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The Quilt Wyoming 2020 brochure has been mailed. Classes are planned. The committee is ready to welcome you!

We are thinking positive with the health and wellbeing of our attendees and our instructors our biggest priority. We will keep you informed as time gets closer.

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FEATURED QUILTERS



Judy Powell

How it all Started:

Our family draws names for Christmas. About ten years ago I drew my daughter-in-law's name. I received a Keepsake Quilting catalog and thought "I can do this". Little did I know that when I ordered a kit I was only

getting the pattern and the fabric. I thought it would be cut up for me. That quilt turned out okay. The rest is history. I fell in love.

Favorite Part of Quilting: My favorite part of quilting would have to be the endless possibilities of what I can create.

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Carol Kolf

In the Beginning:

My first memories of sewing were being instructed by my mother. She had a Singer, circa 1937. My first projects were hemming flour sacks to be used for dish towels. Later, in Girl Scouts I learned clothing construction. I made quite a lot of my clothes when I was in high school and college.

My first quilt was in 1976, the year of the bicentennial. All

things antique became very popular that year. I made a quilt for my son's twin bed. At that time it was not easy to buy quilting fabric or any 100% cotton. Cotton/poly blends were big. I did find some, and along with fabric cut from a sheet, I made a nine patch with sashing. I didn't know anything about finishing a quilt, so

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A WSQG member is one whose current dues are paid. The website password will be included with the Welcome Letter.

Attention Teachers: *To be included in our Teacher's Directory (or to make changes in your listing) send your contact information, your area of teaching, website/facebook information (if applicable) directly to wsqg@hotmail.com or complete the on-line form.*



President's Message

Deb Zelenak, President

Well, I'm getting a lot more quilting done this spring than I thought I would. Who knew social distancing could be so productive for quilting?!

I am not making light of the COVID-19 pandemic and hope everyone is staying healthy. Please note the announcement about COVID-19 and Quilt Wyoming found in this issue. Your WSQG Board is monitoring the effects this virus is having. Your safety and health is our primary concern.

I'd like to thank the 76 members who signed up to be included in our mentor listing. It's great that you all are willing to help out and share your quilting knowledge. I even used the list in March to contact Carol Kolf for some information/how-to advise for thread painting. I've seen Carol's beautiful work and knew she'd be the one to ask. Even after watching some YouTube videos I still had several questions and she was able to help. I've got a lot of practicing ahead before I show anyone my attempts but Carol gave me the knowledge to at least give it a try. If you need some help with a technique give one of the mentors a call. You can find the list in the members only section on www.wsqg.org. If you would like to be included on the list let Virginia know or click the link on the members only page. Also, if you are a mentor you can use that same link to add a "specialty quilting technique" to your listing information, that way if someone has a specific technique they're having problems with they know who to call.

Included in this issue of Patchwords is a survey about social media. Please take the time to answer either by mailing the survey to me or by responding to the link Virginia will be sending everyone in an email. I would like to see WSQG on Instagram and Twitter as a way to increase our ability to reach a broader community; to share what WSQG is all about; provide a way to make announcements about activities quickly; share what we're working on, and to hopefully gain new members - maybe even some younger ones.

In February I went to QuiltCon (quilt show put on by the Modern Quilt Guild) in Austin, Texas. Not only did I see a lot of fantastic quilts but there were lots of younger (20-40 year olds) quilters in attendance. My age group (60's) was in the minority. So I know the younger quilters are out there we just need to figure out how to reach them. I think we as an

organization need to encourage new and younger quilters or we will become extinct as an organization. Your input into the social media discussion is needed so the board knows in what direction you would like us to move. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. It's important that we hear from you about this issue.

I'm almost done with my WSQG Mystery Quilt, just have the final border to add. With luck I'll have it quilted and bound by QW20. Still planning to have a get-together at QW20. I am looking at after the Teacher Meet and Greet on Thursday evening. If you won't be attending, send me a picture of your quilt so I can share it with everyone. It's so interesting to see how different quilts made with the same pattern can be based on the fabric chosen. A big thank you to Barbara Graham for providing the clues for the mystery quilt. In case you didn't know, Barbara is not only an accomplished quilter but also a published author. The clues came from her book Murder By Kindness: The Gift Quilt (A Quilted Mystery). I want Barbara to see all the quilts we created. THANKS Barbara! Thirty-one signed up for the mystery, not bad for the first year. If you would like to see the mystery quilt program continue, send me an email.

Well, I need to end this and get those borders on.

Happy Quilting!

Election of Officers 2020

The 2020 election of officers will be held at Quilt Wyoming 2020 in Rock Springs. The following positions are open:

President-Elect
Secretary
Membership Director
Regional Directors for Southwest and Central Regions
Director-at-Large

The President-Elect is responsible for nominations. Questions may be directed to President Elect April Pendleton. email: aprilp@bresnan.net

Descriptions of duties are included in the Bylaws and Standing Rules which may be found in the Members Only section of the website www.wsqg.org. A sample ballot will be printed in Patchwords in the June-July issue. Please consider putting your name on the ballot for one of these positions. Nominations may also be made online. Go to the Officers and History tab. Thank you.

April Pendleton

Social Media Survey

According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary social media is defined as "forms of electronic communication (such as websites for social networking and microblogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and the content."

The board is considering creating a Social Media position (non-voting) that would be responsible for maintaining WSQG information on relevant social media sites. One of the concerns brought up in the survey last year was how do we attract younger/new quilters. One way is to communicate through social media that younger people are using. A study from the Pew Research Center, a non-affiliated organization that records data and demographics, found that Instagram is used by 72% of people aged 13-17, 64% aged 18-29, and 40% aged 30-49 compared to 21% aged 50-60 and 10% aged 65-plus. and that few in the younger age groups use Facebook.

The board would like to know how our members feel about WSQG's use of social media. Please take the time to either complete the survey by mail (Mail to: Deb Zelenak, 88 Sacajawea Avenue, Lander, WY 82520) or online (a link will be emailed to all members) by April 30th 2020.

1, Do you use any type of social media? Yes____ No____

1a. If yes please list the social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram etc.) that you are using: _____

2. Do you follow the WSQG Facebook page? Yes____ No____

3. If WSQG had an Instagram or Twitter account would you follow it? Yes____ No____

4. Even if you do not use social media do you think WSQG should expand our use of social media to advertise our activities to a broader audience and possibly attract new and/or younger quilters?

Yes____ No____

5. Do you think a new non-voting board position should be added to market WSQG on relevant social media platforms?

Yes____ No____

6. Would you be interested in being the Social Media Chair if the position is created? Yes____ No____

7. Suggestions for attracting new and/or younger members?

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Hello Spring!

I wish we were on better terms with getting out and going to our local guild meetings and spring

retreats. We know a lot of us usually buzz around and get excited about all the new patterns and classes coming in for the new season. We regret that the situation required cancellation of our March retreat. We look forward to our next retreat.

Unfortunately our getting together for inspiration may be a little curtailed at this point. Now is the time for all of you to get out those UFOS that are sitting in the corner and dust off those patterns that you always thought...."Oh I will get to that some day....." Now is that day ladies! We have the perfect excuse to hibernate and sew to our hearts content. We need to remember that WE ARE QUILTERS! Our magic is making art out of scraps and thread.

We hope this message makes you smile and we wish you all safety and health in the coming weeks!

Frances Tormey & Linda Herget

FEATURED QUILTER JUDY POWELL

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When I see other people's quilts my brain goes into overdrive thinking what I might make myself. I usually have several projects going at one time. Some projects are in the thought process and others are in the making. What I call my "show quilts" might take me two years to put together. I love the mental therapy quilting gives me. I also love seeing the finished product after weeks, months or years of work.

I made my first quilt in October of 2009. It took a while but I got it figured out. I read the pattern completely twice and it never did tell me what the seam allowance was. I used to sew a lot of clothes but I could tell the seam was NOT 5/8".

Awards: I have received numerous People's Choice awards and many First Place awards in Wyoming. I finally received an Honorable Mention in the Salt Lake show in 2019. I sent the same quilt to the Pacific International Quilt show in Santa Clara, California. That quilt won a Judges' Choice ribbon. I consider this an honor since there were 600 quilts and six judges. One judge wrote some awesome comments about the quilt. This year I was accepted into the Road to California show in January. This was their 25th Anniversary show. Both the quilts were accepted. To my complete surprise, both quilts received 2nd Place awards. I was awarded \$1500.00 in prize money for the two! Maybe I am breaking even on entry fees and cost for shipping both ways.

Quilting Influence: In the beginning Stephanie Logan helped me out a lot. I didn't know how to chain stitch or strip piece. I was backstitching and cutting every piece I sewed. Stephanie got me on the right track. There are several ladies in our local guild that have helped me a lot. I have taken classes that inspired me. Leni Wiener is one of them. She is a great teacher and talented quilter. I am amazed at how helpful everyone has been. I think I can now be of help to others.

Favorite Tools: My favorite ruler is the 8-1/2" x 24-1/2". I can get four 2"-strips without disturbing my fabric. I use 2" for my bindings. I do like the tools to make better flying geese or half-square triangles. I use the Easy Angle and the Companion Angle. Just recently I used Bonnie Hunter's Essential Triangle tool. The half-square triangles came out well. I didn't have to trim them. I really like using the Gray Scale Card. It helps a lot with fabric selection.

Favorite Books: I bought a felted applique book a couple of years ago. It is all owls. There are 20 different owls and I made them all. I was able to make a four-owl wall hanging for each of the kids. I like Judy Niemeyer patterns. When you organize her instructions, the piecing process is made easier. I love Helen Stubbings patterns. She mixes English paper piecing (EPP), embroidery and applique in a lot of her patterns. I have many EPP patterns yet to make. I do have WAY too many patterns and books. I have a good selection from which to choose when looking for a new project.

Quilting Advice: Whatever you want to achieve is possible. Keep striving to get better. Relax and don't try to hurry through a project. Set some goals for yourself. Don't pay heed to what others are saying. You are an individual and should live your life as an individual. It's okay to ask for help and there are many people out there who are willing to help.

WSQG: I joined WSQG in 2010, I believe. I first went to a quilt show in the Northwest Region in Powell. I had made the challenge but didn't get a ribbon. I thought it was the best. We should feel that way about our work.

I love the camaraderie WSQG provides. I tend to keep to myself most of the time. I love when we come together once a year. I probably talk too much but then I'm isolated most of the time. I also like to take new classes and learn new techniques. I have applied many of the things I've learned at WSQG to some of my award-winning quilts.

I have a lot of silk fabric that I've wanted to use to make lightweight jackets. A class with clothing would be nice at Quilt Wyoming. I also love to learn new techniques so I look for that when I select classes at Quilt Wyoming. I took a class in Paducah to learn how to make a quilt from a photo. I have made a few but would like to do a lot more. Last year I took a class. The teacher machine sewed all of her EPP together. I took the class but said I would never do that. I am working on a quilt now that has so many pieces to it that I am machine sewing it together. "Never say never", as Fievel Mousekewitz would say!

Judy Powell



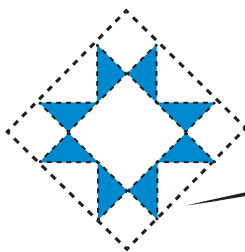
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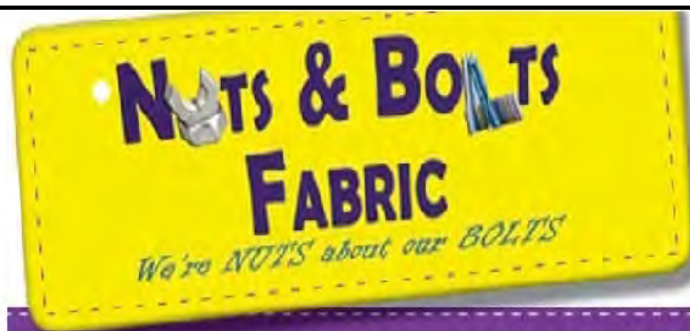
Do you want to cruise to the Panama Canal? We are sailing with Princess Cruises on December 29, 2020-January 8, 2021.

The Panama cruise will be approximately 10 days. Ports of call would include Fort Lauderdale, Jamaica, Cartagena (Columbia), Panama Canal, Costa Rica, and Cayman Islands. Traveling on a ship during the holidays is one of the most fun things to do. The ship will be beautifully decorated, New Year's will be celebrated at sea and there is bound to be free champagne everywhere you look.

I will teach several hand stitching projects while at sea. The main project will be a Mola. Molos are reverse appliques, mainly done by the Kuna Indians.

Details of pricing, cabin choices, flights, etc., are in my newsletter. And please contact me if you are interested. There is special sale going on right now—until mid-February. So don't wait too long to decide!

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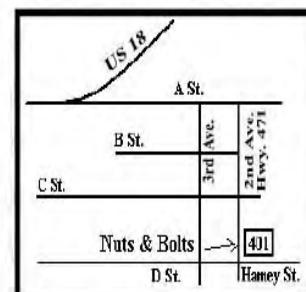
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there was no binding. I turned the outside edge and hand stitched. There was no quilting. I tied it. That was worse than any kind of quilting. What did I know? I have never tied a quilt since then! I didn't do any more quilting for many years.

When I moved to Sheridan in 1993 I joined the Creative Fiber Guild, and the quilting journey began! I took classes, and as most quilters do, I started by making traditional quilts. They were made for beds or as throws. In 2006 Ami Simms started a charity called Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. Her goal was to raise \$1,000,000 for Alzheimer's research. I liked the idea, so I began making small quilted pieces for the online auction. The criteria was that the piece must fit in a priority-size envelope. Most of them were 9"x12". I was able to test a variety of techniques in that small format. During the next seven years I donated approximately 50 of these and raised over \$5,000 for AAQI from the sales.

Awards: One of the first art quilts that I made was for the WSQG challenge. It was called "Shaken, Not Stirred." I won first place in the challenge. That was a thrill! I have since won several more awards from the WSQG challenges. I won a "Best Use of Sulky Thread" award in the Hoffman Challenge. That was great fun. The prize was \$1,000 of their products. I have a lot of Sulky thread now! My biggest thrill was "1st Place Art Quilt" at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival in Loveland, Colorado.

In the Future: In the past few years I have been trying to expand my audience into the Fine Art genre. I have had quilted pieces on display for sale at several galleries. At one competition I won "Viewers' Choice". That was particularly thrilling because my competition was paintings. Recently, I was approached by an Art 321 board member in Casper about teaching and showing there. I have a class scheduled and I will be having a solo show in October when they have their fiber art show. I have something huge to plan.

Carol Kolf



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**SOUTHWEST**

Nena James

Quilters in the Southwest Region devoted a significant amount of time during the beginning of the new year to charitable projects. One of the most meaningful programs has been making quilts for Blankets for

Kids with LOVE. When the completed quilts were collected at the beginning of March we were amazed that 140 quilts were donated, all of which will be allocated among six local social services agencies. These quilts have set the bar high for future quilt donations!



BOCES Class - Pam Wiggen

Meanwhile, Pam Wiggen continues to teach BOCES classes to beginning quilters. She recently finished teaching a class in which each participant donated at least one finished quilt to Blankets for Kids with LOVE. In total, the class members donated 23 quilts. In addition, two class members made 23 walker bags which were donated to a local senior center and three fidget blankets were also completed and donated. What a nice effort that benefited both the quilter and the recipient.

The Sweetwater County Quilt Guild began the new year by displaying members' quilts at the Sweetwater County Museum. Terri Thomas displayed a quilt entitled Flying Free, using a nine-patch technique she learned at last year's Quilting on the Green. Terri decided to challenge herself and do a miniature quilt which is shown here. The amazing thing about her quilt is that the individual squares in each nine-patch block finish at 1/2 inch.



Flying Free - Terri Thomas

Another impressive quilt was made by Nancy McConnell. She named it Stars + Stripes and she made it from scraps she found in a bag of red, white and blue scrap pieces from another quilt

she made years ago. These are just two of the quilts included in the exhibit. Museum staff tell us that this annual quilt exhibit is becoming increasingly popular with local residents. The Sweetwater County Quilt Guild is now deciding on a theme for next year's exhibit.

Speaking of the Sweetwater County Museum, Amanda Benson, a curator at the museum, presented a

very informative program to the Sweetwater County Quilt Guild on the topic of quilt preservation at its February meeting. Robin Avery presented a program on color theory at the January meeting. Both speakers provided very helpful handouts for our future reference.

This is an exciting time for quilters in this region because Quilting on the Green is scheduled for May 29-30. The QOTG Committee continues to work hard to present a great event and I know from personal experience that it just gets better and better every year. It is a regional event that is an excellent opportunity not only for quilters in Sweetwater County but also for other Wyoming quilters. In addition to a quilt show, vendor mall and evening program, there will be four instructors.

Carmen Geddes from Ten Sisters is the featured instructor. She will teach a class using her grid technique. Cindy Haddick will return to teach a One Block Wonder Class and Margie Ullery will teach an appliqué class. Finally, Leah Hardy from Tetonia, Idaho, will teach a class called Lattice Rejoice. This is an impressive group of instructors offering classes that should appeal to quilters of all interests and skill levels.

Then there is Quilt Wyoming which will be held in Rock Springs June 25-27, 2020, at Western Wyoming Community College. By now you have received the brochure so you are aware of the instructors and classes being offered. We have worked hard to tap into great regional instructors from Wyoming, while bringing some new instructors from out of state. Our committee is working hard to make this Quilt Wyoming the best ever. We look forward to welcoming you to our community and to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

As I write this, the world seems almost upside down with the coronavirus pandemic. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the crisis will pass and that Quilt Wyoming will be held as scheduled. Time will hopefully ease fears and reason will prevail, allowing events such as ours to proceed. Please think positive thoughts for us as we continue to prepare for what promises to be an outstanding event.

Hoping to see you in Rock Springs in June for QW2020!!

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NORTHWEST Michelle Quick

"Slow Stitching" is a new happening starting in Cody at Friends and Company. Join us (depending on the need for social distancing) on Tuesdays beginning April 7, from 1-4 p.m. for a no-fee, hand stitching

group! There will be hand quilting, hand applique, hand embroidery and who knows what else is happening at the shop? We encourage those interested in learning these skills and those who want to improve their stitching to join us for a fun, relaxed stitching afternoon. There will be mini classes and demos planned as needed. This is open to all, regardless of skill level! Bring your project and spend the afternoon stitching very slowly! It is guaranteed that it will not be finished in a day! This will be an ongoing group.

Marybeth Richardson:

Paintbrush Piecers' Quilt Guild selected their theme for the Yellowstone Quilt Fest 2020, "Log Cabin Fever". The 12" x 12" block challenge will be guided by this theme. These are the blocks that will be used to make next year's raffle quilt. Anyone can enter a 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" block. The guidelines for these blocks and information about quilt entries can be viewed at www.yellowstonequiltfest.info.



Button Art

Members of the Paintbrush Piecers' Quilt Guild (PPQG), and Textile Artists of Great Yellowstone (TAGY) are participating in a fundraiser for the Homesteader Museum in Powell with "Button Art". The Button Art will be shown at the Museum until May 9th, 2020, and then will be sold at the Annual Tea fundraiser.

PPQG members continue to make Honor Quilts for the Veterans in the Big Horn Basin. They are presented monthly to local veterans by Families on the Front Lines.



Honor Quilt

After traveling across the nation for three years as part of the "Fly me to the Moon" exhibit, Linda MacDonald's "Lunar Rover" quilt was returned to her in early March. It was then sent off to its new owner, an Italian scientist working on the Mars Project.

Linda Hamilton:

CALL FOR QUILTS for the Hyattville Cowboy Carnival Quilt Show!

The days are getting noticeably longer. That must mean that spring is on its way, although it is a little hard to tell with all the snow around. With Spring comes Memorial Day. With Memorial Day comes the Hyattville Cowboy Carnival, and with that our annual quilt show.

Have you had a wonderful winter of quilting? We are hoping so. We are looking forward to seeing your accomplishments as you, hopefully, share them with us once again. You still have three months to see what you can get done.

Following is our schedule of events:

Monday, May 18 through Wednesday, May 20 - Drop off quilts at your nearest shop.
Thursday, May 21 - Quilts will be picked up at all shops.
Friday, May 22 - Hang quilts.
Saturday, May 23 - Quilt Show 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday May 24 - Quilt Show 11:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26 - Quilts to be returned to their point of origin

For more information, contact Linda at lhamilton2272@gmail.com or www.hyattville.org/quilt-show

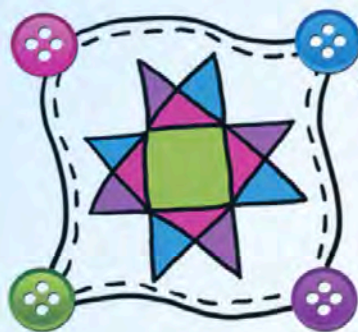
The Quick Quilters' Retreat at the Holiday Inn in Cody will be April 15-19, depending on the status of social distancing. The decision on whether or not to cancel will be made in early April. You can also add on Tuesday April 14, if you have too many projects! The spring retreat is always smaller than the fall retreat, so there are several openings if you would like to spend a few days focused on quilting, fabric and the smell of hot sewing machine oil! Contact me for more information at quicksfamily@gmail.com.

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Members receive the bi-monthly newsletter either by accessing from the website or by mail. The password is not required to read Patchwords online. The Membership Directory is available on the website, www.wsqg.org. The current password is required to access the directory. Contact us if you misplace the password. The directory is not to be used for commercial purposes and is available solely to WSQG members. Please contact us if you change your address or contact information. Partial-year residents please let us know what months you will not be in Wyoming. If you would like to be identified in another region, submit the Change of Region form (www.wsqg.org) to the Membership Director.

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Northeast
Northwest
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March 20, 2020

95
131
48
108
62
33
477

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Central Julie Haptonstall

Hello from Central!

What crazy times we are in right now with the social distancing and the craziness caused by the Coronavirus.

Never Sweat Needlers - Dubois

The 2020 raffle quilt, "Into the Forest" has been quilted by Virginia Ohr. It features ombre green printed evergreen trees and lots of flying geese!



Never Sweat Needlers 2020 Raffle Quilt

This year's ticket proceeds will benefit the Dubois Rodeo Association for some new bleachers!

At their February meeting program, members were encouraged to bring quilting items they no longer wanted and wished to give away or sell like patterns, fabric, containers, gadgets, etc. What fun! Many of them went home with new treasures to explore!

This group have already had plans well underway for their 2020 Annual Quilt Show which will be their 25th such show and ideas are already in the works to make it especially spectacular, including some vintage sewing machines and other special exhibits. The dates for the quilt show is August 7-9th so please put it on your

calendar. They are also planning a great vendor mall to accompany the celebration as well as their club boutique and the Cowboy Auction!

Their members are also hustling to finish up their President's Challenges, their Quilts of Valor, and their UFO's which have been registered for completion by their October meeting or they forfeit their entrance fees. They're also hosting a Rug Braiding class lead by Bernadette Beaslin on April 18th. They were asked to bring block of the month ideas to the president for the March meeting. They had planned to have one of their members do a quilting demonstration at their library for National Quilt Day on March 21st of this year. They are also planning a Dubois Quilt Block display tour in Dubois. My, these girls are busy!

PHD Quilters – Douglas

This past September I took over a quilt club in Douglas. Many of the past months have been spent finishing up things that have been in the works before I took over. We have been working on project ideas for 2020. We have had some fun times with a "Who Am I?" game. I ask a member 20 questions and then see if the rest of the group can guess who they are. Then the next month that person hosts the bed turning. We have been surprised by the results of the games and have seen some very lovely quilts.

In February I found a website that was requesting 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" tree blocks for the people affected by the brush fires in Australia. Our group rallied together and we had 12 blocks to mail. We felt special being able to send a little bit of Wyoming to Australia!

EWC Community Quilt Group - Glendo

Fall of 2019 several quilters completed Crown Royal quilts using a pattern called "Floating Crown Royal Square in a Square". (see picture on page 15) Many of the ladies finished some projects that they had been holding on to for a while. The Denim Pillow and Bag project was completed in February. They had lots of fun working with the jeans pocket, designing something that would look like it was coming or growing out of the pocket.

Stitches N Time Quilt Guild - Douglas

In January Stitches N Time members made a cute project called "Ralphie the Snowman". In February they found some time to finish UFO's from 2019. In March they worked on Easy Bags for the Kid's Fun

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GOLDEN THIMBLE AWARD

The Golden Thimble Award has been given since 2004. The Award was initiated with a donation by the family of Marie Spencer Bartley. Marie Spencer Bartley owned Spencer's Fabric and was a friend and member of WSQG. The Board decided to continue this award as an annual recognition of members who have made significant contributions to the art of quilting.

Do you know someone or a group that has made a positive impact on quilting in your area? Do you think that they deserve recognition? Please complete the application to recommend a worthy quilter or group in Wyoming with the Golden Thimble Award. Read the guidelines and complete the nomination, before May, online or print out and submit through postal mail to Past President Jennifer Golden...

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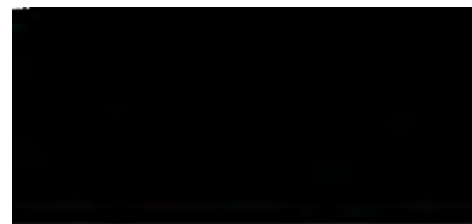
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Floating Crown Royal Square in a Square

Fair. That is scheduled in April for the children of the Church where they meet. In April they will be making a large quilting tote bag that will hold rulers and tools we take to our quilting meetings. Several guild members have made this bag and recommended it for the group.

The Central Quilt Wyoming planning committee needs to start thinking about Quilt Wyoming in 2023! Plan to attend a meeting this year!

As always stay safe and healthy.

Julie Haptonstall



Stitches N Time Easy Bags for the Kids Fun Fair



NORTHEAST

Deb Kipp
Josy Daniel

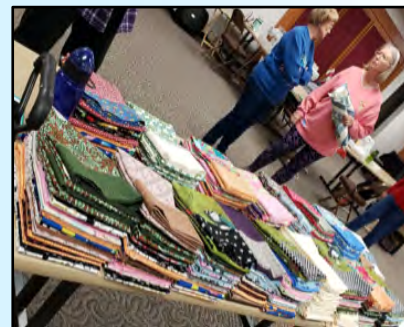
Spring is in the air (hopefully). Is everyone working on their projects for Quilt

Wyoming 2020? I have.

We regret that the NE 307 Spring retreats were postponed until the COVID-19 crisis is past. Josy and I have had a lot of fun planning and look forward to announcing new dates for these events. A big Thank You to the other NE region members for their suggestions.

The NEW Quilters met at the Campbell County Public Library in January

and made 153 pillowcases. Some of these were given to the Campbell County Council of Community Services and other area groups. The raffle quilt for the 38th Annual Quilt Show held in October is done and it's a beauty. Remember the chairman's block



Pillowcases done and ready to go!

for this year is the basket block – any type of basket block from traditional to modern will be eligible for the Chairman's Award. The group has many members that donate yearly to the silent auction for the Campbell County Library Foundation. This year the silent auction raised over \$2,000.00. Thanks to all the ladies who generously donate items for this cause. The next meeting to sew for this will be April 2nd and 3rd 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Campbell County Library. Come join them for a couple days of sewing. The room where we sew is locked up at night. Machines and projects can be left in the library. This group is also doing a gossip or telephone quilt challenge. The first person is given the photograph. From this a small

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wallhanging is created from the interpretation of the picture. This is sent to the next person. The original photo is sent back to the coordinator. These will be displayed at the Annual Quilt Show in October.

The Creative Fiber Guild in Sheridan has plenty of things going as usual.

March 22: Weaving and spinning 12-4 p.m. at UU Fellowship Building

April 2: Quilts of Valor meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Hub 8:30 a.m.

May 25-Sept 30 Annual Yarn Crawl (Contact one of the Sheridan gals for more info. This sounds interesting to me!!

The May meeting will be "Treasures by Mom", celebrating our foremothers needlework talents. A CFG Annual Challenge for 2020 is in the works and it looks to be a great one. The theme is Envision the World Around Us. Entries will be shown in a special exhibit at the Fiber Arts Guild Annual Show at the Fulmer Public Library in October. This should be interesting.

The Buffalo Quilting Gals had their 24th annual Johnson County Library Quilt Display from March 2-31. On March 15 they presented their National Quilt Day public program,



Guest speaker Rachel Bourgault



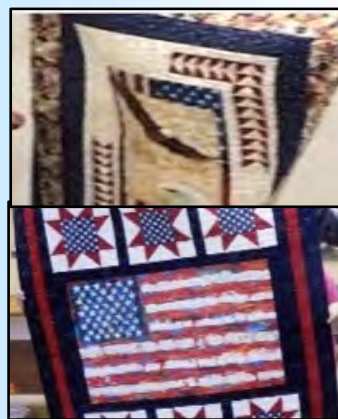
24th Annual Johnson County Library Quilt Display

with Racheal Bourgault showing her Civil War-era quilts.

BQG presented three more QOV at American Legion Breakfast and two more are in the planning stages. May is their annual Y Camp quilt retreat.



BQG Show 'n Tell



BQG's Quilts of Valor

HIDDEN GEMS::

The Moorcroft Busy Bobbins meet at the old elementary school. They are quite busy for a small group of ladies. They have made youth quilts for DFS in their area, baby quilts for Public Health, the Legacy in Gillette receive walker bags. They made blocks for the families in Australia that lost homes during the horrible fires that happened down under.

The Sundance Piecemakers are reorganizing their quilt group. These ladies meet the last Monday of the month at the library at 7 p.m.

Vanessa Taylor had a presentation on Featherweight machines and 301s at a recent meeting. She is also a longarm quilter and restores featherweights.

The **Hulet** ladies have a machine embroidery group that meets the last Thursday of the month at Witches Stitches Quilt Shop from 10-4 p.m. Bring your own embroidery machine and the project you are working on and join in.

It has been a busy month for this region and Josy and Deb hope that everyone is feeling well during this cold and flu season and that you are quilting up a storm. Until the next Patchwords, Happy Quilting!!

Deb Kipp and Josy Daniel



Vanessa showing her quilts at the Sundance Piecemakers meeting.

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Please go to your local library and check out these and other quilt books. Without use they soon disappear off the shelves. If you find their collection looking old, make suggestions for books to update their collection. If you find that they are up to date with a good selection, let them know that you appreciate it.

'Hope to see you at Quilt Wyoming this year. Happy quilting until then.

Terry Dunn

COVID-19 & Quilt Wyoming 2020

As the world confronts COVID-19, WSQG's Board hopes for your safety and well-being. We are also hopeful that anti-viral drugs and social restraint will bring us to a safe resolution of the situation before June.

Many of you, I'm sure, are aware of Governor Gordon's statewide public health order closing bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, childcare facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools statewide until April 3rd, 2020. At this point we don't know if this will be extended or what will happen.

As the situation evolves, we will monitor the situation and let you know of any impacts on Quilt Wyoming 2020.

In the meantime everyone should have received their QW20 brochure. I hope you're excited to attend and are busy deciding what classes you want to take.

If you're planning on attending, please register. Your check will be held until we know if we have to cancel or not. If we have to cancel due to COVID-19, you will receive a full refund (your check will be returned). If we go ahead with QW20 and you decide later that you won't/can't attend the normal refund policy will apply.

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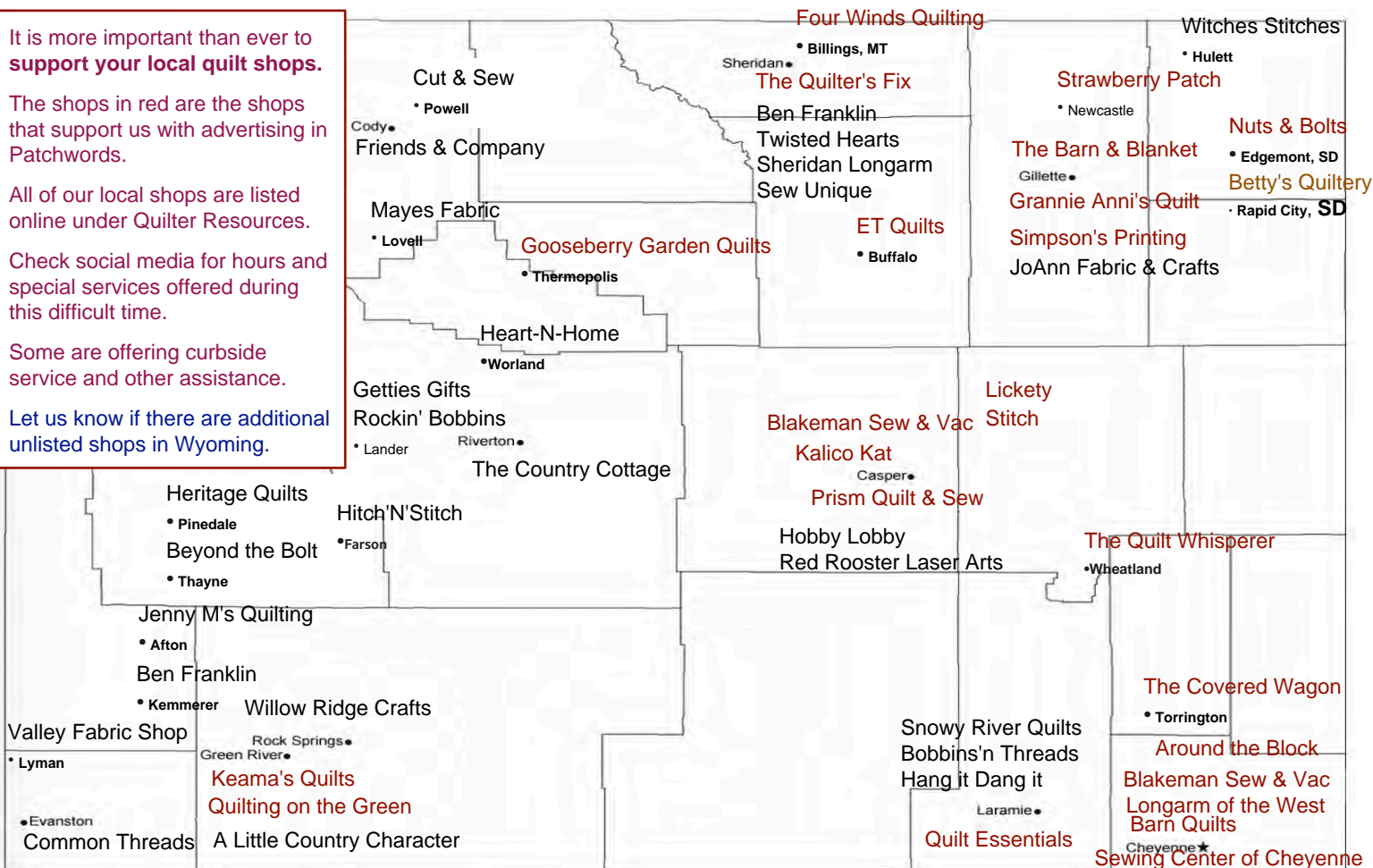
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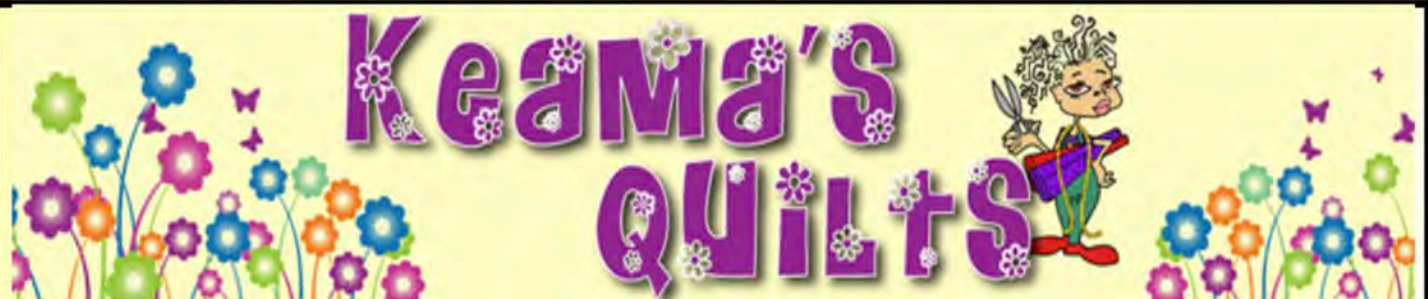


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October 3-4, 2020 38th Annual NEW Quilt Show

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October 2020 Fiber Arts Show

Fullmer Library, Sheridan, WY



October 21-25, 2020 - Quick Quilt Retreat

Information: Michelle Quick quicksfamily@gmail.com
Holiday Inn, Cody WY

Ninth Annual Super Stars Across Wyoming



Explore Wyoming's unique and delightful quilt shops.
Win fun gifts and prizes.

May 26th - August 31st, 2020

Participating Shops:

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| Afton | Lyman, Urie |
| Jenny M's Quilting Company | Valley Fabric Shop |
| Casper | Newcastle |
| Cottontales Quilt Company | Strawberry Patch Quilt Shop |
| Kalico Kat Quilt Shop | Pinedale |
| Prism Quilt & Sew Company | Heritage Quilts & Fabric Shoppe |
| Cheyenne | Riverton |
| Around the Block | Country Cottage Quilt Shoppe |
| Sewing Center of Cheyenne | Sheridan |
| Cody | Sheridan Ace/Ben Franklin |
| Friends and Co. Quilt Shop | The Quilters' Fix |
| Evanson | Thayne |
| Common Threads Quilting | Beyond Bolts |
| Gillette | Thermopolis |
| The Barn & Blanket Lady Quilt Shop | Gooseberry Garden Quilt Shop |
| Green River | Torrington |
| Keama's Quilts | The Covered Wagon |
| Laramie | Wheatland |
| Quilt Essentials | The Quilt Whisperer |
| Snowy River | Worland |
| Lusk | Heart-N-Home |
| Lickety Stitch Quilts | |

Get your passport stamped and pick up a free Star Block Pattern at each participating shop. Visit at least 12 shops and send in your stamped passport for your chance to win the **GRAND PRIZE**: a 1951 Centennial Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine or many other valuable and fun prizes. Visit all 24 shops for a second chance to win the Featherweight or the **STAR PRIZE**: a 3 day/2 night quilt retreat for up to 10 people, a prize valued at \$700, donated by Heritage Quilts & Fabric Shoppe in Pinedale, WY.

Visit our facebook page: Wyoming Quilt Shop Hop or our website: wyomingquiltshophop.com for more information!

Something to look forward to!

By the end of March, those of you that placed an order for WSQG tee shirts can be strutting in your new Tee.

I hope that makes everyone SEW HAPPY!

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