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Plans Continue

The Quilt Wyoming 2021 committee had such fun making decisions about which classes to offer at QW in Powell. We included hand stitching, design only (no machine) and all levels of machine piecing both traditional and modern! Woohoo, I have about seven classes I want to take...in three days...hmmm!! BUT, after meeting at Northwest College to discuss classrooms and facilities we have realized that the COVID pandemic may still be an issue in July (sigh..). Because we may have to continue to social distance in classrooms, we have decided to put out a call for additional teachers and classes. We will be offering more classes with fewer seats available! At this point in time we are planning an event that could:

1. Get cancelled,
2. Have no one sign up to attend, or
3. Have an overwhelming number of quilters wanting to attend

Call for Teachers!!

Yes, it is a BIG challenge!! We are thinking that the best direction to take is to offer more classes!

If you are interested in teaching at QW in July in Powell, get in touch with me and we will discuss your class proposal. We are looking at this as an opportunity to expand our knowledge of techniques and design! We are looking for hand, machine, traditional, modern and design classes to add to our already exciting schedule!

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QW Homework

As you are awaiting the QW brochure which will arrive in your mailbox in late March IF your membership is current, remember that you have homework right now!!

1. 2020 Friendship Block Dizzy Daisy
2. 2020 Challenge "Flower Power"
3. 2021 Challenge "Quilting is my Jam"
4. 2020/2021 Mask Challenge.
Make a wild and totally inappropriate mask using wacky embellishments - bells, feathers, sequins, ball fringe! Must not meet CDC guidelines!
5. 2021 Friendship block
...to be published in the brochure available in March

Get busy, get involved and plan to show up in Powell with many challenges!!

Opportunity Quilts



Quilting is My Jam

Quilt Mom: Marylou Doyle
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Flower Power

Quilt Mom: Jeanne Allen
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Contact Marylou or Jeanne to request tickets or to display at your event.

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Wyoming State Quilt Guild 2021 Membership Application

Membership is valid from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Membership is open to all who love the quilter's art without regard for race, nationality, gender, age or religion

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- ☐ I will access the *WSQG Patchwords* Newsletter on the WSQG web site www.wsqg.org. **Do not mail Patchwords to me.**
- ☐ I am willing to be a **Mentor** on a list to be maintained by Regional Directors to help other quilters or answer quilting questions.
- ☐ I **do not** want my contact information to be listed in the password-protected WSQG Membership Directory on the WSQG web site. (Name and City will be listed.)

Send Directory changes to Membership Director Tauna Leathers wyotauna@gmail.com

Make \$20.00 Check Payable to WSQG Mail to:

Kandi Davis, WSQG Treasurer
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*or go online to the Membership tab and register with
credit card or PayPal (\$1 processing fee)*

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



What a wonderful time of the year we are heading into! Christmas is the birthday of our Lord and Savior. This is a great time to

dust off your UFO

quilting projects and finish them to give as a gift to your loved ones. I pray you are all staying healthy during this time of COVID-19.

Ladies, are you trying new or old ideas, and challenging yourself? I love reading old and new magazines and quilting books. I like to see if I can put a new spin on old patterns. Ladies, use your imagination and have fun!!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Happy Quilting.

April Pendleton

Wyoming Quilt Shop Hop

We want to Thank all who participated and congratulation to the winners.

"Super Stars Across Wyoming"2020

Winners:

Star Prize Retreat – Cathe Tuttle from Gillette
Grand Prize Featherweight Machine – Karol Santistevan from Casper
Sewing Machine Travel Bag – Shirley Orszulak from Glenrock
Large Machine Carry Bag – Margi Zeiss from Dubois

We had twelve large bags full of a little of everything, fabric, batting, books, stencils and notions:

- 1) Donna Scantling from Buffalo
- 2) Sarah Hayes from Casper
- 3) Patricia Salvador from Cheyenne
- 4) LaRene Jensen from Casper
- 5) Wanda Thompson from Pinedale
- 6) Jennifer Anderson from Rock Springs
- 7) Loreen Moore from Rock Springs
- 8) Kim Bolding from Casper
- 9) Jennifer Harrell from Cheyenne
- 10) Thomas Hayes from Casper
- 11) Larry Smith from Casper
- 12) Trudi Brooks from Thermopolis

Judy Edwards

Welcome New Members!

Dianna Currah, Lander; Marcia Davis, Casper; Brenda Fischer, Banner; Kate Fraker, Buffalo; Laura Hampton, Buffalo; Cindy Houghton, Sheridan; Tammy Jones, Buffalo; Sara Miller, Gillette; Glenda Roberson, Pine Haven; Becky Rolf, Sundance; Barbara Searl, Sheridan; Sandra Smith, Lusk; Kathy Wilson, Recluse

Members receive the bi-monthly newsletter either by accessing from the website or by mail. The password is usually 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.

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>November 8, 2020</u>
Central	108
Northeast	151
Northwest	44
Southeast	115
Southwest	62
Out-of-State	42
TOTAL:	522

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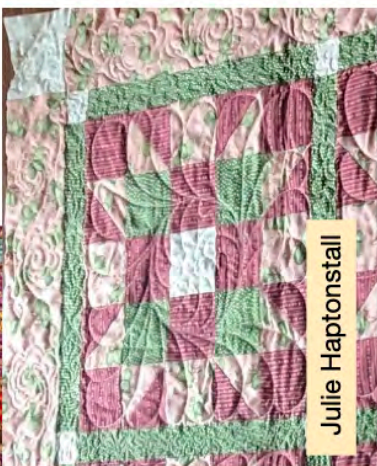
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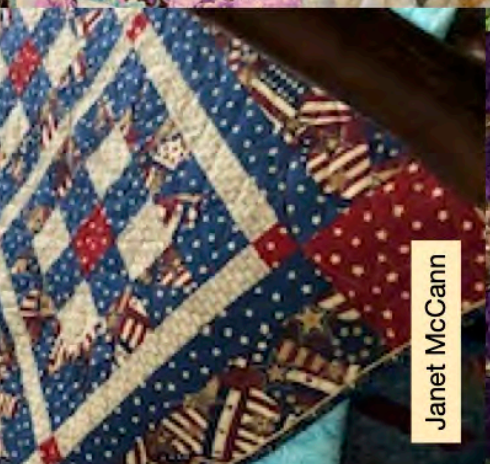
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Mary Ann Stinnette



Sonia Reed



Janet McCann



Deb Kipp

So here at last is the promised collage of mystery quilt blocks. Thanks to those who sent me pictures. (31 WSQG members participated.) It's so fun to see how different each block looks with different fabrics. This was my first time making a mystery quilt & learned quite a bit. Thanks again to Barbara Graham for allowing us to use her clues from her book, *Murder By Kindness: The Gift Quilt*. If you would like to see the mystery quilt program continue, send me an email at debzelenak82@gmail.com.

FEATURED QUILTER LYNDA LEEPER - Interview by Virginia Ohr

Linda Leeper (formerly Lynda Houfek) has been a WSQG member and supporter since 1998. She has worked to help other quilters and to support Multiple Sclerosis research. She served as WSQG president in 2005. Thank you for agreeing to be a featured WSQG Quilter.

How did you become a quilter?

My grandmother was a quilter. She had a frame set up in her house. She took orders from people and sold her quilts. As a small child I would play on the floor under the frame when she was quilting. The light would radiate thru the fabric and the stitches would make designs on the floor. She would let me sort her button box! I think I was 11 or 12 when I actually could help her with the quilting on her sale quilts. Before that I would cut out pieces using newspaper pattern pieces and scissors. This was before rotary cutters and rulers.

What do you like most and when did you make your first quilt?

I enjoy the whole process of quilting starting with picking a pattern or drafting a design. Then picking the fabrics. There are so many colors and designs and amazing choices that the selection process is entertainment in its own way. I love the variety that is available. Then comes the construction phase when you start to build from an idea to completion. Then there is the finished product! I was probably nine when I made my first quilt with a lot of help from my grandmother. At about age 13 I did one by myself.



Lynda's Winning Hoffman Challenge 1998

**Who inspired you?**

My grandmother, Iletta Price, would have been my first inspiration. I have been lucky enough to take classes from some amazing quilters. I really love taking classes. I think if you want to, you can learn something from every class you take. I have gone on several quilt cruises. They combine cruising, quilting and meeting new people. Quilt Seminars at Sea is my favorite. Check them out.

Tell us about your Fundraising Project to Fight Against Multiple Sclerosis.

Years ago I had a fundraiser in Big Piney. It was a quilt show and silent auction. Over a five year period, the show raised over \$38,000.00 for the Fight Against Multiple Sclerosis which is the disease I have. I had read some books by Earlene Fowler. She writes a series of mysteries that involve quilters. I contacted her about my fundraiser and she graciously sent autographed copies of her books before they were released. I would make a quilt of the pattern highlighted in the title of the book. These items made an impressive silent auction item for the fundraiser.



One of Lynda's Quilts Made for Silent Auction Fight Against MS



Lynda's Mexican Star Quilt

What do you like most about WSQG?

I really enjoy our *Patchwords* newsletter. It is a wonderful way to know what activities each region is doing. The conventions I have attended have all been fun.

When did you join WSQG?

In 1996 or 1997 Wilda Vance sent out a survey asking about interest in a state quilt guild. I was very excited about this possibility and I immediately returned the questionnaire. The very first Quilt Wyoming was held in 1998 in Casper and of course I attended.

What other quilt groups do you belong?

In addition to Quilt Wyoming I belong to several guilds. They are Snake River Quilters, Idaho Falls; Jackson Hole Quilt Guild; Big Piney Sisters in Stitches; and Pinedale Sew Whats. Before Covid the Pinedale group would sew one Saturday a month in the shop at my house (pictured right).

Thank you, Lynda.



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FEATURED QUILTER BARB GORGES - Interview by Virginia Ohr



Barb Gorges and granddaughter Lia, 2020, with one of the more important quilts Barb has made.

I joined the Wyoming State Quilt Guild in 1997, the first year it existed. I attended the first Quilt Wyoming in Casper where I taught two quilt classes based on my patterns/techniques. They were published by Quilter's Newsletter Magazine in 1997 and 1999. It was fun teaching women who mostly had more quilt making experience than my students at Laramie County Community College where I concentrated on teaching beginning quilting and later, Electric Quilt, from 1995 to 2009.

of expertise on Amazon in my book, "Quilt Care, Construction and Use Advice."

I've enjoyed my membership in the Cheyenne Heritage Quilters for 31 years now. They let me chair the quilt show twice. We have interesting programs plus opportunities to volunteer and get to know each other better.

I come from a long line of engineers. I love the symmetry of traditional patchwork but always look for ways to tweak it, give it an original twist.

A couple of my "tweaks" have been juried into the American Quilters Society shows. One quilt won a ribbon at the National Quilting Association show. Another quilt was Wyoming's entry in a *Good Housekeeping* contest. Another quilt prompted an invitation from the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo folks to have three of my quilts included on an eight-city tour back east.

My priorities have changed over the last five or ten years. I want to be more physically active than the serious pursuit of quilting allows. I have vowed to make only bed quilts, including baby quilts, and to make at least one a year. So far, each year we've had at least one family wedding, baby, graduation or anniversary. I've entered all 317 completed quilts (including potholders) in a hardcover notebook. Since 1990 I've prepared a scrapbook page for each quilt with photo and fabric samples.

I'm no longer trying to compete with the absolutely astounding winners of the national competitions—I can't begin to get that good at machine quilting making only one quilt a year. Instead, I'm enjoying my partnership with professional machine quilter Virginia Ohr.

I've had a hand quilting project in progress for ten years at least. My husband and I are busy with Audubon and Master Gardeners and visiting family spread around the country.

As a charter WSQG member, I look forward to attending Quilt Wyoming when I can, to see old friends from around the state, meet new people and see what's new in quilting. As much as there is on the internet (I particularly enjoy Barbara Brackman's blogs), quilters already spend enough time alone quilting and we need to get together in person.

My first attempt at quilt making was early 1979 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, after I graduated from that UW in natural resource management. It was cold that winter while I waited for seasonal jobs to start, as a naturalist in New York City in the spring, then the Forest Service in the Black Hills for the summer and fall. I made a tied denim quilt using a book I found at the dime store, "Patchwork Quilts," by Barbara G. Jackson.

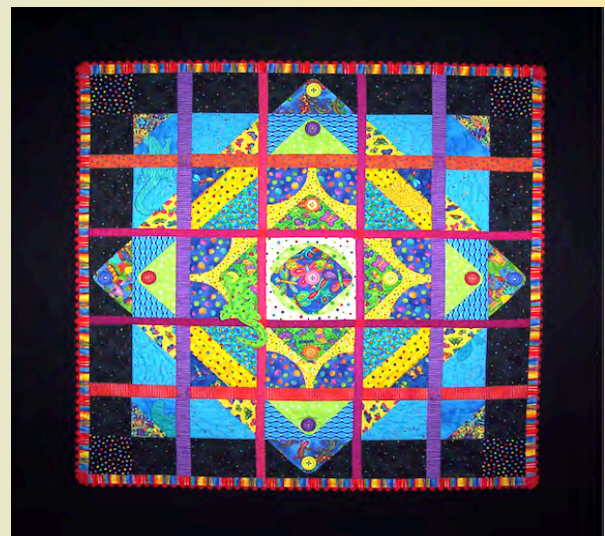
The next summer, working for the Bureau of Land Management in Rock Springs and living in a travel trailer parked out in the desert, I made a tied corduroy-top/bedsheet-back quilt with 100 percent cotton batting, all supplies purchased at the local Ben Franklin store. A couple years later, the now ex-boyfriend that I made it for, explained when he washed it, it became a soggy mass.

My first quilt show, as both exhibitor and visitor, was in 1980 in Laramie. I was studying range management at UW. By then I had three quilts to show: the denim quilt, a quilt I attempted to machine quilt on my mom's old Singer Featherweight, and an old wool comforter for which I made a patchwork cover. The Laramie quilters were very kind and encouraging.

In 1982 marriage took me to Miles City, Montana. I started meeting regularly with other quilters and learned how to hand quilt and use a rotary cutter. We started a quilt guild, made raffle quilts to raise funds for civic improvements, held a quilt show at the art center and I volunteered to organize a beginning quilting class at the community college. Eventually, a quilt shop opened locally so we could get cotton fabrics without driving 150 miles to Billings.

Moving to Cheyenne in 1989 was a big step in my quilting career. I won best of show at the county fair the first summer and the owner of the local quilt shop immediately called me and asked me to teach.

The Front Range is an exciting place to be a quilter—all those quilt shops between Cheyenne and Denver, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the Quilter's Newsletter home office (now defunct), Colorado Quilt Council's events and others. Harriet Hargrave inspired me to invent the Gorges Quilt Care Label which I sold to quilters in every state and a few English-speaking countries over 17 years. You can find my distillation



"Salamander Circle Whimsey," 42 x 42, 2008. 1st place, master's category, Cheyenne Heritage Quilters "Circle" challenge. It was juried into the Denver National Quilt Festival and into AQS shows in Paducah and Des Moines.

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"Jelly Stars," 92" x 92", 2018. Quilted by Virginia Ohr.
This graduation quilt was made for a daughter-in-law.
Reserve Grand Champion at the Laramie County Fair in
2018. All the stars were made with a single jelly roll won at
"Quilting on the Green" when Barb attended as a teacher.



"Jeffrey's Graduation Quilt," 90" x 108", 2013.
Sampler blocks from Barbara Brackman's
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NORTHWEST Michelle Quick

Season's Greetings from NW! We have been enjoying the usual "quilty" weather - a patchwork of hot sunny days and blizzards! Most of the region's shops and guilds are still socially distancing and being aware of the issues with gathering.

From Linda Macdonald in Powell/Cody:

The Paintbrush Piecers' Quilt Guild makes quilts for a local Veterans group. At Quilt Wyoming next July they will have a table with packets containing patriotic fabric and a pattern for one or two simple blocks for Veterans' quilts. The idea is for attendees to take a packet and make a block (or two), stitch them, then return them to the table or return the finished blocks by mail. The PPQG Social Committee, with the help of guild members, will then assemble the blocks into new quilt tops.

From Kathy Hammond in Thermopolis:

Absolutely nothing new here. A local group of ladies is gathering on Wednesdays at Gooseberry Gardens, but I am avoiding crowds so I don't know a whole lot about their gatherings. We haven't started up our guild meetings yet. I can't wait for a shot that will allow us to be safe!!!!

I do have some personal news. I entered a Ricky Tims Scrap Bag challenge. I won! I called the quilt "Distraction" because it was fun to do and provided a wonderful distraction from all the awful news. There was an amazing award...cash and a ton of his hand dyed fabric. I get the fabric out once in a while and sort it and pest it. Still thinking of a project to use some of it up!

From Michelle:

I cancelled my Quick Quilt Retreat in October with concerns



over spiking numbers in our county. Might be right, might be wrong, but I worried about the safety of both our quilters and the staff at the Holiday Inn. Vicki Mollett of Friends and Company had their retreat with no problems.

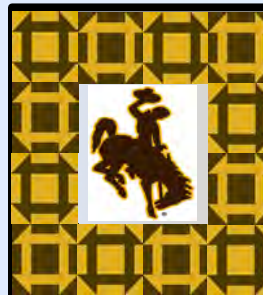
The WSQG board is discussing different ways we can all help others this year. I am challenging my region to give of themselves this upcoming holiday season by making stockings for nursing home residents, placemats for recipients of Meals on Wheels or pillowcases for children fighting cancer. The ideas are endless.

I was impressed by the group in Cheyenne making placemats for Meals on Wheels. I challenged my local members to participate and they have come through. I delivered a stack (new and gently used). The reception by the MOW workers was unreal! Sometimes a small gesture is just what folks need. I would love to see everyone do something simple and donate without fanfare to local groups. I know I have some orphan blocks that will become a couple of placemats. I may finally learn to neatly apply a binding by machine! No sign up, no drop off, just do it! We will share photos of projects in the next *Patchwords*!

Happy Holidays to all. I am thrilled that despite deciding to not fly south for the winter I will be home quilting and enjoying my daughter coming home to Cody for six weeks!

Happy Stitching,

Michelle Quick



BARN QUILTS

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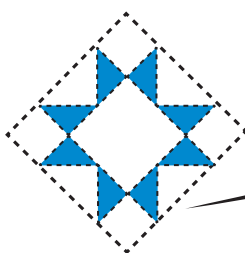
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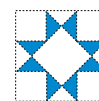
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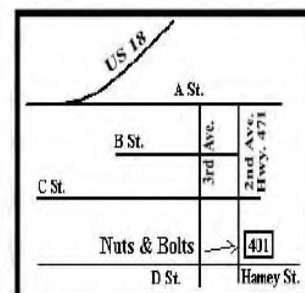
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Nena James

Over the past couple of months quilters in the Southwest Region have enjoyed some events despite Covid-19 restrictions.

In early September I visited Heritage Quilts & Fabric Shoppe in Pinedale during the Blooms on the Trail shop hop which includes quilt shops from Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. This was the 16th year for the event which included thirteen shops over a 601 mile loop. Heritage Quilts has participated in the shop hop for all sixteen years and offered a 16% discount in the entire shop to commemorate that milestone. Those quilters who visited all sixteen shops were eligible to win a Skyline S7 Janome machine and a Go! Big Electric Cutter Starter Set.

It was such fun to visit the shop and visit with Heather and her staff. Their impression was that quilters were anxious to return to some semblance of normalcy and they had had a record turnout of almost 500 participants during the two-week event. Each participant received a pattern for a paper pieced rose block and a pattern and fat quarter for the shop's rose appliqué block. Pictured below are the shop hop quilts created by Heritage Quilts in two different colorways.



The Sweetwater County Quilt Guild in Green River has resumed its monthly meetings with masks and social distancing. No refreshments because of the virus! Guild members are completing their crazy quilt projects for the annual guild exhibit at the Sweetwater County Museum in Green River.

In addition to the regular guild meeting, guild members were treated to a make-and-take holiday project. With the help of Barb Walker and Linda Travis they made holiday gnomes to kick off the holiday season.



Quilting on the Green which is normally held at the end of May was finally held on October 23 and 24 at Expedition Island Pavilion in Green River. This annual event is anticipated by so many quilters in this region and has been a mainstay of the quilting community for over 20 years. Due to Covid restrictions, classes were not offered and there was no trunk show. But there were five vendors and a really great quilt show which inspired those who attended the event. Organizers were pleased that 220 people came to view the quilt show and shop at the vendor booths.

The quality of the quilt entries was outstanding which may have been due in part to quilters having more time to sew and quilt during the past months due to Covid restrictions. Debbie Braithwaite won both the Committee's Choice and Viewer's Choice awards with her entry titled About Trout. It is a beautiful quilt and very fitting since the event is held at a site on the Green River.



That's all I have for now. I think quilters are working on holiday gift quilts and other quilt projects and hunkering down for what may be a long winter, given the recent surge in Covid-19 cases. I often think how lucky we are to be quilters which is an activity we can enjoy while being restricted because of the virus. Hopefully we are all putting this time to good use to finish old projects and start new ones.

Stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

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Central Julie Haptonstall

Hello to all from Central, I pray that you all have been sewing up a storm and not being affected health wise by Covid-19. I did not run fast enough and it caught me. Being in the medical field, my advice to you is if you do catch Covid, drink plenty of water, get plenty of rest and seek medical attention if you have trouble breathing. I am grateful to be back to my normal schedule and my sewing room. Let's see what is going on in Central!

Dubois - Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Club

They were able to have a fall "Non-Quick" Retreat that was held at the Headwaters in Dubois on October 22-24th. It sounds like it was a ball! They ate like kings (or queens??), sewed like crazy, laughed a ton, and so enjoyed it all. They plan to make it a regular event ("happy hour" included, of course!). Everything from purses to rugs to wall hangings and quilts emerged (bolstered by shopping at Bernadette's fabrics the month before!).

They will soon be receiving Clue #3 for our Mystery Quilt Along. A little birdie told me that someone hasn't even gotten block #1 made yet! Sh-h-h, don't tell anyone! Their 2020 Quilts of Valor will be awarded on November 15th. They have invited 25 veterans this year to receive their very own quilt in recognition for their service to our country. Roses are presented to the wives and of course. Treats are included!

Their 2021 Program schedule needs more volunteers. They could use some suggestions. . . Can you help?

Speaking of "signing up", currently members have the opportunity to sign up for as many Unfinished Projects as they wish for the coming year (to be finished by October, 2021), in order to get their money or fat quarters back! It's hard to achieve if they go overboard on their intentions. They figure, why not? (\$5 per project or one good fat quarter!)

Douglas & Glendo - Stitches N' Time and EWC

Stitches N' Time and EWC in Glendo quilt Groups did the Pint-Sized Parking organizer in October. I taught a class in



November and eight of us made the four-way placemat. Jennifer Golden taught the class at the Riverton Rendezvous. We took a picture of all of us, we took off our masks just for the picture.



They haven't met often since this round of Covid 19, so not much to report. Sonia Cottrell has reported that three of her members and four of her friends have come down with Covid. She said that it is just scary. She has decided no out-of-home sewing or quilting for her. Our Senior Center Mondays have been canceled until further notice also. She said she is getting very tired of staying at home. Hang in there my friend. This too shall pass!

Lander - Popo Agie Quilters

The Popo Agie Quilters were going to hold a fall quilt retreat in November, but after much discussion it has been decided, and Dr. recommended, that they cancel their quilt retreat. Covid is getting rampant locally and they don't want to risk anyone's health.

Many of their members joined others in the community to produce thousands of masks this summer for distribution through Public Health and then another few hundred recently to supply the county libraries so they could encourage patrons to use masks. Great job ladies!!

They had been holding their meetings outdoors during the summer but have not resumed meeting now that it is colder.

Casper - Kalico Kat

If you need masks, Kalico Kat is handing out masks for those who are in need. These are donated fabrics and volunteer-made masks. They are for FREE. If you would like, you may make a donation for the masks that goes toward fabric and supplies for making more masks.

Many in the nursing homes have been shut in for the Covid-19, some not even letting them outdoors to get some sunlight. They are hoping to brighten their lives just a little. Pam Burrous and her sewing/quilting friends are making Christmas stockings for the residents of four local nursing homes and the recipients of Meals on Wheels here in Casper. They need to make approximately 1,000 stockings.

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HELP IS NEEDED! Kalico Kat has run out of Christmas fabrics for the stockings. They and people in the community have made about 750 stockings. Another 250-plus are needed. If you have any fabrics lying around that you probably will not use, please send them their way. They can get two complete socks from a half a yard. They are also searching for any ribbons. Please no taffeta, as it melts around an iron!!

They are going to try to get enough done to hand out for the people who receive meals-on-wheels. If anyone would like to donate some things that could be put into those stockings, it would be greatly appreciated. There are 1,000 stocking but if many people could chip in and pick up a couple of items, small tissue packs, combs, toothbrush/toothpaste, small bars of soap, a small Christmas ornament; candy canes, anything that would go into socks. It would be appreciated. If anyone has any unused Christmas Cards that they don't want, They would like to give a card with each stocking.

Pam and Sandie wanted to say thanks to all of those that have been making the socks. They are coming right along, but have a bit more to go, I know they will accomplish this, and what an amazing cause.

Douglas - PHD Quilters

My group has missed a few meetings due to the uptick in Covid and my brush with it. We did manage to make one QOV quilt. We plan to present our quilt next year since our Veterans Day Celebration has been canceled. So next year we will present two quilts to the veterans. We had an ugly fabric challenge that is due in December, I am super excited to see what these ladies have come up with! I hope to include pictures in my next article.

Even though Covid-19 has put a damper on many of our activities, we will survive. Can you imagine the parties and the quilting get together's when it is safe to gather again! Until then stay safe, wear a mask and sew all those unfinished projects

Julie Haptonstall



SOUTHEAST Linda Herget Frances Tormey

Well here we are again into the Fall season. Whew! That went fast. I know a lot of you are home and have

been quilting like mad. I wanted to share a couple of things that have been happening here in the Southeast Region.

We just had our Fall Retreat and it was a big success. Everyone

was pleased to be able to get together and sew again. We did have to practice social distancing and wear masks when we moved about. But we have a few wonderful pictures to share with you on Page 17.

We also wanted to spotlight our very own celebrity, Angela McPherson. If you did not get a chance to read the article printed in the Autumn 2020 Fall Issue of Quilters World, please do so. It is titled "Planning a Retreat". It is a wonderful article where Angela shares a bit of herself and her quilting world.

We would like to mention that Di Wilsey-Geer has been actively involved in the Ovarian Cancer Research Fundraiser and is inviting all of you to join in. You can find out more information at Beth Helfter's webpage..... www.evapaigequilts.com/ You can also look her up on Facebook.

We have our Spring Retreat coming up March 5-7, 2021 and we are changing things up this time around. Our featured teacher will be Robin Dempsey and she will be instructing us on a wonderful block called the "Compass Rose". It is a paper piecing technique so be sure to save your spot early.



Be sure to keep a look out come January 2021 for the flyer I will be sending out with a registration form for all interested in joining our Spring Retreat happening March 5-7, 2021. If you do not receive the flyer and would like information please contact me at the following;

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As always, Linda and Frances wish everyone the best holidays ever! So stay safe and Happy Quilting!!!

Frances Tormey & Linda Herget

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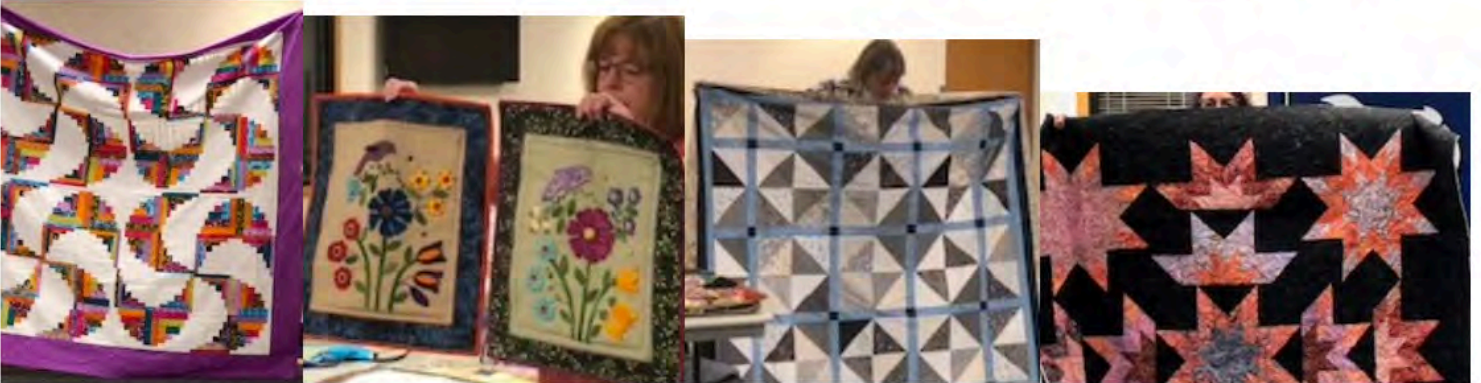
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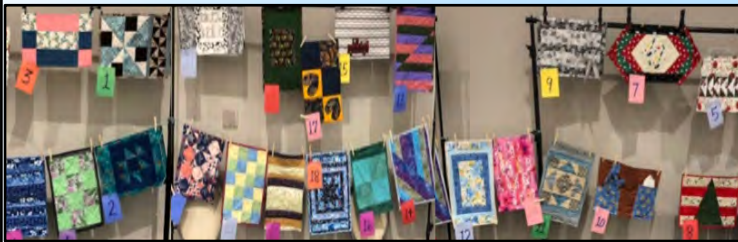
NORTHEAST

Deb Kipp
Josy Daniel

Hello and Happy Fall from Josy and Deb in the NE region. The first NE 307 Fall retreat was held October 29th – November 1st. With 40 ladies gathered for a “Spooktacular” weekend of quilting. Games, prizes, surprises, laughs, and tips were all shared. And a little dancing to “Buffalo Gals Won’t you come out tonight...”



Our quilters worked on a pre-event quilt class quilt, their own projects, (I do believe a UFO or two were completed), a mystery project and a Halloween spirit contest were all part of the weekend. Our mystery project was to bring four coordinating FQ's. Then the challenge was to make a placemat out these FQ's from a pattern/design from memory. No patterns were allowed. These placemats are going to the Campbell County Meals-on-Wheels Program. Everything from the little red truck to Christmas trees to pinwheels will go to new homes. Thank you ladies for bringing a smile to someone's face.



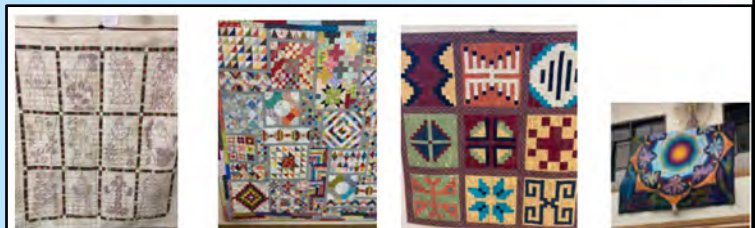
Spirit Day found us with ladybugs, pumpkins, a skeleton, court jester, a bone-rattling ghoul, a witch or two. The Spirit Award went to our very Halloween sewing leprechauns. Show and Tell was a great success. A UFO or two was finished. Oops! One or two new UFO's appeared, to be completed at home. Thank you ladies, for making this first NE 307 Fall Retreat a success.



Buffalo Gals have been keeping busy. These ladies had quite a few quilts in the NEW Quilt show. The weather caused a cancellation of the QOV presentation in October. It has been rescheduled for sometime in November. They have a Christmas house Quilt fundraiser. Contact a Buffalo Gal for tickets. There is a Christmas parade December 5th in Buffalo. The Buffalo Gals Christmas Celebration with a white elephant gift exchange and potluck luncheon will be December 12th. Their patriotic panel Challenge vote and the Dresden Plate variation demo/class is scheduled for November 14th.



The Sheridan ladies have had their annual Fiber Arts Show at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library and it was a huge success. Beautiful quilts and other fiber creations were on display to the public the entire month of October. Another show, the ART321 Fiber Arts Show, in Casper had items displayed by some of the Creative Fiber Group with a solo show by Carol Kolf. Carol displayed over 40 pieces of her work. Many of these are her original designs. The pieces featured collage thread painting/piecing, and digital printing. The 2020 EnVision the World Around Us Challenge was displayed and voted on during October. Techniques from wool felting, needle felting with thread art, fusibles, beaded bags, needlepoint, quilted panels, knitted scarfs were all projects included in this challenge.



Sheridan County Fulmer Library Fiber Arts Show

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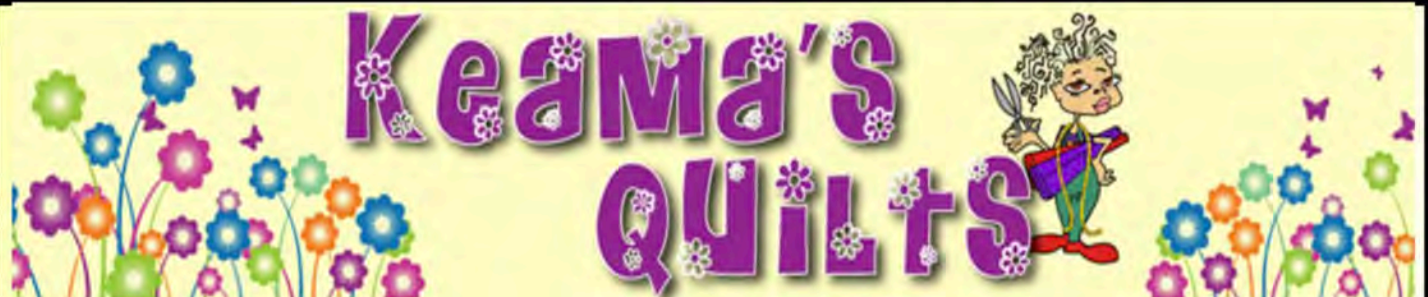


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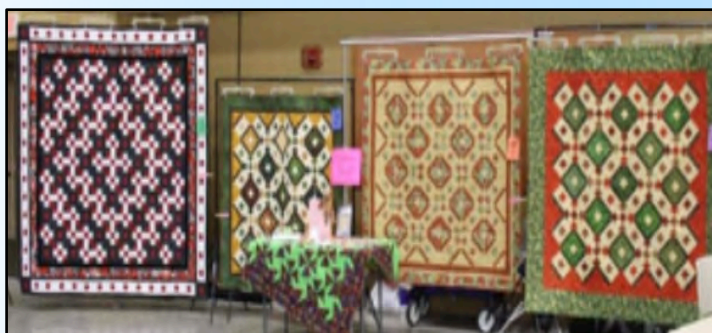
The 38th NEW quilt Show is in the books. 270-plus quilts were displayed with the help of an amazing group of students from the Thunder Basin Bolts and the CCHS Camels. These students are members of Skills USA, a group of young men and ladies who participate in competitions in various fields (carpentry, welding, automotive repair, electricity, cooking and about anything else you can imagine) at local, state and national levels. They help with various events for fundraising to help with the expenses of competing.

Vendors from Gillette, Rapid City, Sheridan, Newcastle, Billings, Buffalo, and Garrison, North Dakota made for great shopping stops during the show. Many interesting items were to be found in these booths. Thanks to all our sponsors, -- WSQG, First National Bank, Ida Snead State Farm, R&G Electric, Zip Printing and S&P Storage for all their support for this year's show. We also would like to thank, First National Bank, Campco Federal Credit Union, Pinnacle Bank, Wyoming Art & Frame, Ida Snead State Farm, and Campbell County Public Library for displaying a quilt or two to advertise our show.

Also at the show were the NW Regional Director, Michelle Quick and Barbara Graham who had the 2020 and 2021 State opportunity quilts on display. I believe they ran out of tickets for these two beautiful quilts. They had to record names and addresses so they could fill out tickets when they got home. Great job ladies!



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Small 2 person quilts	Carolyn Blauert	Mitzi Pettit	Debby Porter
Medium 1 person quilts	Laura Hampton	Debbie Candler	Fran Walcutt
Medium 2 person quilts	Lisa Saunders	Sandy Arendsen	Lynn Conzelman
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Youth 8 and under	Gabrielle Bothwell		
Youth 9 - 18	Tessa Burley	Rachel Burris	Kimberly Huddleston
Senior 1 person quilt	Penny Quickshank	Lynn Conzelman	Fran Walcutt
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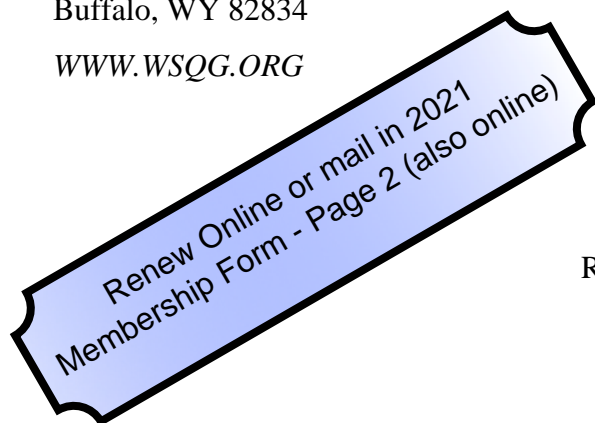


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