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Maggie Cosner - FEATURED QUILTER



My Mom always enjoyed sewing. I remember her letting me have her scraps to make little things for my doll. Early on, I found satisfaction and joy in playing with fabric. I learned from Mom how to be quite frugal and not let anything go to waste. In 4-H I made some simple clothing items and even made my prom dresses. I didn't do much sewing after high school and actually didn't start learning to quilt until

1987 when I was living in Worland, WY. There, I took a beginner quilting class where we learned all the quilting basics. I still have my very first project, a small wall hanging, which I also hand quilted. Over the last 37 years, I have

played with lots of fabric and tried countless different techniques, patterns, Blocks of the Month, Mysteries, collages and challenges creating hundreds of different types of quilts. Although I have donated and given many away I still have a favorite assortment in which I change out nearly monthly throughout my home.



I enjoy how quilting allows me to express my creativity. It's so rewarding to challenge myself to try new techniques and often tweak patterns to make them especially unique. Using up my scraps is still a passion for me and I find it satisfying to make coordinating items such as pillows, pillow shams, lap quilts, wall hangings, bags, table runners and trivets etc...with

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the leftover fabric scraps from various projects.

I've tried machine quilting and hand quilting but really prefer to stick with piecing and let the "professionals" machine quilt the vast majority of my projects. I enjoy the surprise of seeing

what my long arm quilters pick for a pattern or the custom quilt designing they do that just seems to enhance my projects.

In looking through my quilting bookshelf, one can see that some of my favorites are from **Buggy Barn Designs**, Bonnie Hunter, Kim Diehl, Laura Heine, Tilda, Tula Pink and many other books and patterns that show various ways to use scraps.



A couple years ago I was introduced to "crumb" quilts, which fit right in with my passion for using scraps. My mom's quilts used blocks that were foundation pieced to create one-of-akind scrappy blocks and I find that is still fun to do and brings back wonderful memories. I find lots of inspiration just flipping through some of my books but I also get inspired by fellow quilters when I join in on sew days, classes or attend quilt shows or even when I get asked for help in doing a certain technique. It's always fun to see what others are creating, and I have learned, slowly I might add, that I can't make everything that catches my eye. I'm getting more satisfied with just taking a picture of a fun project someone else did than thinking I need to add it to my list to do "someday." Every year I try to finish up at least a couple UFO's and a couple kits I have tucked away over the years. That still leaves a little room to get something new and exciting throughout the year.

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Wyoming State Quilt Guild 2025 Membership Application Membership is valid from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 Membership is open to all who love the quilter's art without regard for race, nationality, gender, age or religion. **Please Print Clearly** Name: New Member: Renewal: Returning: Mailing Address: City: E-mail Address: Tel No.: (State: Zip Code: Please place a check mark in the box or boxes that apply: New Members Only: I would like to receive a WSQG pin. I have a second residence: Mos at 2nd address (circle): Jan May Jun Jul Sep Oct Nov Dec Feb Mar Apr Aug Do not mail Patchwords to me. I will access Wyoming Patchwords Newsletter on the WSQG website www.wsqg.org. Do not mail the Quilt Wyoming brochure to me. I will access the brochure on the WSQG website www.wsqg.org. I am willing to be a Mentor to help other quilters or answer quilting questions (Contact information cannot be withheld.) I do not want my contact information to be listed in the password-protected WSQG Membership Directory on the WSQG website (Name and City will be listed.) Note Mentors and partial-year residents: This is not an option for you. I would like to be listed in another region other than my residence. Please list me in the region. I (If you are uncertain which city is in which region, check the map under Quilter Reources on the website www.wsqg.org. Send address/phone/email changes to the Membership Director, Sondra Nelson, WSQGmembership@yahoo.com Make \$20.00 Check Payable to WSQG - Mail to: Carol Kolf, WSQG Treasurer 363 Big Goose Road Sheridan, WY 82801

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President's Corner



This writing finds us moving into the months heavy with holiday activities, including finishing up those quilting projects that may be gifts and/ or festive décor. When your WSOG Board volunteer members aren't working on their own seasonal quilting, you can find them working for you, the membership. We currently have three committees in the works. Those include the Quilt

Wyoming Electronic Registration and Payment Committee, the Documentation Update Committee and the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. The latter is required to be done every odd-numbered year as per Section 8.2 of the Bylaws. If you have any input for any of these committees, please feel free to reach out to me.

This remarkable organization exists, thanks to volunteer members! As we celebrate the New Year, I encourage you to contemplate stepping up as a board member. Elections will be held in July for a handful of our positions, and we would love to have you! President-Elect, Nena James, will be publishing more information and reaching out for recruits, so stay tuned. She is your contact person with any questions regarding serving.



I hope your tryptophan plans include lots of family, friends, food and football. I'll be in the crowd with our daughter watching our granddaughter, the sole Wyoming representative, as she cheers in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. Following that, we'll be winging it (pun intended) so who knows if we will find anything representing turkey for dinner.

all a Happy Thanksgiving, the Merriest of Christmases, and a Happy New Year. ~Di

Di Wilsey (pronounced Will-See) Geer

With that, I wish you

I appreciate any and all suggestions. Verna Lawrence

Articles for the February - March 2025 issue of Patchwords are due by January 10, 2025 info@wsqg.org





Correction - Robin Brown's winning wallhanging was listed incorrectly in the October-November 2024 Patchwords as Vicki Brown. Big apologies to Robin and Vicki.

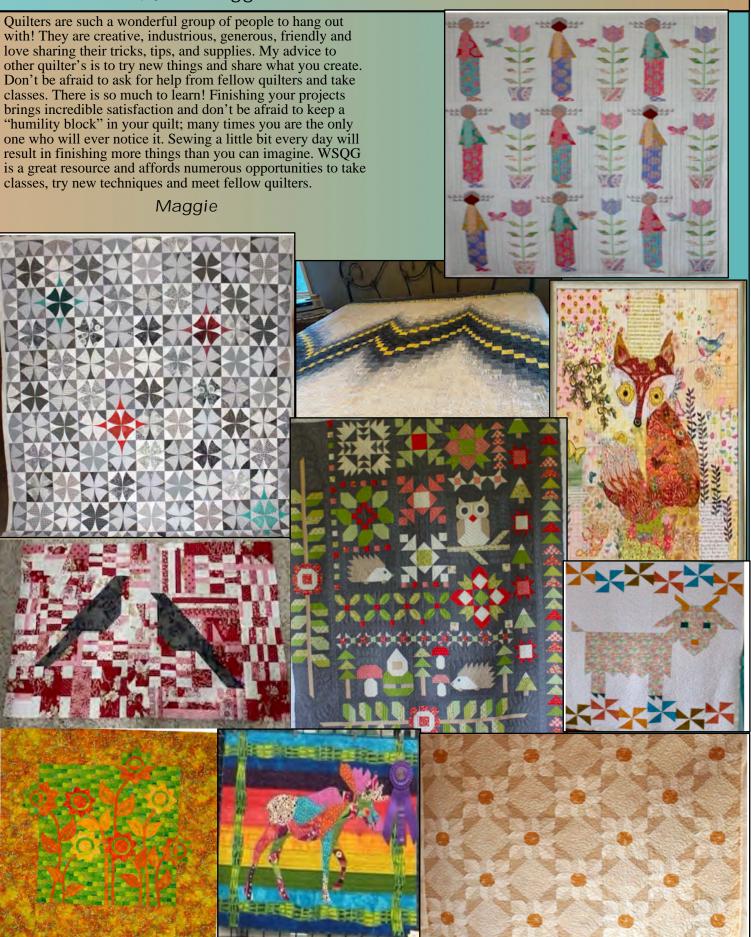
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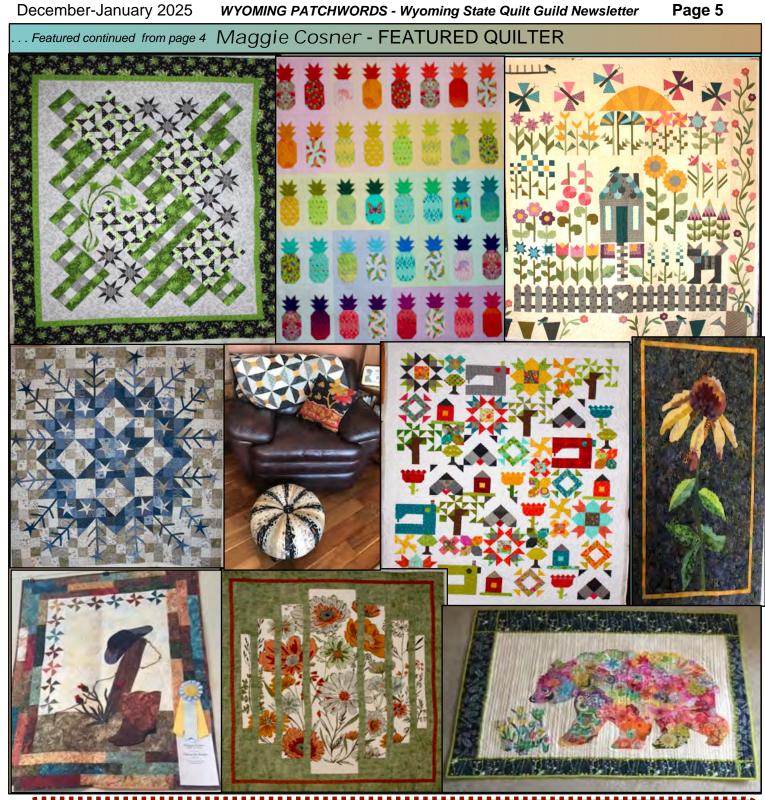
Salutations Fellow Quilters!

As the new librarian I'm seeking some assistance in finding titles for books for the libraries. If you find a title you like, send it to me and I'll check it against the list of books we have purchased in the past. I have two titles for children's books and I would like to get a couple more. The titles so far are "The Quilt Story" by Tony Johnston and Tomie dePaola and "Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt" by Deborah Hopkinson. It would be so nice to have the list completed so that it may presented at the board meeting in January. You may enter your suggestions on the website (Books tab) or directly to me verna.lawrence@yahoo.com.

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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

New Members: Jan Falzone-Deweese (C), Kaye Evans (OS), Keelyn Fawcett (OS), Ann Day (NW), Karin Walsh (NE)

Returning Members: Lynn Goodrick (SW), Lisa Millikin (SE), Marva Jo Mooney (NE), Angela McPherson (SE)

2024 Wyoming State Fair Winners: Alayna Mellin (C), Kelli Holmes (C), Verna Lawrence (NE)

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SOUTHEAST Cindi Young

Greetings Southeast Members! I would like to invite you to our Facebook page: **SE Region WSQG.** This is a place to connect with fellow sewing enthusiasts who are members of the Southeast Region. Share photos of your quilting/crafting projects.

Update from the Goshen County Quilters: Our Quilts Along the Platte quilt show was our 30th show. We presented over 140 quilts to our Army National Guard families at the show. Great job Goshen County!!!



Goshen County Quilters meet the second Saturday of most months at 9:00 am, at the Platte County Bank. Visit their Facebook Page for more information: Goshen County Quilters.

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30, Allison Hall, First United Methodist Church, 108 E 18th St., Cheyenne, WY 82009. Guests are welcome. Visit their website for more information. *www.chquilters.org*.

I am sure many of us are working hard on our Holiday gifts. A couple years ago I made over 50 bowl cozies for friends and family. I am not sure I will do that again! But in hindsight, I forgot to make one for myself. My suggestion to everyone who is busy making gifts, add something a little extra for yourself. We deserve to be spoiled also! Share your Holiday projects on the SE Facebook page or you can submit them to me. I cannot wait to see what everyone is creating.

Lots of great projects were worked on during the Fall Retreat (shown below). I think a good time was had by all! Mark your calendars! Southeast Region Retreat dates are set for 2025. Spring 2025 will be April 25-27. I am currently looking for class

ideas. The date for the Fall 2025 UFO retreat will be Oct. 3–5.

Make note that these are different dates than usual. I tried to keep in mind other retreats throughout the State.

If you would like anything about your groups or guilds or clubs submitted, please do not hesitate to send them to me. Until next time, friends!

> Cindi Young Cindiyoung69@gmail.com.



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QUILT EVENTS Add your event email: info@wsqg.org

February 8, 2025 Mystery Quilt 2025 Knights of Columbus Hall lynsbennet@gmail.com Sheridan, WY

February 24-27, 2025 NE307 Spring into Quilting Retreat Newcastle Lodge Newcastle, WY

March 3-29, 2025 Annual Johnson County Library Quilt Show Receive Quilts Feb. 28 10:00-6:00 pm; Mar. 1 10:00-1:00 pm Buffalo, WY

March 12-16, 2025 Quick Quilt Retreat Contact Kim: thequickretreat@gmail.com NWCC Powell, WY April 25-27, 2025 Southeast Spring Retreat Cindi Young cindiyoung69@gmail.com LCCC Cheyenne, WY

May 30-31, 2025 Quilting on the Green QuiltingontheGreen Wyoming @gmail.com Green River, WY

June 16-19, 2025 34th Annual Black Hills Quilt Retreat www.blackhillsquiltretreat .com/ Mallo Camp Black Hills, WY

June 25-29, 2025 "Day of the Quilt" Quilt Wyoming 2025 Contact Nena James njames@wyoming.com Western Wyoming Community College Rock Springs, WY

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The Quilt Wyoming 2025 Committee is seeking regional instructors to teach at QW2025 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, June 26-28, 2025. If interested, please send information regarding your teaching experience and proposed classes to Nena James at *njames* @wyoming.com or 1201 Hilltop Drive, Rock Springs, WY 82901.



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Northwest

Barbara Bunn & Ginny Singer

Fall is finally in the air! I hope everyone had a good summer.

Personally, I did a lot of traveling and yard work. So now I am looking forward to some quality time in my sewing room. We hope you have enjoyable and festive holidays this fall. The quilt guilds in this region are staying busy.

Paintbrush Piecers in Cody are staying busy! They did a round robin exchange. Each member that participated did a center block. It was then rotated through four other members to add borders of their choice. This was a fun idea with great results. They have decided to make quilts for Project Linus as their service project in 2025 and will have get togethers to work on batting, backing, binding, etc. The guild as a "group endeavor" will be working on finishing UFOs. We will keep a tally starting in January, and the three quilters who have the most points at the end of 2025 will receive a prize/gift from the guild. We're hoping this helps to encourage member to finish some of those old projects that are lounging around. Roberta gave a very interesting presentation about her recent trip to Kyrgyzstan, with a focus towards the felting process used there. She showed great slides and had several felted items for us to admire. Several members attended the last quilt retreat and had show-and-tell for the meeting.



The ladies in Thermopolis are starting up a guild again! It will be named **Smokin Waters Fabric and Fiber Guild**. More information will follow in the next newsletter. If interested contact Kathy Hammond at *kathyhammond4@gmail.com* or Joan LaFave at *ase7754@gmail.com*.

The Chatelaine Quilt Guild completed their round robin exchange. Three of the tops are shown below. They had two groups with four participants in each group. It was a great learning experience and introduced people to new techniques. In December they will have a holiday-themed quilt show, at the Meeteetse Museum, during Christmas in Meeteetse. They will have a party in Janaury to start the new year and plan the calendar for 2025 in January.



Fall is the season for quilt retreats and this year was no exception.

Hot Spot Retreat: We had a great time talking and sewing during our last retreat here in Thermopolis the end of September. So many talented quilters shared what they have created during show-and-tell each night. We even had some "flying rubber chickens."



The Quick Retreat was held at the Holiday Inn in Cody Oct. 23-27 with 65 participants. This is always a fun retreat with quilters from all over Wyoming, Montana, and a few other states. The show-and-tell is always a highlight!



The Friends and Company Retreat was held at the Holiday Inn in Cody Oct. 16-20. Thirty-five quilters and machine embroiderers worked hard for five days and finished lots of projects.



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The Northwest Region will host Quilt Wyoming in July 2026 in Powell. We have been hard at work planning a great convention and we hope you are all planning to attend. We have a great line-up of teachers planned and lots of other exciting events! (Sorry, but we cannot announce the teachers until QW25...We are counting the days until we can.)

I will leave you with some words of wisdom provided by Jennifer Golden at the Quick Retreat.

Have good holidays and stay safe and warm.

Ginny and Barb



Southwest Iris Jasperson

Wow! Did this fall go fast, or what?!

Gem and Quilt Show in Marbleton was held in October. It was

very well attended and hosted almost 80 entries. Take-and-make classes were offered on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The peoples' choice was awarded to Dan Barp.

Shout out to the **Sublette County** ladies and the folks at the Senior Center there for a great time!



Then there was the fall **Sew Quilty Retreat** sponsored by Dorie Cox and crew of BEst Kind Quilts and Embroidery of Evanston. This biannual retreat is held at the beautiful Bear Lake Inn. (We didn't have any storms this time!) The theme was Harry Potter and the participants did not disappoint! We had a mini collage class with Kaloni Dalton, a newly certified Laura Heine instructor! Moaning Myrtle even came to join us! The next retreat will be in April. Contact Dorie for more information.



The annual **Hunters' Widow Retreat** was held in Green River. I was unable to attend but received a report that the 18 ladies that could make it had a great time and learned many new techniques!

With winter at our front door, it's sewing season! Have you checked with your LQS to see what's new and what classes are being offered?

If you need some inspiration...rearrange your sewing space and move everything! I am moving from my basement to a *she shed* and let me tell you, I am finding things I forgot I had and getting things lined up to finish. I wouldn't have gotten this inspiration if I hadn't had to move everything. If your in a sewing funk, try it! Till next time...may your bobbin be full and your needle sharp!

Iris Jasperson



Those who are University of Wyoming Fans, I can do Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Table Runners. Sublimation designs

Checkout Longarm of The West Facebook and Web page as I add these as I complete the finished products

I have added another Bolt of fabric. Real Tree Fabric camouflage with the tree branches not the splotches. \$15.00 a yard while it lasts.

Town Hero Gnome fabric panel and the Garden Gnome panels. \$15.00 aa panel.

FABRIC. I have the Gnome Town Heros Panel and the Real Trea fabric.

Fabric I have collected from donations, estate sales, and garage sales are now being processed into Fat Quarters, Charms packs, jelly rolls, cake layes etc

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My supply order goes in on the 1st and 15th if you would like to place an order for supplies. I do have sewing needles and thread in stock.

QUILTS BY MAIL.

I am starting an additional area on my web page and Facebook. There will be an area where you can put your instructions of what you want on the quilt (design) Also keep in mind Custom Quilting for me could be customized design Pantogragh (Edge to Edge)

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CENTRAL April Pendleton & Mary Cottam

Happy Fall everyone! I hope everyone is getting ready for

Christmas! I Just retired! Now I can QUILT and QUILT and QUILT!

The Popo Agie Quilters had another of their popular retreats, Nov. 15-17, at the Senior Center in Lander. Konny Rosette taught the carpenter star quilt. They had carry-in food. The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 2.

The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild had to first postpone than cancel the fall retreat scheduled for October – sad day for our quilters. All due to the Fish Creek and Pack fires just west of town and the occupation of the Headwaters building to facilitate the fire operations.

They have been meeting at the Dubois Library for regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. The guild is looking into changing these Thursday night meetings to combine with their third Saturday of the month UFO meetings during the winter months (*i.e.*, November through April). No decisions have been made. They are still in the planning process to see what can be done or will work for the Guild. We will keep you all posted.

The guild started a Block of the Month (BOM) in November. The quilt is titled "America the Beautiful." It looks like a wonderful project. Their President's Challenge this year is quite interesting. They rolled the dice twice, to determine the color theme and block design, based on the number on the dice. They must make their "color" roll the predominate color in the piece. Other shade/hues and assorted colors may be added. The block can be just one or several. Whatever is chosen. It will be no larger than a crib size.

PHD Quilters in Douglas sponsored a community craft swap on Oct. 25-26. Donations were received from 30 people including fabric, notions, painting supplies, yarn, scrapbook supplies, embroidery, patterns, thread, and much more.





A total of 74 people attended the event on the 26th. Many left with bags and boxes of treasures. Even the children had their own bags of goodies.

We were asked if our event would happen again next year, We think it will because it was successful. Thank you to all the participants. *PHD Quilters*

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NORTHEAST Lyn Bennet & Cathy Stafford

It is time to warm up with jackets, gloves, and hats, or better yet, just hunker down in your sewing rooms with some hot tea or cocoa and fabrics galore. These are just a few of our favorite things!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NE307 Spring into Quilting Retreat Feb. 24th–27th. Mark your calendars and watch your email for the sign-up registration form. The retreat will again be held at Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center. Come join in the fun and maybe even get some of those UFOs completed.

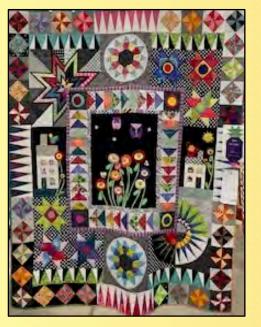
4th Annual Buffalo Winter Quilt Retreat will be held in January at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Be sure you have warm apparel and a healthy car battery. We were at -30's this last January and kept the car guy busy charging us up. But hey, it is Wyoming!!

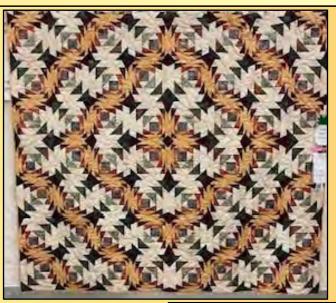
Sheridan 2025 Mystery Quilt will be held Feb. 8th at the Knights of Columbus Bingo Hall. Registration forms will be available in December at the Quilters Fix and in the Creative Fiber Guild December newsletter. Lyn Bennet will be hosting this year.

NE MEMBERS: PLEASE LET US KNOW OF EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!!

Oct. 5-6 NE WYOMING QUILT SHOW at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, was stunning! 388 beautiful quilts, 13 vendors, fabulous boutique, oh my! Maggie Cosner was the featured quilter and had a wonderful display of her pieces.

Check out all the winners and more pictures at the NE Wyoming Quilt Show facebook page.











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The Fiber Arts Show was held during the Month of October at Sheridan Co. Fulmer Library. This was a show featuring great talent of quilters and fiber art enthusiasts. The show included quilts, knitting, crocheting and other fiberrelated items.







The 2^{nd} Annual Fall Into Quilting Retreat sponsored by the Sew Sisters Quilt Shop in Buffalo, was held Oct. 28-31 at the Johnson County Fairground. There was fun to be had by all! Sewing, eating, show-and-tell, finger flicking chicken wars, LRC games, and plenty of laughter.



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Save the Date! Quilting on the Green 2025 May 30-31, 2025

We are thrilled to have Josephine de la Cruz Keasler as our featured instructor.

Josephine has exceptional skills in all areas of quilting including design, piecing techniques, and border options. She has an excellent awareness of color theory including value and texture, and she thoroughly enjoys assisting her students in the color/fabric selection for their projects.

Click on the quilts on this page to see a gallery of her beautiful quilts:

www.quiltworx.com/instructors/Josephine-keasler/

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REGIONAL NEWS



Party Line Project 2 is an art quilt challenge starting with a photo for inspiration. Carol Kolf, treasurer of WSQG and NE member participated along with five others. If this show is in your area it is worth a visit. These quilters are amazing.

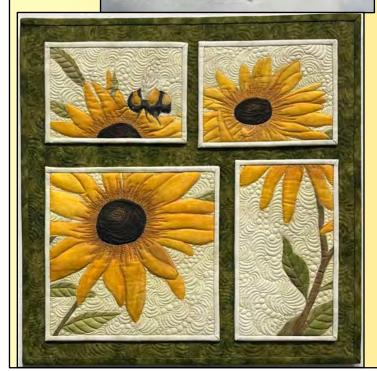
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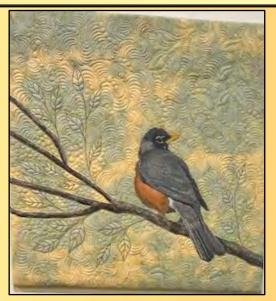
The Party Line Project 2 used the concept of the old game, Telephone, in this quilt challenge. The art quilts changed just as the story changed as each person relayed it.

Three different photographs by Cynde Georgen of Sheridan, Wyoming were used as inspiration for each group of 6. Each person only saw the photograph or the quilt before them and used that as inspiration for her quilt.

It is interesting to see the way people picked up on different design elements in the preceding piece and then altered them to create a new view. Please read the artists' statements to see what inspired each of them.

Members of the SACIA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) Wyoming Local Connection participated in this challenge.







Quilt Chicks a Gillette group has been hard at work making quilts for donation to tornado victims in Iowa and hurricane victims in Virginia. Quilters' generosities know no bounds. The smiles couldn't be bigger on these recipients

Buffalo Quilting Gals program for the October meeting was a mystery block called Circle of Squares, taught by Vikki Chenette. It was a fun block to make. November's program will be a 4-Sided Placemat taught by Bev Taylor. Just a reminder to please let your regional directors know what is going on in your local quilt groups. This is our chance to show everyone's talents. Also, if you need quilt supplies, check first with your local vendors. If they don't have something they can most likely get it for you.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Lyn & Cathy

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