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Scott Flanagan, Featured Instructor, Quilt Wyoming 2026 - Powell, WY



Scott and Soaring Voices - Pattern and Scott's collection fabrics used, "Quilting is My Voice." 10% of monies from the pattern and other patterns in the collection, and the fabric line, go to Dysphonia International, to support research into treatments and cures.

Scott Flanagan grew up in Colorado. He moved to Fremont, NE, 20 years ago to attend college. While in college he took a job at Country Traditions so he could make some graduation quilts and save money. It was during his 17 years there, that Scott kick started his design company, **4th & Main Designs**, which has expanded from patterns to books, fabric and more.

Scott learned to sew at the tender age of seven from his maternal grandmother – how to sew a straight seam and how to press that seam. Her love of quilting was an inspiration for him and his quilting.

When he was hired full time at the quilt store in Fremont. He was encouraged to go deeper into the quilting industry. In 2011 Scott decided he might as well make some money from his sewing. He designed his first two patterns which sold at the store. This led to his submitting patterns to magazines, to which he got lots of turndowns. Finally, Scott got a call from *Quiltmaker* magazine – they wanted to include him in a special issue featuring male quilters. That branched out to his patterns being accepted in partner magazines, *Fons and Porter* and *McCalls*. 2020 found Scott contracting with Northcott and Banyan Batiks to do a block of the month for his Illusions quilt.



Illusions

The same day he was discussing the block of the month, Banyan Batiks called him and asked him to design a fabric line. The same day, his editor from *Quiltmaker*, who had changed jobs to work with *Quilter's World*, a new magazine, asked Scott for a submission for the first issue. She thought

he should create a book too! All in one day – block of the month contract, asked to design a fabric line, a request for submission for a quilt magazine's first issue, and the suggestion he should write a book!

Things have only expanded from there. On December 31, 2023, he resigned his position with Nebraska Quilt Company. He now travels the US doing speaking engagements and classes for shops, guilds, and whoever wants to hire him. He also vends at quilt shows around the country. In 2024, he traveled 37,000 miles to over 35 states. Every summer, from May through Labor Day, he leads a free quilt-along on his Facebook page and through his website, www.4thandmaindesigns.com.

On a more personal side, in 2017 Scott was diagnosed with a voice disorder, spasmodic dysphonia. This has affected his speaking, leaving him without a clear speaking voice. He has used his quilting as a means of healing and communicating. Scott has found a family in the community of quilters. This family has helped him through the darkest days of his disorder. He has held fundraisers to raise awareness and support, as he has struggled with this condition.

Scott has two things he likes to tell people at the beginning of his lectures and classes. First, a project is only hard if someone tells you it's hard before you begin. Second, you learn some of the best lessons from mistakes you make along the way. He says he has always lived by these two rules, and they have never failed him yet. We are pleased Scott will be joining us for Quilt Wyoming 2026 in Powell at Northwest College on July 8-12, 2026. We look forward to his classes and lecture and what he will be sharing with us.

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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

New Members:

Central: Rebekah Anthony, Mitzi Hailey

Northeast: Darlene Feters, Laurie Karm, Erin Litton

Northwest: Simone Bauer, Dawn Gilbert, Jennifer Horton, Rusty Hughes; **Southwest:** Dominique Egbers, Josephine Keasler

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<u>Region</u>	<u>Oct. 28, 2025</u>
Central	135
Northeast	197
Northwest	81
Southeast	170
Southwest	109
Out-of-State	<u>51</u>
TOTAL:	743

Sondra Nelson, Membership Director
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Articles for the February-March 2026 issue of *Patchwords*
are due by January 10, 2026 - info@wsqg.org



President's Corner

As I drove home yesterday from the Board of Directors meeting in Casper I thought about how the WSQG has grown since 2018 when I first went on the Board as the Southwest Regional Director. If I remember correctly, at that time there

were only around 400 members in the WSQG. At yesterday's meeting we found out that we now have 743 members! What a huge increase (almost double) in less than ten years.

Even more remarkable to me was the increase in membership in my region. The Southwest Region historically had the fewest members compared to each of the other four regions, and we often had fewer members than the out-of-state category. Now we are 109 members strong.

I believe the membership growth overall is due to several factors such as an increase in the quantity and quality of regional retreats, the perseverance of local shops in providing quilters with such a variety of creative options, the hard work and dedication of our Board members, the connections we foster in our local guilds and the enthusiasm and creativity of our members. We each have a

responsibility to help sustain the growth of quilting in Wyoming by shopping at our local quilt stores, joining our local quilt guilds, signing up for regional retreats and Quilt Wyoming and — most of all, continuing to share our enthusiasm and energy with each other. It's contagious!

And here's something I think is really interesting. Wyoming has a population of around 500,000 people and the WSQG has 743 members. Utah has a population of about 3.5 million people, yet its state guild has only about 500 members. That really says a lot about the quilt culture in our state.

Even though July seems far away, it will be here before we know it. At the annual membership meeting in Powell, the positions of president elect, membership director, director at large, and directors for the central and southwest regions will be on the ballot. I hope everyone will consider volunteering for those positions because the WSQG is only as strong as its members. Please contact Julie Haptonstall, our President-Elect, if you are interested in serving.

The holidays are just around the corner. I hope all of your holidays are peaceful and happy, and shared with family and friends. Thanksgiving is especially meaningful and I hope you, like me, are thankful for the Wyoming State Quilt Guild.

Nena James

Wyoming State Quilt Guild 2026 Membership Application

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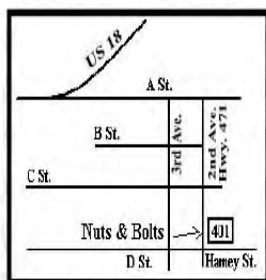
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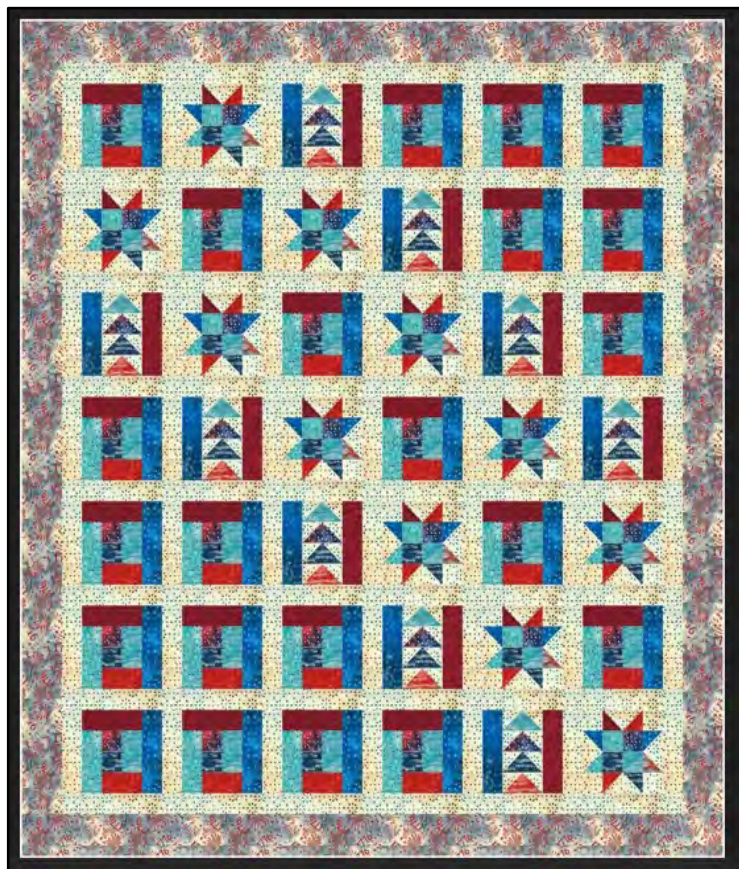
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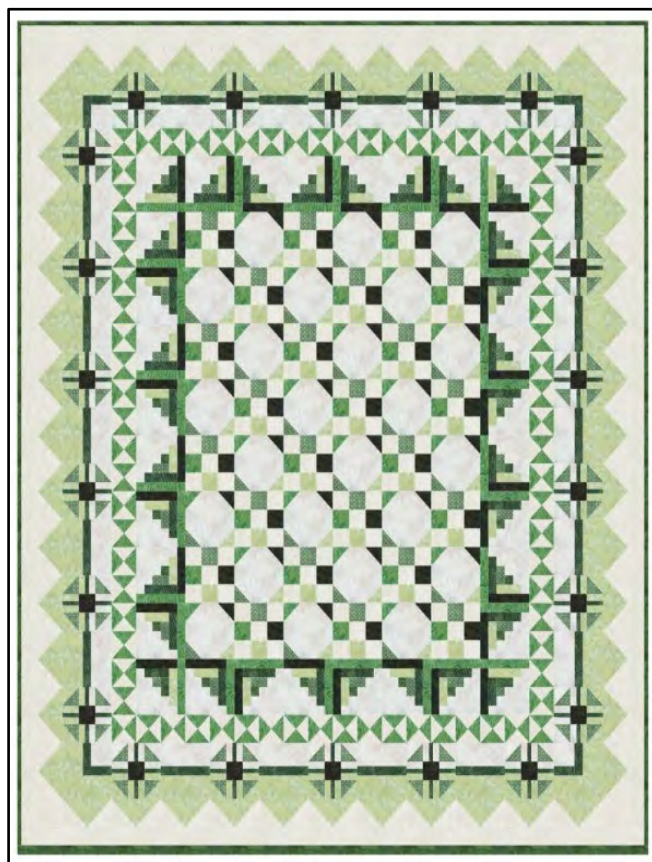
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Featured Quilter Jean Gorman



Jean Gorman with her Quilt of Valor

Once upon a time in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, my journey with needle and thread began in my parent's home. I started with latch hook rugs, needlepoint, counted cross stitch and a tiny splash of embroidery. Both my father and mother were very supportive and funded my endeavors much to my delight. At age ten, my mother, MaryAnn, a fabulous seamstress, enrolled me in 4-H and so began the push and pull between two first born women as she taught me how to sew many a garment, when I'd rather be doing something else. I'm sure some of you may have experienced this with your mother and/or offspring. I'm glad she was persistent as I was awarded a trip to Chicago as the 1985 South Dakota 4-H Congress delegate in Fashion Revue.

As the next chapter unfolded, I graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in Home Economics Education. I started teaching at Campbell County High School in Gillette. I soon met a handsome Wyoming native, Brent, who is now my husband of 34 years. Well, like I wasn't busy enough planning a wedding, I decided to use a convenience leave day and take my very first quilt class from Cynthia Saunders, owner of And Sew On in Gillette. It was a green and peach Lover's Knot pattern. I learned the basics of cutting and piecing. Always a networker, I called Patti Knotts and asked if I could stop by and get advice on the border as I was angling the corners. Ever the patient and kind teacher, she instructed me in the best way to complete the border and binding. Cynthia had told me everyone should hand quilt at least one quilt. I started and then sent it to the long-arm quilter.

The next chapter of life included welcoming three beautiful daughters to our family and Brent building two log homes for us. Quilting took a back seat during this time. Once

again I signed up for a class at The Quilt Nook in Gillette with Bonnie Vidick. The pattern was called Puzzle Quilt.

County and state fairs have always been a source of inspiration for me and a time to connect with friends and family. In 2002 I became the Campbell County Superintendent of Needle and Fancy Work, a position I still hold. I'm in awe of the beautiful pieces of fiber art that we display every summer. After being in this position for several years I learned that Patti Knotts was a former superintendent of this department. I was humbled to be selected at the NEW Quilt Show for the Patti Knotts Award. She was a beautiful person and piecer.

In the Fall of 2012 I joined the Quilt Chicks after meeting a few "chicks" at the NEW Quilt Show. They are an awesome bunch of ladies that are so talented! Their kindness and willingness to help, willing to help with any quilting question to sharing a new recipe, warms my heart. In 2016, a Quilt Chick, shared a website called Quiltville and so began my new path as a follower of Bonnie K. Hunter and her scrappy mystery quilts. Lori Holt, Bee in my Bonnet, and Edyta Sitar, Laundry Basket Quilts, are two other quilters I favor. When I quilt I listen to audiobooks and have completed the Elm Creek Quilts series by Jennifer Chiaverini. Techniques I enjoy are machine appliqué and paper piecing, however I must switch up occasionally to break up the monotony.

I joined Heartfelt Quilt of Valor in 2025 and presented two veterans with quilts, so far, my father, Gregory, and friend, Terry Anderson.

In 2014, I joined the Wyoming State Quilt Guild and have attended three Quilt Wyoming's - two in Cheyenne and one



Rainbow Geese on a String

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Featured Quilter Jean Gormon continued from page 7

in Sheridan. One of my favorite quilts was shown in Sheridan in 2022, it's called Rainbow Geese on a String, where I paper pieced the geese. It is satisfying to use scraps of fabric that might otherwise go unused, thus turning it into a beautiful and useful quilt. My favorite thing about WSQG is the willingness of members to share tips and tricks with a compassionate heart. Thank you!

My favorite quilting tools are my trusty Bernina 1090, going strong since 1991, my Clover seam ripper, and a nice, hot, dry iron with some Best Press. Advice for beginner

quilters, "Everyone has a 'first' quilt, so don't beat yourself up if isn't perfect," and also "Quilting is the best therapy." After a stressful day, a teaching partner once told me, I think you need to go home and quilt.

Volunteering at the Campbell County 4-H Sewing Conference for several years and joining the NEW Quilt Committee in 2024 keeps me involved with my passion. I'm always eager to help the next generation fall in love with quilting.

My future plans are to go to Missouri Star Quilt Company with my

daughter, Erin, who only started quilting 18 months ago and to attend the Houston Quilt Show with my native Houstonian friend.

Current projects are Brazilian and wool embroidery, clothes for the grandkids, and quilts too numerous to mention. Our five-year-old granddaughter, Elise, wants to come up to the ranch and design clothes with Grandma Jean. So I see sewing and quilting with grandkids also in the future.

Sew on, my friends! *Jean*



Farm Girl Vintage (Lori Holt)



Mini Art Quilt-Arches Nat'l Park



Indigo Way 2023 Mystery (Bonnie Hunter)



Spool Quilt (Edyta Sitar)



Gnome Pillows



Chilhowie Mystery (Bonnie Hunter)



New York Beauty



Allietare Mystery (Bonnie Hunter)

REGIONAL NEWS


**CENTRAL
April Pendleton**

Happy fall,
quilted friends!
It has been a
busy and
beautiful fall.
'Hope you have
enjoyed the

beautiful fall colors and lots of quilting!



The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild held their Fall Retreat at the Dennison Lodge on Oct. 2-4, 2025. What a unique, historic building. They had 21 signed up with 19 in attendance. A great time was had by all. April Pendleton, as usual, had unbelievable games and a challenge not to say the word "pumpkin," which was really hard since the craft theme was "pumpkins." Chris Mevissen won the challenge. A future warning -- watch out, she is very sneaky at getting you to say word(s) you shouldn't, lol! The photograph above shows the extraordinarily talented ladies' paper pieced pumpkins (pattern demonstration by Deb Zelenak) and their table pumpkin decorations (pattern demonstration by Judy Johnson). Great job, ladies! Plans are in the works for the annual Christmas Party. They now meet for a combined UFO and monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Crowheart Community Center.

Binding Friends quilt group meets on the third Monday each month at the Casper Senior Center. This last Monday they had an informal party for Halloween, played games and ate

cupcakes. Somewhat out of the norm, Lisa, a retired teacher, led these activities with great enthusiasm! It made for a great evening. They also started a Friendship Block quilt project earlier in the year in which those wishing to participate would make enough blocks to share with everyone. Nineteen joined in. This was the meeting in which blocks were exchanged. I can hardly wait to see finished quilts. The group has done this before and it has been so much fun and also makes a lasting memory of blocks from friends. Next month will be the planning meeting in which activities will be decided for each regular meeting and also the donation quilts, and possible road trips and 5th Saturday projects for 2026.

The **Popo Agie Quilters** in Lander report an exceptionally successful quilt show in September. Tickets for the raffle quilt sold so well the club will donate \$2000 to the Fremont Symphony Orchestra. Due to the number of entries in this show, the People's Choice award for next year will be expanded to first, second, and third prizes in each of the size categories. Upcoming events for PAQ include the annual Christmas Party on Dec. 1 and a quilt retreat in January. This year many members participated in a "Secret Quilter" activity, which will end with a reveal at the Christmas Party.



The **PHD Quilters** have been very busy this year and are already making plans for 2026! They made a shooting stars quilt to be donated to Bobbie's House. It is like a Ronald McDonald's house. They plan to use it as a fund raiser. In October they had their second annual craft swap at the library in Douglas. They had a great turnout and are already making plans on how to make it better and draw more people next year.



In November they are donating two QOV quilts, one for Douglas and one for Glenrock. Each member made a 12" block using a focus fabric and Virginia Apadaca and Elaine Donnelly used their amazing talents to put them together.



April Pendleton
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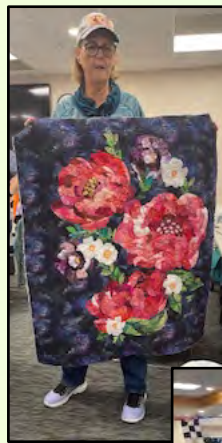
The Southeast Area Fall Retreat hosted by WSQG was held October 3-5 at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne. The retreat had 56 attendees with a fun group coming up from Colorado and several from Goshen County Quilt Guild. This was a UFO Retreat, no class, but we were challenged to do a fun sunflower appliqué block. Eighteen sunflower blocks were completed and three lucky people got to take home six blocks. Projects were finished and new ones were started. The food was excellent and no one went hungry, as usual for LCCC.



Retreat - Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.



Sunflower block challenge - Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.



3-Pieced collage by Cynthia, pattern by Emily Taylor -- Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.

Shabby Fabric's block of the month pieced by Valerie Depew -- Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.



Diane Harris, The Stash Bandit, was hosted by the Cheyenne Heritage Quilters on Oct. 6. Diane prepared a wonderful program for using scraps. Her trunk show was fun and colorful. On Oct. 7, Diane offered a fun, enlightening and inspirational program using 2-1/2 inch square scraps at the Laramie County Public Library.



Quilt by Diane Harris using 2-1/2" square scraps -- Photo credit: Cindi Young.



Diane Harris with one of her quilts using 2-1/2" square scraps -- Photo credit: Cindi Young.

Marcia Nowell was the Nov. 3, guest speaker, for Cheyenne Heritage Quilters, with a presentation on Studio 180 Rulers. Marcia is a certified "Deb Tucker Studio 180" instructor. She is from Loveland, CO. She demonstrated Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Rulers and quilting tools, including the Wing Clipper, Tucker Trimmer, Rapid Fire Hunter's Star, and Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star. This was a beautiful fun program with how-to's.

In Torrington the Goshen County Quilt Guild just finished a very successful Quilts Along the Platte quilt show with over 170 quilts, strong attendance and lots of good PR for Goshen County quilters. The quilt show was Sept. 21-23.

They are already thinking about the 2026 show with an opportunity quilt block sewing party on Oct. 25, at the local quilt shop, Sew Addicting. This opportunity quilt does involve paper piecing and several members have offered a quick lesson.

Their October program was taught by Deb Matlack on the Serendipity Star. This is a fast and easy table center piece that is perfect as a hostess gift. The finished table topper is about 33 inches in diameter.



Serendipity Star taught by Deb Matlack -- Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.

This year's retreat was Oct. 31 through Nov. 2, at the YMCA camp in Scottsbluff, NE. Games and fun activities were enjoyed, as well as some serious sewing.

December is their annual Christmas Party, and January, will be a color theory program taught by Jane Dorn and Mary Anne Smith.

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REGIONAL NEWS

The Platte Valley Quilters in Saratoga had 15 participants for their annual retreat. The retreat was sponsored by the Platte Valley Arts Council, the Encampment Quilt Group, and CCSD#2 BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services). They had Aaron Wentz, The Quilter's Cottage, Kearney, NE, as their featured instructor teaching a Laura Heine class.



Aaron Wentz, a Laura Heine instructor, at Saratoga, WY-- Photo credit: Stacy Erickson.



Laramie Art Quilt Guild - While small in number, they are big in projects and planned activities. Show and tell included fabric from a Shibori and ice fabric dyeing and over dyeing program. The theme for 2026 will be "Fun in Making". This will include everything from more ice dyeing techniques, surface design with Ink Tense, felting, oil sticks, Sharpies, crayons and natural dyes including rusted objects. Plans are in the works for their 2026 retreat in April and a 2027 Art Quilt show at Clay, Paper, Scissors in Cheyenne. They meet the third Saturday of the month, typically at the Albany County Extension office.

10-Fabric samples of ice dyeing with folded fabric as a resist -- Photo credit: Catherine Wissner.



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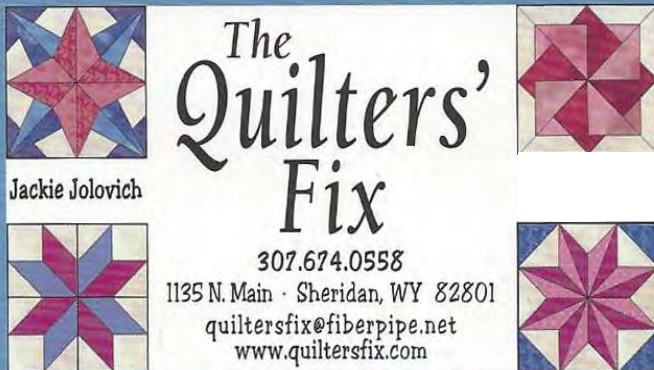


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REGIONAL NEWS



Kristi Smith

Robin Wacker

NORTHEAST

As the fall leaves -- purples, oranges, and yellows, fall away we start looking forward to Christmas. We will be finishing up gifts and going to holiday parties.

We look back on activities for the last quarter:

The NEW Quilt Show is the biggest show in the region.



There were 433 quilts and 15 vendors.

If you did not attend this show, mark your calendar for next year. Thank you to all the people who put up and took down the quilts and the quilt stands. I want to give a big shout out "Thank you for all your hard work".

The Quilter's Fix has late night sew from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Come and have a good time.

On Nov. 8, there was a jelly rug class with Jackie. She has a new gizmo to help make the rope for the rugs.



Jackie wanted to let people who have gift certificates, you will need to use them before the end of the year. They will expire then.

Sew Sisters will be starting their winter hours on Nov. 1st. Hours are Monday-Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They will be closed on Thursdays.

They have finished up the snowman table runner classes.



Sherry will be teaching a Quillow class in November. Dates are not set yet. Call the store for more information.



They are having their 3rd annual Fall into Quilting Fall retreat Nov. 14th -17th. Call the shop to see if they are open during this time.

Strawberry Patch is going to be running a Quilt-athon, starting Feb. 2026 for the whole month. This is how it will work. You will take or mail your quilt top to the store to be longarm quilted. The more quilts you send in, the better the

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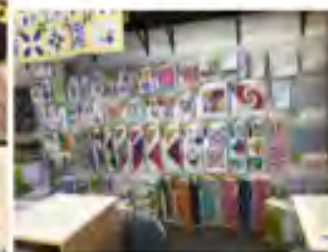
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discount. With Christmas coming they have gift cards for the quilt-athon. For every one hundred dollars you spend, you will get \$20.00 added to your gift certificate for longarm quilting. Their address is 210 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82071.

In February there will be penny patterns. They will have one, two and three-cent patterns. This is a great way to get a project started.

They will be starting a Villa Rosa Club. The first pattern will be revealed on Jan. 1st. You will have one month to finish your quilt and send in a picture. Then you will receive the next month's pattern free. This club will last for 12 months.

Robbie has a Strawberry Patch Facebook page (comedy show) so like them on their Facebook page @ Strawberry Patch Quilt Shop.

The Sheridan County Library hosted a quilt show of local quilts for the month of October. It is such a nice show. We hope you did not miss it.

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Northwest

Fall is upon us and so is the retreat season. Cody was the setting for two back-to-back retreats at the Holiday Inn. First up was the **Friends & Company** retreat with the first day, Wednesday, Oct. 15, being the embroidery day. Cute moose wall hangings were finished with varying amounts of embellishment. Thursday through Sunday quilters worked on their own projects. Retreaters were busy little bees.



The following week the **Quick Retreat** was held Wednesday, Oct. 22 – 26. Lots of projects were completed, with everyone having a great time, but don't we always when quilters get together?



Our guilds have also been busy. **Loose Threads Quilt Guild** in Greybull continues to meet monthly on the third Monday of the month with a Sew Saturday on the fourth Saturday of the month. Jan Barnett recently taught a rope bowl class on Saturday, Oct. 4th. She said it was a fun class and everyone finished their bowls by the end of class.



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REGIONAL NEWS

Paintbrush Piecers Quilt Guild in Cody has members continuing to be busy with making quilts for distribution to children through the local Project Linus, Quilts of Valor, quilting birthday and wedding gifts. Many members are making progress finishing UFOs as part of the PPQG 2025 challenge, as well as finishing recent quilt projects from classes at Quilt Wyoming 2024 and 2025. Quite a few members attended one or more of the area retreats in October and took advantage of the time to start, make progress, or complete quilting projects. It was fun seeing "your first quilt" and "your favorite quilt" from members as the program at the September meeting. The October meeting had a very interested group of quilters watching a demo given by Misa Siemons on using an AccuQuilt die cutting machine. This greatly speeds up the accurate cutting process for making pieced quilts. Misa has a few quilters ready to take advantage of her generous offer to come and use her AccuQuilt, with her assistance, for their own projects.



Chatelaine Quilt Guild in Meeteetse is continuing with monthly programs focusing on going back to basics. Judy Mackie and Ben Engelhardt presented a program and project on wool applique at the September meeting. In October, as a longarm quilter, Judy talked about how we should prepare our quilts before taking them to a longarm quilter. She explained how we can complete our quilts by doing the quilting ourselves on our domestic sewing machines. No matter which way you go, it takes practice for the one doing the quilting. We are discussing projects and programs for next year, as well as who in our community we would like to benefit from the proceeds from a raffled quilt. This year we did what we refer to as "the buffalo quilt" that was donated to the Meeteetse Museum for a fund raiser. Tickets are still available for that quilt through Dec. 6 at <https://meeteetsemuseums.betterworld.org/giveaways/buffalo-quilt-raffle#enter>



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We are looking forward to visiting some of the other quilting groups meeting in the Big Horn Basin in the coming months, as well as getting ready for Quilt Wyoming 2026 – Wyld & Wacky that will be taking place in Powell this summer – July 8-12. Be sure to mark your calendars as our national teachers are all excited about coming to Wyoming and meeting quilters in our area of the country.

*Cyndy Jahn-Thomas &
Roberta Oliver*



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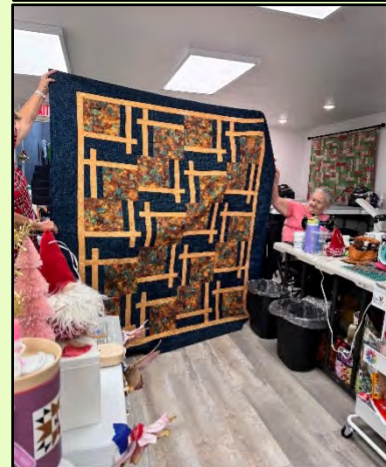
SOUTHWEST

WOW! Did fall go by quickly or what?! We are now into the holiday season. I hope you are all going to finish your Christmas sewing on time! Thankfully, mine is looking like it's going to be finished for once!

Fall has been full of fun times here in the southwest! The annual **Hunters Widows Retreat** was held this year in Rock Springs. Josephine Keasler taught the Laura Heine collage technique. Everyone learned a lot and had a lot of fun!



Sew Quilty Retreats sponsored by **BEst Kind Quilts and Embroidery** were held in October. Things were a little different as the retreat was held in Evanston at the newly-finished Creative Studio located in the shop. Two sessions were held with 17 in one session and 24 in the second. It's amazing how creative everyone is. Among the quilt tops, bags and wall hangings, there were also breakout sessions featuring fabric ornaments and banners. The theme was Christmas, so we even saw the Grinch! Mixed in with the fun were games and even a birthday party! The April retreats are already filling up. Call the shop (307-679-9972) for more details.



With winter coming I've noticed a few BOMs being offered. Jump in on one of those!

Sweetwater County Quilt Guild is working on two projects. They will be making 12" red, white and blue blocks to be put together for a donation quilt. They are hard at work on their museum project which will be due in February. They will be making 18" wall hangings depicting the word "shelter." These hangings will be hung in the county museum.

The **Young at Heart** ladies are busy working on a couple of raffle quilts. The proceeds will go to the Young at Heart Center. Some of the ladies are doing a little extra sewing and participating in a "Tales of the First Ladies" by Eleanor Burns!

It looks like all the shops are getting loads of new fabric. Be sure to ask "What's new?" when you go in!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a safe winter. Till then....may your bobbins be full and your needles sharp!

Iris Jasperson

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