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WYOMING STATE QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## Wyoming State Fair

The Wyoming State Fair was held Aug. 12-16 in Douglas with beautiful quilts and needlework on display. The WSQG opportunity quilt was also displayed with tickets sold. It was quite popular with the Wyoming scenes so beautifully pieced and appliqued.

New classes at the State Fair included a Heritage class that included several entries of beautiful historic quilts. The themed class "Wyoming Wildflowers" had multiple entries – a full-sized quilt, wall hangings and a clever basket.

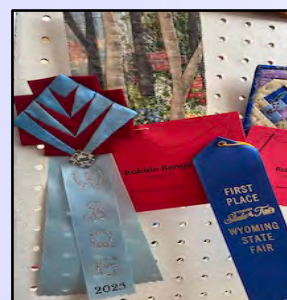
Many WSQG members enter their quilts and needlework, so if that is something you've never done, consider it! All kinds of classes exist and something always inspires someone! Anna, the superintendent strives to have quilts from all over the state and she and some of us travel to pickup/drop off items as requested. WSQG contributes cash for awards in 12 categories, including two youth awards. WSQG also donates a year's membership to WSQG to the winners.

Next year the theme is "Red, White and True." That is not a typo, it is true and not blue. Let your creativity guide you to a fun project to enter next August!

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State Fair WSQG Award  
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State Fair WSQG Award  
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State Fair WSQG Youth Award - Selah Miller



State Fair WSQG Award  
Sheila Sikkenga



State Fair WSQG Award  
Glenda Palmer



State Fair WSQG Award  
Rose French



State Fair WSQG Award  
Virginia Apodaca

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## Wyoming State Quilt Guild 2026 Membership Application

**Membership is valid from January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026**

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

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☐ I am willing to be a **Mentor** to help other quilters or answer quilting questions (Contact information cannot be withheld.)

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☐ I would like to be listed in **another region** other than my residence. Please list me in the \_\_\_\_\_ region.

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**363 Big Goose Road**  
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A WSQG member is one whose current dues are paid. The website password will be included with the Welcome Letter.

**Changes to your information may be submitted online or emailed to the  
Membership Director, Sondra Nelson, [WSQGmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:WSQGmembership@yahoo.com)**



## President's Corner



Fall is definitely in the air. Not only are days shorter and temperatures lower, but my urge to sew is stronger. Fall is a transition season, not just between summer and winter but between indoor and outdoor activities, for most of us. As a quilter and gardener I am always somewhat conflicted during spring and summer when there is so much that needs to be done in my yard. Because summer activities are seasonal it is often my sewing that takes a backseat to outdoor activities. Now once my yard is put to bed for the year I can focus on the things I love to do in the colder months — sewing, cooking, jigsaw puzzles etc.

Making time to sew is always a challenge, even in the winter months. There are many tasks that we all feel responsible for. It is easy for sewing to fall to the bottom of our to-do lists. A couple of years ago I was invited to join seven quilters who have a quilt retreat twice a year in a home in Spanish Fork, Utah. With six bedrooms, four baths, a fully stocked kitchen and a large room containing ironing stations, cutting tables, and individual sewing tables for each quilter, it is my idea of quilting heaven. Three and a half days devoted only to sewing is such a treat and is something that is virtually impossible to accomplish at home. After four nights away, we return home rested and replenished, with a lot of progress on old and new quilt projects.

Quilt retreats take many forms; some are overnight events while others are shorter. Some involve learning a new technique while others are a way for quilters to work on their individual projects. Regardless of the format, each retreat is an opportunity to get away from the responsibilities of daily life and focus solely on something we love.

Each retreat is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friends. I hope there is a quilt retreat in the future of each of you.

Many quilt retreats are made possible by financial assistance from the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. It is one of the many ways the WSQG fulfills its mission to “unite those who love the quilter’s art, to preserve the heritage of quilts and be a source of education.” As the Board again seeks a revision of the standing rules for regional events which protects the non-profit status of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild while recognizing and accommodating the individual needs of each region, I hope you will share your thoughts and concerns about this issue. Your input is important. The WSQG is your organization.

Please contact any officer or director if you have anything to say about this. In the meantime, enjoy the fall months and do your best to find time to sew!

*Nena James*

## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

### New Members:

Central (3): Margaret Hudson, Colleen Hilton, Loretta Miller  
Northeast (1): Vicki Brown  
Northwest (2): Rana Heredia, Rachael Geary  
Southeast (2): Joyce Engebretson, Janet Johnson

Members receive the bi-monthly newsletter either by accessing from the website or by mail. The password is not required to read Patchwords online. The current password is required to access the directory on the website [www.wsqg.org](http://www.wsqg.org). 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 or if you would like to be identified in another region. Use the Change Membership Information Form under the Membership tab on the website to request changes to your information ([www.wsqg.org](http://www.wsqg.org)).

<u>Region</u>	<u>Sept. 5, 2025</u>
Central	133
Northeast	193
Northwest	77
Southeast	171
Southwest	108
Out-of-State	<u>48</u>
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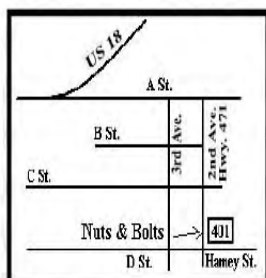
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## Wyoming State Fair

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State Fair WSQG Premier  
Youth Award  
Sienna Griebel



State Fair WSQG Award  
Debby Porter



State Fair WSQG Award  
Jean Schroeder (Heirloom Category, made by grandmother in 1914)



State Fair WSQG Award  
Sharon Kreycik



State Fair WSQG Award  
Michele Everts



2026 Opportunity Quilt 88" x 72"

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## Featured Quilter Deb Zelenak



Deb at Governor's Capitol Art  
Exhibition 2022  
"Greeting the Dawn II"

### Can you describe how you became a quilter?

In the late 1980's I made a Christmas tree skirt with squares and ties; at the time I didn't realize I was quilting. Then in 1993 when we were stationed in Germany, I took a beginner quilting class. Everything was sewn by hand. I couldn't even cheat because my sewing machine was in storage back in the United States. It is my oldest UFO (still needs to be quilted). My

However, with no knowledge or anyone to even ask for advice, I took my list to the BX (store on Bitburg Airbase) and went shopping for five fabrics. We all made the four same blocks but none looked the same because of fabric choices and how we arranged them. I had the most fun rearranging (and rearranging some more) the colors within the blocks. I didn't think I would ever get the drunkard's path block together because every time I moved one the whole design of the block changed.



First Quilt (oldest UFO)

real start was following my move to Wyoming in 2012. I was invited by Joan Peters to join Prayers & Squares. I started out simply pinning the backs to quilts and tying the quilts. Soon that wasn't enough and I just had to learn how to make the quilt tops. The rest is history.

### What techniques do you enjoy and what do you like most about quilting?

I enjoy most techniques, particularly learning something new, however binding is my least favorite part of the process. Designing is my favorite part. Whether it is picking out the colors and fabrics, modifying a pattern to make it larger or smaller or designing my own pattern. I like designing my own quilts. I'm easily bored making repetitive blocks. I lean towards what are considered art quilts. I have an artistic background as a wood carver/sculptor, and love to add 3D elements to my quilts. I'm a bit of a bird lover so birds are a common theme in my quilts.



3D Folded Sampler

### Describe your first quilt and what inspired you to choose that design?

My first quilt was the beginner's class I took in 1993. Since it was a class, I didn't get to pick the design.

### What awards have you received?

I have shown my art quilts in Face of Fiber 2023 and received a judge's award; Birds of a Fiber show at the Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum; the Rocky Mountain

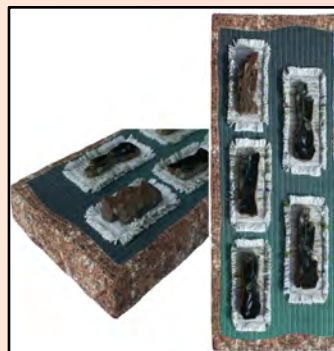


A Glimpse of the Past

Quilt Museum; the Brinton Museum's Birds of the Rocky Mountains; and the traveling SAQA MT ID Broad Spectrum shows. In 2022, *Summer Visitor* (Original



Greeting the Dawn I



On the Inside

Design in Needlework) and *3D Folded Block Sampler* (Fabric Art Kit) were selected as first place winners at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. I was honored to have two of my quilts, *A Glimpse of the Past* and

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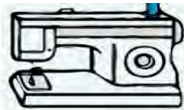
## Save the Dates!

April 19-27, 2026

Jennifer Golden is planning another bus trip to Paducah, KY.

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*On the Inside* in the 2024 Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition and *Greeting the Dawn* in the 2022 show. *Greeting the Dawn* was also published in the book, *Stitched Journeys with Birds: Inspiration to Let Your Creativity Take Flight*, in 2023.

### Who has inspired you?

Everyone! I'm always amazed at retreats, seeing what everyone has made. I always leave inspired by what I saw. I am a member of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). The members are all so talented and I'm inspired by all of them, but Kestrel Michaud is one of my favorite quilt artists. Janet Stone, love her whimsical "ewe" designs and that every block is different. I also like Laura Wasilowski for all her embroidery work.

### Describe some of your favorite quilting tools?

My seam ripper, *haha!* Not necessarily my favorite but probably the most used. Those who know me, know I'm a bit of a perfectionist, so I rip and fix even though I know on my galloping horse I'll never see it. But I'll know it's there and it will drive me crazy. I bought a pencil holder that sticks to my machine and holds my seam ripper perfectly so it never gets lost in my pile of scraps.

Scraps are a favorite too. Since I make a lot of my own designs/quilts I often have to figure out how it's going to go together first. I like to practice and make sure things are going to work the way I think before committing to the "good" fabric.

### List your favorite quilting books, including pattern books or quilting novels and why you favor them?

When one of my guilds has a challenge, I like to challenge myself by using a technique I haven't done before in the challenge. Therefore, I tend to purchase technique versus pattern books. I learn something new and am inspired to try new techniques.

*Intentional Thread: A Guide to Drawing Gesture and Color in Stitch*, *The Royal School of Needlework Book of Embroidery*, *Fabric Surface Design* are a few of my favorites. I also like Angela Walters' *Shape By Shape* books and Christina Cameli's *Step-by-Step Texture Quilting* for quilting designs.

### What advice do you have for beginning quilters?

Play and don't be afraid of mistakes. Learn techniques. When you take a class, don't take one with the goal of having a finished project at the end. Take classes for the techniques taught. Then use and

adapt them to your own work.

### Where do you hope your quilting journey leads next?

I hope to become a more confident quilter and get my stack of quilts quilted. I like doing the whole process myself but I am timid when it comes to the quilting. After spending all that time piecing I get quilting paralysis for fear of messing it up. My hesitancy comes from the vision I have in my head of what I want to quilt versus what I am capable of quilting. I know practice is the key, but setting aside time to practice is difficult when there are so many new quilts flying around in my head waiting to be set free.

### When did you join WSQG? 2014

### What are your favorite things about WSQG?

The people. Getting together and sharing with each other our love of quilting and the inspiration we receive from each other.



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Summer Visitor



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Wild Architects



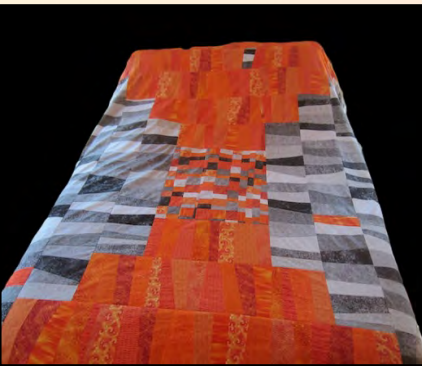
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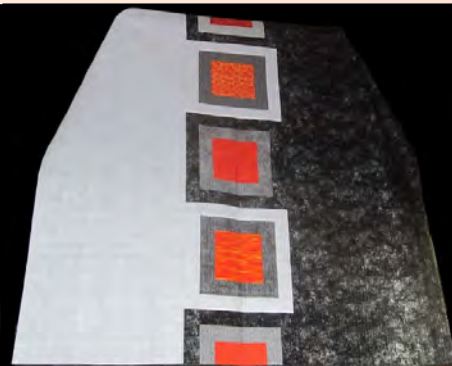
Chasing Butterflies



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Quilt for Son, Peter, Front and Back



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Never Sweat Needlers Sampler



QW Class



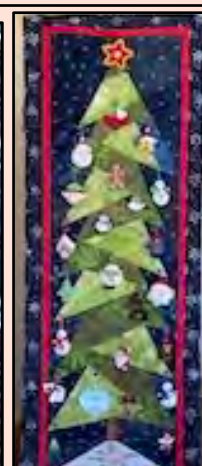
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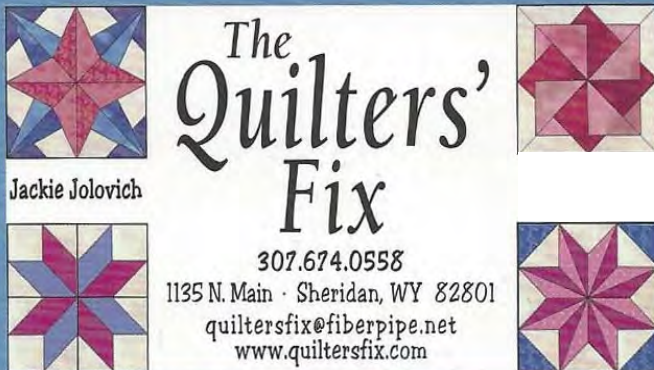
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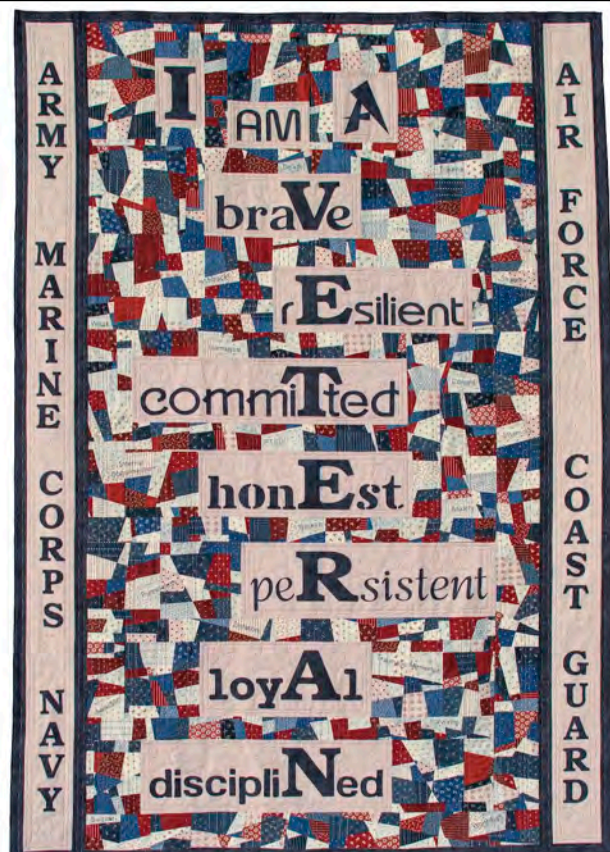


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Featured Quilter Deb Zelenak



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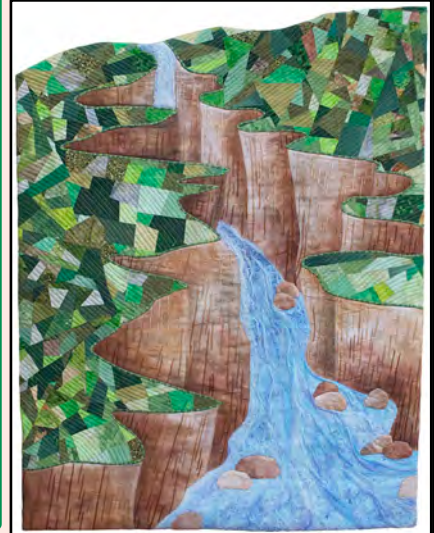
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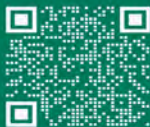


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## REGIONAL NEWS



Diana Clark

Cathy Wissner

## SOUTHEAST

**Cheyenne Heritage Quilters:**

Michele Evert, a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor, presented a program to the Cheyenne Heritage Quilters on *Judy Niemeyer Made Easy* in July. Michele is from Fort Laramie, Wyoming. She is a "Pieced to Perfection" paper piecing quilter and Quiltworx certified instructor (a two-year program). She introduced the club to *Quiltster* a subscription-based fabric auditioning website.

The Sept. 2 meeting will host guest speaker Diana Fox. Her topic is on "The Art of Quilting." There is a \$5 guest fee. The Oct. 6 meeting will host Diane Harris, The Stash Bandit, as the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Extraordinary Scrap Quilts." There is a \$5 guest fee. On Oct. 7 Diane Harris will be giving a presentation, "Intro to Improv Scrap Quilts." This class filled quickly. On Nov. 3 Marcia (Martie) Nowell, will be giving a program on "Studio 180 Rulers." There is a \$5 guest fee.

Registration for the southeast regional retreat, Oct. 3-5, was opened on Aug. 1. It was filled by Aug. 11. The retreat is being held at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne. There is a wait list.

The Cheyenne Heritage Quilt show was held Aug. 21-23 at the First United Methodist Church. The show displayed 114 quilts. This year's show challenge quilt was "What is your birth sign month." Eleven quilters entered. The show's featured quilter was Carole Gardener.



The Cheyenne Heritage Quilters also host an open sew day once a month either at First United Methodist Church or the library (along with paper piecing and community quilts).

The Burns, Wyoming, Public Library hosted a, "History of Quilts," program on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

**Goshen County Quilt Guild:**

The Goshen County Quilt Guild is planning a fall retreat which will take place at the Scottsbluff, Nebraska, YMCA Camp from Oct. 31, to Nov. 2. Cost is \$130 per person. Currently they have 30 signed up and have closed registration. There will be no class instructors, but some fun games will take place.

They hosted "Kid's Quilt Camp" June 16-20. The camp was for beginners with no sewing experience to children with some sewing experience. There were nine children at camp. They have a room secured for the 2026 kids' sewing camp. A color theory class is planned for the November meeting. Next spring there will be a class, possibly Marla Marx will teach. An April bus trip is planned to Paducah, Kentucky.

They will be hosting the "Quilts Along The Platte" quilt show Sept. 21-23 at

the Rendezvous Center at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Admission is free. They are expecting 150 quilts for their show.



Goshen County Quilters distributed 180-plus Quilts of Valor to local veterans in 2024. Currently they have 75 members.

**Encampment Quilters:**

On Oct. 17, the Encampment Quilters are partnering with the Platte Valley Arts Council, School District #2 and BOCES to bring a "Laura Heine Fabric Collage Class" to the Valley! Aaron Wentz is a certified Laura Heine instructor and will spend two days teaching us the special technique. For registration, supplies, and cost details, call Stacy Erickson at 307-339-3033 or email [serickson@crb2.org](mailto:serickson@crb2.org). The Encampment Quilters are an informal group with Vonda Wieburg as the organizer. They meet every Monday at the Encampment library for a sewing and social day.

**Laramie Art Quilters:**

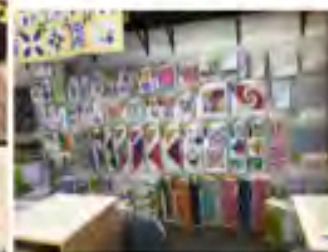
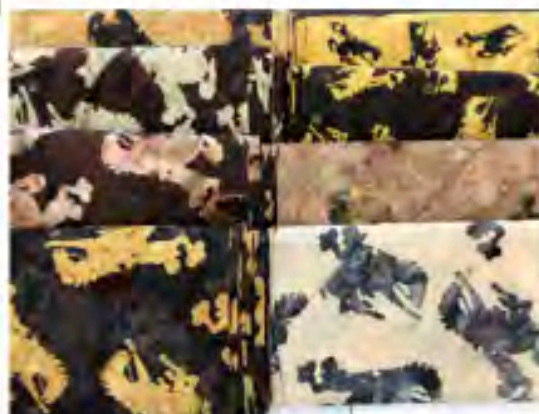
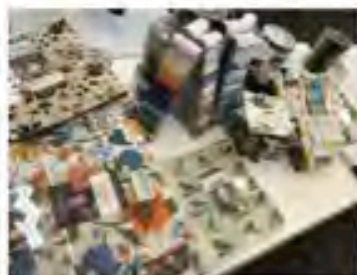
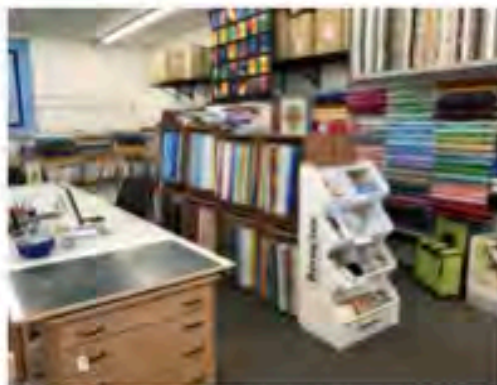
The Laramie Art Quilters held their show Aug. 15-17. The title of the show was "Un-Common Threads" at the SOK Gallery in Laramie. The show had 14 artists displaying an amazing diversity of impactful and beautiful art quilts. While the show was small the "Wow!" factor was huge.



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## REGIONAL NEWS



Kristi Smith

Robin Wacker

## NORTHEAST

With county and state fairs over, school bells ringing and yellow buses dotting the streets, signs of summer ending and fall beginning are everywhere. Soon we will have cooler weather and more sewing time to get Christmas projects done. It seems summer zoomed by.

**Strawberry Patch** (Newcastle) had two QOV presentations.



Bev Lliteras won entrepreneurship of the year for the State of Wyoming and won the Hall of Fame inductee for Newcastle.



They will be vending in Torrington on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> at the quilt show and in Gillette at the N.E.W. show. Watch for the trailer with the big strawberries. Come by and say "hi."



There will be a quilt-a-thon in February. Check for details on Facebook along with upcoming classes.

They would like to say "thank you" to all who participated in the Wyoming Shop Hop. Your business and faces brings joy to their small town.

**Heirlooms by Design** (Gillette) has a big announcement.

They are going to be a Bernina sewing machine dealer. If you have a guild function and need your machine serviced, they will travel to you, but would need to service at least five machines. Otherwise, you can bring your machine to the shop. They will be having an open house later to announce this. Be sure to check them out. They will be having a Mystery Quilt class taught by Deb Kipp on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be vending at the N.E.W. Quilt show in October so stop by.



**Sew Sisters** (Buffalo) are keeping busy. They finished the bargello class and will have another one Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.



They also just wrapped up a placemat class.



They are getting ready for the holiday season with a snowman runner Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and will

have another class in November, dates to be announced. Kits will be available for both classes.



They will be doing their *Fall into Fall* retreat Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be going out soon.

The **Buffalo Quilting Gals** put on a windsock class in the Kearney Hall in Story. Everyone had a good time.



Kristi and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Newcastle Retreat** in Newcastle on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table runner class taught by Sherry Walters and Laura Hampton. Kits will be available by request on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> with the retreat starting on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Strawberry Patch will be hosting a get together. More information to come.

Fall into sewing,

*Robin Wacker & Kristi Smith*





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My supply order goes in on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Pantograph (Edge to Edge )

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## REGIONAL NEWS



Roberta Oliver



Cyndy Jahn-Thomas

## Northwest

Hello everyone! Summer is (almost) over. With the cooler weather, hopefully we will soon have more indoor time to spend quilting! The guilds and fiber arts groups in the Northwest Region have continued to be busy as summer is winding down.

Anna Sapp from Powell, along with her sister Juanita presented a class Dyeing with Natural Plants. Cody, Powell, and Meeteetse guild members attended and learned a lot about dyeing with plants that are found in our yards and local environment.

Members of **Paintbrush Piecers** in Cody that attended QW 2025 brought samples to our July meeting of the work, quilt blocks and quilts they made in classes at Rock Springs. They also shared handy tools and tips that they received from the national and regional teachers. Other members commented on the inspiration that this gave them! In September, Lili presented an informative program on finishing your quilts. This included everything from some border tips, squaring your quilt, making a label, and making and attaching a hanging sleeve. We all like to make the tops but sometimes careful execution of the final touches are what makes the quilt! Guild members continue to make progress on our individual UFO lists.



A "treat" at our August meeting was several students who attended the Summer Camp in Cody showing their quilts that they had designed and pieced, and entered at the Wyoming State Fair. These quilts were amazing, not only in technique but also color and design! As always, thank you to the volunteers from our guild and the grant from WSQG for the summer quilt camp experience.



July and August have been busy for the **Chatelaine Quilt Guild** in Meeteetse. At the July meeting, they displayed the finished "Buffalo" quilt that was donated to the Meeteetse Museum as a fundraiser. The museum is selling raffle tickets with the drawing occurring during *Christmas in Meeteetse* on Dec. 6. Tickets are available online [www.meeteetsemuseums.betterworld.org/giveaways/buffalo-quilt-raffle](http://www.meeteetsemuseums.betterworld.org/giveaways/buffalo-quilt-raffle).

Michelle Quick of Cody presented a wonderful program on hand quilting. After a short trunk show (yes, they got to see her first hand quilting stitches) they were able to try their hand at hand quilting. Some members were hooked and have taken off with this skill to finish some of their projects. The August meeting focused on different methods and products to achieve flat seams in quilts.

During the annual Labor Day quilt show, held at the Meeteetse Museum, there was a special presentation. Ellen Burkhart, one of the members, lost her battle with cancer this past fall. Guild members made blocks in her memory. They put together a quilt. This quilt hung in the Hyattville quilt show and again over Labor Day. On Labor Day, they presented the beautiful quilt to Ellen's husband, Matt. Many of our members were present.

**Loose Threads Quilt Guild** presented a quilt show at the Big Horn County Fair, restarting a tradition that fairgoers had missed the previous few years. Quilts and other fiber arts were well represented. It was well attended. We hope this show will continue as it was always a highlight for many people who attend the fair.



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**Cyndy Jahn-Thomas &  
Roberta Oliver**



**Iris Jasperson**

## SOUTHEAST

WOW! Summer sure went by in a hurry and now it's back to cooler weather and staying inside to get a little quilting done! Looking for a little adventure? Check out your LQS and find a class doing something you have never done before!

**Sweetwater County Quilt Guild** just held their meeting and are still working on finishing UFOs every quarter. This quarter is due on Sept. 25 and the next UFOs for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be chosen! I hope in January they will share some pictures with us! They are preparing for the upcoming 2026 Museum Project. Every year the guild does a project to hang in the county museum for two months following a suggested theme. The theme for 2026 is "shelter". Participants will be making wall hangings that represent what that word means to them.

**Sew Quilty Retreat**, sponsored by BEst Kind Quilts and Embroidery is again hosting not one, but two retreats in October. Spaces are open for the retreat scheduled for Oct. 16-20. This fall the retreats will be held in Evanston. The fall class schedule will be online soon so keep an eye out for that.

**On The Trail Shop Hop** is held every year at the end of September. This year

the dates were Sept. 15-27. This Hop involves shops from western Wyoming, southeast Idaho and northern Utah.



**Young At Heart** quilting group is working on a group quilt for a fundraising raffle. Quilts were also sent to those displaced by the Red Canyon fire near Thermopolis.

**Broken Art and Glass** in Big Piney would like me to let everyone know they are still around. This has been a slow summer. Please call ahead to make sure they are open (the owner is also a figure skater). She is venturing out to offer glass and resin classes around the country. This is a great way to get a taste of stained glass on a beginner level. She is working on fall and winter classes.

Just a reminder that this will be my last year as your SW Director. If you have an interest in serving, please contact me for more information!

**Upcoming Events:**  
Gem and Quilt Show in Marbleton - Sept. 26-27  
Sew Quilty Retreats in Evanston,  
Session A: Oct. 16-20  
Session B: Oct. 23-27

I hope everyone has a great fall, and are safe from the many fires! The Dry Creek fire over here was contained about three miles from our house..(as the crow flies). We were never in any immediate danger.

Now drag out those UFOs, do a good clean on your machine and lose yourself in the hum of stitching. Until then, may your needle be sharp and your bobbin full!

**Iris Jasperson**



There's a new quilt shop in Worland: Sew Crazy Fabric LLC. Megan Huber is the owner and she has started up the shop in the garage area of her residence at 1001 Coburn Ave. If you want more info before heading to Worland, like Megan's store hours, you can contact her at 406-491-1570) or [sewcrazyfabricsllc@gmail.com](mailto:sewcrazyfabricsllc@gmail.com).

From the chairperson of the QW 2026 which will be held in Powell: Invitations have been sent looking for Regional Teachers for QW2026. If you would like to be considered as a regional teacher at QW2026, please contact



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**When?** Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
 Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where?** Patio Room, Holiday Inn, Rock Springs, WY

**What?** Josephine Keasler, a certified Laura Heine instructor, will be teaching a collage class. Attendees must have a Laura Heine pattern and the fabric necessary to complete it. It is recommended that participants purchase a Laura Heine kit but it is not required. Josephine has some patterns that she can sell at a discount. If you are interested, please email Josephine at [josephinesquilt@aol.com](mailto:josephinesquilt@aol.com)

**Cost?** \$40.00 for WSQG members; \$60.00 for non-members. Non-members may purchase a membership (\$20.00) in the WSQG prior to the class, online or by mail.

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Priority will be given to WSQG members in the Southwest Region.

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## Quilt Camps - WSQG Sponsored

Several quilt camps were sponsored by WSQG in Cody, Evanston and Lyman. There were entries of these projects in the 4-H and the open show categories at the State Fair. Photos will be added to the website when they are available.

There are still funds available for quilt camps, so if you know of any groups wanting to conduct a quilt camp, please visit the [www.wsqg.org](http://www.wsqg.org) website and click on Quilt Camp or contact me for more information.

It's so rewarding to see our youth involved in quilting!

*Jean Schroeder, Director At Large*  
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## REGIONAL NEWS



### CENTRAL April Pendleton

It is officially retreat season! I am excited to have so many retreats planned this Fall! It is a time to see your friends and meet new friends that are just as crazy about quilting as you are!! If you have not gone to a quilting retreat, I strongly encourage you to find one to attend this Fall. You will not be disappointed.

There will be a planning meeting for **Quilt Wyoming 2028** on Oct. 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the new quilt shop in Casper, **Divine's Sewing World**, 4801 East Second Street, Suite 206, Casper, WY 82609 (307) 333-1795 [divinesewingworld@gmail.com](mailto:divinesewingworld@gmail.com)

**The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild** members put on an outstanding 30<sup>th</sup> Quilt Festival Aug. 8-10th. Quite a few compliments were heard from attendees. They love coming to see the show every year. Many commented what a nice show it is. The Boutique and Cowboy Auction did an amazing job this year! All of the beautiful quilts were on display. Great job Ladies!! This year's quilt benefit recipient was the Little Lambs Day Care in Dubois. Thank you to all who bought tickets for the raffle!! A very grateful "thank you" to our vendors who travel to Dubois to make the show even better every year ... who doesn't love to fabric shop!

They now meet for a combined UFO and monthly meeting on the

3rd Saturday of the month at the Crowheart Community Center.

**Crossroads Quilters** in Casper will be presenting 12 Quilts of Valor to disabled veterans on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at the Ramkota in Casper. These 12 veterans were invited to Wyoming by Hunting with Heroes Wyoming, whose mission is to give back to our nation's disabled veterans by honoring them with unique hunting, fishing and other outdoor experiences. They will also be presenting 13 Quilts of Valor to disabled veterans on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at the Mills Firehall in Mills. These 13 veterans were invited to Wyoming by HEROS Outdoors, a non-profit organization, led by retired service members, that is dedicated to providing therapeutic recreational activities for Veterans, First Responders, & Goldstar Families.

**Crossroads Quilters** meet every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to create quilts for local veterans and service members. They welcome everyone to come and create Quilts of Valor. The fabric is provided for the tops and backing, as well as the batting. For more information, contact Jenny Vass at 307-259-8321. They receive so many heartfelt thanks from the veterans when quilts are presented. They appreciate being recognized for their service and sacrifices.

**Binding Friends Quilt Group** has had a full year of activities so far this year. Their regular monthly meetings this year consisted of a few techniques. They have discussed post cards, book marks, quilt labels and had a wonderful talk on disappearing blocks. The ladies are helping with donation projects. They delivered over 60 clothes covers to assisted living facilities and are currently working on quilts for the battered women's shelter. They do Saturday classes. Recently they did a collage class and had a great time. Invites were sent to local shop owners to share plans, ideas and updates on what is going with them.

**The Popo Agie Quilters** will present their annual quilt show at the Lander Senior Center on Sept. 20 and 21. This year's show will include short demonstrations by both vendors and members. There will also be a silent auction featuring a variety of quilted items.

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