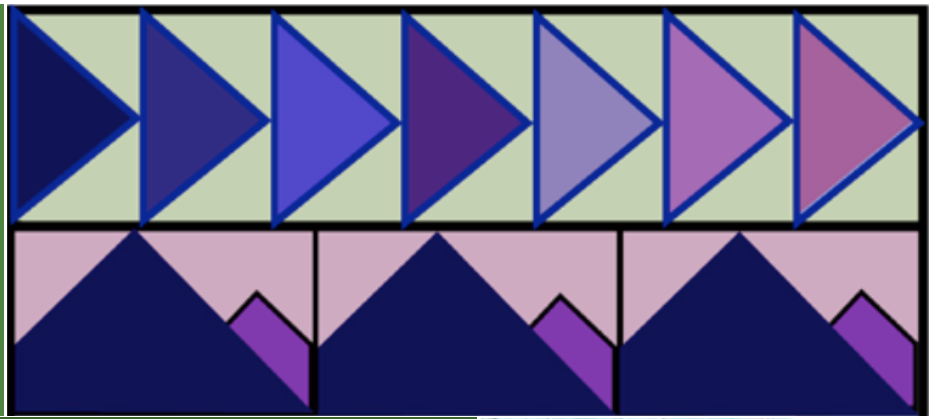


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SEW LUCKY: The Magic of Quilting!

LNCQ *life*



Lucky Quilted Postcard by Carla Lucas

Welcome New Members!

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

- 🌿 Karen Riley
- 🌿 Marie Commiskey
- 🌿 Cynthia Hagan
- 🌿 Bethany Rastok

letter from the president >>>

Joan's Journal

The Magic of Quilting



Joan Fulton, 2025 LNCQ President

The Magic of Quilting—where does it come from? How can we recreate it? If we had quick answers to those questions, it wouldn't be magic, would it?

I'm reminded of a gift I made for my niece's third birthday. It had three components (naturally, since she was turning three): a bed-sized "I Spy" quilt, a matching smaller quilt for her dolls, and a photo stand with flip-over pages featuring rhymes and clues to help her search for animals, flowers, characters, and more within the quilt. This quilt turned out to be something special—many children spent hours captivated by the clues and searching for hidden treasures. After a few rounds of rhymes and discoveries, one preschooler proclaimed, "It's a magic quilt!"

As we stitch our quilts, we're weaving together threads of joy, comfort, and maybe even a little bit of luck. Let's keep creating magic by making and giving quilts that bring warmth and wonder to those who receive them.

Wishing you all a little extra luck and inspiration this month!

Joan



Joan's "I Spy" quilt with clue book (top left), matching doll quilt (left), & the entire "magic" quilt (right)



Sew Lucky Giveaway!

How many times does "luck" appear in this issue? Click [here](#) to enter to win!

Congratulations to Wendy Watson, winner of last month's Share the Love giveaway!



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Lucky Us: Evening LNCQ Meetings!

Our regular 1:30 PM meetings aren't always accessible for members who work during the day. To help make our guild more inclusive, we're excited to announce a trial run of two evening meetings! These meetings are designed to give more members the opportunity to connect, learn, and participate in guild activities. If you've been unable to attend our regular 1:30 PM meetings due to work or other obligations, we hope this gives you a chance to join in. This is a trial to gauge member interest, so we encourage everyone who would benefit from evening meetings to attend! If the response is strong, we'll explore making them a regular part of our schedule.

APRIL EVENING MEETING

Monday, April 7, 6:00 pm Poudre Valley REA

Signature quilts are all about sharing the love through signatures and writing on quilts. At our April meeting, I'll share what I've learned from making dozens of signature quilts for colleagues—like which patterns and pens work best and when to collect signatures. We encourage you to bring your own signature quilt to show (in addition to our regular show and tell), and let's see the variety of possibilities!

SIGNATURE QUILTS DONE WRITE

Presented by Joan Fulton



Joan's "Purdue Agriculture Memories" Quilt

JUNE EVENING MEETING & SATURDAY WORKSHOP

EAST MEETS WEST: THE ANCIENT STORY BEHIND MODERN SASHIKO

Presented by Crystal Wentz

Monday, June 2, 6:00 pm
Poudre Valley REA



BEGINNER SASHIKO WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 7
Stay tuned for all
the details!

reminders >>>

Save the Date: Local Summer Retreat

Get ready to chase a bit of luck and stitch up some magic! Gather your quilting friends for two days filled with chatting, laughter, yummy snacks, exciting prizes, and a chance to create something wonderful. You never know—there might be a mischievous leprechaun hiding a pot of quilting gold among the fabric scraps!

June 9th & 10th

Best Western Plus Loveland Inn

Only 40 seats are available, so keep checking the website and reading the newsletter for registration details so you don't miss your chance to join in on the fun.

Full details coming soon – may the luck of the quilter be with you!



CHECK THE WEB FOR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION!

Just a friendly reminder—sign-ups for the May workshop making adorable pincushions from upcycled items will open in the last week of March (about six weeks before the event). Be sure to check the website regularly so you don't miss out on any updates.

Ways & Means

🌸 New Ways and Means Committee – We'd Be Lucky to Have You! 🌸

The new Ways and Means Committee, co-chaired by Crystal Wentz and Kathy Winter, is brimming with magical fundraising ideas to support LNCQ's community service projects and engaging programming.

Our mission is to ensure the guild's financial sustainability while continuing to **serve local charities with quilt donations and bring inspiring speakers, workshops, and events to our members.**

We need additional "leprechauns" to help us achieve our goals! Whether you have experience with fundraising or simply want to be involved in shaping the future of our guild, we'd love to have you on board.

A few of the exciting ideas for 2025 include:

- 🌸 **Making & Selling "Big Boards" for Ironing**
- 🌸 **A Community Quilt Show Project**
- 🌸 **An Auction at the Holiday Party**

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, please contact us at

Ways.and.Means.LNCQ1996@gmail.com.

Crystal & Kathy
Ways and Means Co-Chairs

Spotlight: Community Sew Days

On March 3rd, fifteen dedicated members of the League of Northern Colorado Quilters (LNCQ) gathered for a Community Sew Day, creating quilts to bring warmth and comfort to those in need. The event was a hive of activity, with twelve members sewing quilt tops, nine quilts picked up by volunteer longarm quilters, and three completed quilts with binding handed in, ready to bring a touch of comfort to new homes.

According to Mary Doty, LNCQ's Community Service Chairperson, Realities for Children, which supports at-risk youth through partnerships with non-profits, recently ran out of quilts to distribute. Thanks to our guild members' efforts, fresh quilts will be available, offering comfort and perhaps a bit of good luck.

Other recipients of our quilts include the McKee Infusion Center, where patients undergoing chemotherapy and cancer treatment use the quilts for warmth and comfort during their infusions. Many patients find a special quilt to be a source of solace, and sometimes they even get to take it home—a cherished reminder of support and care. Women and Children's Shelters receive quilts in single bed sizes for adults and smaller sizes for children, offering warmth and stability as families embark on new beginnings, wrapped in comfort.

The Palliative Care Unit at Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) requested quilts specifically, and Hope Lives!, a charity supporting breast cancer patients, is also a grateful recipient. Mary shared a touching story about how sometimes, when non-guild

quilters see a community sew day in progress, they are so inspired by our mission that they donate supplies or quilts on the spot—proving that a little bit of kindness can create ripples of generosity.

Guild member Darlene Almeranti picked up a kit from the donation quilt supplies at the event and completed the quilt top in less than two days—proof of the dedication and efficiency of our volunteers. When asked how often she attends LNCQ Community Sew Days, Secretary Dawn DeLong, who was busy working on quilt tops at the event,

said she comes as often as she can. She went on to share her appreciation for the guild's focus on philanthropy. "That's one of the reasons I like this guild - the emphasis on community service," she said, highlighting the camaraderie and shared purpose that makes this guild so special.

Thank you to all who participate, donate, and support our Community Sew Days. Your efforts weave a special kind of magic—turning fabric and thread into warmth and comfort for those who need it most.



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Dawn DeLong, Volunteer & LNCQ Secretary



LNCQ Members sewing tops for charity quilts at the Community Sew Day



quilty q & a >>>

Q: How can I prevent my quilt from becoming wavy when adding borders?

To avoid wavy borders, start by measuring the center of your quilt top in addition to the edges. Use the average measurements to cut your border strips. Pin the borders to your quilt top, working outward from the center. If your quilt top edges are slightly longer than the border strips, gently ease in the excess fabric while sewing, avoiding any puckers. Press the borders with care, using your iron without dragging it along the fabric to maintain the quilt's shape. You can also stabilize your quilt top by staystitching around the edge before adding borders, which is particularly helpful when working with bias edges.

Q: What's the best way to store quilts to keep them in good condition?

Proper quilt storage is essential to preserving your quilts for generations. Avoid storing quilts in plastic containers, as these can trap moisture and lead to mildew. Instead, use breathable containers like cotton pillowcases or acid-free boxes. Keep quilts away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and weakening of the fabric. Store them in a cool, dry place with a consistent temperature and low humidity, avoiding attics, basements, or areas with temperature fluctuations. Refolding your quilts every few months, using different fold lines, helps prevent permanent creases. When storing quilts on a shelf, avoid stacking too many heavy quilts together, which can cause compression damage. To reduce creasing and prevent fabric discoloration, consider placing acid-free tissue paper between the folds.

Looking for more ways to fuel your creativity and connect with fellow quilters? Here are some upcoming quilting events & news that might pique your interest! While these events aren't officially hosted or endorsed by LNCQ, we're sharing them as a service to our members who love to stitch, learn, and explore!

Calling All Knitters! New Knitting Group

Are you interested in joining a knitting group? A few LNCQ members are planning to start a group that would meet monthly at members' homes to enjoy each others' company while working on knitting projects.

If you are interested, please contact Vickie Bajtelsmit at Vickie.bajtelsmit@colostate.edu.

Please indicate whether you prefer to meet evenings/days and what day(s) of the week could work for you.

Hawaiian Quilts: From the Henry & Angela Hite Collection

The exhibit runs from **February 22 to April 19, 2025**, in the Main Gallery. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

[Loveland Museum](#)
[503 N Lincoln Ave.](#)
[Loveland, CO 80537](#)



Call for Entries: RMQM Colorado Quilts Exhibit

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is exploring a new theme in 2027. **Colorado Quilts**. This challenge examines the many aspects of Colorado - living, working, exploring...The diverse geography, natural color palettes, perspective, weather, scenery, special discoveries, animals...there is a lot of diversity to be considered. ALL quilters are welcome to meet the challenge.

Online Entry period October 1-31, 2026. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Looking for great deals on quilting tools and machines? Click the button below to explore items listed by fellow members!

[For Sale by Members](#)

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

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April Showers & Spring Cleaning!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send your water-themed quilt photos or quilting tips to newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com

final thoughts >>>



Counting our Lucky Stars

As this month's newsletter comes to a close, it's a perfect time to reflect on just how lucky we are to be part of this vibrant quilting community. The guild is more than just a place to share creative ideas—it's a welcoming space where inspiration, support, community service, and friendship come together as beautifully as the quilts we create. Whether it's sharing techniques, offering encouragement, or simply enjoying time together, the warmth of this community is a true reminder that luck isn't just about chance—it's also about the wonderful people we surround ourselves with.

Every member contributes their time, talents, and heart to make the guild a special place. This sense of camaraderie, where everyone lifts each other up and celebrates every stitch and success, is a rare and treasured gift. As the guild continues to grow and thrive, let's all take a moment to appreciate the good fortune of having such a wonderful community to call home.

Happy quilting!