



# Wyoming Patchwords

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## Cynthia England - Featured Instructor - Quilt Wyoming 2026 - Powell, WY



Cynthia England was born and grew up in Houston, TX. At age 11, Cynthia learned embroidery from her mother and at 13 she made her first quilt, a birthday present for her grandfather. Cynthia admitted that there were other things she did not learn during those formative years, like learning to cook. She says she is very fortunate that her husband likes to do the cooking in their home. When she went to college, she trained to be an elementary art teacher, but soon discovered the elementary classroom was not for her. She changed careers and worked as a commercial artist, utilizing her art skills.

Cynthia says she has always learned by doing, and has always loved doing crafts. You name the craft, Cynthia has probably tried it. As she began working with fabric and quilts, she created her "Picture Piecing" technique as a solution to a problem she was working with. As she shared this technique with others, guilds and other quilting groups started asking her to present and teach

them. This led to her entering some of her quilts into shows. The first show she entered was in Paducah, followed by the International Quilt Festival in Houston in 1993. That first entry won "Best of Show," one of the three times she has held that honor. This was also the beginning of her company, England Designs. She had the opportunity to travel to many interesting places to teach her unique technique of art quilting.

This April, Cynthia will be one of the featured quilters in the publication, *QuiltFolk*. This issue will be highlighting the influential quilters of Texas. She is very excited to be included in this publication and hopes we will all check it out.

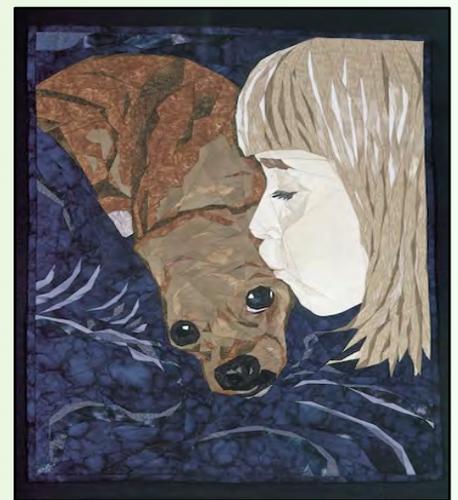
Cynthia claims that her favorite part of quilting is selecting the fabrics. She prepares kits for many of her creations. She has over 1200 bolts of fabric to select from.

The downside of quilting is the time it takes to develop a pattern. She often makes a pattern several times to work out any mistakes or kinks. She makes a couple more quilts from the pattern for class samples that she can send to groups who have booked her for teaching.

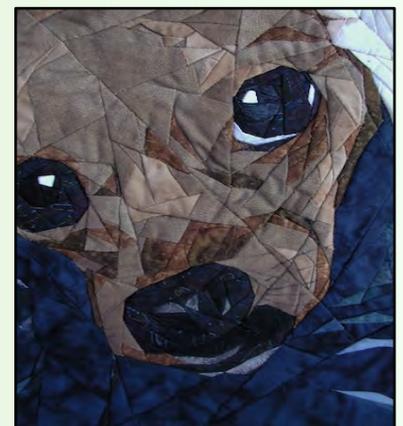
Advice that Cynthia gives quilters is to not be afraid to try new things. Try lots of techniques to see what works for you and then use them. Also, don't expect to be perfect, and don't try to always be perfect.

We are looking forward to having

Cynthia as one of our national featured teachers and the opportunity to learn and apply her "picture piecing" technique.



This wallhanging was part of a traveling exhibit where each artist was asked to make a quilt representing a "kiss." This is Cynthia's daughter kissing their rescue dog, Maggie. Notice the detail in Maggie's face.



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<u>Region</u>	<u>Feb. 28, 2026</u>
Central	130
Northeast	190
Northwest	97
Southeast	145
Southwest	79
Out-of-State	<u>35</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>676</b>

Members receive the bi-monthly newsletter by accessing from the website or by mail. 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. Please let us know if you would like to be identified in another region. Partial-year residents, please let us know what months you will not be in Wyoming. 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)).

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Articles for the June-July 2026 issue of Patchwords are due by May 10, 2026 - [info@wsqg.org](mailto:info@wsqg.org)



## President's Corner

Here's wishing everyone a happy spring which, according to the calendar, is just around the corner. However, Wyoming weather being what it is, I am afraid we will have winter weather

in spring and summer, since we really haven't had any winter to speak of yet. It's been a weird year weather wise, but looking at the regional reports provided by our regional directors, quilters have carried on and I am amazed at the creative activities quilters have participated in during the past couple of months.

Quilters across the state have been busy! It is gratifying to see that there are so many guilds doing so many productive and creative things. I actually made a list of the various activities the different guilds are doing so that I can share those ideas with my local guild because we often struggle to find new projects for our members.

Regional guilds continue to make Quilts of Valor, pillowcases for hospice and quilts for children and other recipients. Several guilds have block of the month programs and guild challenges which tap into the creativity

of their individual members. Wyoming quilters continue to learn by having guest speakers and instructional programs teaching subjects such as color theory and new uses for scraps and orphan blocks. Considering Wyoming's sparse population, the number of WSQG members, active guilds, retreats and quilt shows is impressive.

Quilting remains strong in Wyoming!!

Please think about volunteering to serve the Wyoming State Quilt Guild as an officer, regional director or appointee to a standing committee. The WSQG needs your energy and insight. Positions on the ballot at the July membership meeting are President Elect, Director at Large, Membership Director, Secretary and Regional Directors for the central and southwest regions. Please contact Julie Haptonstall at [jewels2350@gmail.com](mailto:jewels2350@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Quilt Wyoming 2026 will be here before we know it. It is hard to decide which classes to take because there so many good choices. The Northwest Region has always put on a great event and I hope you'll support its hard work by attending. You'll learn new skills, catch up with old friends, make new friends and return home inspired.

*Nena James*

## Board Election

Hello WSQG members!

It is time to think about serving as a board member. The election will be held at the annual meeting, Sunday morning at Quilt Wyoming 2026, in Powell.

The board has several positions available:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Membership Director
- Director at Large
- Central Regional Director
- Southwest Regional Director

Each position is further explained on the website [www.wsqg.org](http://www.wsqg.org) in the Member's Only section, Bylaws.

A sample ballot and bios of the candidates will appear in the next issue of Patchwords.

If you would like to join this team, or nominate someone with their permission, to support the organization, now is the time to take this leap. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to be placed on the ballot.

God Bless *ji*  
Julie Haptonstall [jewels2350@gmail.com](mailto:jewels2350@gmail.com)  
President-Elect



Scan to purchase tickets online.

### 2026 Opportunity Quilt 88" x 72"

Adapted from a pattern by Marie Noah, "Northern Wilderness"

Pieced by Ginny Singer, Lili Turnell  
and Barbara Bunn

Quilted by Jeanne Knudsen and Ginny Singer

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Purchase tickets online or contact Quilt Mom: Barb Bunn [snowflake.bb316@gmail.com](mailto:snowflake.bb316@gmail.com) to obtain additional tickets or to schedule the quilt for display at your shop or event.

Mail payment and ticket stubs to:

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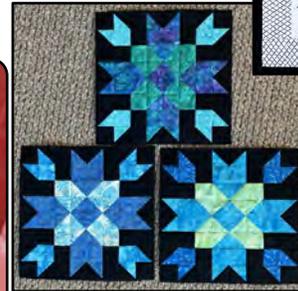
## Quilting on the Green 2026

May 29-30, 2026

Green River, WY

Save the Date!!

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 the 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](mailto:QuiltingontheGreenWyoming@gmail.com)

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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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- Do not mail Patchwords to me.** I will access **Wyoming Patchwords Newsletter** on the WSQG website [www.wsqg.org](http://www.wsqg.org).
- I am willing to be a **Mentor** to help other quilters or answer quilting questions (Contact information cannot be withheld.)
- I **do not** want my contact information to be listed in the password-protected WSQG Membership Directory on the WSQG website (Name and City will be listed.) Note Mentors, 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.)
- I would like to be listed in **another region** other than my residence. Please list me in the \_\_\_\_\_ region.
- I am willing to serve on the WSQG Board of Directors.

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

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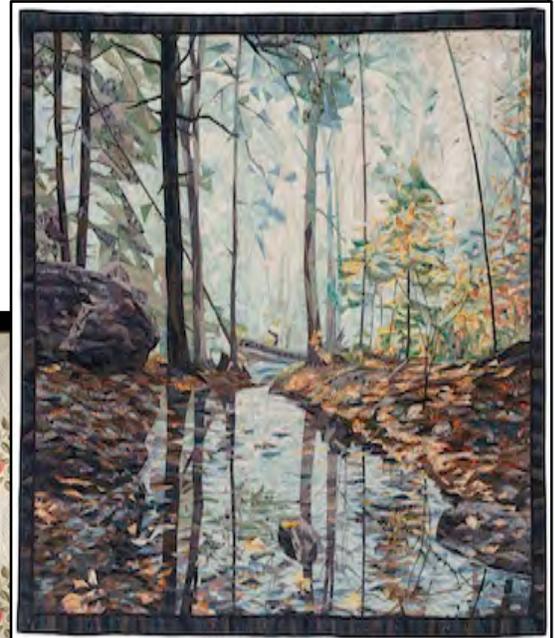
**Show Time** was made in 2018 to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the International Quilt Festival in Houston. Cynthia is at her booth in the lower right-hand corner and the two founders of the Quilt Festival are in the foreground in the center aisle.



**Reflections of Cape Town:** While teaching in South Africa, Cynthia and her husband were able to visit Cape Town. A picture taken in a fishing village there, was the inspiration for this quilt which won "Best of Show" at the International Quilt Festival in Houston in 2016.



**Piece and Quiet** (pictured right) was named as one of "The Twentieth Century's Best American Quilts." The national attention Cynthia received from this quilt led to her starting England Design Studios.



**Something about Succulents** (pictured above) - To quote Cynthia, "I love plants, especially succulents. I admire their hardiness and the way they reproduce. I made this quilt during COVID to keep me sane. It took 15 months to complete. I used a palette of 160 fabrics."



**Simply Roses** (pictured left) is one of Cynthia's favorite traditional quilts. The quilt was inspired by a border print on a commercial fabric. It is picture pieced, except for the rose stems which are embroidery.

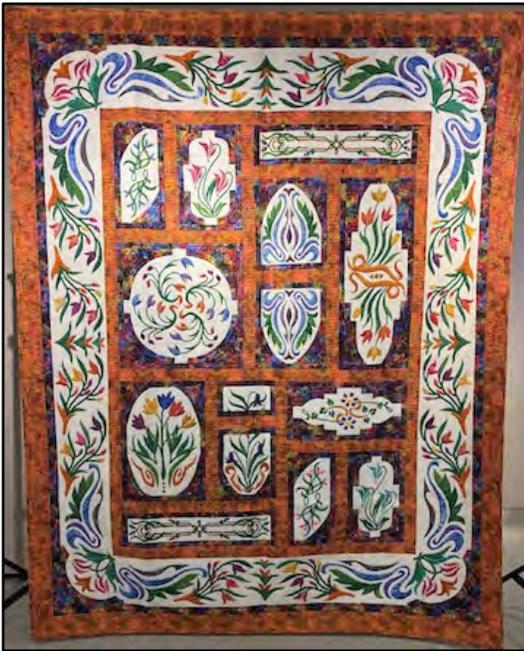
## Members Spotlight

Two of our members have quilts that have been accepted for display at the Paducah Quilt Show for 2026.

Rose French has won many awards for her exquisite hand appliqué. She uses a technique called back basting for her hand appliqué quilts. Rose Survival will be included in the 2027 AQS engagement calendar.

Ginny Singer's quilt was accepted for Paducah 2026. This quilt was displayed at Quilt Wyoming 2024 in Cheyenne. Ginny was presented the First Lady of the Great State of Wyoming Award for this quilt.

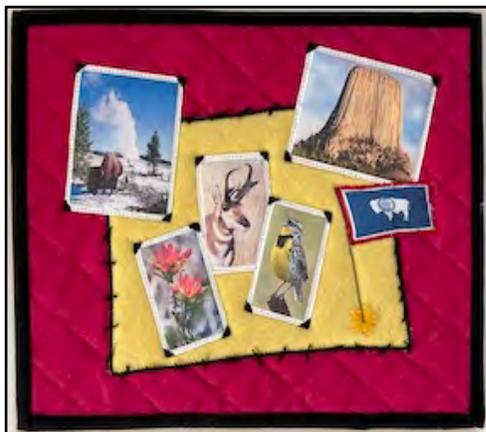
Deb Zelenak created a quilt that will be on display at the Paducah Quilt Show as part of the traveling AQS Creativity Challenge, 50 State Stitches.



Garden Nouveau by Ginny Singer  
Pattern by Vicky Lawrence  
Hand appliqué - Quilted on a domestic sewing machine.  
This quilt took about two years to complete.



Rose's Tulips by Rose French  
Hand appliqué - Machine quilted by Karol Holmberg.



Wyoming Snapshots (8"x12") by Deb Zelenak



Rose Survival by Rose French  
Hand appliqué - Machine quilted by Karol Holmberg.  
Designed by Sue Garman, who passed away several years ago.  
"She helped me to be confident with my art."

## 2026 Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition

The Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition is a biennial juried show featuring the work of Wyoming artists. It was established in 2000 under Governor Geringer's initiative and organized by the Wyoming State Museum and Wyoming Arts Council.

Artists celebrate Wyoming's breathtaking landscapes, vibrant communities and culture, and the people of this great state in an exhibit at the State Capitol in Cheyenne. The exhibit is also part of celebrating 250 years of the United States.

This year there were 62 works by 53 artists, selected from 383 entries submitted by 152 Wyoming artists. There were two Wyoming State Quilt Guild members and a former member, whose work was juried into the show as well as four other fiber art pieces. That's exciting for our organization!

Our members selected for the show are Carol Kolf of Sheridan, Deb Zelenak of Lander, and former member, Phillippa Lack of Cheyenne. Congratulations to these ladies.

The entire show and the winners are posted on the Wyoming State Museum [website](#).

Enjoy the show in person through August 8, 2026, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Capitol Gallery, 200 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Cheyenne.



Mark Gordon and Deb Zelenak

Summer Visitor - Deb Zelenak

*Submitted by Audrey Jarvis*



Falling Leaves - Carol Kolf



Silver Sky Golden Fields - Phillippa Lack

# Spring Mystery Quilt Retreat

## May 30th - 31st 2026

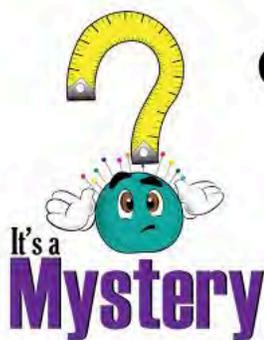
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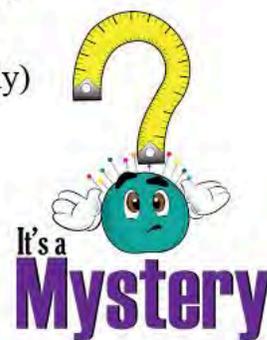
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## Featured Quilter - Chris Wolf



I grew up surrounded by family, in Easton, PA, an area rich in history. Sewing was learned out of necessity. The third child of four we were brought up in the parochial school system. We had our school uniforms and blouses. Our other clothing were hand-me-downs, or sewn by my mom. Eventually my sister and I learned to sew on my mom's Singer Featherweight 221, which has been passed down to me. My migration to the west landed me in Rapid City, SD, to finish my bachelor's degree. This is where I met my husband, whose family lived in Rawlins, WY. After graduation we settled for 15 years. Then we transferred to Cody, WY, and have been here for 32 years. We love Wyoming!!

My first quilt was inspired by my sister-in-law Kathy, who constantly was making gorgeous quilts. The other major inspiration was from quilts in the barn at the Kutztown Fair in Kutztown, PA, in the heart of Amish country. I traveled to Rock Springs, since there was not a material shop in Rawlins. I bought material for two quilts, a cutting mat, rotary cutter and plexiglass strips with no markings. I taught myself the steps to make the quilt with the use of a set of Rodale books. It took a while but a split rail fence was completed and the quilt adventure had begun. It was hit and miss with small children and a full-time job. I managed to complete one more quilt for my daughter.

The bug hit again after a few years and I found a quilt in *Quilter's Newsletter* magazine called Tomboy Bride. My sister-in-law Kathy taught me how to paper piece and I was off and running?? Not really, as my mom would say "your eyes are bigger than your belly." It definitely was not a quilt for my skill level. It went into a bin and came out

every so often. Several quilts were made over the years with my skill level improving. Rag quilts were my family's favorites. They still use them religiously!



Rag Quilt

My kids grew up and left the nest, and a change in careers provided more opportunity to sew. My favorite pattern is the carpenter's star.



Carpenter's Star

I like to paper piece because of the accuracy. Shopping for material, consulting with quilt sisters on colors, patterns, and techniques, add to the love of quilting. I like looking through books, magazines and online for the next project to be constructed. My trusty Bernina Virtuosa 153 QE and the Singer Featherweight 221 (manufactured in 1951) are the sewing machines I use. There are so many tools available to a quilter today but my favorite ones are the Block Locs rulers for squaring your work and a tool I bought years ago called "Little Wooden."

You can only keep so many quilts yourself, so they have become gifts for weddings, graduations, new babies and just because you need to send a warm and loving hug. The quilt I made that was the most fun was my son's University of Wyoming T-shirt quilt. It was a challenge and took some out-of-

the-box thinking to pull it together. It involved using T-shirts that were not all the same size, fussy cutting and using the attic window to highlight each piece. Due to the odd sizes of the blocks, three blocks were embroidered to balance out the quilt in three of the corners. Both my son and I were very pleased with the final piece.



Son's T-shirt Quilt

About ten years ago, what truly hit me were the articles in *Love of Quilting* magazine put out by Fons and Porter. The articles on Quilts of Valor touched my heart. I felt that this was a remarkable program. The Cody Middle School had started an enrichment program series, which had been active for two years and was thriving. I decided to throw the idea in the hat about offering an enrichment that would make quilts for veterans and donate them through the Quilts of Valor program. They said "yes" to the idea and we were off and running. Our first year was rough with only two students in each semester. The COVID bug actually shut us down for the second semester. We managed to make two quilts with the four trail blazing students, Lori and Shawna, who stuck it out with me. We then had a year off from enrichments so students could get back on solid ground academically. Finally, we presented four quilts to deserving veterans. Our first presentation was limited to 50 people in the whole gym, spaced for COVID requirements. It was heartwarming, educational, and well received.

When enrichment restarted, our student numbers started to fly. The program is in its sixth active year and has touched over 60 students. We will go over the 30-quilt donation mark this year when we present our quilts to the veterans.

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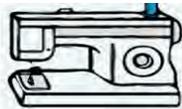


It is time to select books for our annual donation to libraries across Wyoming. The books should have a quilt theme (such as storyline, instruction, history, etc.). We will choose one book for adults and one for children.

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

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*Sue Erpelding*



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### Featured Quilter - Chris Wolf

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Can you feel the excitement! Watching our students grow in skill and maturity through this process is a precious reward. A very generous quilting community, quilt stores and angels have provided us with most everything we need to run our programs. This includes Featherweights for our students to sew on. They have a team of volunteers and teachers (Sue B., Gretl C., Kristi I., Karli M., Cathryn M., Lori R. and Ann T.), who teach and guide them through the process. This experience for me and our team of volunteers and teachers has built camaraderie and sharing the love of quilting. One of our students, whose dad received one of the Quilts of Valor, presented us with a military paddle for our work at the middle school.

The Cody Middle School Quilting Club offers an extended Friday session for kids to make their own quilts and the Wyoming State Quilt Guild has sponsored our Summer Quilt Camps along with our local school district. The students make quilts to donate to the local hospice house and have had success with entering their personal quilts at the County and State Fair. It is truly a privilege to work with these aspiring young people. In 2025 this group was showcased in Governor Gordon's RIDE (Reimagining and Innovating the Delivery of Education) program tour in Cody. Park County School District #6 recognized our volunteers at a school board meeting in 2025 for their dedication to the quilting program.

My quilting journey is far from over, as far as I am concerned. I discovered quilt retreats and Sip and Sew a few years ago, and so many new friends along the way. I look forward to every chance there is to participate. The possibility that the school program might grow into other districts across Wyoming, would be phenomenal! I would like to encourage others to come and join us, whether young or old, to find a pattern and material and get started. This is what I would like to see.

My advice to quilters is take chances and try something out of your comfort zone. There are fellow quilters willing and ready to help you with those projects. Find a younger soul who would like to learn. Share the love! I joined WSQG three years ago and hope to see all of you in Powell this summer. Oh, yes, I finished Tomboy Bride. It was the first project I worked on, when I retired four years ago. It only took 28 years!



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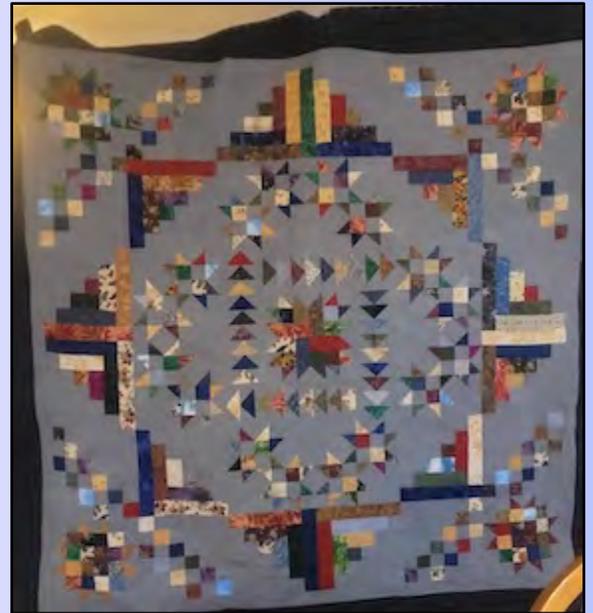
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### Featured Quilter - Chris Wolf



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REGIONAL NEWS



Kristi Smith

Robin Wacker

NORTHEAST

Spring has sprung with quilt retreats and shows. Sewing machines are buzzing along with the bees.

We just returned from the annual NE307 retreat. What a good time we had! There were people who played quilter's bingo for the first time. What fun it was!



There was a table runner class taught by the Sew Sisters the first night. Everyone got their runner done.

Buffalo had their retreat and what fun it was! 'Keeps getting bigger every year.



Buffalo Quilting Gals have a wonderful display of quilts in the Buffalo Library for the annual quilt show. They will have a program for National Quilting Day at the library on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. Deb Kipp will speak about quilt appraisals. The quilts will hang March 2-28, so get out and see the show.

The Sew Sisters Quilt Shop in Buffalo will be having a Sharon Shane Stack-N-Whack class April 7- 9. at Bomber Mountain Civic Center. They are getting in new fabric so check it out.



The Strawberry Patch in Newcastle is continuing their Villa Rosa Club. Come in and sew or pick up your pattern and fabric and sew at home. Tune in to Facebook to see



Robbie's videos. They are hilarious! She ordered a lot of Minky! If you need some, contact Robbie. Bev would like to have it all gone!

Heirlooms by Design in Gillette has a lot going on. March madness starts with weekly prizes and there will be a grand prize drawing on March 31st. There will be a March premiere event with specials on Bernina top-line machines. On April 24th and 25th they will have a Bernina masquerade event with Heather Stadelman from Bernina.

On May 21-23 Edie Wait with Handi Quilter Van Event, will be there to show and demonstrate on the Handi Quilter Amara 20 with Pro Stitcher.



The Creative Fiber Guild in Sheridan had their annual mystery quilt day with a good turnout. It was organized by Kristi Smith and Lyn Bennet.

They are getting ready for National Quilting Day at the fairgrounds on March 21st.

We will be hosting a second NE307 Retreat in Sheridan at the old Luminous Brewery building for the the end of May or beginning of June. Dates are to be decided. Watch for an announcement

Robin Wacker  
Kristi Smith



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REGIONAL NEWS



Diana Clark

Cathy Wissner

SOUTHEAST

**Cheyenne Heritage Quilters** meet the first Monday of the month, at 108 E. 18th Street, Cheyenne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The meeting typically ends at 8:30 p.m.

The January program was presented by Cleata Zlenka and Debbie Pryzmus! They inspired us with how to use the same quilt pattern and same fabric line, constructed slightly different. Their favorite tool is the AccuQuilter. They shared ideas to obtain perfect points, and ideas to display cross stitched projects.

The February program was presented by CHQ members



Photo by Judy Gilmore

Deb Koerwitz and Keith Blaney titled "Bits and Pieces." Discussions covered a "Starry Night" quilt inspired by Van Gogh, and creating string quilts and using applique.



Photo by Judy Gilmore  
Keith's quilt

The March 2, program was presented by Cynthia Chesney from Cedar Ridge Quilting. She presented a trunk show titled

"Panel Palooza," with tips on panels with ideas for how to finish!

March 5, 6, and 7 is CHQ's "Beat The

Winter Blues" Quilt Retreat, held at Laramie County Community College.

The April program will be "1930's Hard Times, Great Quilts," a trunk show by The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. A \$5 guest fee will be charged for non-members to attend this program.

The May 4 meeting will feature Pam Rocco, formerly a columnist for *Quilters Newsletter*. She will show the club her improvisational cutting and piecing technique, guaranteed to be fun and fast. A workshop with Pam will take place the next day where attendees will learn this improvisational cutting and piecing technique. Pam advises that each student's quilt will be a unique creation. Starting with freehand rotary cut 1-3" strips with gentle curves, without using a ruler. The strips are sewn together with no pinning. The end result is a high energy quilt. The workshop will be held at First United Methodist Church, 108 E. 18th Street, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Photo and improvisational quilt by Pam Rocco

**Laramie Art Quilt Guild**

Their meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at the UW Extension office meeting room located on the Albany County Fairgrounds, doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Their theme for 2026 is "Play"! The January meeting was an ice dying workshop, with some very creative results.

The February meeting was a morning learning how to use Derwent Inktense pencils and blocks. A demonstration on how to use them was given. All attendees then had a chance to play with Inktense pencils on fabric. Attendees were advised, "it's not necessarily a messy endeavor, however the ink is permanent, and to wear clothes that can get dirty". Over the last ten years, LAQG, has donated seventy comfort quilts to the local hospice in Laramie. The tentative

date for their 2026 retreat is the weekend of May 1-3.



Quilt made from hand-dyed ice bath fabric

Photo by Cathy Wissner



A color sampler of ice dyed fabric Photo by Cathy Wissner

**Goshen County Quilters Guild**

Their monthly meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at the Platte Valley bank. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

At their February meeting the guild helped the youngest member, Isabella Gyongyos, celebrate her 11th birthday. She was generously gifted with many fat quarters. The meeting finished with a workshop on a 3-D star taught by Jan Voltmer.



3-D star table runner workshop Photo by Cathy Wissner

They are currently hosting a beginning quilting class at Eastern Wyoming



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College and have eight students. Kids quilting camp is scheduled for June 15-19, to be held at the local quilt store, Sew Addicting in Torrington. Their annual quilt show will be held Sep. 16-20, at the Goshen County Fairgrounds.

The Saratoga Arts Council in Saratoga is tentatively planning a quilt show in July.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Wissner  
Diana Clark*



L to R: Janet Vetos, Ginny Hartman, Deb Archibald and Dorothy Painter



**Iris Jaspersen**

### SOUTHWEST

Hi all! I hope these past couple months have brought fun to your sewing world!! Its been hard to sew here in Star Valley. We usually have two to three feet of snow, but are experiencing 50-degree days and no snow at all! Very weird! I'm assuming everyone is super busy as I didn't hear from anyone on happenings in the region.

I have something new to report! On Feb. 20 and 21, the Hamsfork Museum in Kemmerer hosted a quilt show and chocolate fest as a fundraiser. In those two days over 80 quilts were displayed and over \$1,200 was raised for the museum!

The chocolate fest was the fundraising part of the show. Volunteers made all kinds of chocolate goodies that were sold.

Please keep Katherine Peterson, owner of Broken Art Glass and Hobby in Big



Piney, in your prayers. She has had some setbacks but hopes to be back in her shop soon.

My tenure as your Southwest Director is coming to an end in July. I hope someone will step up and run for this position and be a part of something bigger! You will meet many new people and make many new friends, not

only from Wyoming but from all over! Please contact myself or Julie Haptonstall if you are interested.

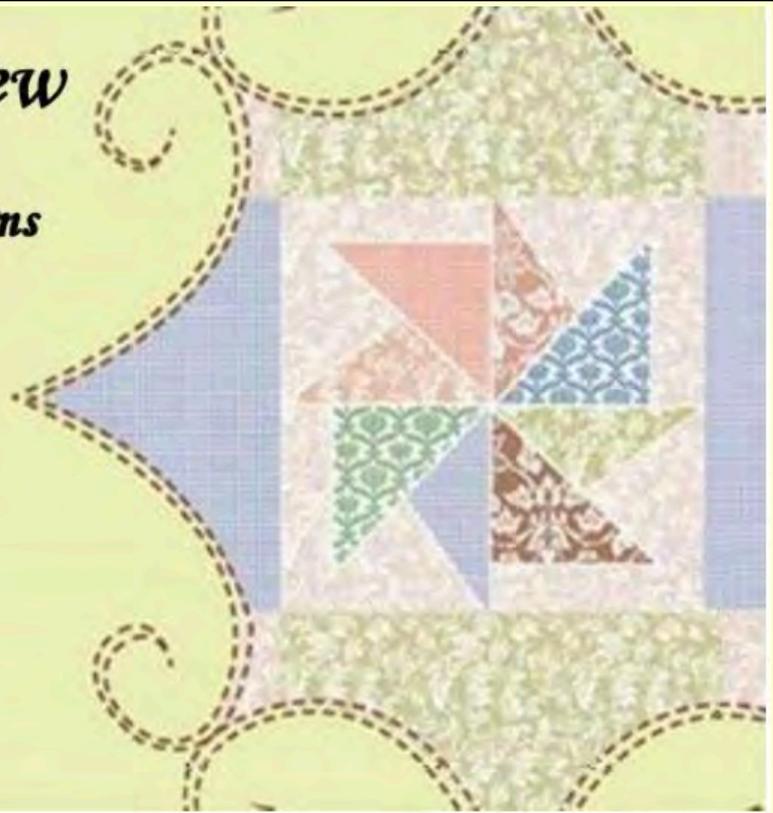
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REGIONAL NEWS



**CENTRAL**  
**April Pendleton**

Hi quilting friends! It is almost Easter! I am excited about Quilt Wyoming 2026. The class list looks great. Hope to see you all in July.

**The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild** committee members have met and are preparing to hold this year's Dubois Quilt Festival at The Dennison Lodge. They are celebrating the country's 250th anniversary. As a note of interest, this is also the 50th anniversary of the Dubois Museum. To celebrate the 250 years of America, this year's President/Vice President's challenge consists of a red, white, and blue fabric colors with a size of 18"x24" (flag appearance) and must contain a paper-pieced eagle. The Quilt Festival will be held from Aug. 7-9<sup>th</sup> at The Dennison. In addition to all the lovely quilts that will be displayed, they will have "barn" quilts made by guild members on display, available for sale. Members will be meeting on some upcoming Saturdays to work on the barn quilts – times/dates forthcoming. Please mark your calendar now for a great time.

They now meet for a combined UFO and monthly meeting the third Saturday of the month at the Crowheart Community Center.

**Crossroads Quilters** met on Feb. 7th for Quilt of Valor National Sew Day. They sewed, chatted and ate pizza as well as making enough blocks for four quilt tops which will be presented to local veterans. We meet every Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the VFW, 1800 Bryan Stock Trail, Casper. Please join us. Everyone creates their own quilt from a pattern of their choice with red, white and blue fabric which Crossroads Quilters provides.

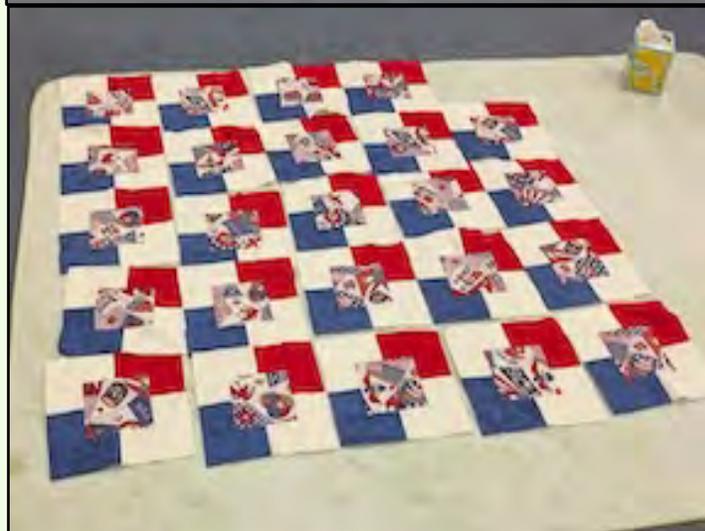
**Binding Friends** quilt club had a very productive January. They had guests, Tyler and Kenny from Casper Sewing Repair, right here in Casper. What a great amount of information was provided. They also had a fifth Saturday class. Rachel Miller from Journey Back Quilts taught a quilted jacket class. She is a very well-prepared instructor, easy to follow. The ladies had a great day. They are looking forward to seeing Ruth Anne from Prism Quilts and Darren from Divine's Sewing World in the next two months.

**The PHD Quilters** have started 2026 off with great plans for the year. They have started to do a block of the month. Each member has signed up to present a block for the group to make. Anyone who brings their completed block by the next meeting will be entered into a drawing at the end of the year. Each person presenting a block is to bring an item to put in a basket. This basket is what the people who entered could win.

The PHD Quilters have made plans to make pillowcases for

the local hospice group. There are some amazing pillowcases already turned in.

The focus fabric for the Quilts of Valor has been distributed, and the blocks are already coming in. One of the members always hosts the evening with yummy treats. They always bring great show 'n' tell, they are very creative and busy ladies.



The **Stitches n' Time** group has been busy these past months. In January they made cat face blocks to put together to make a quilt to donate to Paws n' Pearls, the local human society. Next, they made composition notebook covers for the church's youth group, the King's Kids. The kids will have great fun using them in their activities. The ladies in this Saturday group always have lively conversations, great food and overall, a great time.

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REGIONAL NEWS



Roberta Oliver Cyndy Jahn-Thomas

Northwest

Quilters of the Northwest Region have found this mild winter a time to keep busy with new projects and involvement with our guilds. We are also busy preparing for Quilt Wyoming which will be held in our region this year at Northwest College in Powell, July 8-12.

**TAGY—Textile Artists of Greater Yellowstone - Cody**

The TAGY artists met in January and had their annual holiday potluck lunch. There was also a voluntary gift exchange;

bring a handmade gift, get one in return. Many lovely gifts were given. Rope baskets seemed to be popular. The February meeting was full of show-and-tell, including a darling fish quilt made



by Alice. Cyndy provided the program of making a felt bracelet. TAGY meets on the first Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) from 1:00-3:00 p.m., usually in the Cody Library. There is a program each month. All are welcome to enjoy the inspiring art of one another. Membership is free.

**Paintbrush Piecers** - Cody and Powell area quilters have continued to be busy with a variety of quilting projects from traditional to art quilts. The guild has grown a lot in the past couple months, with members drawn by interest in attending QW2026 this July in Powell. We welcome the "new" faces to our guild! We meet the fourth Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cody Senior Center and at 6:30 p.m. during the summer months (April – October).

In January they awarded prizes for the top point earners for their 2025 UFO Challenge. Cathryn Mayton finished more than 20 UFOs to garner the top award! Also earning a prize were Evelyn Browning, Roberta Oliver and Sue Sironen. Way to go quilters! We also applaud many others who tackled and finished UFOs. Some of us have made 2026 UFO lists for our own personal challenge and have checked off items on that list already.

In 2026, a guild project is doing a row-by-row challenge. Fourteen members are participating. The January meeting program consisted of two members showing ideas for making a row quilt. The two examples were at opposite sides of the spectrum, from detailed and specific criteria for adding rows, to a whimsical and random, "anything goes" approach.

The February meeting brought us together for fun show and tell and a last-minute program showing four-fabric reverse applique. The scheduled presenter had a mishap created by, guess what, the Wyoming wind! We also revealed the initial rows for the row challenge.

Cyndy Jahn-Thomas shared her whimsical row by row, "Wonky World" and Sharon LaGrant made a cover for her sewing machine, moving outside of her comfort zone.



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handed out at the March meeting.

The February meeting centered on the donation quilt. Everyone who wanted to, brought red, white and blue fabrics from their stashes and as a group, they selected the fabrics to be used. The following week, a small group of members cut and kitted the pieces for members to make parts (strip sets) of the quilt. The March meeting will focus on putting this quilt together and preparing it to go to the longarm quilter for quilting. Giving back to the community means so much to all involved.



#### Chatelaine Quilt Guild – Meeteetse

Chatelaine Quilt Guild meets at the St Andrews Parish Hall the second Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. They also have a potluck dinner with the meeting and program afterwards.



#### Loose Threads – Greybull

Loose Threads continues to meet at the Greybull Senior Center on the third Monday each month at 7:00 p.m.



They also have a "sew Saturday" at the senior center on the fourth Saturday each month. They provide quilts to hang at the post office and in the senior center. At the January meeting, Jan Barnett shared a quilt from a Mary Ellen Hopkins class. Interest was expressed in doing this quilt as a class later this spring.



Chatelaine Quilt Guild started this year with a Christmas in January Party. The evening was filled with a potluck supper, show and tell, homemade gift exchange, Left Right Center game, along with program sign-ups and picking a pattern for this year's donation quilt.

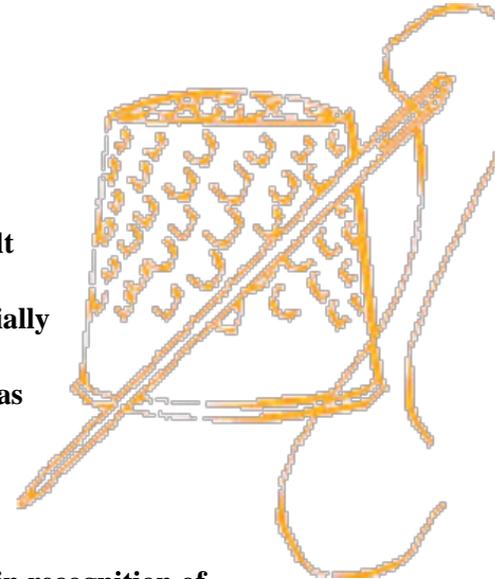
This year's quilt is a pattern called Woven Valor and the recipient will be the Meeteetse Summer Youth Program. They are doing two mystery quilts as well. The second clues were passed out. The final clues will be

Their February meeting had Jan sharing a couple of articles – 1) picking out colors and different sized prints to create interesting textures and looks in our quilts and 2) how to use



## The 2026 Golden Thimble Award

The Golden Thimble Award is presented by the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. The WSQG Board of Directors is asking our members for nominations of organizations, clubs and individuals who have especially “given back” to the community. Examples of worthy nominations include: a club that makes and donates quilts to organizations such as Project Linus, a store or organization that has donated fabric or equipment to a quilting event, a quilter who teaches children how to quilt, etc.



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Please fill out the form, use the back or attach another page, and return it to Past President, **Di Wilsey Geer, 176 Geis Road, Aladdin, WY 82710.** Phone: (307) 231-2992 [quilttherapy@gmail.com](mailto:quilttherapy@gmail.com). You may also submit your nomination using the online form.

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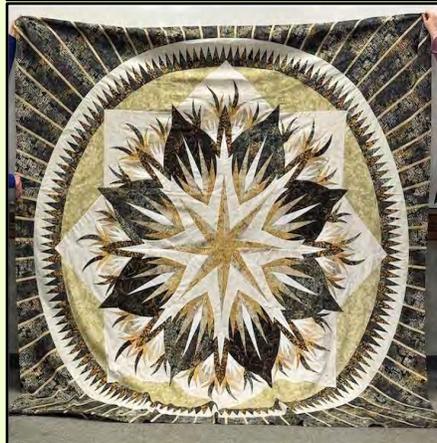
scraps or old UFO's inherited from family. These can be made into doll clothes, table toppers and other useful items that help family remember special family members. Of course each meeting always includes show and tell.

**Cottonwood Quilters Guild – Worland**

Cottonwood Quilters Guild meets the fourth Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Extension Offices in Worland. Their January meeting included discussions for upcoming group projects. They will be making a raffle quilt that will fund future projects and community outreach. The guild will also have a quilt show in March, with quilts displayed at the local library. Tamee presented a program on sewing curves, complete with a handout. At the February meeting, members who wanted to participate in the “Crayon Quilt Challenge,” selected three crayons, with the colors to be used in a quilt pattern that had been preselected and provided to each quilter. The finished quilts will be shared at the guild picnic in August. Members also brought in possible patterns for the raffle quilt.

Jenn presented an informative, hands-on demonstration showing how to square up HST and QST blocks using a regular cutting ruler and a rotary cutter. Show and tell was also a part of both evenings, with some beautiful quilt tops shared.

*Cyndy Jahn-Thomas  
Roberta Oliver*



**QUILT EVENTS**

**April 19-27, 2026  
Bus trip to Paducah**  
Contact Jennifer Golden  
Sheridan, WY,  
to Paducah, KY

**May 9, 2026  
Quilt Retreat**  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Heritage Hall  
Fremont County Fairgrounds  
Contact Lea Delay 307-851-0824  
Riverton, WY

**May 29-30, 2026  
Quilting on the Green**  
Green River, WY

**June 15-18, 2026  
Black Hills Quilt Retreat  
Mallo Camp**  
[www.blackhillsquiltretreat.com](http://www.blackhillsquiltretreat.com)  
Between Sundance and  
Newcastle  
WY

**July 8-12, 2026  
WYld & WYacky  
Quilt Wyoming 2026**  
Powell, WY

**August 2026  
Wyoming State Fair**  
Douglas, WY

**August 2026  
Dubois Quilt Festival  
Never Sweat Needlers  
Quilt Show**  
Dennison Lodge  
Dubois, WY

**October 2026  
Fiber Arts Quilt Show**  
Fullmer Library  
Sheridan, WY

**October 3-4, 2026  
NEW Quilt Show**  
Free Admission  
Complex  
Gillette, WY

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