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110th Wyoming State Fair - August 16-20, 2022

For many years WSQG has supported winners in selected quilt categories at the Wyoming State Fair. Winners in those categories receive cash prizes. For the last two years they have also received a year's WSQG membership.

This year Lois Wragge won Best of Show, Wool Quilts, with her wool applique.



Evelyn Smith won Best of Show in the Heritage Quilt category.



Ashley Reed won Best of Show for Miscellaneous Quilts.



Audrey Jarvis won Best of Show, Art Quilts.



Laura Stoltlenburg Won Best of Show, Miscellaneous, first-time quilter (no photo available).

Rowdee Goolsby won Best of Show in Junior Needlework (no photo available).

We funded and made ribbons available for 12 winners but only eight entered in those categories. Former Director-at-Large, Kim Hicks made the ribbons.

Virginia Apodaca won Best of Show for her Miniature Wall Hanging.



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Wyoming State Quilt Guild 2023 Membership Application

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President's Message Belle Temple

As we transition from summer to fall we look forward to quilting events in all regions. I have summarized some of them below. See Regional Director Reports for more details.

It's important to let your Regional Director know what is happening in your region so she can let others know.

Northeast: The 40th NEW Quilt Show in Gillette, October 1-2, promises to be an event to remember. October 1-29 will feature the Fiber Arts Show at the Fullmer Library in Sheridan.

Northwest: The Quick Retreat will be held in Cody October 25-30. The first Hot Spot Quilt Retreat will be held in Thermopolis on September 30-October 2. Friends and Company will be having a retreat at Holiday Inn in Cody October 19-23. Textile Artists of Greater Yellowstone members will display monthly art quilt challenges in the Cody branch of the Park County Library for the entire month of October.

Central: The Never Sweat Needlers in Dubois will have a fall retreat on October 5-8 and Popo Agie Quilters will have a retreat on October 21-23 at the Lander Senior Center.

Southwest: The Hunter's Widow Quilt Retreat will be held in Green River September 30-October 1. Quilting on the Green will present another Barn Quilt Class October 22 in Green River.

Southeast: The fall retreat was held in September 23-25. Southeast members are busy planning Quilt Wyoming 2024.

Planning for Quilt Wyoming begins four years out. Volunteers are needed to help with the many tasks. It is a lot of work but a lot of fun too! Contact your regional director to find out when the next meeting is in your region.

Enjoy the quilting events and the fall season. Local quilt shops offer many opportunities for classes and retreats. It is important to support the local shops so that they can continue offering these opportunities.

It's not too early to plan those holiday projects! I hope to see you at some of these events.

Belle Temple



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Featured Quilter & Shop Owner Nichole Huddleston



My quilting story starts out with a sad beginning....My mom passed away in April 2000. As the years passed, I had this vision of making a quilt out of my mom's old western polyester suits. I found out that a friend of mine did some sewing and quilting so I asked her if she would be willing to help me cut up the clothes of my mom's to make quilts for my siblings for Christmas. This was in 2005. My vision was to make the focal point of one of the quilts the front of the vest of a three-piece suit. I used white polyester fabric and the suits to make a checkerboard pattern. The center was framed, and I used the buttons from the suit to represent buttons on a shirt under the vest. I also used the faux pockets off the jacket and sewed them into the half-square blocks at the top corners. The other suit didn't have a vest, so I used the front of the pants as the center focal point and cut up the suit to emphasize the double white stitching throughout the quilt. These are the very first quilts I made I used fleece for the backing and tied them.

I dabbled with sewing quilts off and on while being mom, wife and working full time. I became more interested in quilting when I was working as a bus driver. I made friends with several ladies who also sewed quilts and quilted their own quilts on their domestic sewing machines. I learned so much about sewing patterns, thread basting and quilting them on my sewing machine. I quilted 25 to 30 quilts on a Walmart Singer sewing machine that I received as a gift from a dear friend of mine. I used it so much that it made horrible noises. I took it into T. Vidick to have it fixed. T. Vidick told me that I had to throw it in the trash because he

couldn't even use it for parts and there was no fixing it....I told him that I would have to have a funeral for my machine because we had been through so much together!!! I ended up throwing it away and purchasing another Singer.

God must have known that I needed a longarm quilter to quilt my quilts. I was introduced to Terri Eichhorst and Debbi Shenefelt, Silver Sisters Quilts, through a great mutual friend of ours at the Christmas Bazaar at the Catholic Church. I was working at the mine and was on the 28-day rotation. During one of my seven days off, Terri asked me if I would be able to help her with quilting quilts.

This was the beginning of a beautiful relationship!! Terri taught me how to operate the longarm to help her when she was running behind with clients. As Terri became busier, I helped her out more and more. In December 2016 my husband and I purchased a house with a walkout basement. Terri needed to move the business since her sister was selling her house. In October 2016 Silver Sisters Quilts moved into the basement of our house and that is when Heirlooms by Design and Silver Sisters started our working relationship!!

I say we are partners, but she has her business and I have mine. We have worked together for many years. Terri and Debbi had been approached by a Handi Quilter Regional Sales Manager to become a Handi Quilter Retailer; they declined the invitation.

In July 2017 I started my longarm business and in August 2017 Heirlooms by Design became a Handi Quilter Retailer. Retailer training began in November 2017. It was very educational for myself, Lyle (my husband) and Terri. Lyle took the tech training to be the Handi Quilter Tech for Heirlooms by Design; Terri and myself took the sales and retailer training to be able to sell and train customers on the Handi Quilter machines. We built our business out of our basement by vending at the N.E.W. Quilt Show and by word of mouth. I was able to bring in Handi Quilter National Educators to help me learn how to teach people how to use the longarm machines. At the end of 2019 we had several people interested in

purchasing Handi Quilter Machines but as 2020 took over our lives with the pandemic I was terrified that my business would be no longer...but boy, did God have plans for me!

As 2020 started off with craziness of the pandemic I was concerned that I would no longer be in business. As we all were told to stay home and quarantine from others that is when some people started going thru their closets and homes; deciding that they wanted those clothes saved from loved ones and old T-shirts saved from the glory days of high school made into a quilts or memory bears.

The Lord blessed me with a wonderful gift of being able to make custom quilts, memory bears and pillows for those who were left here on earth to live without those special people we loved so dearly. I became extremely busy with this business and quilting for others since they were home sewing also. I made so many masks. I hope never have to make another mask -- ever.

Once the pandemic started to lighten up with restrictions, I was able to bring in a Handi Quilter National Educator into the shop to have a hands-on event. With this event and vending at the N.E.W. Quilt Show I earned the HQ Way award which is a prestigious award that benefits customers and the shop with cool perks. I have earned this award for 2020 and 2021. I am working on keeping it this year.

As our business is growing, we were brought a wonderful opportunity to move into retail space with a wonderful array of space. Heirlooms by Design Quilt Shop has a wonderful size classroom that fits 10-12 students. It has a great space for Lyle to service machines and a wonderful space for the quilt shop.

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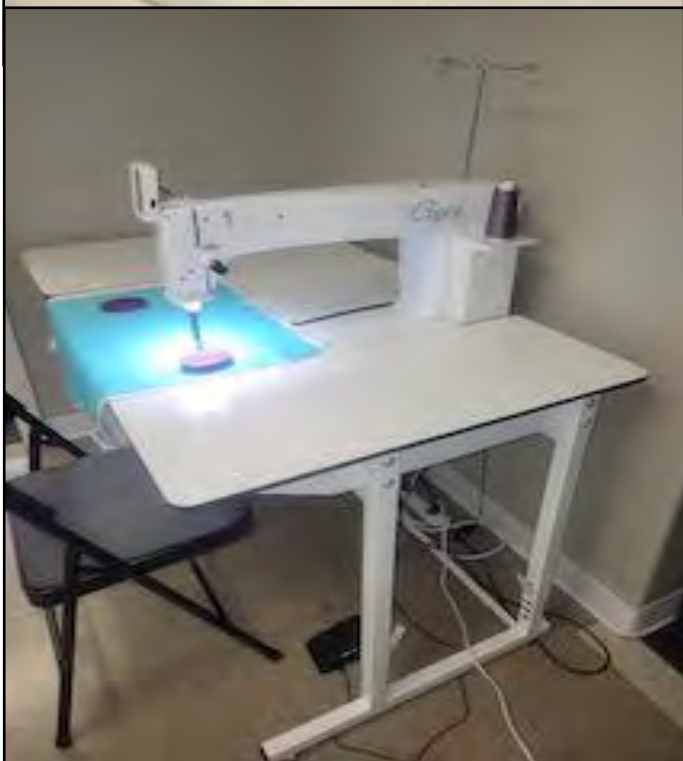
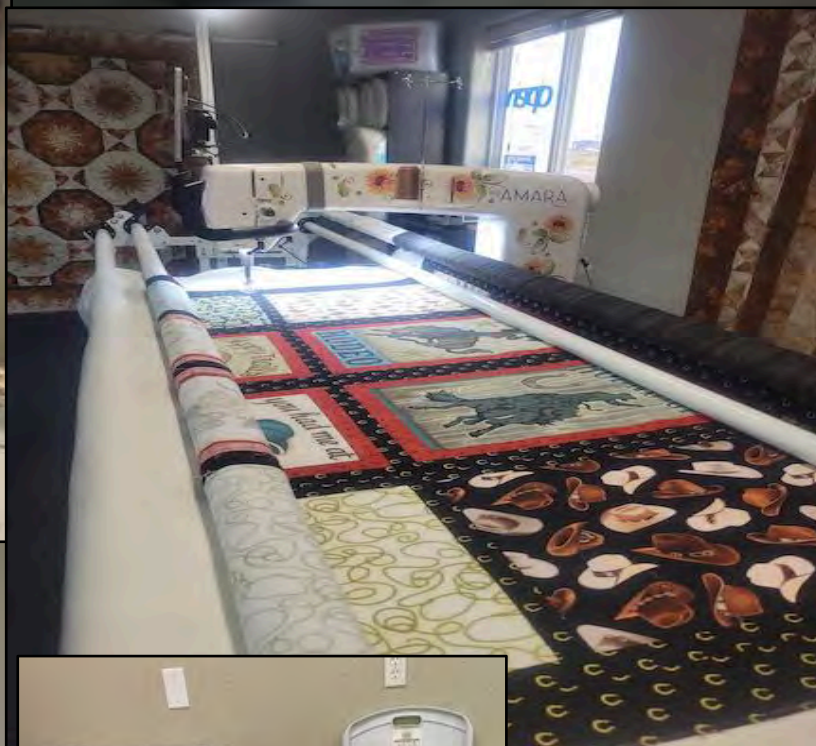
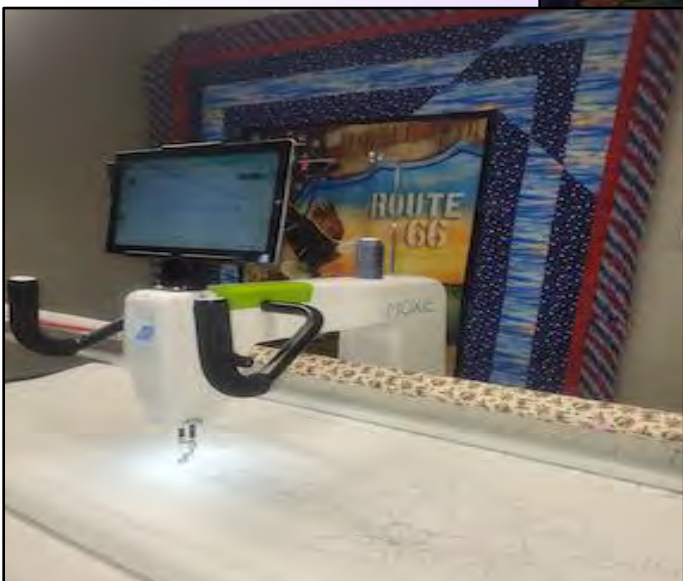
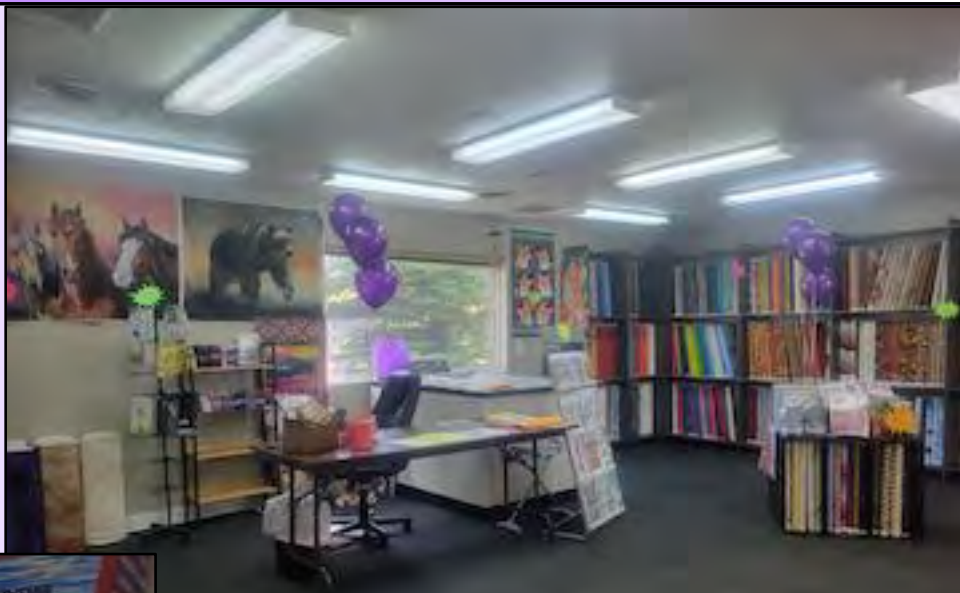
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we sell and some that we don't sell. I want to be known for our customer service.

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Featured Quilter & Shop Owner Deanna Reddinger



My Grandma helped me to make my first quilt when I was about ten years old. We took a bed sheet and used iron-on transfers to put pictures all over it. Then I colored the pictures with liquid embroidery paints. We tied the quilt and I entered it into the fair and won a prize. After that, I made many soft, puffy, tied quilts. When I was about

A lot of people have asked about the name of my shop. We had a blue bike at the end of our driveway and I would tell customers who were bringing quilts to me to turn at the blue bike.



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25, I learned an amazing new thing...rotary cutting and piecing blocks! I quilted them with my domestic machine! I was in love!

My husband and I have nine children. Eight of them are boys. I'm pretty sure quilting is what kept me sane. I'm so thankful I had this wonderful hobby and a supportive husband through those years when they were all young and at home!



Quilting must be a big deal at our house. I just found out that when my oldest son was first getting to know his wife before they were married, he told her, "My dad and mom are Kenny and Deanna. She quilts."

My favorite part of quilting is long arm quilting. Deep down I'm an artist. I've been doing the long arm quilting for 11 years for people. I never want to stop!

In 2020, my husband gave me the attached garage to use as a quilt studio. We took the garage door out and made it into a lovely sewing room. I set up both of my Gammill long arms and started offering one for rent. One day at the end of 2021, I told my husband, "I come out here in the studio and work every day from 10:00 to 5:00, why not move into town and offer fabric for sale?!" And we started the process of opening a store in town. We opened April 5 and so far I am loving it!

I have only been a member of WSQG for one year. So far I'm impressed with all the activities and what is offered. I'm glad that I joined. I wish I would have joined years ago, but I didn't know about it.



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Once again it's
Patchwords time.

Happy Fall to everyone
from the Northeast Region!

County fairs and retreats are pretty much the things that are going on in this region. We have fair winners galore from Sheridan County, Johnson County, and Campbell County.

Buffalo:

Minda Moore took Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Best of Show in the Senior Division (pictured right). Needlework Grand Champion and Adult Reserve Champion Jean Kenney. And from what I have seen they had a tremendous amount of entries in the Johnson County Fair this year!! The Buffalo gals also have a retreat planned for September 19th to the 22nd. During the month of August they also presented two more Quilts of Valor.



They will be making fidget quilts for another service project in October.

Gillette:

Campbell County Fair: Best Quilted Item - Carol Jahn (right). Best Embroidered Item - Irene Randall (top right).

The Thursday Stitchers have been busy every Thursday at the Campbell County Library. They meet from 9:00 until 2:00-3:00



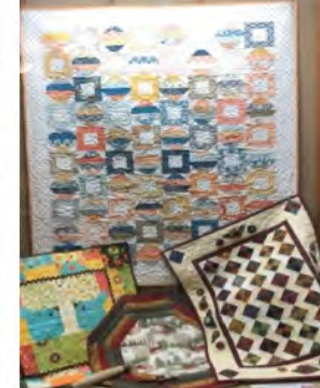
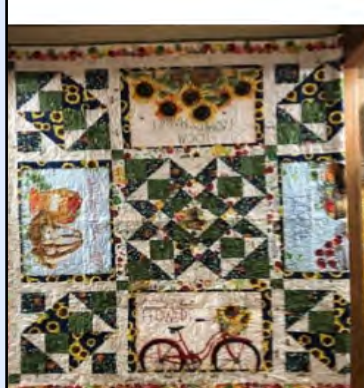
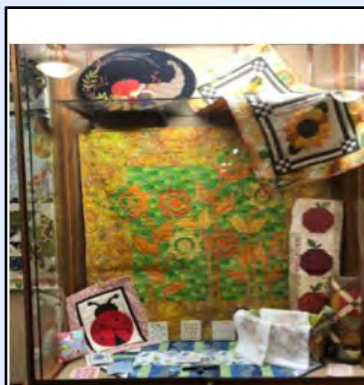
p.m. They are working on many, many projects.

Another group of ladies (one of those hidden quilter groups I have been trying to find, LOL) sometimes meet there as well.

The Catholic Church Lady Quilters presented nine more children's quilts to GARF and the Women's Resource Center.

These "hidden" groups do so many things for Campbell County and I so wish I could visit them all and bring their heart-warming contributions to light. The Quilting Chicks are at Ranch A September 15-18 (I believe I have the dates right).

These pictures are from the Campbell County Library Artist of the Month display. The month of September highlights the NEW Quilt Show.



If you are in Gillette, stop and take a look. Remember the 40th NEW Quilt Show is October 1st and 2nd. Be sure to enter your quilts for display and come see quilts, quilts and more quilts, shop the boutique, and maybe win a prize.

Josy is teaching two different half-day classes at Blue Bike Quilt Studio on September 29th and another on Saturday October 1st. Each Class is \$25.00 Contact her at 682-2988 to register.

Sheridan:

Sheridan County had its share of quilt entries and winners in

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the Sheridan County Fair this year. Purple Rosettes winners: Jennifer Golden, Georgann Lee, and Lois Wragge. Blue



Bev Donahue



Georgann Lee



Connie Brecke



Jennifer Golden

Rosettes Connie Brecke, Carol Kolf, and Lois Wragge. Red Rosettes Bev Donahue, and Georgeann Lee.

The Creative Fiber Guild (CFG) had their Christmas in July event. Their annual summer picnic was September 8th. Don't forget the Fiber Arts Show October 1-29 at the Fulmer Library in Sheridan. If you have a chance to go to Sheridan to see this show, you won't be disappointed. It is always a beautiful show. Quilts, and other fiber arts are so wonderfully displayed. Some of these ladies are also going to a retreat at Ranch A in September.

Hulett:

The museum in Hulett had their second Quilt Show September 23-25. They had all types quilts from the area on display, antique, vintage, new, art, applique and pieced.

Last, but certainly not least, September 11th- 14th "The Quilter's Carnival Retreat" was held at the Tech Center in Gillette. The carnival was open to all quilters on September 11th from 1:00-5:00 p.m.. Retreat registration was not needed to attend the carnival. There were games, prizes and carnival food from one of our caterers. It was a nice display of what our area shops are offering this fall.

As always, thank you everyone for letting us share with the rest of WSQG what's going on in the Northeast Region.

Until next time, Happy Quilting.

Josy & Deb

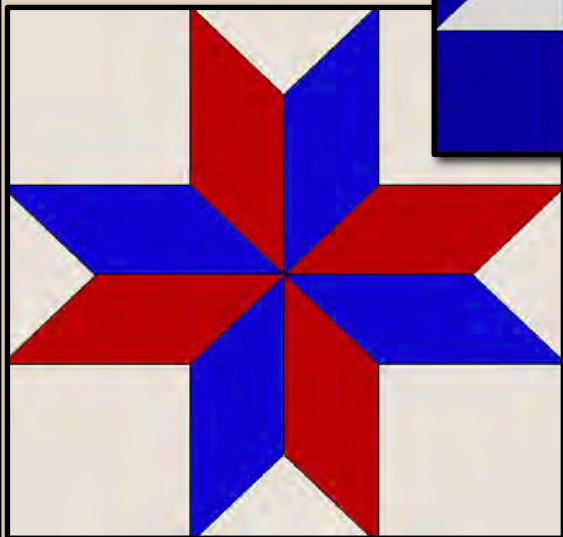
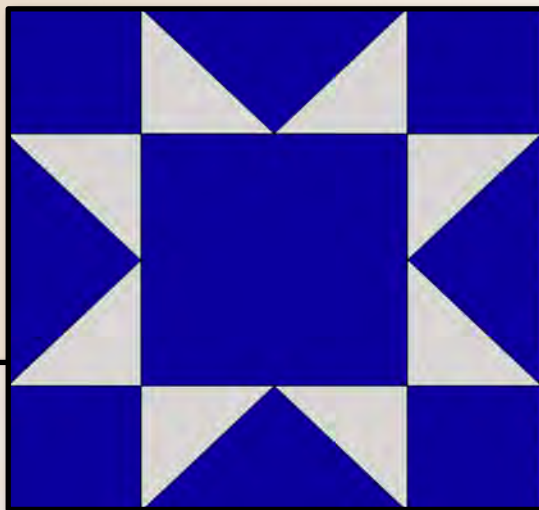
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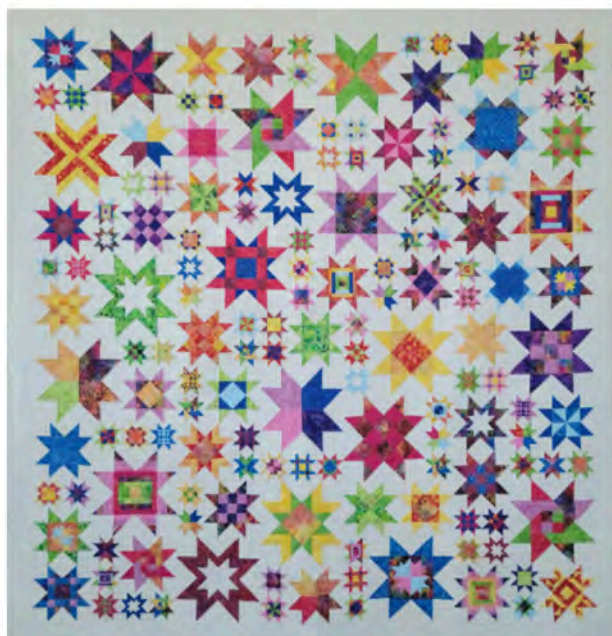
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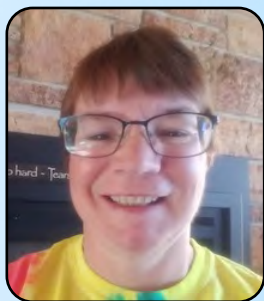
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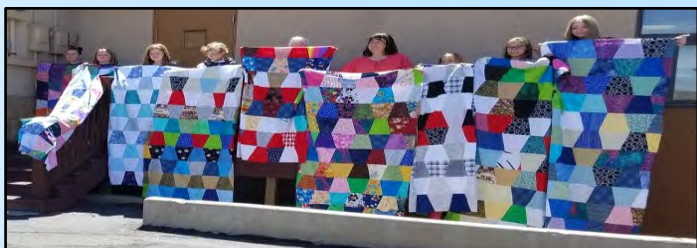
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SOUTHWEST

Iris Jaspersen

Things are rolling along in the Southwest district. In June Pam Wiggen from Rock Springs put on a quilt camp with the sponsorship of the WSQG. Ten students ranging in age from eight to fifteen joined in to learn to make the pattern Tumbler from the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Each student is encouraged to enter their finished quilt in the fair. Those that did placed first and second! In the Boces classes the students placed Grand Champion and reserve. Pam was very proud of how well her students did this year. Thank you Pam for all you do!



On July 29th and 30th the Star Valley Quilt Trail was held. This event covers a large area of Star Valley with shows in Alpine, Etna, Star Valley Ranch and Thayne. I was very happy to see a family friend there with her awesome quilt being showcased! Neoma Heap Soelberg was my husband's babysitter when he was little. Now at a spry 97 years old she is still a wonder. The piece showcased

was a quilt designed by her grandson and uses 26 colors of fabric cut into one-inch pieces. She spent the winter of 2020 cutting and organizing. All in all, it used 7,728 one-inch squares. The piece is titled "My Savior". It is a wonder to behold in person. The Quilt Trail was very well attended. I will let you know when the next one is planned as soon as I get word!



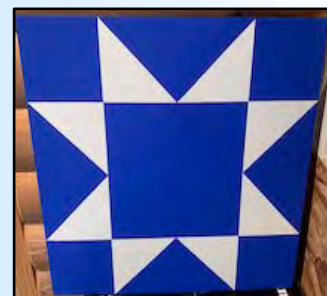
The 2022 Hunter's Widow Quilt Retreat will take place at the Hampton Inn in Green River on September 30th - October 1st. Marla Marx will be teaching a technique to make the Pineapple Blossom Quilt. Cost is \$40 for the class. For more information contact Nena James at 307-389-3304 or email her at njames@wyoming.com.

Till next time...may your bobbin be full and your needle sharp!

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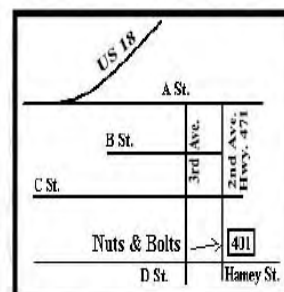
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NORTHWEST

Barb Bunn
Ginny Singer

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. Wow, what a hot summer this has been. As much as I hate to see summer go, I'm ready for my favorite time of year. Fall brings cooler temps, campfires and with all the beautiful fabric I have seen, it doesn't stand a chance compared to the beauty of God's paintbrush.

The Yellowstone Quilt Fest (YQF) in Cody at the Riley Arena was a great show with over 400 quilts on display. The nine mini-classes were a hit. The star of the show was the winner of the 1933 World's Fair Quilt Show.

The Central QW 2023 Opportunity Quilt was on display and got quite a bit of attention!

If I could take a minute to thank each and every one of the women, kids from the Cody Middle School Enrichment program and other people I have missed,

that helped out with YQF July 29th and 30th. Were it not for all of the help and items on display, there would not be a show. Michelle Quick dedicated so much time and energy into this huge production. A special thank you goes out to her. We have a few pictures of the 1st place winners from YQF. I apologize now if I got the names mixed up.

Traditional Pieced: Sarah Pierson - Double Wedding Ring
Applique, Embroidery, Embellished: Ginny Singer - Fantasy Flowers
Original Design, Art, Modern: Carol Kolf - Autumn Leaves
Panel, BOM, Kits, Classes: Dee Robertson - One Foot In The Garden
New Quilter: Sarah Pierson - Study in Red and White
Mixed Techniques: Becki Rodriguez - Folk Tales
Antique, Vintage: Kathy Emerson - 1933 World's Fair Winner, Made by Anna and Clara Post.
Best Quilting: Michelle Quick - Big White
Best Use of Color: Ginny Singer - Fantasy Flowers
Best of Show: Kathy Emerson - 1933 World's Fair Winner

There are a few retreats coming up in the Northwest region. There is one scheduled for Thermopolis, **Hot Spot Quilt Retreat** on September 30-October 2. Joan LaFave is the person to contact at 307-262-7712.

Vicky with Friends and Company will be having a retreat at Holiday Inn in Cody starting with a day of embroidery on October 19th. The retreat is October 20-23.

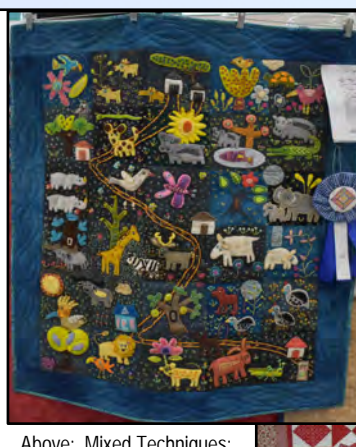
The **Quick Quilter's Quilt Retreat** will be at the Cody Holiday Inn October 25-30. Cost of the retreat is \$110. Sleeping rooms are \$109 with up to four in a room. Contact the Holiday Inn for the sleeping room reservations at 307-587-5555. Contact Michelle at quicksfamily@gmail.com or 307-250-0752 for information.

Textile Artists of Greater Yellowstone (TAGY) - Members will be hanging their monthly art quilt challenges in the Cody branch of the Park County Library for the entire month of October.

Many of you know our lovely restaurant server, Tatiana. Her house burned to the ground in August. She and her family are fine and had insurance but if you would like to help her, a Go Fund Me account has been set up at www.gofundme.com/f/cn6cc-please-help-this-family-rebuild. You can also send kind thoughts through that website.

Hope to see many of you in October. Ginny and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again at retreat and Quilt Wyoming in Riverton next summer. Stay safe, God Bless and just keep sewing :)

Ginny Singer Barb Bunn



Above: Best of Show: Kathy Emerson / 1933 World's Fair Winner
Right: Traditional Pieced: Sarah Pierson / Double Wedding Ring



Above: Best Use of Color: Ginny Singer / Fantasy Flowers



Original Design, Art, Modern: Carol Kolf / Autumn Leaves



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Left: New Quilter: Sarah Pierson / Study in Red and White

Quilt Wyoming 2023 Opportunity Quilt Travels

The "Oh My Stars" 2023 Opportunity Quilt was displayed at the Yellowstone Quilt Fest in Cody in July.

Then it traveled to Douglas where it was displayed at the Wyoming State Fair August 16-20. WSQG members sold many tickets to folks admiring the quilts and items entered in the Needlework Division. Many compliments were given to the exquisite

work and quilting of the Opportunity Quilt.

Consider entering your work next year at the State Fair. It is awesome to see so many works of finished projects on display! If you need help with drop off or pick up arrangements can be made with those of us in Douglas.

WSQG ribbons made by Kim Hicks were awarded in select

categories. The Wyoming Superintendent, Anna McClure, was delighted to display these additional ribbons.

The "Oh My Stars" quilt traveled next to the Quilts Along the Platte Quilt Show at Ft. Laramie, WY Town Hall, September 16-18.

It will go to the NEW Quilt Show in Gillette October 1st

and October 2nd.

If your local quilt store or upcoming quilt event would like to display the Opportunity Quilt please contact Jean at tjecss39@gmail.com or Sue at dswhite2020@yahoo.com. If you would like more tickets to sell contact Jean or Sue as well.

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CENTRAL

April
Pendleton

It is the first of September as I write this article. I am

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The Central Region Rendezvous retreat was September 8-11. I am sad to say I could not attend, but I am happy to say my five grandsons came to Lander to visit that weekend. The Never Sweat Needlers will have a fall retreat on October 5-8 and Popo Agie Quilters will have a retreat on October 21-23 at the Lander Senior Center. Then I am off to the Quick Retreat in Cody October 25-30. Happy Days are almost here!

Lander Popo Agie Quilters had a quilt show September 24-25, 2022 at the Senior Center in Lander 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds from this year's raffle quilt will go to Prayers and Squares, which makes small quilts for oncology patients and others who need them. The gals have been busy making beautiful quilts. They had vendors for shopping.

The PHD Quilters in Douglas had a wonderful time in July. They partied with a Christmas in July event. They played a lively game of LRC. They enjoyed some yummy food brought by several of the members. Many of their projects are coming due over the next couple of months.

In the September meeting they had a wheelchair/crayon/crazy song challenge! To elaborate on this a bit more, they were challenged to pick three crayons out of a bag and they had to use these three random colors to make a wheelchair quilt and if that wasn't

challenging enough, they could make the theme of the quilt in the theme of a crazy song challenge. They plan to donate these wheelchair quilts to the local nursing home and assisted living facility.

This group of amazing ladies always have a great time and love showing off their accomplishments in quilting.

Quilt Wyoming 2023 will be held in Riverton on July 19-23, 2023. I Hope to see all of you there! If you are interested in helping with 2023, please contact Julie Haptonstall or myself. Many hands make light work.

That is all the news I have for now. Please send me your info so I can post it in *Patchwords*.

Happy Quilting!

April Pendleton

aprilp@bresnan.net 307-332-4174

SOUTHEAST
Linda Herget

So what's happening in our region?

The Southeast Region's Fall UFO Retreat is open for registration. The retreat is September 23-25 at LCCC and

is \$60 per person which covers five meals and the room rental.

Come spend the weekend with us, sewing, playing games and have some good old-fashion quilter fun. If you're interested in attending, email me at *slherget@msn.com* or call me at 307-221-3114.

Goshen County Quilters held their 28th Annual Quilt Show, Quilts Along the Platte, September 16-18 at

Fort Laramie, WY Community Center. Admission for this event is free.

Now that Quilt Wyoming 2023 is on its way, Quilt Wyoming 2024 will be here before we know it. We have a planning meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m. at LCCC. We still need lots of volunteers. Email me at *slherget@msn.com* or call me at 307-221-3114, for more information.

Happy Quilting, **Linda Herget**

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Glenda Palmer is our current Director-at-Large and liaison with the State Fair board. The fair book is revised each year so hopefully the categories for 2023

will all have entries. If you have questions about entering your work in the fair, contact Glenda.

The 2022 State Fair once again had open judging. This is an opportunity for viewers to observe judging and learn what the judges are looking for.



Maryann Stinnette - Judges' Choice



Marcia Davis - People's Choice

The dates for the Wyoming State Fair 2023 are August 15-19, 2023. It's not too early to plan your entries for 2023!

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She quilted with two groups in Gillette, Quilting Chicks and Loose Threads.

Donna was kind yet "told it like it was." She had an infectious laugh and a beautiful smile on her face despite whatever health struggles were handed to her. She loved to play dominoes and tell

lots of stories. She loved her grandchildren Hannah and Matt Gubbels greatly and was very proud of them. She loved to watch their sporting events and any activities they were involved in. Donna became friends with everyone she met. She loved to go quilting with her friends and spending time with her family. Donna's family and friends meant the world to her.

Donna was a devoted catholic. She attended the Ascension Catholic Church in Bismarck, and the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette, Wyoming. She was always there to listen and offer advice and prayers for anyone who needed it.

Donna is loved and missed by all who had the pleasure to know her especially her husband Gerald (Gib) Elkins; daughter, Marshawn (James) Gubbels; grandchildren, Hannah and Matthew; sibling, JoAnn (Paul) Picard; mother-in-law, Clara Elkins; sisters-in-law, Eileen Mahlen, Melody Vassoff and Earleen (Gary) Friez; brother-in-law, Art (Teryl) Elkins; many nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

The complete obituary can be accessed www.eastgatefuneral.com/obituary/donna-elkins

Donna will be missed by many.

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Tauna Leathers, Membership Director wyotauna@gmail.com

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