



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2025

Sewing Saves the Day

At one point in my career, I worked as a supervisor in one of the General Mills cereal plants. I never thought my sewing skills would come in handy. I was working the overnight shift and the truck driver who was there to empty the CERTA bin called me to say he could not do so because the sock had torn.

Perhaps you have noticed that in the bottom of your cereal box, there is some dust. We were making Lucky Charms that night and they are especially dusty because of the starch they put on the marshmallows so they don't stick together. Take the amount of dust in your single box and multiply that by a gazillion. That is the dust that is created when making cereal at several hundred pounds a minute. The cereal dust is called CERTA which stands for "cereal tailings." It gets sucked up at various points in the system and sent to a giant bin. We then sell the food-grade CERTA to people who use it to make chicken and animal feed.

That particular night the bin was getting full. If we don't have any place to put the CERTA, we have to shut the whole plant down. To empty it, the giant bin is connected to the tanker truck of the person who wants it by a sock, or a tube of heavy canvas.

In the plant is a special room with a giant sewing machine that is used to make socks and other canvas items. There is a member of the crew that works days that is the only one allowed (union rules) to use it. It would have taken a couple of hours for me to call that worker and get him in.

I thought, "Hey I can sew, how hard can this be?" I got the key from the guard and snuck into the room. I sewed the tear in the sock using this machine with a deadly six-inch needle and basically saved the day...or the night to be accurate. The irony is that I could not tell anyone I did that because I broke union rules. I should have called the guy and paid him over time. So shhhh. don't tell anyone.

Please silence your cell phone!

May Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 May 7th

Mesa County Library - Downtown Classroom

General Meeting - 9:00 May 14th

First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Program - Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum will present "Crazy Quilts: The Pride of Victorian Womanhood".

Newsletter deadline May 21st !!



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A few reminders: Please silence your cell phone! Masks are optional. Be respectful of those that are affected by heavy perfume. Please keep side conversations for the break, it can make it difficult for others to hear. Please sign-in and pick up your door prize ticket at the membership desk prior to the start of the meeting.

Tips By Char



TIP: CROCHET + QUILT = AWESOME. You have finished your quilt including the binding, but it needs something else. How about a crocheted border? Maybe you would like to refresh an older quilt or table topper or table runner. To anchor the crochet, hand sew a blanket stitch over the binding around the perimeter of your project. Sew the stitches 1/2" apart and as deep as the binding. Then single crochet in the stitch spacing along the outside edge of the binding and then add your favorite decorative stitches as the finishing touch. If you use too many decorative stitches in the stitch space the border will ruffle. If you use too few stitches the border will be pulled and tight. Remember to add extra stitches as you go around the corners so the border will lie flat at those points. Since this technique requires hand work it will not be a technique I use. Besides I've only been successful with a single crochet; decorative stitches seem to be beyond me.

TIP: WHAT IF. Missouri Star Quilt Company has started a new series called What If putting a new spin on basic, classic patterns. Playing with color could be the new spin. Using the pattern Calico Stars with just two colors and the technique of gradation will produce a stunning quilt. You could leave the background as a solid color and use gradation only on the accent color or for a more stunning quilt, graduate both the background and accent colors in opposite directions. Background going from light to dark top to bottom while the accent color changes from light to dark bottom to top using five shades of each color. Or using the Bear Paw, select 4 color families in light, medium and dark hues for each block and add a floral appliqué to the block when finished. Missouri Star provides appliqué pattern shapes for a 13" finished block at msqc.co/vol12issue2. Two examples to stimulate your creative juices. Think of the possibilities!

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Christmas Stockings

Don't forget to pick up some Christmas Stockings to put together. As a reminder, on our website there are the written and printable instructions.

Also, on our website is the link to YouTube where you can watch the instructional video.

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Sunset Slope Quilters 9:00 General Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Shari Keivit, President at 9:01am.

Announcements

- We received a Thank You note from the VA for quilts we donated.
- A recipient of a quilt we donated to the Paradise fire victims found our website and sent a heartfelt thank you note saying the quilt brings her comfort in this very difficult time.
- Two requests came from the recent Barnes & Noble event. The first is to repair an old quilt; someone came forward during the meeting. The second is for someone to make a quilt from a father's shirts. Please contact Shari for more information if you are interested in this opportunity.
- A January discussion led us to consider having a "Quilters Market". Joyce did a survey at the March general meeting and determined there is not enough interest to support a market at this time.



Upcoming Events

- Orchard Stitchers meet at 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM on Tuesday, 04/15 at Living Hope Church.
- The next Sit-n-Sew is May 22-23 at Owls Nest and contact Dee to register.
- The next Board Meeting is 5/7 and starts at 9:30 AM at the Central Library, all are welcome.
- Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (RMQM) will join us for the May 14 General Meeting. Their presentation is "Crazy Quilts: The Pride of Victorian Womanhood".

General Meeting Minutes - The March minutes were approved with no additions or changes.

Treasurer's Report: Loretta Bogaard - Details are published in the newsletter. Contact Loretta if you have questions. She recently renewed our certificate of deposit and paid the storage building for 12 months to get the 13th month at no charge. A motion was made and passed to send the report to audit, since we did not vote during the board meeting.

Vice President's Report: Stacy Johnson - Stacy has 24 raffle tickets to sell for the RMQM annual fundraiser quilt called "Stars Abound" featured on our website. The drawing is in December. She also has four passes left to attend the RMQM in Golden as part of our membership to the museum. Contact Stacy to access scholarships for SSQ workshops and membership dues.

Updates and Committee Reports

Rendezvous survey and call for instructors: Rose Penoyer - The date is 10/23&24/2025 at Canyon View Vineyard Church. Rose circulated sign-up sheets to solicit teachers and ideas for workshops. Rendezvous workshops are presented at our August meeting.

Barnes & Noble Results and People Choice Awards: Katherine Bullen - The bookstore staff remarked our events are some of the best attended book fairs they have each year. There were 25 volunteers present and 24 quilts on display in addition to the challenge quilts. Customers in the store during the event placed 225 votes and selected quilts made by the following, as their favorites: First place: Dianna Sheldon; Second place: Kaitlyn David; and Third place: Rose Penoyer. Our tentative donation, based on a percentage of sales is \$1316.00 plus a \$20 cash donation.

Challenge Quilts and Awards: Joyce Crooks - During the Barnes & Noble fundraiser, challenge quilts were displayed and a separate vote took place on these 100-inch masterpieces with a spring parade theme and embellishments required. First place: Lana Dickey; Second place: Deany Hayes; and Third place: Debbie Sasser.

Membership Report: Barbara Bond - We have 88 members attending today with several membership renewals and one new member. Barb needs a volunteer to help at the membership table in June. The embroidery file is available to check out to make an updated name badge.

SSQ Social Media Update: Karen Murray Boston - Today's update focused on accessing our website from your smart phone and how to find the menu (three lines at the top of the page). In the three months since the update, we've had over 2000 views.

Community Affairs: Carol Wilson - We will present a quilt to a new home owner through Homes for Habitat, Friday April 11, 2025. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Orchard Stitchers group, who manage our donation quilt projects. They will take a summer break and not meet in July or August.

Christmas Stockings: Rose Penoyer - Members took most of the stockings passed around at the last meeting and many were returned this month, giving us a total of 75 completed stockings. Please return them as you finish them so we can keep track of our goal of 250 by September.

Library: Karol Sacca - The library has a collection of pattern books that correspond to the Jennifer Chiaverini novels. They can be checked out, along with several other new pattern books.

Programs and Workshops: Bonnie Huisjen - In May the RMQM will bring a trunk show of Victorian Quilts. In June we will host Scott Flanagan. His workshop is called "Tuscan Vintage". The pattern will be available the day of our meeting (June 11).

M2M Quilt Show: Janet Wheeler - The next planning and committee meeting is next Wednesday at the Central Library classroom at 10am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45am followed by show and tell and this month's program: The History of Barn Quilts with Karen Murray Boston.

Minutes submitted by Teresa White, Secretary SSQ



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Sunset Slope Quilters Financial Report as of January 31, 2025

Sunset Slope Quilters Financial Report as of March 31, 2025

March 2025 Month-End Checking Account	\$17,050.56
Income for the month	
Sit & Sew	\$250.00
Moab Retreat	
Challenges	
Barnes & Noble	\$70.00
Donations Table	\$56.00
Membership	\$290.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025)	
Workshops	<u>\$315.00</u>
Income Total	
\$981.00	
Expenses for the month	
Sit & Sew	\$405.40
Moab Retreat	
Challenges	
Membership (2025 membership bulletin printing)	
Barnes & Noble	\$70.00
Program Speakers	\$50.00
Workshops	
Liability Insurance (annual renewal)	
Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee)	\$375.00
Storage Unit Rental (annually – less one month free)	<u>\$1,260.00</u>
Expenses Total	\$2,160.40
Net Income	(\$1,179.40)
Savings Account balance	\$10,449.57
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Total balances	\$38,208.45

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Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

Quilts completed/distributed so far this year total 57. Thanks for everyone's help. We value everyone's works of art. Whether you sew the entire quilt, make a quilt top, bind it, quilt them, or apply the label to a finished quilt it all makes our community better. There are just two more sessions at Living Hope Church, 2840 B 1/2 Rd, May the 20th and June the 17th. Come and have lunch with us or just stop in and check on our progress. It is a wonderful resource for new quilters and there is plenty of room. Our break period is July and August we'll resume in Sept. 16th.



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May Birthdays

- 2 Lana Dickey
- 2 Marilee Reed
- 4 Bea Root
- 7 Nancy Kowal
- 7 Jamie Sidle
- 9 Elaine Schramm
- 12 Roxie Geigle
- 12 Shirley Hanson
- 15 Kathy Morgan
- 15 Kerry Thurman
- 16 Peggy Kramer
- 18 Karol Sacca
- 20 Beverly Neubaum
- 23 Michelle Duesterbeck
- 24 Janet Lamb
- 26 Cathy Carmichael
- 27 Linda Pinnt
- 28 Selah Chipman



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If you are having difficulty hearing during our meetings, First Presbyterian has a *Hearing Loop*. Your hearing aid needs to have a T-Coil or Telecoil. Talk with your Hearing Professional to learn if your device has this technology.



FYI

The **Colorado Quilting Council** has some exciting events coming up for quilting enthusiasts! On May 18th, don't miss the **"Walking Foot Wonders"** workshop from 9 AM to 4 PM, where you'll discover quick and easy free-motion fills and fool-proof walking foot quilting designs to help you finish your quilts with confidence. Then, join them virtually on May 20th for a relaxing **Sit and Sew** via Zoom from 1:30 to 4 PM—bring your current project and enjoy stitching alongside fellow quilters. Looking ahead to June 29th, the **"Piecing the Pineapple"** workshop will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM. In this class, you'll learn to create the classic Pineapple block using lightweight printed foundations from EZ Piecing—perfect for all fabrics, including silks. The workshop also includes guidance on color selection and fussy cutting, and it's a great opportunity to use up those special fabrics from your stash, like neckties, saris, or kimonos.



Walking Foot Wonders



Piecing the Pineapple

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is currently showcasing two remarkable exhibitions that celebrate creativity, heritage, and storytelling through quilting. *Broad Spectrum: Abundant Palette* features 34 works by 28 artists from the Montana/Idaho region of SAQA, selected through a blind juried process. Each piece explores the theme with a unique interpretation, reflecting mastery in technique and a rich visual dialogue. Also on display is the *Colorado Japanese American Women's Quilt Project*, a powerful collection of nine quilts created by 90 women, representing the stories of 72 families. These quilts use diverse materials and designs to portray the cultural heritage, daily life, and family journeys of Japanese American women in Colorado and neighboring states. Designed to resemble traditional Japanese scrolls, the panels honor the legacy of sewing as both a practical and artistic expression, and celebrate the strength, resilience, and creativity of women across generations.



28th Annual Black Canyon Quilt Show

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