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Nancy Vase - Founding Member



Nancy Peterson Vase died unexpectedly on May 8, 2020, in Rock Springs, Wyoming, at the age of 76. Nancy was a pillar of Wyoming's quilting community. Not only was she a founding member of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild, she was actually the driving force behind

the creation of both the Wyoming State Quilt Guild and a statewide quilting newsletter which ultimately became Patchwords, the WSQG publication.

As Nancy told it, she was returning home from Quilt Nebraska, driving hundreds of miles along I-80, when it occurred to her that Wyoming should have a state quilt guild and similar annual event. She collaborated with other Wyoming quilters to start a state newsletter and ultimately was instrumental in establishing the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. She was also a founding member of her local quilt guild, Sweetwater Piecemakers.

Nancy was a self-taught quilter and she mastered every major quilting technique including long-arm quilting. But in addition to being a proficient quilter, she had an artistic flair which made her quilts stand out. She designed and quilted both the 2020 Opportunity Quilt, Flower Power, and also the 2015 Opportunity Quilt.

Nancy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her husband, Bill, died in early December, 2019. She is survived by her son, Miles Vase, and his wife Joyce as well as their twin children, Brody and Brooklynn Vase. She loved her family beyond all else.

She is also survived by many friends and fellow quilters. Nancy was a mentor and inspiration to

members of her local guild and her opinion was always sought regarding design and color options. She delighted in pushing newer quilters to try new techniques and use colors and fabrics which took them out of their comfort zones. We are all better quilters because of her.

Nancy experienced some health challenges in recent years but was living life to the fullest until the end. She was especially excited about Quilt Wyoming 2020 because she grew up in the '60's and the theme "Flower Power" brought back happy memories. She was a free spirit, sort of a flower child and hippie at heart. One of her sisters who lives in Oregon had signed up to take classes with Nancy and was traveling to Wyoming to spend time with her this summer.

Nancy was known affectionately as "Fancy Nancy" by her guild members. We will miss Fancy Nancy but will continue to be inspired by what we learned from her. Her spirit will live on through us and through the very existence of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild.

Quilt Wyoming 2020 / 2021

The Northwest and Southwest Regions of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild have joined forces to make the 2021 Quilt Wyoming the best ever! Although we are in uncharted territory, we believe we can combine the best of both the 2020 and 2021 events to provide WSQG members something to really look forward to and to salvage what we can from Flower Power QW 2020.

The Northwest Region will be creatively revealing its theme and Opportunity Quilt by electronic means, in Patchwords and by mail to all members in July. In the meantime, the 2020 Opportunity Quilt will

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President's Message Deb Zelenak, President

I was very disappointed we had to cancel Quilt Wyoming this year. I know the Southwest ladies put in a lot of work getting ready but now they've joined forces

with Northwest. Get ready for a Quilt Wyoming like you've never seen before! Because of the cancellation you will be receiving a ballot for the election of officers and the Golden Thimble Award. The ballot will be mailed in June and I ask that you please take the time to complete it when it arrives and drop it right back in the mail. Last year's annual meeting minutes and financial report will be published in the August-September issue of Patchwords.

Continue to watch the Quilt Events section on www.wsqg.org, quite a few of the events have been canceled or dates have changed as a result of COVID-19. As of right now I still plan to host the Central Quilting Rendezvous at the Wind River Casino, 10-13 September (assuming things are open by then and it's safe to do so). Please see the link on the events page for the retreat's flyer and registration information. Registration is for central members only through 31 May. Anyone can register starting June 1st.

Thank you to the 82 members who took the time to return the social media survey. As I mentioned last issue, I would like to see WSQG on Instagram and Twitter as a way to increase our ability to reach a broader community, particularly younger quilters who don't use Facebook. 77% of those who completed the survey felt that WSQG should increase our use of social media even if they didn't use it themselves. An informal vote was taken at the May board meeting and only two board members voted to continue looking into an increased use of social media. Needless to say I was disappointed by the vote results. If you do not feel this is the direction to go please contact your regional director or April Pendleton, your new president. I have passed to April all the wonderful suggestions to encourage new and/or younger quilters included in the survey.

For all those who took part in the mystery quilt this year, thank you. It was my first mystery quilt and I had lots of fun working on it. All I have to do is quilt and bind. I think I said that in the last issue too, but my urgency to get it completed ran out when QW was cancelled. I would, however, like to include in the next

issue a collage of one of everyone's mystery quilt blocks. It's so fun to see how different each block looks with different fabrics. If you would like to see the mystery quilt program continue, send me an email.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your president this year and I will continue to support the art of quilting in Wyoming. Thank you to each and every one of you. I hope to see you all in Powell next year.

Happy Quilting!

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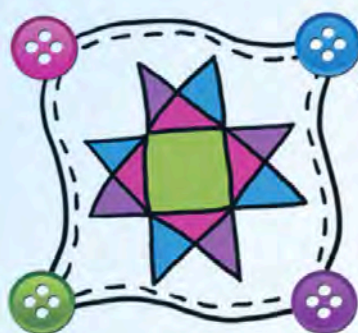
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Visit our facebook page: Wyoming Quilt Shop Hop or our website: wyomingquiltshophop.com for more information!

FEATURED QUILTER Michelle Quick



It all began in 1997. My best friend, Barbara Graham, took a beginning quilting class at the Crafty Quilter in Cody. When I saw her beautiful quilt I knew I could do that--despite not really knowing how to sew! So I signed up for the next session of the class. I did poorly in Home Ec in the 7th

grade. My mom was a terrific seamstress but a very bad teacher so I did not sew at home. I did hand embroidery instead.

I love fabric. I truly love hand work, much more than using the sewing machine. You would think that after 30 years of doing this I would at least be competent with the sewing machine, but I am not! Recently I was involved with a local group making masks with a sewing machine! I probably logged more hours on my machine in the past six weeks than in the ten years I have owned it. When I see fabric, I do not see how to cut it up and put it together again. I see whole cloth quilting and hand applique, highlighting the background.

I have won several awards at the Park County Fair, the Wyoming State Fair and the Yellowstone Quilt Fest, the Hyattville Cowboy Christmas Quilt Show, the Boise Basin Quilt Show and I have had two quilts juried into the AQS show in Paducah.

I am inspired right now by the incredible hand work of Andrea Strake of Germany. I became aware of her when I joined the Facebook group "Celebrate Hand Quilting". She does intense whole cloth hand quilting. This rocks my boat!

My favorite notion is my Roxanne Silver Thimble.

When asked what are Michelle's favorite books or magazines she says: "I consider myself "creatively derivative". I steal from everything and everyone! I have subscribed to many magazines over the years but found that I was overwhelmed with ideas and projects and how to change them to meet my vision so have cut down to just the AQS *American Quilter*."

Michelle's advice to other quilters: "Just do it! Don't wait! Start now, you won't regret it."



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Hawaii - 2014

I joined WSQG before the first Quilt Wyoming in Casper in 1998 and have been a member since. I am currently in my fourth term as Regional Director for the NW region and have been involved with every Quilt Wyoming our region has hosted. I have only missed one Quilt Wyoming and am always ready for the next one.

I love going to Quilt Wyoming every summer for the classes, the interaction with other quilters and renewing friendships and of course, the road trip with the Shop Hop. I am the chair of Quilt Wyoming 2021 and I am so excited about joining forces with Nena James and her committee to bring on the best QW both regions can imagine! Stay tuned!

In April 1992 I started an annual quilt retreat at a retreat center outside of Cody. There was only room for nine to ten quilters and machines but we regularly stuffed in 12-15. Someone had to sit in a well-lit closet! Finally we moved to the Holiday Inn in Cody in 2004 and have been there for 30 retreats. We added an October retreat when one of our members had to get away from the granddaughter she was helping to raise! When we began we started the retreat at 5:30 p.m. on a Friday evening. We now start on Tuesday and go through Sunday afternoon. We are now up to 70-75 quilters at the fall retreat. You would think we would all be caught up by now, but alas, not so much!

The WSQG has graciously supported our retreats over the years to help keep them affordable. We are open to all quilters, not just WSQG members. Sharing the knowledge, the tips, the fabrics, the threads is what we all experience at a retreat. Show and tells are always the highlight as well as hanging out with quilting friends.

Michelle Quick

Welcome New Members!

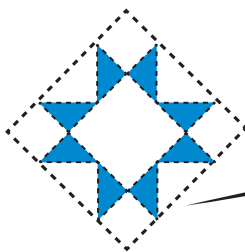
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Returning Members: Stephanie Logan, Shoshoni

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This is the first year that Wyoming State Quilt Guild members have two options for renewing memberships. Fifty-five percent renewed by mail while forty-five percent renewed online.

<u>WSQG Region</u>	<u>May 12, 2020</u>
Central	98
Northeast	131
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Out-of-State	39
TOTAL:	486

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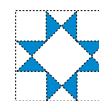
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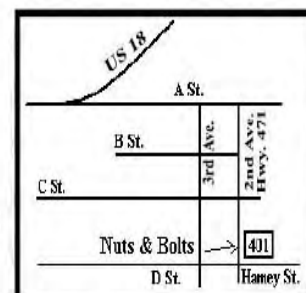
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**SOUTHWEST**

Nena James

Quilters in the Southwest Region, like quilters everywhere, have been hit hard by the Coronavirus. But they have put their time in quarantine to good use by making hundreds of masks and completing UFOs.

Quilt stores in the Southwest Region have done a great job adapting to restrictions in order to remain open and continue to provide quilters with what they needed.

When I wrote my last column, our region was looking forward to Quilting on the Green scheduled for late May, an annual event anticipated by all quilters in this region. Like so many other things, it was cancelled. The QOTG Committee has rescheduled this event for October 23 and 24, 2020. I have no other details at this time as I was advised that instructors had not yet been determined.

In late April, Quilt Wyoming 2020 was cancelled, disappointing quilters across the entire state as well as quilters from Oregon, Colorado, Montana, Illinois and other states who had sent in their registrations on April 15th. After ten days of registration, 115 quilters had registered. Every class had registrants and only two classes had been filled.

As co-chairman of QW2020 I thank everyone who supported us by registering for the event. Instructors, both national and regional, were extremely easy to work with and were very gracious about the cancellation. Most of all, I thank the QW2020 Committee for its hard work. Each committee member undertook her assigned tasks and everything had been completed except the actual event. We were so excited and couldn't wait to welcome everyone to Rock Springs. It was a pleasure working with such enthusiastic and responsible committee members.

But all is not lost. The Southwest and Northwest Regions have joined forces to put on a great Quilt Wyoming next summer in Powell. Michelle Quick and I are coordinating this joint effort and you have something to really look forward to. Trust me on this. You will be amazed when the Northwest Region reveals its theme, Opportunity Quilt and national instructors. The Southwest Region is grateful for the opportunity to

participate in this joint effort and salvage much of the work that it has done.

Finally, we are grieving the loss of Nancy Vase who died on May 8, 2020. Nancy was an integral part of our local quilt community as well as the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. In fact, it was Nancy who came up with the idea of starting a state quilt guild and she initiated the process to make that a reality. Nancy was a great quilter and quilt artist and she designed and quilted both the 2015 and 2020 Opportunity Quilts. She inspired and challenged us and she is greatly missed.

Stay safe, keep on quilting and mark your calendars for Quilt Wyoming which will be held in Powell in mid-July, 2021!

Nena James

Articles and Ads for the August-September 2020

Wyoming Patchwords are due by July 10, 2020

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continue to be displayed and the drawing for the lucky winner will be held in Powell at the same time as the drawing for the Northwest Region's Opportunity Quilt. Quilters who purchased packets for this year's Challenge Quilt should complete those projects because they will be separately displayed in Powell. The same is true for the 2020 Friendship Blocks.

The Southwest and Northwest Regions are doing their best to meet the challenges of integrating two separate events into one by building on the work of the Southwest Region and merging it with the Northwest Region's vision. Basically, as quilters do, we are picking up the "pieces" of both events and combining them into a "quilt" of sorts to be enjoyed by WSQG members in Powell next summer. Stay tuned for the Northwest Region's big reveal and more details as both committees work together to embrace the possibilities of this unprecedented time in our lives.

Quilt Wyoming 2021 will be unlike any other and we hope WSQG members will support this joint effort by purchasing tickets for both Opportunity Quilts and by sewing Friendship Blocks and creating Challenge Quilts for both the 2020 and 2021 events. We have a lot to look forward to!

Nena James and Michelle Quick

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NORTHWEST Michelle Quick

Oh my! What a couple of months we have had! We are all grieving for the many lost and cancelled events and mourning for loss of time with friends and family. Through it all we are

quilters who can take solace in working with our hands, our fabrics, our threads and needles.

I have kept busy with finishing the hand quilting of a queen size quilt! Woo Hoo! That took way more time than I expected but found myself doubling my usual "screen" time with video chatting with family and facebooking with friends. As a personal note, I had intended my large quilt to be ready for the Hyattville show, then in Rock Springs at QW. I was looking forward to hanging it in Cody at the YQF... All were cancelled. We shall see if it gets to go to the Park County and Wyoming State Fairs. Such a bummer! My new friend, Jamie Jackson of Cody, started a Facebook group the "Rosies of the Sewing World" (honoring Rosie the Riveter) to band together to make masks for those who needed them. At last count, 4500 masks were made and distributed. Several WSQG'ers were included in this group. A big shout out to all who donated time, fabric and enthusiasm to this project.

I asked members of NW to show and tell how they spent their "stay at home" time. Here are a couple replies:

Kathy Hammond of Thermopolis

Joan Lafave has been leading a Zoom group as we complete a quilt project. She is also leading a mystery quilt project on Facebook. The mystery project is still very new and anyone can start now. If interested, go to the Gooseberry Gardens Quiltshop Facebook page.

If anyone needs supplies, Susan at Gooseberry Gardens has been very helpful. You can call the store or go to her website. The store number is 307-864-3503. Right now someone is at the store to answer the phone weekdays and Saturday afternoons. When Susan isn't filling orders she is quilting on her new longarm machine. She has become a Handquilter dealer and is having great fun with the floor model delivered to the store just as our stay-in-place orders were beginning.

Linda Dandy of Powell reports that unfortunately she is moving to Arkansas in June so has been cleaning out her house but was able to get to Big Horn Canyon for a day of touring.

Lauren Andrist of Redlight Quilting reports that her children put her in house arrest after finding her chatting

in a Powell grocery store! She has actually had time to quilt her own quilts and now has several bindings to attach.

Linda Macdonald shares that individual members of both Paintbrush Piecers' Quilt Guild (PPQG) and Textile Artists of Greater Yellowstone (TAGY) have been making hundreds of masks for local workers, friends and neighbors. Marybeth Richardson of Paintbrush Piecers Quilt Guild reports that they have cancelled the Yellowstone Quilt Fest.

Marylou Doyle announced the cancellation of the Hyattville Cowboy Carnival and Quilt Show.

Vicki Mollett of Friends and Company in Cody has been busy with curbside service and trying to keep the local quilters and sewers stocked with elastic! Who knew elastic would become such a hot commodity!!

You will see in other parts of this Patchwords edition that we in NW will be joining SW to put on an excellent joint Quilt Wyoming next July! The announcement and unveiling of the Opportunity Quilt will be in the next Patchwords... stay tuned to the WSQG website and Facebook!!

Happy stitching and happy times ahead!

Michelle Quick



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Central Julie Haptonstall

Hello from Central!

As I sit here writing my article I am reeling from the past week. My daughter graduated from

high school. I am sad that her class had to miss out on so much, trips, prom and the graduation ceremony that they usually get. I also thought about all the blessings that she has had, more time to be with her family before her great college adventure. She was able to get caught up on some projects that she didn't have time for. As many of you, I am sure, have also been doing. That is, unless you have been like me and making masks for everybody and everyone who needs one. Thank goodness we all had a stash and a half from which to choose fabrics. I was a little concerned that I wouldn't have much to report from Central and then the reports started coming in and now I'm forced to trim them down to make room! Quilters are amazing people who come together to get it done when we are needed.

Never Sweat Needlers

The Never Sweat Needlers told me that the COVID-19 has definitely affected their activities as a group this spring. Their guild's April guild meeting was canceled, as well as their Spring Retreat (including a Rug Braiding class by Bernadette Beaslin). They are proud to say that life goes on and sewing machines have been humming along! Projects that have been on the back burner are suddenly being brought out, worked on and finished up! You'd be amazed at what's coming out of the woodwork! Add to that, a number of them have been busily constructing masks to slow down the virus. . . especially Connie Mock, a member of their guild,. Connie made masks for the Warm Valley Assisted Living folks, her church members, family and friends, all the while holding down a full-time job with the Forest Service! She's also working with the Fremont County Health Center making free masks for any who need them. Others in their guild have also been making masks for their clinics, pharmacists, family and friends. (Fremont County tops Wyoming charts in number of cases reported!)

They have other activities scheduled. Their 2020 Twenty-fifth Anniversary Quilt Show is still a Go (at this time!) for August 7-9th. Proceeds from the raffle quilt "Into the Forest" will benefit the Dubois Rodeo Association towards much-needed new bleachers!

Their June meeting will feature this year's President's Challenge, My Wyoming wall hangings. We so hope they get to have it BUT, if not, entries will be featured

at their August Show. Cross your fingers!

Lickety Stitch Quilts

Sadly LSQ had to postpone their 10th Anniversary and "Top Ten Quilt Shop" celebration on May 2nd. As of now they have not set a date. They are planning a celebration later in the summer. The Spring 2020 issue of *Quilt Sampler* magazine, that features Lickety Stitch Quilts is now available – they have plenty of copies for sale in the shop and at www.LicketyStitchQuilts.com. They also have kits available for the featured pattern in the magazine.

As of May 1st they are open and customers are welcome to come and shop. If you are coming with a group, please call ahead and they will arrange so that there are not too many in the shop at one time. Remember, their website is always open and they ship daily. Most packages arrive in one to two days so you can have your supplies very quickly. Their phone number is 307-334-9963, to arrange for a group to shop or to order something.

Their shop has been very busy during the shut down with sending out supplies to "sewists" all over the nation. They have also been making masks for the local hospital, community, and a US Air Force base in California. They still have 1/4" elastic in stock which they are rationing to customers so that it is not all gone in one day.

Lickety Stitch has its Quilters' Trek block designed, as well as the Wyoming Shop Hop block pattern. Make sure to come see them this summer to pick up both!

Michele Everts continues to offer Judy Niemeyer classes at Lickety Stitch Quilts and will be starting Dinnerplate Dahlia classes on May 16. There is a list of classes available on the website.

They have started Facebook Live Events weekly – which customers are enjoying immensely. Be sure to follow Lickety Stitch Quilts on facebook and sign up for newsletters on their website to keep up with everything that is happening.

Prism Quilt and Sew

Prism wanted to say Kudos to their quilting community! Many thousands of masks, caps and gowns have been made and donated for Casper health care facilities by Casper quilters. Prism has also been making items at the store and handing them out to those in need, from people needing them for their employees to nursing homes to doctors offices, etc. They have no plans to stop any time soon!

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The store is open. They are limiting the number of people to maintain "social distance". They are using hand sanitizer, and cleaning everything, etc. They feel they should be able to stay open.

Prism is doing some classes on a limited basis until the restrictions are lifted. Contact the store to get a full list of classes..

SUPER STARS ACROSS WYOMING, the annual Wyoming Shop Hop starts on May 26th and runs through August 31st. There are 21 quilt shops participating this year and it's just a bit different than in the past. The free pattern that each quilt shop provides **MUST** be a star block pattern to coincide with this years' theme. Each pattern is a 12" block, They should all go nicely together. You earn one entry to the Grand Prize drawing by visiting at least 11 shops. Visit the other 10 shops and get an additional entry. Be sure to check out www.wyomingquiltshophop.com for more information. Download your passport or swing by any participating quilt shop to get your passports. Be sure to call the stores before you go to determine what, if any, requirements are in place regarding Covid-19, such as if masks are required, etc.

Prism has a summerlong "EVENT". Knowing that you have been using your stash (or purchasing fabric) for making masks, and you're probably pretty tired of making them and you may want to make something else for a change. They are going to have a "contest". They are calling it the "UNMASKING" contest. This is not a judged contest, but you **MUST** use your leftover fabric from mask making to make something. There are three separate entries, one for a large quilt (larger than 61" x 71"), a lap size or smaller (no bigger than 60" x 70") and a bag/tote. If you make three separate items, you may have three separate entries. Each category is eligible for a \$50 gift certificate and there will also be a **GRAND PRIZE** of a \$100 gift certificate. You must bring the quilt/bag into the store to get entered into the drawing and they will take a snapshot to share. The start date will be June 1st when many businesses can resume opening and entries must be by September 26th so you have time to actually make something with those leftovers.

Kalico Kat Quilt Store

Kalico Kat is still needing people to sew important isolation/surgical gowns and masks. If you have time, but you don't have fabric, or other supplies, they are offering some at no charge. The need for these items is great and they would like to help keep supplied everyone who needs them. Sandie said that for anyone making masks for donation, she has elastic to share. The store is cutting them into 5-1/2 yard pieces. Completed

masks should be returned to the store. They are giving them away to anyone who asks. Donations are welcome, but not necessary. They are giving three per person, one for use, one for laundry and one to keep in the car/purse in case you forget the other one...

For those that are working on the surgical gowns and masks, and anyone who has questions about the PPE items, Loretta has set some hours that she will be in the shop. Monday and Wednesday 1-5 p.m. and Fridays 2-5 p.m.

Kalico Kat has several classes scheduled over the summer. She is planning to arrange the room to help with the restrictions. Contact the store to get a full list classes and dates.

Popo Agie Quilters

This group is making a lot of masks! Members of this and other quilt groups have joined together with other community members to make masks. They are making both the masks that hold filters which protect medical workers and two-layer masks for people who work for shops and essential stores. Currently a large concerted effort is supplying masks for the Public Health Center. Last week their ten-day total reached 1,500 masks made and distributed. Fabric plus cord and ribbon for ties have been donated for this effort. Fremont County has been hit hard by this virus and they are doing a great job helping to protect those essential people.

PHD Quilters

My group hasn't been able to meet since March but that hasn't stopped these ladies from pitching in and making masks and gowns for those in town that are in need of these items. Not only that but they have been digging in deep and getting to those projects that have been sitting around for awhile. I'm really excited for our next meeting. Show and tell should be amazing!

Well, with everything going on I thought I wouldn't have much to say!

A few reminders, The Riverton Rendezvous is still in the works for September 10th-13th. Contact Deb Zelenak to reserve your spot.

I am up for reelection so if you would like to keep me as your Regional Director, please vote for me!

Central Quilt Wyoming 2023 Planning Committee, it's time for us to meet. I would like to arrange for a Zoom meeting so that we can maintain our social distancing but still get busy planning. Please watch for an email soon explaining how and when we will meet!

Happy quilting to all!

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**NORTHEAST**

Deb Kipp
Josy Daniel

Here a mask, there a mask, everywhere a mask. Wow! Numbers of

masks made by the NE region quilters are fantastic. And even without all areas getting back to me, we are at over 10,000 made and delivered to hospitals, senior centers, and other places requesting them!! Great job, ladies – your hard work, kindness and generosity are astounding. Quilters absolutely have the biggest hearts anywhere.

Numbers so far are: Newcastle 1700, Gillette 1675, Buffalo 800, and Sheridan 6400. I know this is not all of them, as many were made for family and friends and are probably not included in these numbers. And as things reopen, with the face mask requirement in place for many businesses, I am sure we will be asked for many more before things settle down.

Even with a screeching halt to monthly meetings and get-togethers, we have continued to keep on with our quilting craft. And a few groups/guilds have contests going for numbers of quilts, masks, or fiber related projects completed during the stay-at-home time. Sheridan Creative fiber Guild would like to have the numbers from their members so they can be put in the CFG June Fringe Benefits Newsletter. Great idea! The Creative Fiber Guild Annual Challenge 2020 is still going on. Members, contact Janet Hoxie for more info.



Carol Kolf



Pam Rapp



Robin Wacker

They have a workshop scheduled for September 19th. (I so hope restrictions are lifted by then.) The workshop is the Mini Landscape Collage class presented by Carol Kolf.

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Buffalo Quilting Gals gathered before the shutdown. They always have a lot to show and share. A QOV made by Juli Jarvis was gifted to Steven Lee Ballard. These ladies have a Patriotic Panel Quilt Challenge. Contact Sharon Shane, Programs Director, (307-684-7173 or jsshane1969@gmail.com) if you are



Juli with Steven



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a member of The Buffalo Quilt Gals Guild and would like to make a QOV and take part in the voting at the November 2020 meeting.

Josy and I have been hard at work rescheduling and reserving the building and lodging for the NE307 Fall retreat and class.

We have secured the Camplex Energy Pavilion and the Arbuckle Lodge is setting aside a block of rooms for us. This will be October 29, 30, 31, and November 1st. We are keeping our fingers crossed that weather or other unforeseen events do not hinder our second attempt at a Northeast regional retreat. We have a lot of things planned already and more ideas in the works..

As far as we know, the NE Wyoming Quilt Show is still on for October 3rd and 4th. Watch for more in the next newsletter. The Chairman's Block this year is the Basket block - any quilt/wall-hanging etc., with a basket block will be in the running for the Chairman's Award. Thank you DeeDee Peterson for heading up the NE quilters drop off and distribution of the face masks for our area.

For now, stay safe and quilt on, ladies.

Deb Kipp and Josy Daniel



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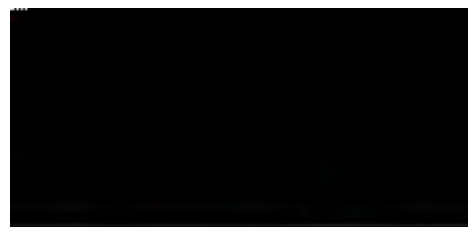
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