



letter from the president >>>

It's hard to believe we've already reached the halfway point of 2026! Looking back over the past six months, I'm so grateful for all we've shared together. From outstanding programs and workshops to three wonderful retreats and our Birthday Party, it's been a year filled with creativity, learning, and the friendships that make our guild so special.

And we're not slowing down! Next month, we're excited to welcome Vickie Conley and her inspiring National Parks quilts. If you've been considering her workshop, now's the time to register—there is only one spot left. Many of you shared thoughtful feedback about our retreats, and we listened! This fall, we've made some exciting changes designed to better meet the different needs and interests of our members. I hope you'll take a moment to read about the new retreat plans elsewhere in this newsletter.



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LNCQ *Life*

July 2026

Joan's Journal

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to these new members who joined in June. We look forward to getting to know you!

Susan Witter-Shank
Susan Bush
Clara Komar
Elanie Pelletier
Diane Hennessey



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

Like many organizations, LNCQ continues to feel the impact of rising costs. That's why our fundraising efforts are critical to offering the quality programs and activities we all enjoy. I'm delighted to share that, thanks to the generosity and hard work of our members, our Garage Sale raised more than \$1,200 for the guild! Every contribution — whether you donated, shopped, volunteered, or helped spread the word—made a difference.

Thank you for your enthusiasm, your willingness to pitch in, and the warmth you bring to our guild. LNCQ is more than a quilting organization—it's a community, and I'm honored to be part of it with all of you. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events, and especially at our Holiday Party in December, where we'll gather once again for our Silent Auction and celebrate another wonderful year together. Happy quilting!

Happy 30th Birthday LNCQ!



We had a great turnout for a wonderful birthday celebration on June 13! Who knew strip poker could be such fun...OK, we played Blackjack for fabric strips.



Our game was followed by a parade of beautiful celebration quilts made by individual guild members.

We finished the party with a lovely array of desserts including a birthday cake and a variety of cupcakes made by our own members!



LNCQ Ways and Means

We can be so proud of LNCQ's fundraising activities. Our Garage Sale was a huge success where we raised over \$1200. Thanks to everyone who donated items.

A special thank you to everyone who came out and helped us set out and price items and then helped us on Friday and Saturday to sell items.

We can't forget those of you who worked to pack up what was left over and take it to the auction to get even more money for LNCQ. It was a successful fundraiser as a result of many people pitching in.

A Look to the Rest of 2026 and Fund Raising

Our new LNCQ t-Shirts are here!

The price is the same as last year.
\$18 per t-shirt.
You can get yours at the next meeting.



High Tea

Check out the details on the next page of this newsletter.

Silent Auction

Our Holiday Party will feature a Silent Auction again this year. Your donations are critical to our success. We will start accepting donations at the August LNCO meeting.

LNCQ HIGH TEA

\$30 per
person

Registration
Opens
August 15 on
LNCQ website

Friday Oct. 9, 2026 at 11:30 AM
Saturday October 10, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Menu

Sparkling Water or
Mimosas
Assortment of
Finger Sandwiches
Scones with
Clotted Cream and
Fruit Preserves
Assorted Sweets



Enjoy a relaxing time featuring a traditional tea service, delicious refreshments and a charming atmosphere perfect for catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Whether you come dressed in your favorite tea attire or simply as you are, come and join us for this special event.



Programs Task

Volunteer
Opportunity!

We are organizing a taskforce to help set up and take down supplies such as ironing and cutting stations at the Best Western at workshops! Having a dedicated team will help everything run smoothly. If you are willing to pitch in, please contact Pat Baker at Programs.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com

2026 Meeting Dates

AUGUST 3 – 1:30 pm

SEPT. 14 – 6:00 pm

OCT. 5 – 6:00 pm

NOV. 2 – 1:30 pm

**DEC. 7 – Holiday Party and
Silent Auction**

Mark Your Calendars!

**All Meetings at Best Western
in Loveland**

The Quilted Forest

We are excited to move into the next phase of the Quilted Forest project! Sign-ups have closed, and by now your quilts should be well underway.

Our next milestone is our meeting on October 5, 2026, when each quilt will be photographed and shared with the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. Your quilt does not need to be 100% finished in October, but it should be far enough along that the photos give a good sense of what the completed piece will look like. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email an image of your progress to David at david@davidtaylorartquilts.com on or before October 5, 2026.

We don't have any more workdays scheduled, so if you would like artistic input or feedback on your quilt please email David.

If you've decided that the Quilted Forest project is no longer the right fit for you, that's perfectly okay. Please email Crystal at 1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com and we'll remove you from the mailing list.

We can't wait to see the forest begin to take shape!

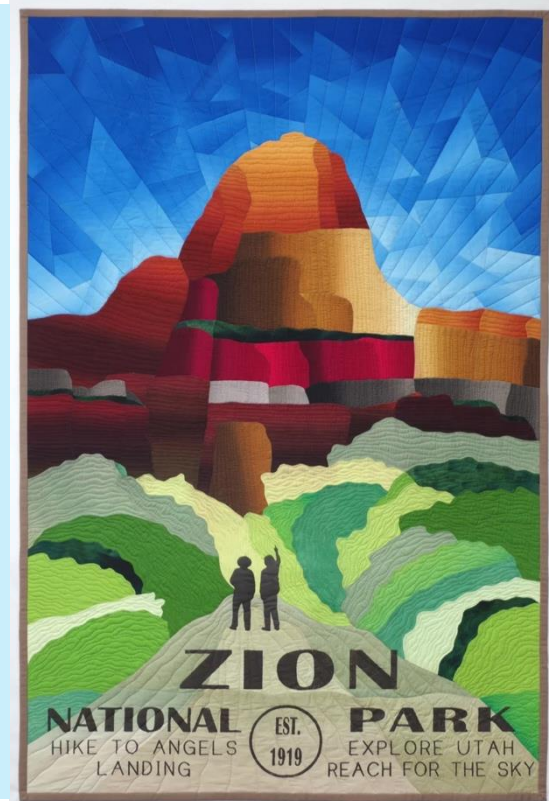
August Meeting: VICKI CONLEY

Program: *Inspired by the Parks: Inspiration and Imagination to Quilts*

When: Monday, August 3, 2026, 1:30 pm

Where: Best Western

Vicki will share inspiring journeys through the national parks and how she combines photo inspiration and imagination to make graphic style art quilts. She will share stories and history about the parks as well as her creative techniques such as turned edge machine piecing, fussy piecing, silk screening and improv piecing. Although Vicki is known for her poster style quilts, she often works in abstract and improv techniques to fulfill her vision.



Vicki Conley Two-Day Workshop

When: August 3, 8:30AM to 12:30PM &

August 4, 8AM-Noon and 1PM-5PM

Where: Best Western

Fee: \$120

In this class you will construct Vicki's toadstool rock formation pattern and learn her turned-edge machine piecing and fussy piecing techniques. This is not applique, but a method that can be used for bold landscapes or portraits.

Vicki uses *Floriani Stitch* and *Wash Fusible tearaway stabilizer* which is left in the final piece leaving it soft and stable.

[Registration](#) is open but FILLING UP FAST!

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September Meeting and Workshop: Beth Soderquist

Program: September 14 at 6 PM

Join us for an inspirational presentation as Beth shares her personal quilting journey and the many creative paths quilting has taken her. The presentation highlights the evolution of style and skill through decades of quilting. Enjoy seeing a wide variety of quilts including traditional and modern piecing, wool applique and machine and hand embroidery.

Workshop: September 14. 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Take the mystery out of perfect points in this fun, skill building workshop featuring 3 different star blocks to create a wonderful table runner.

Registration is now open! <https://lncq.org/event-registration>

NOTE: This is the 2nd Monday in September due to the Labor Day Holiday



Fall Retreat
October 19- 22, 2026
Monday – Thursday
4 Days/3 Nights of quilting fun



We listened to your feedback and have reimagined the retreat to make it more flexible and affordable than ever! We have redesigned the retreat to offer options for everyone.

- Want your own room? We have single rooms available!
- Want to share with one other person? We have double rooms and can even help you find a roommate if you don't already have one!
- Want to share with a group for a more affordable retreat? Get your own group of 3 or 4 together for one of our triple or quad options! (Each sleeping room has two queen beds.)

Registration Opens August 1, 2026

Take advantage of Early Bird pricing
to save money while helping us to
plan ahead!



LNCQ Members –
Sign up early and get the Early Bird Rate starting
August 1st.

Early Bird Registration
August 1 –
August 31, 2026

LNCQ Members only

Single	\$610
Double	\$430
Triple	\$370
Quad	\$340

Regular Registration
September 1 –
September 19, 2026

Open to LNCQ members
and non-members

Single	\$630
Double	\$450
Triple	\$390
Quad	\$360

Click here (Aug. 1) to
Register for the Fall
Retreat: [Registration](https://www.LNCQ.org)

For **double** rooms, you may indicate your roommate when you register, or, if you're registering on your own, we'll be happy to match you with another participant seeking a double room.

If you would like a **triple or quad**, you must find your own group of 3 or 4 people. When you register, indicate the members of your group. Each member of the group should register separately and indicate the group members. We will monitor registrations and reach out to you if there is anyone in your group who has not registered and paid.

A Fantastic Retreat Experience awaits! Top Notch facilities at YMCA of the Rockies include:

- **Sleeping rooms in Longs Peak Lodge each with 2 queen beds**
- **Small fridge in each sleeping room**
- **Spacious sewing room with fantastic light in Longs Peak Lodge**
- **Assigned seating so you will be able to sew near your friends (no more rushing to find a table to sew at)**
- **Snack room (with refrigerator and microwave to share) next to the sewing room where you can get away**
- **Breakfast and Dinner included (starting with Monday dinner and finishing with Thursday breakfast)**
- **Beautiful YMCA campus to get out and explore**
- **Town of Estes Park to visit for lunch and/or shopping**



Beth
Soderquist
has a great
team creating
a superb
experience for
all of us

October 5 Workshop with Margaret Willingham

When: October 5, 9am-4pm; 1 hour lunch at 1pm

Where: Best Western

Workshop Leader: Margaret Willingham with Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs

Cost: \$55 + kit fee (see below)

Margaret will teach you her own non-traditional reverse applique method: Trace, Baste, Snip and Stitch for beautiful results. It's fun as well!

There is a kit fee for this workshop, which needs to be ordered from Eye of the Beholder website by September 5. Two options for kits:

1) Kit 2: Fabric and Pattern- \$23.

2) Mola Magic Festive Bloom Kit (shown) \$36.20.

Both kits can be ordered and paid to Margaret Willingham: <https://www.eobquiltdesign.com/>

Registration is now open! [Workshop Registration](#)



Small Groups –

How about one that meets in the evening?

Are you interested in joining a small group that meets in the evening? Please let us know and we will help to set up a small group that accommodates our members who have commitments during daytime hours. Contact Joan at President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com

2026 Block of the Month Challenge: Bijou Wonder

We're thrilled to offer the 2026 Block of the Month (BOM) challenge, *Bijou Wonder*—a fun, year-long project designed to keep you sewing and inspired all year long. This cheerful quilt combines block designs with a modern sashing look that makes it both familiar and fresh.

In honor of LNCQ's 30th Anniversary, there is NO FEE to participate. Everyone is welcome and *you can join at any time*. You'll receive a new block pattern by email on the 15th of each month through December 2026. Work at your own pace, sew along each month, or save them up for a last-minute marathon - the choice is yours!



Finished *Bijou Wonder* quilts will be revealed at the January and February 2027 meetings.

Help is always available along the way. A dedicated Facebook group is set up for sharing progress and asking questions, and participants are also welcome to reach out directly for support. The blocks are fun and hope you join us! You can see members' completed blocks for months January through June which are posted in the Facebook group.

Ready to join us? Click [**here**](#) to sign up and be part of our 2026 Bijou Wonder Block of the Month challenge. Contact Crystal Wentz at [**1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com**](mailto:1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com) with any questions.

Community Service Roundup!

Volunteer
Opportunity!

Thanks to all those who were able to join the community sew day in June, or stopped by to take one of our pre-made kits. The group completed 20 Christmas Tree skirts, and four quilts. The finished skirts will be given to Realities for Children in November. We have quilt and tree skirt “kits” ready and over 15 tops that are ready to be quilted.

REMINDER: There is no community sew in July. Mark your calendars for the next sew date: August 21, 10:30 am at Quilters Dream, Loveland.

Hope to see you then!

For more information or questions, contact Betty Ann Eash at community.service.lncq1996@gmail.com.

Postcard Requests

One function of LNCQ is showing caring concern for guild members going through difficult times.

Please send requests to Eileen Maelzer to ask that a quilted postcard of encouragement be sent to a LNCQ member and it will be mailed.

Thanks to all the LNCQ members who have hand-made these quilted postcards. They are very special. Send your request to: joanmaelzer@gmail.com

For Sale by Members

If you are looking for great deals on quilting tools and machines or have something to sell you might want to check out the

For **Sale by Members** section of the LNCQ website.

This service connects members but does not constitute an endorsement of the items for sale.

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Quilting Community News >>>

**Let's keep up the great participation from LNCQ members
in our County Fairs and bring home the ribbons!**



Larimer County Fair July 31 to August 4, 2026

July 22 deadline to enter

Plan to enter one or more of your quilts in the Larimer County Fair.
Registration is open and will close Wednesday, July 22nd.

For more information:

<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair-rodeo/open-class-exhibitions>



Weld County Fair July 18 to 27, 2026

The Weld County Fair is also a great place to enter your quilts.

For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.weldcountyfair.com/About/General-Information>

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