



Wyoming Patchwords

WYOMING STATE QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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• We are excited to welcome you to Quilt Wyoming, "Wyld & Wyacky," in Powell! We have a great lineup of teachers who are excited to see you, as well. If you haven't yet registered, there is still time. Check the website to see which classes are available. Some classes filled up on the first day!

• Registration is going well!! **Confirmations** were sent by email on May 6th. If you have not received a confirmation, check the junk folder on your computer. If it's not there, contact Lauren Andrist at redlightquilting@gmail.com.

• Refer to the **campus map** in the brochure and on the website, to find your way to the registration area upon arrival. The map is also on the website. There is a link on the Quilt Wyoming 2026 web page.

• We're excited to see you at the **ice cream social** on Wednesday night!

• We have two rooms for **Open Sew** each day. There will be space for everyone!

• If you are staying in the dorms, **don't forget long twin sheets, pillow, towels, and a quilt to brighten up your dorm room.** You may wish to bring a fan. The hallways are air conditioned and the rooms are comfortable, but a fan may help.

• Bring your quilt to participate in the **Walking Quilt Show** on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

• Make a **challenge quilt** to win cash prizes. The instructions are on the website and in the brochure.

• Make as many **friendship blocks** as you wish. Pin your name on each one. Each one gives you a chance to win a set of blocks to make a WYld and WYacky quilt! The instructions are on the website and in the brochure.

• Bring an **extension cord** for classroom use, just in case. Wheels to transport your sewing machine are always advisable.

• Four **\$200 scholarships** will be awarded on Sunday morning. These will defray the cost of Quilt Wyoming 2027. If you are under 30, be sure we have your name so we can include you in the **Jan Debolt Rising Star Scholarship** drawing. You must be present at the breakfast to win.

• **The Golden Thimble Award** will be presented at the annual meeting. June 1 is the deadline for nominations.

• Contact Lauren Andrist with any questions or concerns you may have redlightquilting@gmail.com.



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

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
Purchase tickets online or contact Quilt Mom:

Barb Bunn 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:

Carol Kolf, WSQG Treasurer
363 Big Goose Road
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Scan to purchase tickets online.

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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Central: John Apodaca, Debbie Cupples, Liz Mahoney, Kimberly McAtee, Edwina Prager, Robin Ramos, Larry Willey, Shelbie Willey

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Southwest: Kim Frome

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Southeast: Cathy McCoolle

Southwest: Linda Whitaker

Out of State: Teresa Clark, Tina Steinberg

<u>Region</u>	<u>May 1, 2026</u>
Central	144
Northeast	197
Northwest	115
Southeast	150
Southwest	83
Out-of-State	<u>45</u>
TOTAL:	734

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. 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).

Sondra Nelson, Membership Director - email: WSQGmembership@yahoo.com

Articles for the August-September 2026 issue of Patchwords are due by July 17, 2026 - info@wsqg.org

President's Corner



Hello everyone!

Wow! I can't believe my year as President of the Wyoming State Quilt Guild is coming to an end. It has been a busy year because we revisited the Standing Rules regarding regional events and some very important changes are being proposed by the Board. This was a

complicated issue but we had a great committee which worked hard to find practical solutions to the challenges facing our organization, while recognizing and meeting the needs of our different regions. That committee was comprised of Di Wilsey Geer, Julie Haptonstall, Carol Kolf, Virginia Ohr, April Pendleton and Kayleen Logan. As often happens, the committee ended up addressing additional issues relating to such things as insurance and quilt shows. Special thanks go to Carol Kolf who spent a huge amount of time working on insurance and financial issues to protect the WSQG and to Virginia Ohr who, as always, shared her vast knowledge of the WSQG and kept us on track by repeatedly updating our working documents as changes were made. Please take the time necessary to review the proposed changes which are contained in this issue of Patchwords and are also available on the WSQG website because they will be presented to the membership as a whole for a vote at the annual membership meeting in

Powell on July 12th. Your votes matter!

Speaking of Powell, I am looking forward to seeing you there at QW2026. Lauren Andrist and her committee have worked so hard to bring us a great event. I am excited to take classes and, most of all, to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. I hope you are all working on your challenge quilts. They are one of my favorite parts of Quilt Wyoming because they showcase the talent of our members and inspire us on our personal quilting journeys.

There is still time to register for Quilt Wyoming and to nominate a worthy quilter or organization for the Golden Thimble Award. And most of all, there is still time to throw your name into the hat or nominate a willing member to serve on the Board of Directors. The WSQG is strong, financially and organizationally, and that is because of the volunteers who step forward to serve it. New volunteers bring fresh ideas and insight, which allow the WSQG to grow and continue to meet the needs of its members and to advance the art of quilting for everyone.

Thank you to the officers and entire Board of Directors for your hard work during the past year. Your contributions to the WSQG are appreciated. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Finally, it has been an honor to serve the WSQG. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to give back to the WSQG because it has given so much to me.

See you in Powell!!

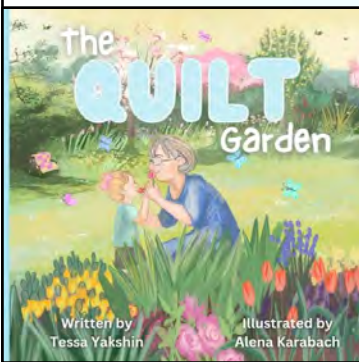
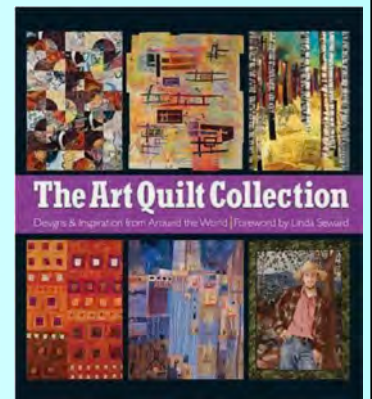
Nena James

Books for County Libraries - Director Sue Erpelding

Each year WSQG purchases two books for the main libraries in Wyoming. Main libraries may share these books with branch libraries, and they are available for interlibrary loans in Wyoming. Funds from the sale of tickets for the opportunity quilt funds this project. Books will be delivered at Quilt Wyoming to Regional Directors who will distribute them to libraries in their regions.

In 2026 the adult book selected is *The Art Quilt Collection: Designs and Inspirations From Around the World*, by Linda Seward.

Using the well-established methods and styles of the centuries-old handicraft, art quilts combine fabrics and other materials to create innovative, stunning, and contemporary results. Art Quilt Collection profiles several artists in the field, many of them award winning, along with their creations, showing readers the step-by-step process by which scraps of fabric become vibrant works of art. Readers will be inspired to experiment with quilting techniques and create their own unique pieces.



The children's book selection is *The Quilt Garden*, by Tessa Yakshin.

In *The Quilt Garden*, Nana and her granddaughter Birdie spend time together enjoying nature and going for a walk in Nana's flower garden. It feels like a magical place because it is filled with hummingbirds, butterflies, and quilts that Nana made. The book is meant to help share the beauty and magic of quilting and nature with children, toddlers, and babies.



Enjoy the Trunk Show Friday night. \$10 Advanced ticket purchase required.

Come experience our quilt exhibition and vendor mall on May 29th from 10am to 5pm & May 30th from 10am to 4pm.

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. Please Print Clearly

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Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: ___ Zip Code: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Tel No.: () _____

Please place a check mark in the box or boxes that apply:

New Members Only: Check here to receive a WSQG pin.

I have a **second residence:** _____

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Do not mail Patchwords to me. I will access **Wyoming Patchwords Newsletter** on the WSQG website www.wsqg.org.

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 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.

Make \$20.00 Check Payable to WSQG - Mail to:

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

Changes to your information may be submitted online or emailed to the Membership Director, Sondra Nelson, WSQGmembership@yahoo.com

Board of Director Candidates

PRESIDENT ELECT



April Pendleton

You ask me, "Why in the world do you want to be President Elect, President and Past President for a fourth time?" My mom, Kay Talkington, and I first attended Quilt Wyoming 2006 "Quilting is Food for the Soul" in Powell. It truly was food for the soul. We had so much fun, met so many wonderful ladies, and took a class that was, by all rights, way over our skill levels. Everyone was helpful and encouraging and the teacher did not give up on us!

Every time we attended Quilt Wyoming, we were reminded that this truly is a great organization with wonderful members. We always took the same classes, just because we wanted to spend the time together, learning and growing in our skills. After many years of attending, my mom's health began failing. We both knew she would not be able to do the class that I wanted to take. We decided that she would take a class from one of her favorite teachers, Daenette More, and I would take the one I wanted. I got her settled in that class. Daenette took me aside and assured me that she would be fine, and sent me on my way! Daenette and classmates brought her to the cafeteria at lunchtime. It was obvious that she was having a great time! This confirmed my desire to help in any way I could to make sure this organization continues.

From the By-Laws: "Section 1.2 ORGANIZATION: WSQG is incorporated in Wyoming as a non-profit corporation under the Wyoming Non-Profit Corporation Act, that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes" and "Section 1.4 PURPOSE: The purpose of the WSQG is to unite those who love the quilter's art, to preserve the heritage of quilts and be a source of education." I want to help make sure the Wyoming State Quilt Guild continues to fulfill the non-profit purpose set forth in the By-Laws.

Happy Quilting, my friends, see you in Powell!

SECRETARY

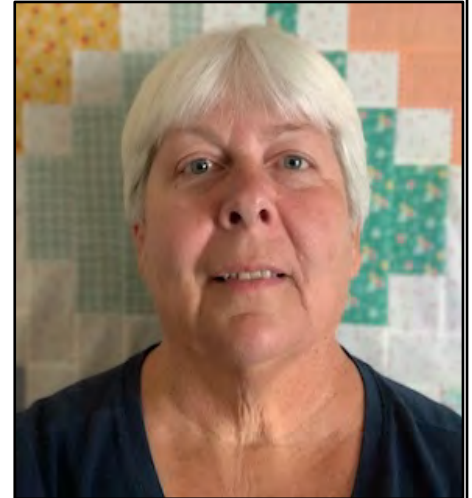


Kathy Sanderson

I grew up in Crowheart (between Lander and Dubois), then I lived in several big cities including Minneapolis until settling in Lander in 2005. I worked as a legal secretary, patent secretary and paralegal for most of my working years. In the fourth grade, while in 4-H, I sewed an apron, which won a white ribbon at the Wyoming State Fair. I made most of my clothing during junior and senior high school, then took up sewing again after retirement in 2019. I have mostly sewn 18" (American Girl) doll outfits and accessories, but I have transitioned into quilting in the last couple of years. I have

been a member of WSQG since 2022, and I am currently serving as secretary for the Central region Quilt Wyoming 2028 committee.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Sondra Nelson

I grew up in Roy, UT, and moved to Evanston, WY, in 2014. My husband and I have been married for 42 years. We are both retired. I worked at Hill Air Force Base in Utah as a civil service employee for 34 years, doing several different jobs. I worked as a Human Resources specialist for my last 15 years or so.

I started quilting in 2016 after I retired, taking a beginning quilting class at JoAnn's. I have learned so much since then from local quilt shops, and following several quilting groups online. I enjoy doing shop hops with my sister-in-law and attending retreats when I can. Bag making is also something I enjoy. I've made the Aunties Two Poppins Bag for my sister and Mini Poppins Bag for my mom. I've made the By Annie's Ultimate Travel Bag for myself and have everything ready to make one for my husband. I always have several projects I am working on. Currently, I'm finishing a quilt from a kit that I purchased at Quilt Wyoming in 2024. In addition to quilting and bag making, I enjoy machine embroidery, reading,

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Board of Director Candidates

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working puzzles, and spending time with my family. I am a current member of the Utah State Quilt Guild and the Wyoming State Quilt Guild. I love being a member of the State Quilt Guilds. I've made some lifelong friends and hope to make new friends as well.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE



Jean Schroeder

My sewing adventures started with making clothes for my trolls; do you remember them? I made my first quilt at age 20 from fabric scraps of clothing my mom made for us. In 1980 I worked a summer job in Miles City, MT, with the same agency as Barb Gorges and was inspired by her beautiful quilts hanging on her clothesline. Fast forward to 1998 when I moved to Douglas and she invited me to attend the first QW in Casper. I took a crazy quilt vest class. (It is still a work in progress!). Since then I've attended QW many times and am grateful to belong to an organization that promotes quilting, strives to offer opportunities to learn new techniques and expand our quilting horizons! I am also a strong supporter of the Wyoming State Fair and promoting WSQG during State Fair week. If reelected Director at Large, I would continue to do my best to fulfill the duties of the position including coordinating quilt camps and being a WSQG liaison for the Wyoming State Fair.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

CENTRAL REGION



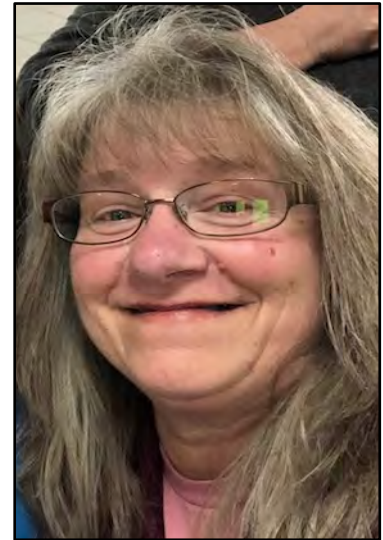
Tammy Day

I spent most of my life in Alabama and various parts of the Southeastern US before finding my heart and soul in Wyoming. Although I grew up in the South, I feel like so much of my time was wasted and that I was always meant to live in the Cowboy State, and specifically in Casper!

I started sewing at either seven or eight years old. I found quilting just over 20 years ago. After working with sewing machines, selling BERNINA machines, teaching sewing, and making so many different things, the simplicity and complexity of quilting has a never-ending draw for me! I love bringing newer quilters with basic skills into the fold of finding their joy in quilting. I also design and make my own, often very complex patterns. Designing and creating from just images in my head...there's nothing like it!

I have an attention to detail that will make me a great candidate to gather and collect the information from our Central Region and get it ready for publication!

CENTRAL REGION



Chris Mevissen

My family and I moved to Dubois in 2004. An enthusiastic neighbor (Pat Corkill) invited me to a quilt guild meeting. I enjoyed the meeting and seeing the show and tell portion, but was quite resistant to quilting. Then I made a block, the first in a "block of the month" activity. I went all in, as did my husband, converting an attached garage into my dream sewing and quilting space. Before quilting, I enjoyed sewing for many years, teaching and encouraging others to have fun first, and to build their skills.

I have enjoyed the local guild, serving as vice president for three years and participating in the quilt show and being a member of various guild committees.



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Board of Director Candidates

SOUTHWEST REGION



Susie Hermanson

I grew up in Moab, UT, and moved to Wyoming in 1986. I worked in Human Resources at a Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Agency for 31 years.

I began sewing when I was eight years old, making Barbie doll clothes. I graduated to sewing my own clothing, then quilts. My first quilts were simple squares, tied with yarn. It wasn't until I retired seven years ago that I had time to take classes and learn new techniques. My favorite techniques are paper piecing and doing handwork with wool. I enjoys traveling, reading, quilting, sewing and working in my yard and garden.

I have been on the Quilting on the Green committee for the last eight years. I serve as the treasurer and I am in charge of class registration. I customize the prize ribbons for the juried quilt exhibit by replacing the center button with a pieced, appliquéd, or counted cross stitch design. I was the Vendor Coordinator for Quilt Wyoming 2025. I am a member of the Sweetwater County Quilt Guild. I think the local guilds are an important resource for new and experienced quilters. If elected, I look forward to visiting quilt guilds and shops in the Southwest region with Co-Director Kayleen Logan.



Kayleen Logan

I started sewing clothing through 4H programs, also learning embroidery, knitting and crochet.

I participated in Home Economic classes through the Utah School system in the late 60's and early 70's. It was not until my three daughters were born that I started sewing clothing, until they requested to not have matching Daisy Kingdom dresses for holidays. I then began quilting in the early 1990's with friends and a local quilting club.

I worked as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and found quilting helped me feel a sense of accomplishment and reduced stress.

I have been the treasurer and registrar for three WSQG Southwest Quilt Wyoming's.

I continue to enjoy handwork, quilting, long arm quilting, traveling, learning about other cultures, planning family events and surveying other community health organizations. My retirement gift to myself was a longarm machine, which I love spending time with!

SAMPLE BALLOT WSQG

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April Pendleton

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Jean Schroeder

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(VOTE ONLY FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR REGION.)

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Tammy Day
 Chris Mevissen

Southwest:

Kayleen Logan/Susie Hermansen

Vote for one candidate for each office.
Write in additional candidates.



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Wyoming State Fair

The 2026 Wyoming State Fair will be held August 11-15th in Douglas, WY.

This year's theme is "red, white and true" to celebrate 250 years of our nation; there will be a class for themed entries.

The 2026 premium book should be available online by the end of May/early June and can be found at www.wystatefair.com.

Entries are accepted online, by mail or in person; drop-off days are Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 with judging Sunday August 9th at 8:00 a.m. WSQG supports the WSF by awarding cash prizes and ribbons in 12 categories, including a one-year membership to WSQG for the upcoming year. Two awards are awarded in the youth division, so encourage our youngest quilters to enter their projects.

We may be able to pick up quilt entries in some locations, we will get the word out on that, when it gets closer!

Please consider entering some of your beautiful creations and come see the fabulous show!

Please reach out to me if you have questions,

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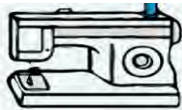
Quilt Camps

Quilt Camps are one of the wonderful ways our organization reaches out to teach quilting to those who wish to learn, have fun and get creative! WSQG supports "quilt camp" through funds available to members who are willing to plan and put on a camp. Camps are most popular in the summer and can be one day or many days.

Leadership packet guidelines and the application to request funds can be found at www.WSQG.org. Funds are considered for approval on a first come, first served basis.

There are still funds available for 2026, so it's not too late!

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REGIONAL NEWS



Diana Clark

Cathy Wissner



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colors of dark green and golds, pictured above.

SOUTHEAST

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters

The April program was a beautiful presentation by the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, given by two of their representatives who did an outstanding job of explaining each quilt, about 30 in all. Their focus for the CHQ program was quilts from the 1930's depression era.



(Photo from CHQ Facebook Page)

The May meeting will feature Dana Jones on Color My World with Quilts. Dana will have a trunk show with 40 of her quilts, and share best practices in color selection. Dana states, "Learning color has never been so easy, so intuitive." The following day, Dana will have a workshop on improvisational cutting and piecing techniques. Pam advises that each student's quilt will be a unique creation, starting with freehand rotary cut 1"- 3" wide strips with gentle curves, without using a ruler. The strips are sewn together with no pinning.

The Paper Piecing and Open Sew groups continue to be popular with CHQ. They are held at the First United Methodist Church.

CHQ's revealed the 2026 Opportunity Quilt, a Scott Flanagan pattern and fabrics. Each CHQ Member was asked to make one of the blocks.

The Goshen County Quilt Guild's first-ever quilting classes at Eastern Wyoming College were a success, with eight students. The annual kids' quilting camp is scheduled for June 15-19, to be held at the Sew Addicting Quilt Shop, in Torrington. The annual quilt show will be held Sept. 24-27, at the Goshen County Fair Grounds. This is a date change, as the fair had a conflict on the original dates.

Marla Marx taught a Petal Pizazz table runner class at the March meeting. The April meeting was a reveal of the GCQG Opportunity Quilt, a Judy Niemeyer design. Members were asked to help make various blocks. This was a successful group quilting project.



Photo by Cathy Wissner

Quilted Jacket by Sue, a Goshen County Quilt Guild member.



Photo by Cathy Wissner

Laramie Art Quilt Guild
The two-color paint chip art quilt challenge is due at their May meeting. The first one finished, was finished with

The Laramie Art Quilt Guild held their annual retreat, the first weekend of May. The focus was on making quilt tops that will later be donated to the Hospice in Laramie. The May meeting will be on various techniques of wool felting.

The Scrappy Quilters Club in Pine Bluffs, meets every Friday in the basement of the Lutheran Church, with a focus on community quilts. The majority of the fabric is donated for this purpose.

Southeast Region of WSQG hosted, April 24-26, the first of two 2026 quilt retreats at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. Forty-six members attended and were treated to door prizes, excellent food, snacks and everything needed for a fun sewing weekend. Two well-attended educational programs were presented, the first on Schmetz needles. Everyone attending the retreat received a Schmetz Needle Guide Book. The second program was a fast way to take two 12-inch striped blocks, and turn them into four, then sew back together for a fun effect.

One of several projects that were completed at the retreat.



Photo by Cathy Wissner



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REGIONAL NEWS



Iris Jaspersen
SOUTHWEST

Hellooooo everyone! Welcome to my last article as the Southwest Regional Director!!!!

This has been a crazy spring, winter, fake spring, oops! winter again, nope, spring...or what!!!!

Here is what has been happening in our neck of the woods. **The Young at Heart** group made and donated 48 quilts, 10 burp bibs, two receiving blankets and six homemade crocheted toys, for the children, to Inside Connections. These ladies are the greatest! I really enjoy the time I get to spend with them.



BEst Kind Embroidery and Quilt Shop in Evanston held their spring retreat in April. Because of the number of attendee requests, two different groups attended in two weeks. The theme for the retreat was the Kentucky Derby. Many participated by making stick horses. Of course, the Kentucky derby would not be THE derby without the fancy hats! On top of playing, some sewing was done, including an afternoon class on making project bags. Signups are currently online for the October retreats with a theme of Hoe Down on the Farm.



Kathrine Peterson from **Broken Art and Glass** in Big Piney would like me to let everyone know that she has reopened with reduced hours for the summer. Wed.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., depending on medical stuff, of course. If you are planning a visit, please check her FB page for updates.

Again...it has been my pleasure to serve the Southwest region. I will see you all at Quilt Wyoming in Powell. Be sure to attend, as something WYld and WYacky will be going on.

And as always, may your needles be sharp and your bobbins full....

Iris Jaspersen

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Another finished quilt at the WSQG Southeast Region Retreat.

Photo by
Cathy Wissner

The first organizational meeting for Quilt Wyoming 2029 was held. Several people volunteered for various jobs. A location (Laramie County Community College) and dates were chosen. Save-The-Date for June 27-July 1, 2029.

Cathy Wissner
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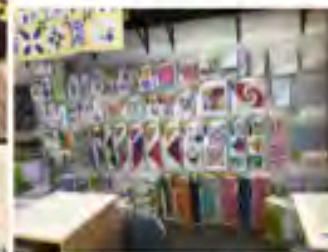
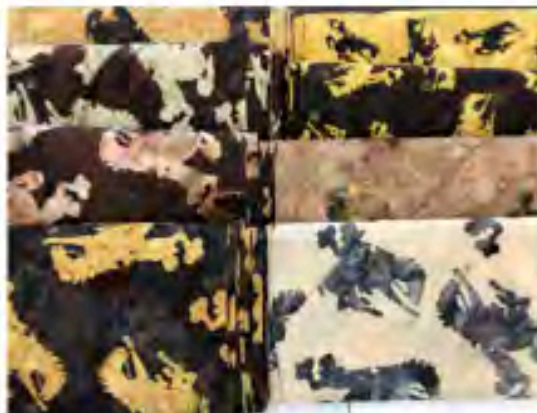
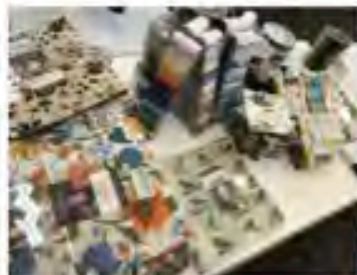
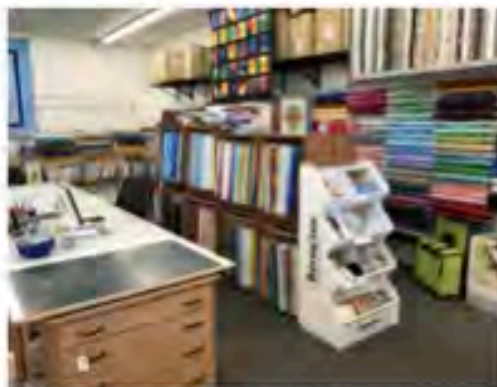
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**Kristi Smith Robin Wacker
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The Quilters Fix in Sheridan has a big section of patriotic fabrics. Check them out.



Walt Bohler, husband of Kerrie Bohler in Sheridan, is painting Featherweights in almost any color that you would like. There are quite a few painted machines around town. Turnaround time is very short. Call him and get all the details.



His number is 307-751-6489.

Sewing for National Quilting Day was organized by Heather Mortensen and Jeniffer Golden. There was plenty of room at the Sheridan Fairgrounds. Think about coming next year.



We have sad news. Kristi and I wanted to have a quilt retreat here in Sheridan, but the location has fallen through. We are still looking for a place. We are determined to have a retreat on this side of the state.

Sew Sisters Quilt Shop will be vending at the Black Hill Quilt Show June 3-5th. Kathy Born will be working in the shop, for shop hoppers. There is a Stack and Whack class starting soon. Tuesday is Senior Day at the shop. They offer a 15% discount. Their Shop Hop Block is pictured below.



Buffalo Quilting Gals: I hope you were able to see the 30th Annual Johnson County Library Quilt Show. Sharon Shane's UFO Feathered Star was voted people's choice.



The Strawberry Patch Quilt Shop is going to have a very special quilt retreat "A Quilt War." It will be Sept. 5th - 7^h. Sign up by Aug. 1, for teams of two. Pick wisely. If interested, contact the shop 307-746-3116 for more information and details for the Quilt War. The cost is \$200.00 per team. Pattern, fabric and instructions will be provided. Lunch will be provided. Dinner is on your own. There will be door prizes. Grand prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. The theme is America 250.

If you are planning to participate in the Wyoming Shop Hop, please check out the Facebook page for Strawberry Patch Quilt Shop for discounts. They will also list classes for September.



Check out the Facebook page for **Blue Bike Quilt Studio** to see what they are doing.

*Robin Wacker
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CENTRAL
April Pendleton

Lander finally got snow this week! The grass is getting green and starting to grow, (ugh) lawn mowing season! Hope to see all of you in Powell for Quilt WY 2026.

The PHD Quilters have been quite busy since the last article. On March 14th they got together and had a "sew day." The group was gifted with a box of beautiful fabric. They collectively decided that the best way to use this fabric was to create quilts to be given to a charitable group in need of warm quilts. Six quilt tops were made on this day. Since then, they have been quilted. The PHD Quilters will definitely decide which group will get them at their next meeting. The PHD quilters have been very generous in giving up their time and fabric to make beautiful quilts. Just this year they have donated quilts and pillowcases to newborn babies at Memorial Hospital of Converse County, Hospice of Converse County, The Douglas Hope Center and the Boys and Girls Club.



The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild members attended their annual Spring Retreat this year, held at the Dennison Lodge, from April 30th through May 2nd. There were nineteen members present, great food, and fun, exciting games. April Pendleton always excels in the game department. Chris Mevissen led a class on bag making.



You should have been there! Preparations are underway for this year's Quilt Festival, at the Dennison Lodge, Aug. 7-9th.

Some of us are working on our president/vice president's challenge, using red, white, and blue fabric colors, with a size of 18"x24" (with a flag appearance). It must contain a "paper-pieced" eagle. They are about to tear their hair out with the paper-pieced eagles – fun when done, but definitely a challenge! To remind all, we will have "Barn" quilts, made by the guild members and on display, which will be available for sale. Please mark your calendar now for a great time to be had.

They now meet for a combined UFO and monthly meeting the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Crowheart Community Center.

The Popo Agie Quilters have new officers: President April Pendleton, Secretary Rita Gatlin, Treasurer Debbie Garris. The quilt show will be Sept. 20-21, 2026. Their raffle quilt is ready. Proceeds will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The challenge this year is to make a 62"x80" quilt for a child. These quilts will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, to go with the bunk beads that are made for children. They are also doing an orphan block exchange, president's challenge. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church.

The Crossroads Quilters are still quilting every Wednesday. Jenny Vass is the group coordinator 307-259-8321.

The Wyoming Star Quilters Guild is sponsoring special awards at this year's Fremont County Fair. To encourage, promote and preserve the art of quilting, the Wyoming Star Quilters Guild is sponsoring special awards for open class quilting. The guild is proud to recognize the excellence of area quilters by offering the following awards: Level 1, Best of Show \$100 cash award; Level 2, Best of Show \$100 cash award. We encourage all county quilters to enter their beautiful quilts at this year's fair! The guild just completed their annual quilt show in February. Members displayed their beautiful quilts for the public to admire. Our people's choice winner for this year is Lynada Roberts. Congratulations!



Our raffle quilt winner was Laura Harrington. Quilt was made by members pictured: Barb David, Debbie Zerkel, Pat Horton and Judi Powell. Not pictured are MaryEllen Roylance and Carole Anne Hopkins. Great work ladies!

April Pendleton

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Roberta Oliver Cyndy Jahn-Thomas

interesting programs, and, of course, Quilt Wyoming, right up the road in Powell.



Northwest

The **Chatelaine Quilt Guild** in Meeteetse has been busy making a quilt. Their quilt, *Woven Valor*, is being donated to the Town of Meeteetse for their Youth Work/Exploration Program. Raffle tickets are available at <https://townmeeteetse.betterworld.org/giveaways/woven-valor-bargello-quilt> The drawing will be held on Labor Day.



They have been working on mystery quilts. The Quilt, *Running in Circles*, by Barbara Graham, was revealed by Lili Turnell at the March meeting. In April, Sydney Manderfeld and Paige Paisley revealed the *Magnificent Mystery*, with Sydney using a dark background and Paige a white-on-white background, resulting in two completely different looks. We should have a few more completed during the coming months. Our program centered on collage quilts, and the process for making one. We all had the opportunity to dig through scraps we thought would work in a design of our choosing. We are looking forward to the summer and more

Loose Threads of Greybull had a class in April taught by Jan Barnett. It was called *Fun Steps*. The most fun part is seeing everyone's fabric/color choices. Everyone in the club is looking forward to seeing the finished products. We are also looking forward to the Cowboy Carnival quilt show in Hyattville over Memorial Day weekend. There is always a great display of quilting talent.

Paintbrush Piecers Quilt Guild membership has been continually growing this year. We are happy to have

the new members! Most are also WSQG members and are signing up for classes at QW 2026. The Row-by-Row challenge is going well, with the second and third rows added and shown at the meetings. The originator of each quilt is not privy to seeing theirs, so there are no photos until the final row is added in



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

QUILTS BY MAIL.

I am starting an additional area on my web page and Facebook. There will be an area where you can put your instructions of what you want on the quilt (design) Also keep in mind Custom Quilting for me could be customized design pantograph (Edge to Edge)

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June. Members continue to make quilts for Project Linus. The turquoise and white Hunter's Star was donated after this month's meeting. Members made the individual's blocks after Misa Siemens had demoed her Accu-quilt and distributed the cut pieces. Misa and Lili pieced, quilted and bound the top.



Our April program was a trunk show by PPQG member, Jennifer Church. Jennifer shared how she got started with her own pattern company, Tickle Me Pink. She explained how she started with taking a pattern-writing class, not once, not twice, but eventually three times, learning more each time. She developed her marketing venues, did pattern testing and made fabulous samples!



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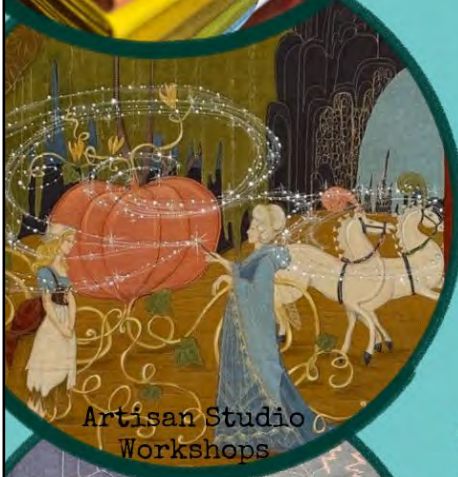
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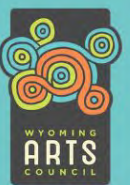
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These proposed changes will be voted on during the annual meeting at Quilt Wyoming 2026

IV. WSQG REGIONAL EVENT GUIDELINES

A. GENERAL

1. Regional events must be of interest to quilters in the region and may include but are not limited to retreats, classes, demonstrations, **shows, and presentations of speakers. WSQG funds the regional events to benefit members. Registration fees must be collected in advance of the event. If space is available for non-members to attend after regional members have had the opportunity to register, non-members may attend for an additional \$20.00 or become a WSQG member.**

2. A Regional Event Funding Request must be completed by the **member person** requesting funding and submitted to the Regional Director who will review it and present it to the WSQG Board of Directors with a recommendation to either grant or deny funding. The **member person** requesting funding shall be provided a copy of the form after it is reviewed by the Regional Director and shall be advised of the Regional Director's recommendation regarding funding.

3. Each Regional Director should plan or assist in planning one regional event per year.

4. Regional events must be open to all quilters in the region; provided, **however,** that priority **must be** ~~is~~ given to WSQG members in that region **initially,** followed by non-WSQG members in that region, and finally by WSQG members outside that region.

5. Efforts should be made to hold regional events in different areas of the region, if possible.

6. Membership brochures should be available ~~to non-members attending the event at the regional event..~~

B. FINANCIAL

1. \$600.00 will be available to each region during each fiscal year for regional events. **These funds may be granted for one event or divided to fund multiple events as requested.**

2. WSQG funds MAY be used for teacher fees, facility costs, postage and supplies to promote the event and to confirm registration, and for advertising.

3. WSQG funds MAY NOT be used for door prizes, food or gifts, or other supplies provided to participants such as scissors or other sewing notions.

~~4. Unused funds may not be carried over to the following year.~~

~~5. Each region is not limited to one event per year.~~

4. An event that has not been approved by the Board cannot be advertised as a WSQG event. If a member wishes to hold an event that is to be considered a WSQG event but is not requesting funds, the existing application form is to be used, indicating no funds are being requested. If an event is approved by the Board, it may be considered to be a WSQG event. Such event must follow all the rules for funded events, including advertising to regional members first and reporting on income and expenditures, indicating there is not a profit.

~~5. 6-~~ If a request for funding has not been made by May 1st in any region, that region's designated funds may be allocated to another region upon request and with approval of the WSQG Board of Directors. Before funds can be allocated to another region, however, the region whose funds are being requested must be notified of the request and given an opportunity to request the funds for use in that region.

~~6. 7-~~ The WSQG Treasurer shall disburse approved funds upon request by the event

organizers which funds may be paid directly to a facility or an instructor, if so requested.

~~7. 8-~~ Within ~~45~~ **60** days after the event, **legible** receipts for authorized expenditures must be provided to the WSQG Treasurer **with the WSQG Income and Expense Report.** Any unused funds not supported by receipts must be returned to the WSQG Treasurer. **Unused funds may not be carried over to the following year.**

~~9. WSQG liability insurance WILL NOT cover loss or injury at such regional quilt events.~~

~~10. Registration information for regional quilt events shall contain a clear disclaimer of liability in order to put participants on notice that WSQG liability insurance will not cover loss or injury at such events.~~

~~8. 11-~~ Any funding provided by the WSQG for regional quilt events MAY NOT be used to generate profit for any individual or organization other than an instructor paid to teach at the event.

~~9. 12-~~ If the regional event is sponsored by multiple entities, the request for WSQG funding must identify the need for WSQG funding and must identify the sources and amounts of other funding. If the event generates a profit, **WSQG funds funding will only be disbursed for the amount necessary to break even. If WSQG funds have been paid in advance, any amount over that must be returned in full to the WSQG Treasurer. If too much registration money is collected, it must be returned to the participants.** The WSQG will not participate in any event that would jeopardize its 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

10. Each Regional Director will maintain a checking account for her(his) region. This account



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will be for the sole purpose of handling income and expenses for regional events. This will not be used for Quilt Wyoming, which will have its own separate account.

11. Each region will be provided \$25.00 to open its account. That amount shall remain in the account between events. If account is closed for some reason \$25.00 would be returned to the WSQG treasury.

12. When opening the account, the Regional Director(s) should make sure that the bank will allow this amount to remain dormant between events and not be charged for dormancy or a low balance.

13. Each month the Regional Director must send a copy of the bank statement to the Treasurer who will include the account balance on her monthly financial statements.

14. The account will be named "WSQG XX Region." The WSQG Employer Identification Number (EIN) must be used rather than an individual's personal identification number.

15. If the regional event is hosted by a member other than the Regional Director, the income and expenditures for the event will be handled by the Regional Director and deposited in and paid out of the account.

16. This account will remain open at the end of the Regional Director's term at which time the new Regional Director will become the signer and have the statements sent to her(him).

C. ADVERTISING:

1. Each event ~~should~~ **may** be ~~advertised~~ **promoted** in ~~two issues of~~ Patchwords (**Events List, Regional Directors report, or a separate 1/4 page announcement**) and listed on the WSQG website **and social media** ~~for at least two months~~ before the

date of the event. ~~A registration form or contact name, telephone number and/or email must be included.~~

~~2. A press release should be sent to local media when appropriate.~~

~~2. 3.~~ All **announcements advertisements and press releases** must list WSQG as a sponsor.

~~3. 4.~~ Regional Directors must report on regional events and they must be documented in the Board of Directors meeting minutes.

~~4. 5.~~ Regional Directors are responsible for getting **press releases**, news articles, advertisements, photos, etc. to the WSQG Historian for the archives.

D. INSURANCE - WSQG maintains a commercial general liability insurance policy. The policy is intended to protect WSQG from liability loss **due to negligence** from persons **outside of membership** attending events planned by WSQG (i.e., Quilt Wyoming or Regional Events). This policy covers legal obligations WSQG may incur for property damage or bodily injury (as defined in the policy) during Quilt Wyoming or other events **approved planned and funded** by WSQG at a facility contracted by WSQG. If the facility where a WSQG event is scheduled requires proof of liability insurance coverage, upon request the WSQG Treasurer may obtain proof of insurance. Additional coverage may be required, including but not limited to property insurance. Additional insurance is not the responsibility of WSQG unless approved by the Board. WSQG assumes no responsibility for quilts, personal injury or loss of property used or displayed during **sponsored or sanctioned WSQG** events. The Treasurer or other Board appointee acts as the agent for WSQG to negotiate insurance coverage with Board of Directors' approval. The policy should be reviewed by the Treasurer or other appointee with the insurance agent every other year (odd years) to assure adequate coverage and an understanding of coverage.

Insurance is limited to the restrictions of the Insurance policy provided by an insurance agent to WSQG and held on file by the Treasurer. Changes and restrictions are to be reported to the Board of Directors.

V. QUILT CAMPS

A. APPLICATION

1. Quilt Camps are intended to introduce people to the art of quilting. The Quilt Camp Leadership Packet may be downloaded from the website and should be reviewed before making a funding request.

2. A Quilt Camp funding request must be completed by the member requesting funding and submitted to the Director at Large. The requestor will be contacted by the Director at Large and may be required to provide additional information. When the Director at Large deems that the request is in compliance with rules set forth by the Board, the application will be forwarded to the Board for review and subject to a vote to accept or decline the request.

3. Quilt Camps are not WSQG events. **Advertising shall indicate that WSQG has sponsored the event. WSQG requires recognition for its financial participation and all advertising and promotional materials must include the following statement: This event is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Wyoming State Quilt Guild.**

4. Quilt Wyoming membership brochures shall be made available to students.

B. FUNDING

1. The maximum funding from WSQG per student shall not exceed \$50.00. The maximum for the total event shall not exceed \$500.

2. Funds will be available on a first come, first served basis

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after January 1st annually, as long as funds are available for that year.

3. ~~A list of students attending the camp will be presented to the WSQG Treasurer within 30 days after the camp.~~ **The Quilt Camp Reimbursement Request Form (p. 7 of the Leadership Packet) must be scanned/copied along with receipts and emailed or sent to the WSQG Treasurer for reimbursement within 45 days of camp completion.** Photos and a synopsis of the event should be sent to the Director at Large to be shared with the Board, Patchwords and Website. When possible, these photos and the quilts should be made available for display at an upcoming Quilt Wyoming.

4. ~~If documentation is not presented to show the number in attendance, funding will not be authorized.~~ If attendance is less than stated in the initial request, only funds for the number of participants will be issued.

5. If the rules herein are not adhered to, WSQG reserves the right to cancel the obligation and allocate funds to another event should an application be presented and approved by the Board.

VI. QUILT SHOW ~~SPONSORSHIP~~ GRANTS

A. APPLICATION

1. 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.

2. 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 by the Board, the application will be forwarded to the Board for review

and subject to a vote to accept or decline the request.

B. FUNDING

1. 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.

2. The WSQG Treasurer will issue payment to the organizer upon request.

3. ~~The Quilt Show should list WSQG as a sponsor on their advertising.~~ **WSQG requires recognition for its financial participation and all advertising and promotional materials must include the following statement: This event is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Wyoming State Quilt Guild.**

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QUILT EVENTS

Contact info@wsqg.org to add events

June 15-18, 2026
Black Hills Quilt Retreat-Mallo Camp
www.blackhillsquiltretreat.com
 Between Sundance and Newcastle
 WY

July 3-5, 2026
Cherrywood Challenge
 10a.m. - 4:p.m. Art Quilt Exhibit
 Karla Overland Speaker
 July 3 11:00 a.m.
 Platte Valley Community Center
 Saratoga, 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

September 9-13, 2026
Quilt Retreat
 Contact Tammy: thesiberianwind@gmail.com
 Best Western
 Casper, WY

October 2026
Fiber Arts Quilt Show
 Fullmer Library
 Sheridan, WY

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

September 11-14, 2026
Quilter's Rendezvous
 Info: <https://wsqg.org/quilt-events/>
 Fremont County Fairgrounds
 1010 Fairground Road
 Riverton, WY

September 19-20, 2026
33rd Annual Popo Agie Quilt Show
 Lander Senior Center
 205 South 10th Street
 Lander, WY

October 2026
Fiber Arts Show
 Fullmer Library
 Sheridan, WY

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NEW Quilt Show
 Free Admission
 Complex
 Gillette, WY

October 9-11, 2026
Southeast Fall Retreat
 Contact Diana Clark
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 or Cathy Wissner
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 LCCC - Cheyenne, WY

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 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Lander Senior Center 205 South
 10th Street Lander WY
 Admission: \$2.00
 King size Raffle Quilt: "4-Patch
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