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Karla Alexander Featured Instructor - Quilt Wyoming 2026 - Powell, WY



Karla Alexander is the fifth of five children. She spent her formative years in Idaho, Washington, California and back to Idaho. She learned her basic quilting skills from her mother, who did what Karla called "utilitarian quilting." The quilts were often "event" quilts (birthdays, anniversaries, new babies). The fabric was picked to match the person. When Karla helped, such as gathering material or supplies, she would be able to use the sewing machine.

Her first quilt was for her first baby. The quilting bug didn't erupt for her until she and her husband moved to Kodiak Island, AK, for two years. What else do you do during the dark winter months?

Upon her return to Oregon, she started teaching classes, often with

hand-written notes. Teaching led to pattern writing. Soon after, she had her first pattern published. While at Quilt Market in Houston, she met Carol Doak while on a bus. During their conversation, Carol suggested that Karla write a book. That first book was the first of eight books published by Martindale Press.

Karla has since shifted to publishing her designs as individual patterns under the Saginaw Street Quilt Company. Her quilt designs have evolved from straight lines to curves to hand-cut circles that are set into fabric. Even Ricky Tims of The Quilt Show, was surprised with her circle technique.

For the past 23 years Karla has also been involved with the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Sisters, OR. She will be missing that this year, as she will be with us at Quilt Wyoming in Powell, both falling at the same time. We're glad she is choosing to be with us.

Karla's favorite part of quilting is having several projects going at the same time. She is also particular about her fabric choices and usually only buys in half yard pieces, unless it is for borders or backings.

Karla's words of wisdom for us – Don't let your mistakes

disappoint you. Use them as stepping stones to your final destination. We each have our own starting point. We gather information, enjoying the process and learning from the process, realizing mistakes are all part of the process.

We are looking forward to having Karla as one of our featured instructors at Quilt Wyoming 2026, with all she will have to share with us.



Nuts & Bolts

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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

New Members:

Central: Becky Mackel
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Sondra Nelson, Membership Director

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<u>Region</u>	<u>Jan. 2, 2026</u>
Central	141
Northeast	205
Northwest	83
Southeast	169
Southwest	109
Out-of-State	<u>49</u>
TOTAL:	756

Articles for the April-May 2026 issue of Patchwords
are due by March 10, 2026 - info@wsqg.org



President's Corner

I hope you all had happy and peaceful holidays and that you're ready to start the new year with a burst of creativity and a commitment to stay connected with your quilting community. The first three months of the year are actually my favorite time of the year. I know that might sound crazy to some of you but it's true. While I love spring and summer and really get into the holidays, this time of the year is a special time in the sense that it is a quiet time to catch up with myself and my friends, finish uncompleted projects and brace myself for the burst of energy that comes with the transition to the rest of the year. It is basically "me" time and I look forward to it every year. It's simple really — no yard work, no holidays and usually no company.

As quilters, we are so fortunate to have a hobby that we can enjoy no matter the season or the weather. It taps into our individual creativity and keeps us connected to some of the most important people in our lives — our fellow quilters.

Speaking of creativity, I recently read a study that indicates that creative hobbies have psychological benefits that may

actually delay brain aging. There is evidence that creativity helps safeguard the very parts of the brain that tend to degrade first and that are also implicated in dementia. It seems that creativity is a key aspect of self-care because it taps into the imagination, fosters mindfulness and promotes self-expression. Bottom line — we should spend as much time as possible sewing and quilting.

The new year also triggers anticipation of the upcoming Quilt Wyoming. Lauren Andrist and her QW2026 Committee have a great event coming up in July in Powell and Lauren tells me that we can expect to receive the QW2026 brochure in early March. I can't wait to see the class offerings. The Northwest Region has a history of putting on a wonderful event and I have great memories of the classes I took from instructors such as David Taylor and Jane Sassaman in Powell. QW2026 is something to look forward to and I hope to see as many of you as possible in Powell.

I hope you enjoy the coming winter months as much as I do. Use them to catch up with yourself and your friends, and keep creating!

Best wishes for 2026!

Nena James

Golden Thimble Award



During this time of year, many gardeners are either starting seeds, thinking about starting seeds or drooling over a variety of seed catalogs, much like I did the Sears and Roebuck catalogs of years gone by. A garden spot may be in the future for my husband and its new location in NE Wyoming. For now, I need to plant a seed with YOU, the members of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. That seed is for you to put your thinking caps on. Start thinking about an individual or organization who has made significant contributions to the Wyoming quilting community. Then nominate them for the Golden Thimble Award!

Nominations may be made online at www.wsqg.org/golden-thimble-nomination/ or use www.wsqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/golden2026.pdf to print the nomination form (or go to the Golden Thimble tab on the menu). Once the Submit button is selected for the online nominations, those will auto forward directly to me as Past President. Should you elect to print, please mail to me, Di Wilsey Geer, at the address listed on the form. Any questions may be directed to me at either the email or phone number also listed on the printable nomination form, or on page two of this newsletter. The nomination deadline is June 1, 2026. Nominees must be notified of your nomination in advance.

A display board showing all nominees by photo along with the nomination write-ups will be established for membership viewing and voting at Quilt Wyoming 2026 in Powell, WY. Ballots will be collected on the evening of Saturday, July 11th. The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate along with a check for \$100 during the general membership meeting on Sunday, July 12. I hope to see several nominations "sprout" from my broadcast seeding!

Di Wilsey Geer

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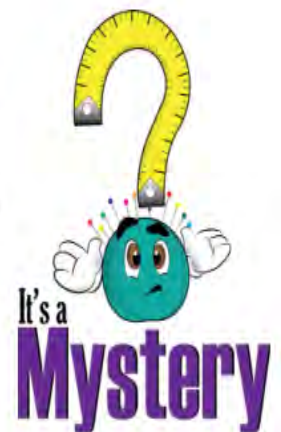
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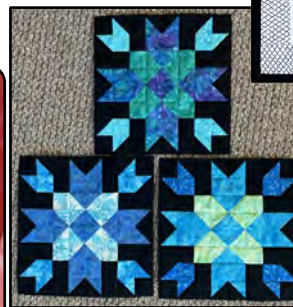
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Margie Ullery is one of our instructors for 2026. Margie is the owner of Ribbon Candy Quilt Company. Her seasonal skinnie patterns are her signature and flagship of her company. She enjoys using fusible web applique because it's so versatile. She will be teaching three classes - Chicken Run Skinnie, Christmas Sox and Twilight Reef.



Contact: Susie at 307-870-6587/307-871-2469 - QuiltingontheGreenWyoming@gmail.com

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☐ 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, teachers and partial-year residents: This is not an option for you.

☐ I would like to be listed as a **Teacher** for retreats and Quilt Wyoming (Contact information cannot be withheld.)

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These funds must be requested by a WSQG member. A Leadership Packet with the guidelines and the application to request funds can be found at www.WSQG.org under Quilt Camp.

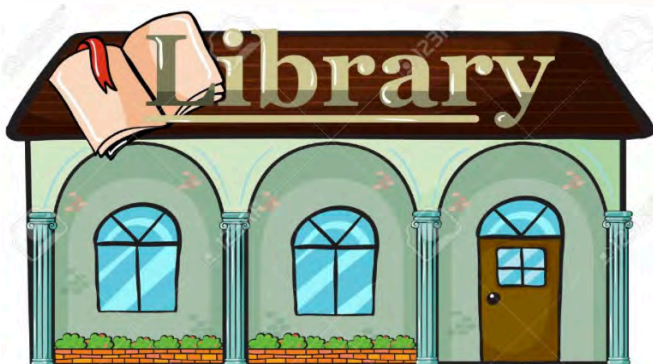
Funds are considered for approval by the Board on a first-come, first-served basis. Besides adults, other organizations can apply for the funds such as 4-H groups, Boys and Girls Clubs or schools. Consider growing our circle of quilters and keep our quilt stores busy!

If you have questions contact Jean Schroeder at tjecss39@gmail.com.

Jean Schroeder



BOOKS FOR COUNTY LIBRARIES



It is time to select books for our annual donation to libraries across Wyoming. The books should have a quilt theme (such as storyline, instruction, history, etc.). We will choose one book for adults and one for children.

If you would like to recommend a book for consideration please contact Sue Erpelding at sueerpelding@gmail.com. Recommendations may also be submitted from the website from the Books tab.

Books will be delivered to the Regional Directors at Quilt Wyoming 2026, for distribution.

Sue Erpelding

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Consider volunteering to fill one of the offices that will be open in July 2026.

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You may also volunteer or nominate someone (with their permission) using the online form. Duties are listed in the Standing Rules on the website.

You may also contact the person now holding these positions
www.wsqg.org/board-nominations/



Quilt Show Funding Available



Quilt show organizers may apply for a grant to pay for expenses. Application may be made on the website or by completing the mail-in the form. WSQG membership is not required for an organizer.

The quilt show will not be considered a WSQG event. Acknowledgment of WSQG sponsorship in advertising the show is appreciated.

The requestor will be contacted by the WSQG Treasurer and may be required to provide additional information. When the Treasurer deems that the request is in compliance with rules set forth, the application will be forwarded to the Board for review and subject to a vote to accept or decline the request.

The maximum funding from WSQG per quilt show shall not exceed \$200.00. A total of \$1,000 is budgeted per year. Funding is allocated statewide, not by region and is available on a first-come, first-served basis after January 1, annually.

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Kristi Smith

Robin Wacker

Happy New Year to all quilters! We made it through our Christmas projects and gifts. The mighty winds of Wyoming are bringing 2026 retreats.

The fifth annual Buffalo Winter Quilt Retreat was held Jan. 16-19.

The annual NE307 retreat in Newcastle will be held in February. Sherry and Laura from Sew Sisters will be teaching a table runner class on Sunday evening. As always, it will be a fun time.

The Sew Sisters Quilt Shop in Buffalo had their retreat in November, hosting quilters with crazy socks and RLC games. With all the fun, we did get a lot done.



Laura is going to be teaching a bag class in March. Sharon Shane will be teaching a Stack and Whack class. The date is to be determined.



Kristi Smith will be teaching a three-day class called Wild Homestead Star. It is a scrappy quilt. This class will be in April. The dates have yet to be determined. Call the store for more information (307-217-2442).

For the next six months the **Strawberry Patch** have a quilt weekend each month to promote their Villa Rosa Designs club. Quilters will be able to come and sew as long or as little as they wish.



The Black Hills Quilt Shop Hop starts March 19. This is a three-week shop hop through the Black Hills. The Strawberry Patch will be having major sales on end of bolts, to make room for new fabric.

They hosted two Quilts of Valor awards.

The Quilter's Fix has scheduled Jennifer Golden to teach the Caramel Latte quilt (pictured right). Call the store to register (307--674-0558).



Jackie has Super Bowl pool charts going, so come in and get your spot on the charts.

Quilter's Fix sends an email newsletter. Sign up to receive the newsletter or call Jackie. There is more information on what is happening at the store. Remember, they are on their winter schedule, closing at 5:00 p.m.

The Blue Bike Quilt Studio in Gillette is moving three doors down from where they are now. Stop by and check it out.

Heirlooms by Design will host a Bernina Masquerade Event April 24th and 25th, times to be announced.

They will host a Handi Quilter Event with Eddie Wait May 20-23. Details are to be announced soon.

Every month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays they have Ladies Night Out from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Nicki will be teaching a beginner's quilt class Jan. 31st 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sew Bowl Superbowl weekend will be Friday Feb. 6th 3:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday Feb. 8th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact us with Northeast Region events, classes, retreats, guild information, etc.

*Robin Wacker
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Kristi Smith*

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CENTRAL April Pendleton

Happy New Year, my friends! Have you made a New Year's resolution? My resolution is to finish several quilts that I have started "quilting as you go!" I am also going to keep on quilting and quilting and quilting! HAHA!

Cross Roads Quilters took a holiday break so they have nothing to report.

The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 20th at the Crowheart Community Center. They had 19 members in attendance. Deb Zelenak and her team of Betty Dolcater and Judy Johnson did an exemplary job! Deb had mind challenging games not to mention testing our physical ability to throw fabric "tootsie rolls" into a jar. Secret quilters revealed themselves to their secret quilter for the year. The gift exchange was marvelous – lots of great FOOD and gifts and ideas. A fun time was had by all. Everyone is looking forward to next year's Christmas adventure. They now meet for a combined UFO and monthly meeting the third Saturday of the month at the Crowheart Community Center.

Binding Friends Quilt Club has planned visits from three of Casper's quilt stores and the Casper Sewing Repair shop. They are excited to hear about the planned activities and new products for 2026! Their fifth Saturday project in January is making a quilted jacket with Rachel Miller of Journey Back Quilts. Their regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Casper Senior Center. They are open to those wishing to join in.

Popo Aggie Quilters are off to a running start! Their first retreat is Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2026. They are looking forward to lots of quilting fun in 2026.

Working4Warriors was able to do a Quilt of Valor award ceremony in December and sent four quilts home with Wyoming veterans.

American Legion members graciously assisted with the ceremony. Their sewing days for 2026 are the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please send an email to Tammy Day at



thesiberianwind@gmail.com to get more information about how to join, help, sew, or quilt to help us award quilts to more veterans.



The PHD Quilters had a Christmas party. They enjoyed some wonderful food great company and a lively game of trader's dice. Each person that participated in the trader's dice game was asked to bring one item that was either wrapped or in a bag as well as four other items. They really enjoyed having a secret item. They talked about next time wrapping two items. The PHD Quilters have planned what they want to do in 2026 and they are excited about all of the plans that have been made.

Stitches n' Time meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Douglas Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. They plan on going over some items for the new year. They will do show and tell and they plan on working on UFO's. They had a Christmas party. It was a success. They worked for a while and at 11:00 a.m. they put everything away and had an ice cream social. There were three choices of ice cream and so many toppings! They exchanged fat quarters and visited until it was time to clean up and go home.

The Stitches n' Time ladies made the highland cow quilt to be auctioned at the Paws n' Pearls fundraiser for the local animal shelter. The quilt brought in \$1,000 for the charity!



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Cathy Wissner

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Cheyenne Heritage Quilters meet the first Monday of the month, at 108 E 18th Street, Cheyenne. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting typically ends at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Website: www.chquilters.org

CHQ hosted Marcia (Martie) Nowell, AKA The Quilt Lady, for their November program. Martie Nowell is a quilting instructor and a certified instructor for Studio 180 rulers. She showed CHQ some amazing quilts using the 180 rulers. She is from Northern Colorado where she works at Wild Oats Sewing Company.

The annual Christmas party was all fun and games, with an excellent catered dinner.

The 2026 CHQ opportunity quilt will be "Grand Ole Flag," a pattern developed by Scott Flanagan along with his recommended fabric by Banyan Batiks. Each member is asked to take a baggie of pre-cut material with directions to complete a block. The target date of completion is April.

The 2026 challenge quilt is "Songs of America," to celebrate the 250th, based on the quilter's favorite patriotic song about a state or the USA. The quilt can be any quilting material, any pattern or panel. It can be any color combination under the rainbow. It can be any size, but no smaller than 120 inches around. It can be an art quilt, or regular quilt with or without appliqué. It can be done by an individual or by a small group.

For the January program CHQ members Cleata Zlenka and Debbie Przymus will be presenting a trunk show of their beautiful quilts. They both use the Accuquilt die cut system. They adapt quilt patterns specifically to use the Accuquilt. Per Cleata, "It is a

very rare quilt that has not been cut out using this method."

Cindi Young has announced the CHQ "Beat the Winter Blues" quilt retreat March 6-7, to be held at Laramie County Community College. Cost is \$90 and includes a six-foot table and all meals. This year a drawing will be held and one lucky quilter will get the next year's retreat registration paid for. To be eligible, CHQ 2026 membership is required and CHQ dues must be paid for retreat registration in 2027.

The Laramie Art Quilts Guild meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at the Extension office meeting room at the Albany County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. www.laramieartquilters.blogspot.com/ In November they toured four different LAQ member's studios. In December they held their annual Christmas party. Plans for the January class are underway for an ice-dyeing program.

The Goshen County Quilters' monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month in downtown Torrington at the Platte Valley Bank. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. www.facebook.com/GoshenCountyQuilters/



Goshen County Quilters Guild Retreat held at the YMCA in Scottsbluff, NE
Photo by Cathy Wissner

The quilt challenge theme for 2026 honors the US's 250th. It is "From Sea to Shining Sea." The quilt can be 70 to 150 inches or bigger, or cozy lap quilt size. Planning is underway for the annual fall 2026 retreat. The guild voted to reserve the Scottsbluff YMCA

facilities by paying half of the cost now.

The guild's opportunity quilt is well underway and should be finished in April. It will be presented to the club at that meeting.

Cathy Wissner advised that the SE WSQG regional quilt retreat will be held on April 24-26 at LCCC in the Health Science building. Discussion was held on the 2029 Quilt Wyoming conference in the southeast area.

A beginner's sewing class will be held at Eastern Wyoming College on Jan. 20, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the CTEC room. Teri Kezar and Lusetta Dietz invited volunteers to help. A follow-up class will take place in the fall.

The January guild class will focus on color theory. Attendees are asked to bring fabric that they are having difficulty matching. The February class will have a Valentine's theme. The March class will be Petal Pizza, taught by Marla Marx.



Goshen County Quilt Guild Christmas Party, Torrington, WY
Photo by Cathy Wissner

The guild's annual Christmas party was held at 21st & Main. It was catered and much enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy Wissner
&
Diana Clark*



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

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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.

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Northwest



Roberta Oliver Cyndy Jahn-Thomas

The **Chatelaine Quilt Guild** in Meeteetse slowed down for the holidays. The November meeting focused on the math used in quilting and the resources out there to help us, including online apps for our phone. We always take a break from our meetings in December, but will be doing Christmas at our January meeting.

The Northwest Region has numerous quilting and fiber art groups scattered throughout the Bighorn Basin.



December did bring "Christmas in Meeteetse" and the drawing for the buffalo quilt that the guild made and donated to the Meeteetse Museum for a fundraiser. A lot of the ticket sales were online and the final amount raised was \$5,323. Seeing how successful the online ticket sales were for the museum, our own WSQG has online ticket sales for the 2026 Quilt Wyoming opportunity quilt. Share the link found in the newsletter on page seven with your friends so they can buy tickets too.



The **Loose Threads Quilt Club** in Greybull took off for the holidays and did not schedule a meeting or Saturday sew. The group will jump back into the quilting world in 2026 with a regular meeting on the third Monday of each month and Saturday Sew on the fourth Saturday of the month. The January meeting will focus on planning for 2026 classes and Loose Threads events with the possibility that the USA's 250th birthday will help with colors and themes.

**Cottonwood Quilters**

in Worland has a very active quilt group! They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. The WSQG NW Regional Directors, Cyndy and Roberta, attended their November meeting and provided them with info on the State Guild as well as QW 2026. The program was a very informative presentation



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on Kaleidoscope/Stack & Whack/One Block Wonder quilts. The guild does a yearly brown bag exchange, and the finished quilt tops were brought to the December Christmas meeting.



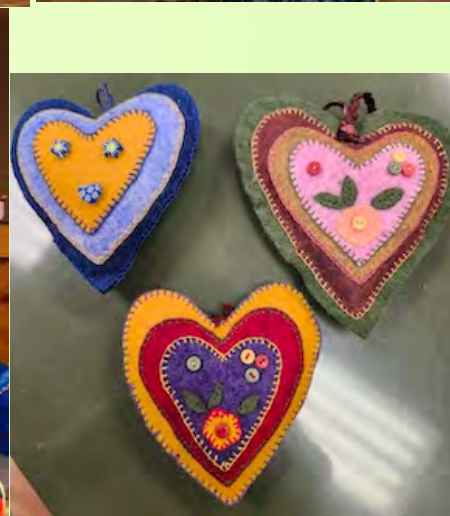
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Hot Spot Quilters

The **Hot Spot Quilters Guild** sponsored a float in the Thermopolis Festival of Lights parade.

The **Paintbrush Piecers Quilt Guild** also had a program on the math used in quilting at their November meeting. They finished up the UFO challenge in December and the winners, who accumulated the most points for finished UFOs, will be announced in January. They also decided that as a group project, they will be doing a "Row-by-Row" round-robin-type challenge. There was quite a bit of interest, but little experience in this, so the January program will revolve around how to make a Row-by-Row quilt.

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Last, but certainly not least, is **TAGY- Textile Artists of the Greater Yellowstone**, with members from throughout the Bighorn Basin and a few from Montana. This group meets the first Monday of each month at the Cody Library. In November, the yearly challenge "map quilts" were turned in. There was a map of Yellowstone, map of Cody, Lewis and Clark map, map to Grandma's house, to name a few! The maps hung at the 1st National Bank of WY in Powell in November and will hang at the Cody branch of the Park County Library in January. The program in November was Dying Fabric with plant material and the December program was Hexagon Quilts.

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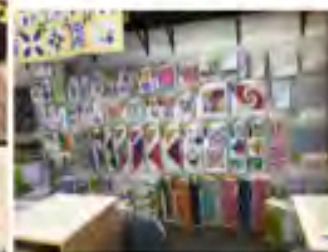
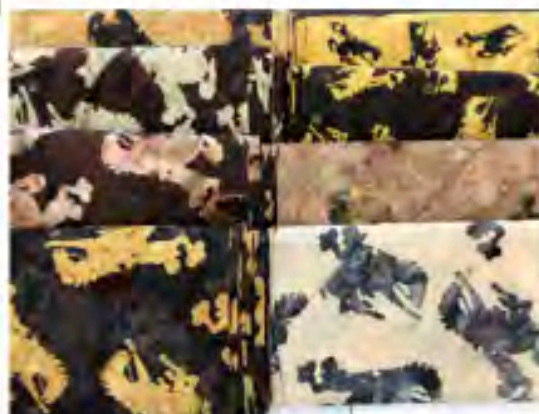
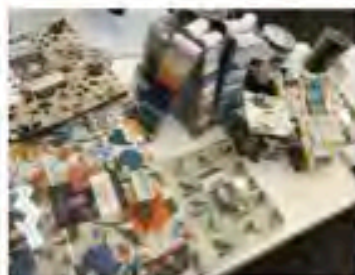
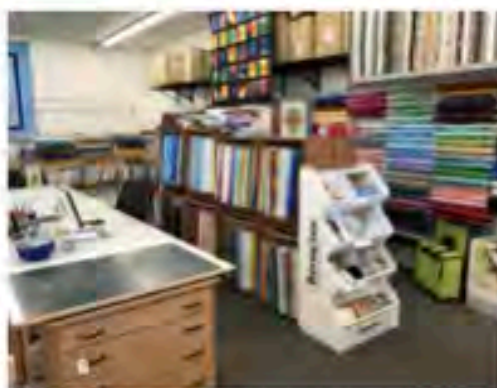


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Iris Jasperson

SOUTHWEST

Happy winter to you all! We have been having a very weird winter here in Star Valley! This is the first winter that many can remember without snow on Christmas!

I hope you are taking advantage of the many classes offered at your LQS! Since I don't have a shop nearby, I am taking advantage of an online mystery quilt and prepping for classes for next summer.

BEst Kind of Embroidery in Evanston has had a nice slate of classes. The first part of January they held a Laura Heine collage class. They will be offering a pet collage class later, toward spring. Watch for that date. For the month of February they will be hosting their annual beginner's classes. They will host the spring retreat in April. There will again be two sessions. There are currently five openings for the first session being held April 9-13. For more information contact Dorie (307 679-9972).

The Young at Heart group out of Rock Springs sewed up a bunch of gift bags and filled them with gifts to be taken to seniors

and the homebound who have their meals delivered. This generosity really brightened up their Christmas! (See photos below.)

The Sweetwater County Quilt Guild is busy getting ready for their annual display at the County Library. I will try to get out there to get some pictures for the next newsletter.

It is with a heavy heart the I report the temporary closing of **Broken Art and Glass** in Big Piney due to a medical issue. If you are so inclined, please remember Katherine and her family in your prayers. She is hoping to reopen in late February.

There will be a quilt show in Kemmerer in March. I am waiting for more info but will pass it on to the web mistress to post.

I am counting down for July and Quilt Wyoming. My term as the Southwest Regional Director will be up for grabs. If you are interested, please let me know. I would be happy to share all the info I have.

Until then....may your seams be straight and your pressing flat!

Iris Jasperson



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