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Featured Quilter Barbara Graham



Michelle Quick



2020 Flower Power
 Quilt Mom: Jeanne Allen
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Barb's First Quilt, started
about 40 years ago

owner, Susy McCall. The next thing I knew I had signed up for a beginning quilting class (quilt pictured right). Over the years I have started more



Egrets
Barb's husband's favorite quilt

Christmas Tree made
about 20 years ago

I love to hand quilt, hand applique and machine piece. I have to machine quilt some of them but they are not my favorites. When looking for fabric—I have to touch it and if I don't like the feel of it, I will pass it by. My theory is "once you have the do with it".

Barb has written seven wonderful Quilt Mystery Novels. Each contains a mystery quilt pattern that she designed. These patterns were tested by her best friend, Michelle Quick.

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President's Message April Pendleton

Happy Valentine's Day quilting friends. It is hard to believe 2020 is over. 2020 was a long hard year for all of us. I am praying for a better year in 2021.

The board is working hard on updating our bylaws and setting the 2021 budget.

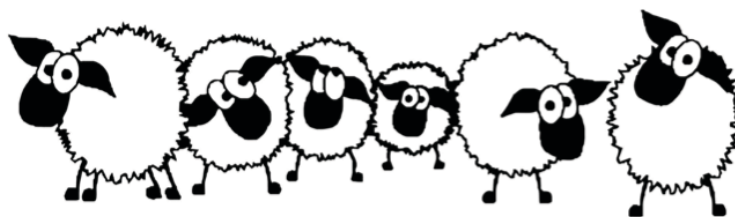
Quilt WY 2020-2021 is shaping up to be a great event. I hope to see all of you in Powell. I am having a great time working on the Quilt WY challenges. Working in my quilting room always brings peace to my life.

I am praying you all will stay healthy and happy during 2021. Quilt on, my friends.

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Welcome New Members!

Amy Knapp, Gillette; Catherine Crawford, Cody; Kathy Dean, Valier, MT; Victoria Dietz, Worland; Sherry Harris, Evanston; Shirley Long, Rock Springs

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.

New and renewing membership applications may now be completed by mail or online at www.wsqg.org.

| <u>WSQG Region</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Central | 110 |
| Northeast | 151 |
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| Southeast | 115 |
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NORTHWEST Michelle Quick

As we all know, 2020 was a wacky year with many challenges and grief and loss of time with friends and family, but there were also had opportunities. It has been a time for all of us to reevaluate what matters

and focus our energies in areas that mean the most to us. We all finally learned how to properly wash our hands (!!) and where in our homes to store 20 extra rolls of toilet paper. I learned to use Zoom with the granddaughters in Boise. We are reading together once or twice a week and husband Mike is joining us for the adventures of Charlotte and her web and Wilbur the "radiant" pig! I also finally figured out what to do with Wonder Clips - setting those pesky pleats in face masks!

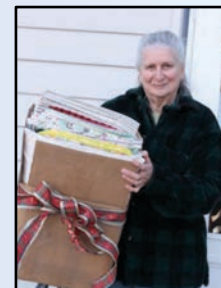
Shops and guilds are still scaled back but are anticipating an exciting 2021. The regional shops are having interesting and socially-distant classes. Continue to support our local shops. All are open and have online shopping!

Members and friends in the NW region took the placemat challenge to heart last month and delivered many placemats to Senior Centers around the basin. They were well received and brought color and humor to many folks. Thanks to all who participated. Funny story: Barbara Graham of Cody delivered a stack of placemats to the Cody Senior Center and was told that they really needed 170 more...the staff had been talking with another group that also was delivering placemats! She had six in her stack!

From Betty Shem in Basin

Here's a picture of me getting ready to deliver placemats to our Senior Center

here in Greybull today. Nine of us made 104 placemats to give out with the meals on wheels lunches in the Greybull, Basin area. I sent out the call for the placemats. We needed at least 80, so we are pleased with the results from our call out for an "act of kindness" in our area. Have a great Holiday!!



I am hoping to have my Spring retreat April 7-11 at the Holiday Inn in Cody, depending totally on the current COVID precautions and protocols. Because of the tentative status of this retreat, I will not open registration until March 1.

Best wishes for a great start for 2021 for everyone, be positive and creative and keep your needles threaded!

Happy stitching, **Michelle Quick**

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Central Julie Haptonstall

Hello from Central! As I write this article my head is spinning, I am packing to fly to Florida to spend time at the beach, relax,

and maybe visit a quilt store or two. Before I go play, let's see what is happening in Central Wyoming!

Lickety Stitch Quilts - Lusk

Lickety Stitch Quilts in Lusk is open for customers, Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00-4:00 p.m. They will be resuming classes in the store in January and have some online classes planned for the new year. Sign up for their newsletter from the home page of their website, www.licketystitchquilts.com, and follow them on Facebook to get the latest news of classes, sales, new products, and upcoming events. You will also get a free quilt pattern emailed to you just for signing up! During December, every purchase or order valued at \$25 or over received a fun gift included in their package. Need a break from being home alone? They are scheduling two or three customers at a time for Sewing Days in their classroom – a chance to make friends or share a sewing day with friends as well as get help with projects if needed. Call them at 307-334-9963 to reserve a spot.

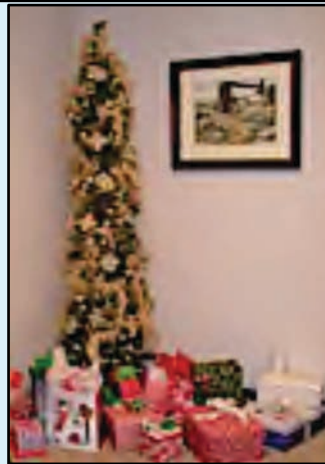
Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild - Dubois

They are sad to report that their "token male", Bill Lonn, passed away from COVID virus in December. They said they shall miss his smile, sense of humor, and picture taking of their quilts at their monthly meetings and annual shows. He was very active as an officer at the High Country Senior Center. He enjoyed interviewing students, reporting on school events in Dubois, and was the organist at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Dubois.

At their December meeting (Christmas Party) new Secret Quilters and Birthday Block participants were chosen. They enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Connie's Cooking, followed by a fun-filled "grab-bag" session with some very original and unusual gifts! They were appreciative of everything received.



January means they will get serious with the "Paint Chip" President's Challenge project, their "Mystery Quilt" (step five coming up!), and their UFO projects. Many of the ladies don't have a shop at their backdoor and have to depend on the internet and the U.S. Mail to get their fabrics,



etc. They admit to being a bit frustrated at the "backorders" and length of delivery time. They assured me that even though the Dubois quilters are frustrated, they shall survive!

They sent me a beautiful picture of their Christmas tree collection and grab-bag gifts. It was created by Candy Good. . . note the miniature quilt block ornaments. Everyone came in festive attire, didn't they?

Stitches n' Time - Douglas/Glenrock

The girls enjoyed a quiet morning this past weekend. They made some great USB organizers. They also celebrated three members' birthdays with brownie sundaes! YUMMY!



PHD Quilters - Douglas

In December, they got together to enjoy some scrumptious food. The group did a gift exchange and each person that wanted to participate brought a gift. A Christmas story was read. Every time the story said 'right', the gift was passed to the right, and when 'left' was said, the gift was passed to the left. They also played a game of LRC with \$1 bills.

I really hope and pray that you all stay safe and well. Bust out those stashes!!

Julie Haptonstall

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Josy Daniel

Our region has been pretty quiet during the holiday season and the COVID restrictions but groups

have still been doing some meetings and projects.

Sundance: Barb Byrne has been having sewing sessions at the Senior Center in Sundance. Hopefully this group will continue to increase its numbers as the year goes on.

Newcastle: The Strawberry Patch barn quilt group has been busy making barn quilt signs. Check out their facebook page. Stop in for new fabrics and a cup of coffee. Bev and Robbie are always happy to help you find the perfect project.

Buffalo: The Buffalo Gals Quilting Group were off to a good start this month with a January 9th meeting. After December activities were cancelled, they were ready for a demonstration for making a thread catcher. They have delivered three QOV's to the Wyoming Veterans' Home. The presentations have been put on hold until restrictions are lifted at the home. Eight fleece comforters made by two of their members were donated to CASA.

Sheridan: The Creative Fiber Guild's Lisa Charles had three pieces accepted into the "The Brinton 101 "Small Works

Show" at the Brinton Museum. Robin Wacker took second place in the Computerized Quilting division in the Gammill Virtual Quilt Show. The next program, January 19, will be a discussion on "creative spaces." The 2021 CFG Challenge in being planned and details are forthcoming.

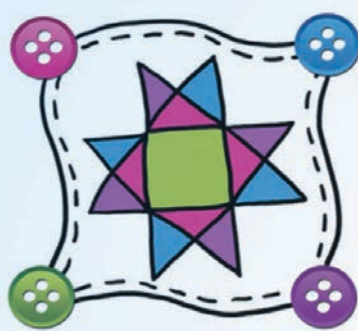


Robin Wacker's Wheel of Scraps

Hulett: After extensive remodeling and revamping, Witches Stitches will be open again beginning February 2nd. New fabrics, and a new computerized Innova are only part of the changes in the store. Store hours will be Tuesday – Saturday 10:00-4:00 p.m. during February and March. Tuesday – Saturday 9:00-5:00 p.m. April – October. The Crafty Stitchers are still busy making care quilts for their community and meetings will start again in January.

Gillette: Josy and Deb are busy working on a Spring Quilt retreat for March 15-18. The details are being firmed up and flyers with details will be sent out later this month.

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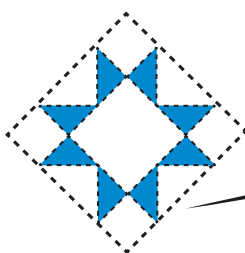
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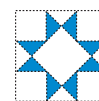
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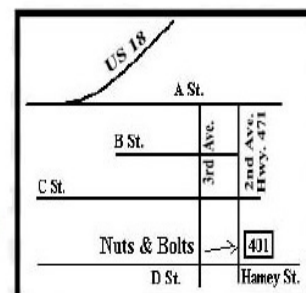
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Nena James

Hopefully spring will bring a reduction in Covid restrictions as the new vaccines become widespread and we can return to in-person meetings, classes and quilting events. The Southwest Region will be busy working on Quilt Wyoming 2020/2021 which will be held in Powell in mid-July. Even though Quilt Wyoming 2020 was cancelled due to Covid, we hope that quilters will still complete their 2020 Flower Power challenge blocks and friendship blocks because they will be displayed in Powell. Also, tickets for the 2020 Opportunity Quilt can still be purchased and the drawing for that quilt will also be held in Powell.

It will be great to reconnect with each other in person!

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Since the cold weather and COVID quarantines have set in, many of us are craving personal contact. In Cheyenne, we have a small group of quilters that have come together to spend a day or two filling the need for in person socializing. In this small group, we have seasoned quilters, newbies, embroidery fanatics and hand sewers. What we have in common is the desire to spend time with other artisans. I highly recommend small group gathering with friends and family just to get even a few minutes of in person socialization. Think about supporting your local quilt shop by attending their classes. Most of those are small classes.

Speaking of gatherings, the Southeast Region will be hosting it's Spring Retreat from March 5-7 at LCCC. Di Wilsey-Geer will be teaching two one-day technique classes that don't need any special tools. The retreat will cost \$55 for WSQG members and the classes will be \$15 each or \$25 for both. More information will be sent soon, so watch your email Inbox!

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April 7-11, 2021 - **Quick Quilt Retreat**

Information: Michelle Quick

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Holiday Inn, Cody WY

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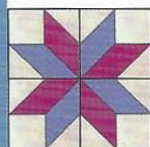
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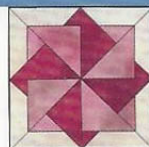
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