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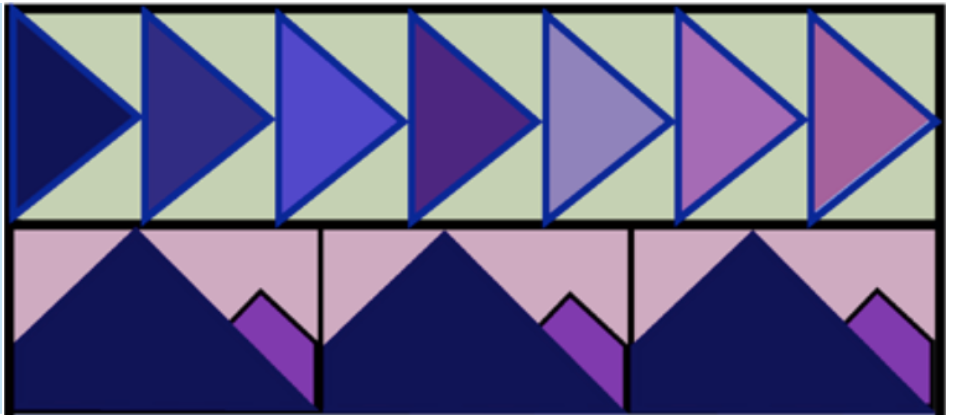
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SPRING INTO STITCHING!

Photo courtesy of Sue Hine

Welcome New Members!

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

- ◆ Terri Rossi
- ◆ Kim Beckett
- ◆ Kathy Carter

Spring Giveaway!

Want to be the next Newsletter Giveaway winner?



Count how many times the word “spring” (or its variations) appears in this newsletter and submit your guess [here](#) by May 1!

This season brings a sense of fun & creativity that can spill over into your quilting



Joan's Journal

Spring into Creativity

It's officially spring, and with that comes a fresh burst of energy. Whether you're clearing out your sewing space, finishing up winter projects, or just ready to try something new, I encourage you to take some time to reset.

This season also brings a sense of fun. Some of us are pulling out dye pots or markers to decorate eggs - just for the joy of it. That same creativity can easily spill over into your quilting—maybe it's time to experiment with bright colors, scrappy patterns, or smaller projects that come together quickly.

The spring table runner and wall hanging featuring dimensional quilted eggs are a great reminder that seasonal projects don't have to be big to be impactful. Several years ago, I decided to make a seasonal table runner for a friend from my college days who was then living in the Northwest Territories of Canada. I chose a spring theme (I had done Valentine's the year before). After spending some time on Pinterest, I came up with the design—baskets at each end with three-dimensional eggs. After making the table runner, I had enough fabric for just half of a second piece, so it became a wall hanging that I kept for myself. Batiks work perfectly for dimensional eggs—I just fussy cut the egg shapes to create lovely decorated eggs.

Last month, I visited my friend (who now lives in British Columbia), and she proudly brought out the table runner for the table in her living room. Each year, these baskets bring smiles to her household and mine.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in LNCQ over the coming weeks. Registration is open for our May pincushion workshop, and a couple of spots are still available for the June in-town retreat. Our Publicity and Ways & Means committees are also looking for volunteers to join them.

Here's to a season of new starts, fresh ideas, and maybe even a few finishes.

Joan

letter from the president >>>



Joan Fulton, 2025 LNCQ President

April Meeting



Sheila Lindquist shared an antique signature quilt

The April meeting was packed with energy and camaraderie! There was a definite feeling of spring in the air as guild members shared great conversations and laughter throughout the evening, making it one of the most socially engaging meetings so far this year.

We had some great door prizes—lucky attendees either received tickets to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum or a Quilt Folk calendar! Newsletter Giveaway winners were also recognized and received their goodies during the meeting.

The evening's program on signature quilts was a definite hit. Several brought stunning examples to share, including a treasured antique quilt with beautiful spring flowers and embroidered signatures. Even more members contributed stories and memories of signature quilts that held special meaning to them, even if they weren't able to bring them in person. The program sparked wonderful discussion and a heartwarming sense of connection.

A big thank you to everyone who stayed and helped with cleanup at the end of the meeting. Your willingness to pitch in is always appreciated and makes a big difference!



Priscilla Golz (top) and Pat Limburg shared their signature quilts at the April meeting



May Workshop

9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Best Western

We still have a few spaces left for the morning workshop. Join us as we create pincushions from unique and upcycled items. The workshop fee includes all the materials you'll need to create a one-of-a-kind pincushion, but if you have a unique vessel you'd like to repurpose, such as Grandma's old teacup, a spooky candelabra, or even an Altoid tin, feel free to bring it along!

Date: May 5
Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$15

Location:
Best Western
5542 E US-34
Loveland, CO 80537

This is a great opportunity to meet new LNCQ friends, reconnect with familiar faces, and share some laughs while making a fun and creative project perfect for yourself or as a gift (just in time for Mother's Day!). We hope to see you there!

[Sign Up](#)



May Program

1:30 pm at Best Western

LNCQ is thrilled to welcome the Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild! This special program will feature their powerful trunk show and uplifting choir. Their mission is to promote both quilting and African American culture through artistry and storytelling. Some of our members had the privilege of seeing them at the Loveland Museum a few years ago, and others more recently at the Front Range Contemporary Quilters in Denver. With an ever-changing repertoire, they never repeat the same quilts—each presentation is fresh, creative, and deeply inspiring. The energy and passion they bring to their work is truly breathtaking.

Date: May 5
Time: 1:30
Location:

Best Western
5542 E US-34
Loveland, CO 80537



June Retreat

Join us and celebrate tradition, creativity, and community—one stitch at a time!

Spend two days with fellow members working on your own projects, while enjoying each others' company.

Each quilter will have her own table, and can bring a small sewing/auxiliary table.

Date: June 9 & 10

Cost: \$80

Location:

Best Western

5542 E US-34

Loveland, CO 80537

[Sign up or join the waiting list](#)

Retreat Packing Tips

For our lucky members already signed up for the April or June retreats, it's almost time to pack your bags! Get ready for games, workshops, and plenty of laughter. Here's a **suggested packing list** to help you prepare for your retreat adventure.

Save the Date! Community Sew Day

The next community sew day is on July 7th! The theme will be Christmas in July making tree skirts for families in need of holiday cheer.

Date: Monday, July 7

Time: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Quilter's Dream

281g E 29th. St

Loveland, CO 80538

Did you know...?

You don't need a PayPal account to pay online? Credit card payments made to LNCQ are processed using PayPal, but a PayPal login is not required.

1. Click the PayPal button on the LNCQ website to start the checkout process.
2. Choose 'Pay with Debit or Credit Card' or "Checkout as Guest."
3. Enter your card details and contact information.
4. If you are prompted to create a PayPal account, select "No, I don't want an account now" before proceeding.
5. Review your information and click "Pay Now" to finalize the transaction

June Workshop

Sashiko Eyeglass Case

Join us in June for a relaxing and inspiring hand-stitching workshop led by Crystal! This month's workshop will introduce you to the beautiful art of sashiko—a traditional Japanese embroidery technique known for its striking geometric patterns.

In this hands-on session, you'll use pre-printed fabric to learn to stitch the classic *asa-no-ha* (hemp leaf) motif, a foundational sashiko design known for its elegance and symbolism. Once your stitching is complete, Crystal will guide you through the steps to turn your sashiko sampler into a fully finished eyeglasses case.

This workshop is perfect for both beginners and those looking to expand their hand-stitching skills. All materials will be provided, and you'll leave with a useful handmade project and a new technique under your belt.

Date: Saturday, June 7th

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kit Fee: \$15

Registration Fee: \$30

Lunch will be provided

Location:

Joan Fulton's Home

5132 Snead Ct.

Fort Collins, CO



member spotlight>>>

Spotlight on Ruth Sharp

Meet Ruth: A Lifelong Quilter with a Passion for Art

By Pat Baker & Crystal Wentz

Ruth may be a newer member of the League of Northern Colorado Quilters, but she brings with her decades of experience and passion. Joining the guild just six months ago, she quickly became a vibrant part of the community—sharing her artistic flair and deep love for the craft.

Ruth's quilting journey began early, thanks to her mother and grandmother. She fondly recalls making her first quilt at the age of ten and never stopping. "I've just done quilts all my life," she said. Though she began with traditional piecing, her heart now belongs to art quilting.

What draws her to art quilts? "I can make it come to life if I want to," Ruth explained. "I can make it artistic... or even modern, though I'm not very good at that yet." Her quilts often feature batiks and marbled fabrics—never solids—and she has an impressive stash built up over the years. She now buys fabric more conservatively, "just a quarter yard... unless it's for the backing."

Ruth doesn't follow patterns. She designs all her pieces herself and often works from inspiration or photographs, adding layers until her vision is fully realized. "It's the quilting that brings it out," she said, emphasizing the importance of quilting to create dimension and texture in her work. One of her favorite techniques is thread painting, a skill she's shared with others through teaching.

She's sold many pieces, especially while living in Tucson, where she exhibited regularly.



Her favorite quilt? "Always the last one," she laughed. Currently, it's a wall hanging featuring an owl on a branch.

Though Ruth is currently easing back into quilting after a fall and a recent move, she's still involved with the guild's art group and has projects underway—including a piece she calls "The Fish." She also contributed to the guild's Round Robin, though she's keeping her part a surprise for now.

"Quilt what you love – use the subject you love, use the colors you love. Just start."

Quilting, for Ruth, is more than a hobby—it's a form of expression that rivals her background in oil painting. "I just love creating anything," she said. She quilts for family, charity, and for herself. She says it's the first thing on her mind in the morning, and she's constantly inspired by patterns, colors, and textures she sees everywhere.

Outside quilting, Ruth has a deep love for animals and once trained dogs in tracking and protection work. Her family and pets, especially her dogs, are a central part of her life.

Guild members might be surprised to learn that Ruth recent celebrated her 80th birthday – the milestone seems to have snuck up on her too. "I'm just surprised I'm 80," she said with a laugh.

About quilting, she said "I can't get enough." Her energy, creativity, and willingness to try anything are a true inspiration. "There's very little I won't try—much to my husband's disgust," she joked.

Ruth's advice to new quilters: "Quilt what you love. Use the colors you love. Use the subject you love. Just start. Somebody will like it."

And we couldn't agree more.



Submit your quilty questions to
newsletter.lncq1996
@gmail.com

Q: What's the best way to join binding ends for a seamless finish?

A: Use the "tuck and angle" method: leave a 10" tail at the beginning, and stop sewing 10" before the end. Cut the tails to overlap by the width of your binding (usually 2 1/2"), join them with a diagonal seam, press, and sew the final section closed. It lies flat and looks professional!

Q: What's a quick way to add dimension to my quilts?

A: Try trapunto! Add an extra layer of batting behind select motifs before quilting. After quilting around those shapes, trim away the excess batting from the back, then layer and quilt as usual. The raised effect adds beautiful texture.



Spring quilt photo
courtesy of Sue Hine

AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER IN MAY!

QUILTER'S PRESSING BOARDS

We're excited to announce that pre-orders for "Quilter's Pressing Boards." These ironing surfaces are perfect for your sewing room or retreat setup! Put one on top of a chest of drawers or cabinets for a stable pressing station with storage.

Choose the size that fits your space:

- Portable Pressing Surface (24"x24") – \$30
- Medium Pressing Surface (24"x48") – \$60
- Large Pressing Surface (24"x72") – \$90

Each board is covered in silver water- and scorch-resistant thermal fabric, making it easy to wipe away any water leaks from your iron. These durable, high-quality boards have stood the test of time—some of our members have been using theirs for over 10 years and still love them!



TABLETOP BLOCK DESIGN BOARDS

Sets of Block Design Boards will also be available for \$15. Each set will include one mini design boards in each size:

- 17" square,
- 12" square, and
- 8" square

Watch your email to find out when these items are available for pre-order!

This fundraiser is brought to you by Ways & Means. A big thank you to Becky Williamson and, Pat Baker, for volunteering for this fundraising sub-committee!

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!

Baby Animal Days

Celebrate Spring at Baby Animal Days and visit LNCQ members who will be giving demonstrations of fiber arts on April 25th

Date: April 25th-27th

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location:

Centennial Village Museum

1475 A St.

Greeley, CO 80631

Special themes each day:

April 25, Sheep to Shawl

April 26, Udder to Butter

April 27, Farm to Table

Fabric & Friends

Rocky Mountain Quilt
Museum Annual Fundraiser

This event is RMQM's **slightly elegant, super fun and exciting occasion with amazing food**, that allows members and supporters like you to donate 'like new' items, hand crafted quilts both vintage and contemporary, and miniature quilts as well and then enjoy the excitement of bidding on hand curated goodies or experience packages. Your bidding excitement increases the values to provide operating funds for RMQM.

Date: May 17th

Time: 10:30 am

Location:

Denver Marriott West Hotel

Get Tickets

SHOW AND TELL: MAY FLOWERS EDITION!

Spring is in full bloom, and what better way to celebrate than with a May Flowers-themed Show and Tell! Whether your quilt features floral fabrics, garden-inspired designs, or simply reminds you of spring, we'd love to see it at this month's meeting.

To participate, please fill out a Show and Tell form when you arrive or save time by printing it at home (the form can be found [here](#) on the LNCQ website). Forms will be available at the check-in table. When it's your turn, just hand your completed form to Laretta or Sue as you step forward—we'll take care of the rest!

For your convenience, we'll also have members on hand to help fold your quilt after you've shown it. You are welcome to hold up your quilt yourself to highlight its best features.

We can't wait to see your beautiful spring-inspired creations!

next month >>>

Coming Next Month: BUDDING QUILTERS

New Quilters & New Members

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send photos of your beginner or floral quilts and quilting tips to newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com

May Newsletter Challenge

Create a floral quilt block for May and send a photo to newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com for a chance to have your project featured next month!



Photo courtesy of Kathy Money

final thoughts >>>

As the days grow longer and the world wakes up in color, we're reminded how perfectly quilting pairs with the season of renewal. It's a time for fresh ideas, unfinished projects finding their way to the finish line, and maybe even starting something bold and new.

This season, our guild is growing too—trying new things, exploring fresh ideas, and finding ways to better serve and inspire our community. Change can be exciting, sometimes a little messy, but always full of possibility. Thank you for being part of this evolving story, and for bringing your own unique spark to everything we do together.

Here's to new beginnings, creative momentum, and quilts stitched with purpose and joy.



Spring quilt shared by Vicky Bajtelsmit at April's meeting