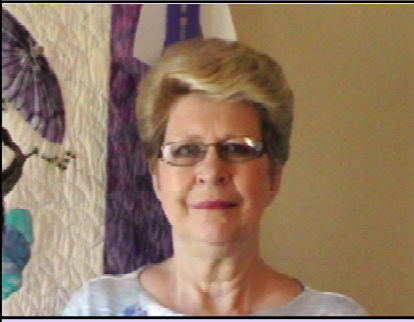


## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Founding Members - Marianna Edgar



My love for sewing came from my Mom. She was so talented sitting at a sewing machine. She made her own patterns from newspaper. When she didn't care for one part of a pattern, she would

change it. I was lucky to have her around when I was learning to sew. I had to make my own clothes as I got older because I was so tall. Even living in the big city of Albuquerque didn't help me to find clothes for me. No one made clothes for us tall people.

I continued to sew through my married life. When my two girls came along I made clothes for them. I went through a time when I didn't sew at all. Working and not making time to sew, my sewing machine collected a little dust.

When the kids were gone, living their own lives and I wasn't working anymore, I found myself looking for something to fill my time. While walking through a fabric store there it was, a flyer advertising a quilting class. I signed up and I was hooked.

The quilting journey I've been on since 1991 has been very rewarding. I can still remember the feeling I got finishing my first quilt that I did on my own. From choosing the pattern to hand quilting it and putting the final stitch in the binding. That warm fuzzy feeling is still with me today when I finish a quilt.

The quilting community that I have been involved with since I started quilting has been so supportive. I joined the Cheyenne Heritage Quilters guild and began lasting friendships that helped me through fun times and some that were too challenging to go it alone. I was elected President in 1997 and all the members made my year a fun and memorable one. Everyone worked together, because that's what quilters do, and made it a great year.

When talk began about starting a state quilt guild I wanted to get involved. The goal was to gather quilters from around the state once a year at a convention and share all we knew about quilting. Wow, it worked, which wasn't a surprise because of all the talent here in Wyoming. The first year the convention was held in Cheyenne, I remember all the meetings, all the ideas going

through our heads, the beautiful quilt we all worked on and we worked very hard to make it the best it could be. We had a great time!

My quilting has slowed and I don't get to guild meetings now days. A terrible car accident in 2007 has left my husband unable to do much. My job now as caregiver takes up most of my time. I still meet with Florence Brown, Jeannie Wilson, Barbara Williams, Jane Kiddie, Margo Coughlin, and Pat Collins once a month. This applique group started soon after joining the club and is going strong today. We keep each other motivated and support each other in our everyday lives.

I'm so glad I took that quilting class. The people I've met, the knowledge I've gained from them and the everlasting friendships will be with me always. Quilters are the best.

*Marianna*

*At Quilt Wyoming in Cheyenne, Jeanne Wilson asked me why Marianna was not listed in the directory. I quickly contacted Marianna and she said, yes, she would very much like to receive the newsletter and be included. We're so happy to be in contact. Thank you Marianna and Jeanne! WC*

## BOOKS FOR COUNTY LIBRARIES

### Help Wanted!

We need observant members of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild to recommend quilt-related books for Wyoming County Libraries.

WSQG uses funds designated from the sale of opportunity quilt tickets each year to purchase two quilt-themed books to donate to each County Library in Wyoming. These books help to meet our mission to preserve the heritage of quilts and to be a source of education. These are not pattern books as pattern books tend to disappear into the night. See previous selections at [www.wsqg.org/Books.htm](http://www.wsqg.org/Books.htm)

Send recommendation for the 2015 donations to me, Tauna Leathers, Guild Librarian, and direct any questions to [charlie-tuna@wyomingathletics.com](mailto:charlie-tuna@wyomingathletics.com) or call (307)761-0949.

Thank you.

*Tauna Leathers*

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On November 2, 2014 Sandra Dallas will sign her newest book, *A Quilt for Christmas* at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Avenue, Golden, CO.