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Quilt Wyoming 2025



Fiesta Designed by Karen K. Stone



QUILT WYOMING 2025 is right around the corner and the Southwest Region is excited to see you in Rock Springs on June 25-29! It has been ten long years since the

Southwest Region actually hosted Quilt Wyoming in Rock Springs and we look forward to having you here. We had a great event planned for 2020 which was cancelled due to Covid and we were fortunate to combine forces with the Northwest Region in 2021 to jointly host the event. But that's not the same as actually having you here in our region where we can show off Western

Wyoming Community College and everything else that this region has to offer.

The QW2025 Committee is working hard to put on a great event and we are currently vetting regional instructors and making final choices regarding classes.

In keeping with our theme, Day of the Quilt, Friday night's meal will be a fiesta with Mexican food and music. The program that evening will be



Karen K. Stone

presented by Karen K. Stone, the designer of the Cinco de Mayo pattern which we used for this year's Opportunity Quilt.

Our committee did everything we could to convince WWCC to allow QW participants to rent dorm rooms during the event. Unfortunately, due to deteriorating conditions of the dorms with ongoing repair and remodeling during the summer months, we will not have access to dorm rooms. We know that this may be an economic challenge for many quilters and we are doing everything possible to keep other costs

down. We have entered into contracts with three nearby local hotels to secure hotel rooms at reduced rates. That information will be in the brochure.

In addition to Quilt Wyoming, this area of the Southwest Region has a lot to offer you and anyone else who may be traveling with

you.



Western Wyoming Community College has an amazing dinosaur

exhibit with life-size replicas throughout the building. Rock Springs has a great recreation center and also a 27-hole golf course. There is hiking with opportunities to explore Boar's Tusk and nearby areas with easily accessible and well preserved Indian petroglyphs. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is nearby. Sweetwater County is rich in history including the Chinese Massacre and Butch Cassidy which are showcased in the Rock Springs Historical Museum and the Sweetwater County Museum located 15 miles away in Green River.

We have a lot of fun things planned for QW2025 and we promise to do everything we can to make this a memorable event for you. We hope to see you!

Nena James and Becky Drnas Co-Chairs

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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.

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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 to your current listing) send your contact information and teaching specialty directly to info@wsqg.org or complete the online form.

President's Corner



Hello 2025!

I'm excited to see in this new year that WSQG continues to make advances in what has been termed the "Digital Age." I proudly share the news that Quilt Wyoming 2025 will be the first to offer an electronic registration and payment option. Please know that paper and snail mail registration will still be

available, and the WSQG Committee, led by Ginny Singer, has taken all the factors into consideration to fairly process all applications.

Speaking of the Digital Age, with all positive things come the negative elements of society. I'm referring to scammers. Unfortunately, our WSQG Board and membership are NOT exempt from that type of low-life activity. And we are seeing a recent spike in their efforts to con us out of money. I'm sharing the following tips, should you receive an email that appears to be from a WSQG Board member. Please note that most often we see the subject line of Wyoming State Quilt Guild on these scams, and they always involve money transactions/requests of some sort.

- 1. Look at the email following the from name (you may need to click on the little arrow to the right of the "from name" to see the actual email address) and verify that it is the valid email for the sender named. Example: From: Di Wilsey Geer <*caestudillo@emya.mx*>
- a. Member email addresses may be verified on our website under Members Only/Membership. Board members with emails are also listed on the inside cover of *Patchwords*.
- b. If you take that action, you'll see the one shown above is NOT my email address-CLUE #1
- 2. If the email message reads something like the following, this is CLUE #2 that you are dealing with fraud:

"How are you doing? Are you available for assistance? I am out of the state now, and I have absolute confidence in you to handle this. The Wyoming State Quilt Guild needs to purchase gift cards to make donations to Veterans in hospice and palliative care units to buy coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention items. I'm responsible for the reimbursement. Would you like further information? I wish you happy holidays and health and happiness for 2025!!!"

- 3. Be proactive when the email address and message are suspicious. Take action as follows:
- a. Do NOT try to open any attachments or click on any links.
- b. Block the sender (in Gmail, use the *more* feature (three vertical dots top right) and drop down to block the sender. This blocks the email address, not the named sender.
- c. Do not click on links or attachments. Delete the email.
- 4. There is no need to report such emails to board members and please do not forward them on. Typically, the sender named has not been hacked, the scammers are simply using our name with their email address as in the example above.
- a. We are aware this is happening, and we are making YOU aware of the best actions for YOU to take when a scammer email has been received. We are sorry this is happening. Please be aware and alert when opening and reading emails. Take the quick recommended steps to eliminate. Then get back to quilting!
- ~Di *Di Wilsey* (pronounced Will-See) *Geer*

QUILT CAMP

Do you remember when you first learned to sew and when you finished your first quilt? Think back to that quilt. Who taught you? Where has your journey taken you?

WSQG provides many opportunities for learning and Quilt Camp is one of those activities that is supported by WSQG through funds available to members who are willing to plan and put on a camp.

Quilt Camp has evolved from being a "Kids' Quilt Camp" to a "Quilt Camp" that could include adults learning to quilt. The purpose is to introduce quilting to those who wish to learn, have fun and be creative. Funds must be requested by a WSQG member.

Leadership packet guidelines and the application to request funds can be found at *www.wsqg.org*. Funds will be considered for approval by the Board on a first-come, firstserved basis.

Meet with your quilting pals. Combine your talents and consider putting on a camp to grow our circle of quilters and keep our quilt stores busy!

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Quilt Wyoming 2025 Reminders

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Have you finished your challenge quilt?

Packets were sold at Quilt Wyoming 2024.

Let's see those finished quilts on display in

Rock Springs.

\$\$\$ Prizes

Plan to display your quilts at the quilt show at Quilt Wyoming 2025. Entry forms will be included in the brochure which should be mailed by March 2025.

Shop Owners: If you are interested in vending at Quilt Wyoming 2025, contact Susie Hermansen by email:

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Recognize an individual or a group for contributions to the quilting community.

Submit your nomination online or print the nomination form:

www.wsqg.org/golden-thimble-nomination

Nominations for open board positions may be submitted online (Officers & History tab) or to Nena James

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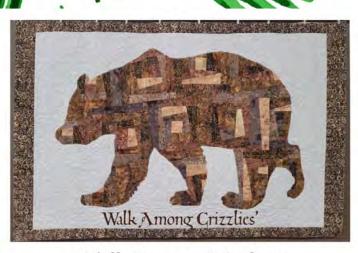
WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

New Members: Janet Harris (C), Rachel Miller (C), Kimberly Blackwell (NW), Pamela Johnston (NW), Cathryn Mayton (NW), Lori Ramseier (NW), Misa Siemons (NW), Katie Carmin (SE), Kathleen DeWeese (SE), Lisa Romsa (SE), Dee Salo (SE), Carolyn Locker (SW), Terrie Springman (SW), Marei Montalvo (OS), JR Wood (OS) Returning Members: Louise Taylor (C), Denise Smith (NE), Lisa Twitchell (SW)

2024 Wyoming State Fair Winners: Ginny Singer (NW), Sheila Sikkenga (NE)

Region	Nov. 2, 2024
Central	141
Northeast	207
Northwest	84
Southeast	179
Southwest	71
Out-of-State	57
TOTAL:	739

Sondra Nelson, Membership Director WSQGmembership@yahoo.com



Walk Among Grizzlies' 30"x 60" Designed By: Heather Hossack

Includes pattern, all fabric for top & binding.

Pattern Includes large print out of the "bear" no need to go to the print shop with this pattern.

This pattern is great to be able to make it a sampler quilt with the capability to place (10) 12" blocks on the Top & Bottom or (20) 12" finished block around the entire project.

Project uses the Wonky Log Cabin Ruler

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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.

Wow, it is already January when I am writing this. Those holidays flew by! My article this month is short, I apologize. I have a lot happening here at my household.

One item of importance: I will not be seeking re-election for a second term for Southeast Regional Director. Due to some extreme changes in our lives, I need to concentrate on my family. If you are interested in the position, please reach out to me or the WSQG President Elect Nena James *njames@wyoming.com*.

With the new year, how well is everyone doing with their resolutions? Mine this year seem simple enough, but I know this is something wherein I lack: "Just remember to breath!" I also make one for my quilting. It has been the same for several years, trying to declutter and finish. For January-March I do not start any new projects. I only work on those that have previously been worked on. So, here is to everyone on having a successful year of good times and great quilt making.

Email invites for the Spring 2025 retreat will go out the end of February. I will not accept payment until March 1, 2025. Please see the advertisement in the newsletter for the basic information.

Mark your calendars! **Southeast Region Retreat** dates are set for 2025.

Spring 2025 will be April 25 - 27. Demonstrations throughout the weekend

Fall 2025 will be October 3 – 5. UFO Retreat

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! Any time is stitchin' time!

Cindi Young
Cindiyoung69@gmail.com.



WSQG SE Regional Spring Retreat Laramie County Community College Friday April 25 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday April 26 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Sunday April 27 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The cost of the retreat is \$75.00 per WSQG Member – cost includes your very own 6-foot table at the LCCC Union Pacific Room along with 5 meals in the cafeteria. (Friday Lunch & Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, Sunday brunch). If you are not a Wyoming State Quilt Guild Member you will need to pay an additional \$20 Fee.

Out-of-Town attendees need to book their own accommodations for the nights. This is a UFO Retreat, no class. Bring your unfinished projects or start a new one.

No refunds for cancellations after April 10, 2025.

You must supply your email address so that confirmation and other pertinent information can be sent to you.

We will be hosting demonstrations throughout the weekend on several different techniques/types of quilting/sewing. If you are interested in sharing a 15–30 minute demo on something you are familiar with, please let me know.



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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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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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Call or Text 308-641-8638 leave a message I will return your calls at lunch time or after 4:30 pm. I get a lot of spam calls. Caller ID shows up I do not answer, so leave a number with your message.

REGIONAL NEWS



NORTHEAST Lyn Bennet & **Cathy Stafford**

The holidays came and went way too quickly this last year! Now it's

time to start planning for those spring retreats and events!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NE307 Spring into Quilting Retreat February 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.

Sheridan 2025 Mystery Quilt will be held February 8th at the Knights of Columbus Bingo Hall. Registration forms are available at the Quilters Fix and in the Creative Fiber Guild December or January newsletter. Lyn Bennet will be hosting this year. There is still room! Please contact Lyn for a registration form.

QOV National Sew Day is February 1st. Mark this day to sew on your QOV! You can do this from the comfort of home or you may have a group close to you that you can join in. Quilter's Fix in Sheridan and Sew Sisters Quilt Shop in Buffalo are both sponsoring sew day at their shops! NE - Please send Lyn or Cathy pictures. We would love to share them.

SAOA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) Sheridan Library month of February, Wyoming Connection will have a showing of art quilts. You will be able to see the Party Line Project II as well as beautiful art quilts made by members of the group.

29th Annual Library Quilt Display, Buffalo March 3rd-March 28th This is always a beautiful show. If you are in the area make a trip to the library!

National Quilting Month Open House and Demonstrations, Johnson Co Library, Buffalo - Saturday, March 8th,

2025 National Quilting Day Saturday, March 15th hosted by Sheridan at the Ramada Plaza. Forms will be available in the CFG newsletter, Quilter's Fix and Ace Hardware. Always a fun event and time to spend with quilting buddies.

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

I, Lyn, had the honor to present a QOV to my cousin at Fort Cavasos, TX. right before Christmas. She has been in the Army for 23plus years and just got promoted to CW3. The quilt



Hosted by the NE Wyoming Quilt Show, December Sew Days were on December 17 and 18 at the Campbell County Library Wyoming Room. They brought their projects, supplies, and holiday spirit for a fun sewing event.









New Year's Day sew day in Sheridan was hosted by Kandi Davis at the Knights of Columbus hall. Thirty-six women worked on a multitude of projects. We even had one who was doing a beautiful punch wool rug.





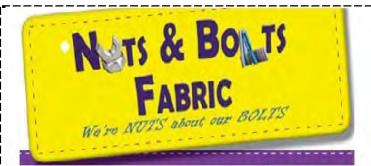


Happy Valentines Day!

Lyn & Cathy

has been in the planning for about seven years. Yeah, I tend to procrastinate. It is made with Snoopy fabric.



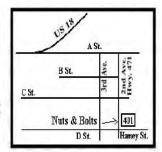


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Northwest

Barbara Bunn & Ginny Singer

It certainly does not feel or look like the beginning of January

here in Powell/Cody. However, it is cold enough to justify time at the sewing machine! We hope everyone had good holidays and safe travels.

It is time to start planning for the spring quilt retreats here in the Northwest Region:

The Quick Spring Retreat is scheduled for March 12th thru 15th, 2025. It will be held at Northwest College in Powell. Contact Kim Hicks for details at *thequickretreat@gmail.com*

The Hot Spot Spring Quilt Retreat will be May 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2025. Contact Joan LaFave at *ase7754@gmail.com* for more information.

The Friends and Company Spring Quilting and Embroidery Retreat will be March 20 to 23, 2025 at the Holiday Inn in Cody. Contact Friends and Company at 307-527-7217.

Another way to meet new people and get inspired is at one of the numerous quilt/stitching guilds in the area: Contact Ginny at *gsingerrph@gmail.com* for more information on any of these guilds.

Cody: Paintbrush Piecers Quilt Guild (PPQG) meets the Fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Cody Senior Center.

Cody: Textile Artists of Greater Yellowstone (TAGY) meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00 pm at the Park County Complex (above the Park County Library) in Room 2070.

Greybull: Loose Threads Quilt Guild meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Meeteetse: Chatelaine Quilt Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, 1116 Park Ave.

Powell: Crossroads Stitchers meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Glad Tidings Church (777 Seventh St).

Thermopolis: Smokin Waters Fabric and Fiber Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Gooseberry Gardens Quilt Shop.

Thermopolis: The Silver Stitchers meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Most of you already know that Backdoor Quilt Shoppe and Four Winds Quilt Shop in Billings sadly closed last year. We will miss both shops and the great staff at each shop.
There is a bright light on the horizon - two new sewing or quilting shops have opened in Billings:

Beartooth Sewing *www.beartoothsewing.com* carries quilt fabric and garment fabric, Bernina and Bernette machines, and offers classes in quilting, embroidery, garment sewing, and bag making. They are located at 1441 15th Street West (1/2 block north of Grand Avenue on 15th Street).

Yellowstone Sewing *www.yellowstonesewing.com* carries Brother, Janome, and Pfaff sewing machines and cabinets (no fabric). They opened January 7 at 111 South 24th Street West, Suite 4 (in Rimrock Mini-mall).

We wish them all the best of luck. Now our job is to support them so they will stay in business!

Keep safe and warm, and keep on sewin'.



Barb and Ginny

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No Report.



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CENTRAL
April Pendleton
& Mary Cottam

Riverton: the Wyo Star Christmas Party.



I had the absolute pleasure of spending two hours visiting with Shannon and Kevin Schilling and learning about **Red Rooster Laser Arts** located in Evansville, WY. Here is our discussion in a nutshell:

- 1. They have amazing lasers that cut FABRIC, appliques, craft wood shapes or letters, and also ETCH! (literally any shape you could possibly want). If they don't have it, they will create it for you. Check out the catalog on their Website. You will see exactly what they can etch onto, like your Grandma's sugar cookie recipe onto a cutting board!
- 2. Laser-cut fabric is about as perfect a cut as you can get; no distortion from rotary cutters.
- 3. You can get a stunning laser cut BLOCK OF THE MONTH. See lower right photo.
- 4. They have a printer that will perfectly print photos on fabric to use in wall hangings or quilts.

You WILL want to check out Red Rooster Laser Arts: www.redroosterlaserarts.com, 307-259-5994 email: sales@redroosterlaserarts.com



Also, an upcoming quilt show in Riverton. See the poster on the right.

Lander: The Popo Agie Quilters had a grand Christmas Party in December. There were so many Christmas blocks to share. There were three winners. Plans for a spring retreat were made at the January 20th meeting. The group has also chosen polka dots for the theme for the 2025 challenge project.



PHD Quilters (Projects Half Done) from Douglas and Glenrock presented a Quilt of Valor to two well-deserving veterans in November. Each member of PHD were given a piece of focus fabric and asked to make a 12-1/2 inch block using coordinating fabric. Blocks were put together to make two amazing quilts which were well received.

In December the ladies met and enjoyed yummy food and played a lively game of traders dice for their Christmas Party.

Throughout the year PHD quilters have been committed to making and donating lap quilts to the Hope Center in Converse County to be distributed to those in need.

They are also in the process of completing dignity quilt for Gorman's Funeral Home.

That's it from the Central District.

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February 24-27, 2025
NE307 Spring into Quilting
Lyn: Iynsbennet@gmail.com
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Receive Quilts Feb. 28 10:00-6:00 pm; Mar. 1 10:00-1:00 pm Buffalo, WY

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