

League of Northern Colorado Quilters
General Meeting Minutes
Best Western Hotel, Loveland, Colorado
Monday, February 2, 2026 – 1:30 PM

1. Joan Fulton (“Joan”), President, opened the general meeting with a welcome to new members and guests. Joan invited the new members attending to stand and introduce themselves.
2. Gift to Angie Palma, Best Western’s Sales Manager and LNCQ’s contact. Joan presented a quilt to Angie in appreciation for all her help with LNCQ events at the Best Western. The quilt was made by various board members at the January retreat.
3. Demo Days – Joan explained that four members would present 15-minute demonstrations including:
 - a. Crystal Wentz (“Crystal”) – Sashiko
 - b. Margaret Reek (“Margaret”) – double sided bindings
 - c. Carol Mancuso – knitting and sock machine
 - d. Joan – mitered corners

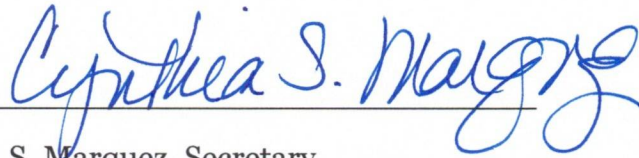
Members were split into four groups and rotated to each of the demonstrations.

4. Door Prizes – four door prizes were gifted to members chosen at random.
5. Financial Update – the approved 2026 Budget was previously circulated by email and hard copies were presented at the January meeting. LNCQ finances are in a good place due to successful fundraisers throughout the year. Pending expenses are the costs for the YMCA Retreat and the monthly Best Western room rentals. Income is being received as 2026 dues are paid. Excess funds are being held in an interest-bearing rainy-day fund. The savings account balances are appropriate for the size of the guild.
6. Joan recognized the General Board members and asked members to stand. She noted the recent January General Board Meeting was followed by a Board Retreat. This retreat sparked interesting ideas for future programs and creative concepts including:

- a. Party planning ideas for the 30th Anniversary celebration which is scheduled for July; and
 - b. Exploration of outreach to youth quilters in various ways including a “camp” either similar to or in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (“RMQM”) and participation in 4-H activities.
7. 30th Anniversary Committee – Crystal reported on:
 - a. The committee’s continued planning of celebratory activities. New committee members are welcome to join in the event and party planning.
 - b. Block of the Month now has 50+ participants and members are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. There is a Facebook page where questions can be asked/answered and members can show their blocks.
8. Quilted Forest - Crystal and David Taylor – provided a status update on the Quilted Forest project. Many quilters showed up at the recent workday at Quilter’s Dream. The next workday is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th, at Pathways. One-sided exhibits are now welcomed and they will be hung on the walls of the exhibition room rather than from the ceiling. David described the May 9th RMQM charity auction and the availability of tables for purchase for the event. Details to follow.
9. Community Service - Betty Ann Eash detailed additional 2026 community sew days scheduled for the 4th Friday of the month from February to October. She also advised that fabric donations are needed. If members donate charity quilts and deduct the donation on their income tax returns, a receipt signed by one of the co-chairs of the Community Service Committee may be requested. Quilt kits for charity quilts are available at the back of the room.
10. Retreats – Margaret will be hosting the Spring Retreat at the YMCA scheduled for April 20-23, 2026. Spaces available either with a roommate or a single room.
11. Member Spotlight – Joan described the new format for member spotlight quilts. Quilts will no longer be hung in the Best Western lobby but presented at the General Meetings. This month’s Spotlight Members were Liz Radi, Crystal and Beth Soderquist and each presented several of their quilts.
12. Show and Tell – Approximately 11 quilts were shown by members. Additionally, a quilt made by multiple members with heart blocks was presented to Joan in appreciation for all her efforts and for being the “heart” of LNCQ.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Cynthia S. Marquez, Secretary