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December 2025

Let us sew, let us
sew, let us sew!

letter from the president >>>

Joan's Journal

The joy of holiday togetherness

As we settle into this bright and bustling season of gatherings, I'm reminded how much joy comes from opening our doors, sharing good food, and celebrating together. This time of year is full of parties—large and small—and I've always loved the warmth that comes from bringing people into a space filled with connection and creativity. Our guild embodies that spirit beautifully.

What an incredible celebration we just shared at our Holiday Party and Silent Auction! Thanks to 1st Vice President Beth Soderquist and our Ways and Means co-chairs Kathy Winter and Crystal Wentz, the auction and party were tremendously successful—far beyond what we anticipated—but even more meaningful was the way it brought us together. The room was filled with laughter, conversation, and the simple joy of spending time with one another during this beautiful season. The success of the event is something to be proud of, but the true highlight was the sense of community we felt as we gathered to celebrate.

As we move into the new year, I'm grateful for each of you and for the spirit you bring to LNCQ. May the season ahead be filled with creativity, friendship, and many more reasons to gather.



Joan Fulton, 2025 LNCQ President

"I'm grateful for each of you and the spirit you bring to LNCQ."

Welcome New Members!

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

- Colleen Ries
- Marietta Yeager
- Becky Brammell
- Kerry Hubbard
- Robin Whaley



Joan



The Quilted Forest

A big thank you to all who signed up to contribute a piece for our Quilted Forest exhibit! Your creativity and generosity will bring this project to life in a way that truly showcases the spirit of our guild. We'll be sharing details soon about upcoming work days where members can gather, stitch, and help assemble the forest together. Stay tuned—this is going to be a magical display, and we're so grateful for everyone lending their talents to make it happen.

If you haven't signed up yet, good news! The deadline to sign up to participate has been extended, so click [here](#) to fill out the form and submit your idea. Want to join in but not sure what to do for your piece? No problem! Sign Up anyway and we will help you!

[**SIGN UP NOW!**](#)



Artist Rendering

Membership Renewal Time!

Don't let your LNCQ membership ghost away—renew online today for 2026. Forgetting to renew? Now *that's* a horror story!

Have a friend who might like to join the fun? Any new members who sign up after October 1, 2025 will have their membership extend all the way through 2026.

[**Renew Now**](#)

30th Anniversary Committee

We're forming a special committee to plan exciting events for LNCQ's 30th anniversary in 2026, and we'd love your help! This team will brainstorm, organize, and bring to life memorable celebrations that honor our guild's history while making the year truly unforgettable. Whether you have big ideas, organizational skills, or just enthusiasm to share, your contributions will help make this milestone year shine. If you're interested in being part of the 30th Anniversary Committee, please reach out to Crystal at newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com to join!

December 1st Holiday Party & Silent Auction

The Holiday Party and Silent Auction was a wonderful way to close out the year. Members and guests enjoyed a festive afternoon filled with gorgeous UFO and Round Robin reveals, plenty of laughter, and an incredible array of food—from abundant charcuterie boards to warm appetizers and a table of irresistible desserts. Our silent auction was a tremendous success, with over \$8,000 in gross bids collected to support our guild's programs and community outreach efforts. We closed the celebration by expressing heartfelt thanks to the 2025 Executive Board for their service and welcoming the 2026 Executive Board as they step into their new roles. It was a joyful gathering that truly reflected the spirit and generosity of our guild.

Community Sew Day

Join us for our next Community Sew Day, where we'll gather to create beautiful quilts for those in need. Whether you can stay for hours or just drop in for a while, your stitches will help bring comfort and warmth to our community.

Location: [Quilter's Dream](#)

Date: March 16, 2026

Time: 10:30 – 3:30

January In Town Retreat

And now for something to look forward to—our January In Town Retreat at the Best Western is the perfect way to kick off the new year with friends, fabric, and lots of laughter. Thanks to Sheree Cook for planning this cozy winter sewing getaway without the travel!

Dates: January 12, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. and
January 13, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: [Best Western Plus Loveland Inn](#)

To join the waitlist click [here!](#)

January 5th 2026 Program



Maggie Henricks launched Create Good Co. in 2016 with a mission to give forgotten textiles a new life. Rooted in sustainability, each piece they create carries a story and sense of history that can't be replicated by mass production. Today, the company operates a storefront in Old Town Fort Collins and continues to travel to festivals and makers' markets within a 500-mile radius. Join us for an inside look at the inspiration behind Maggie's designs and discover how you can bring more secondhand textiles into your own creative projects.

Date: January 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Location: [Best Western Plus Loveland Inn](#)

January 5th 2026 Workshop

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where creativity meets sustainability! Learn how to make your own eco-friendly bag using upcycled designer fabric. The included kit is one of a kind and contains all the fabrics, interfacing, and hardware you need! Come make a stunning, custom bag with our guild members Glenna Wagenecht and Pat Baker!

Kit Includes:

- designer exterior fabric
- lining fabric
- magnetic closure
- bag bottom form
- interfacing
- fleece stabilizer

Date: January 5

Time: 12:30-4:30

Cost: \$45 (kit included)

Registration is open now!

November 17th , 8:00 a.m.



member spotlight>>>

Spotlight on Liz Radi

Pat Baker and Crystal Wentz

From hand-piecing beginnings
to award-winning fabric

Elizabeth Radi joined LNCQ nearly five years ago after earning a complimentary membership from the Larimer County Fair and has been an active member of a small art quilting group ever since.

Her quilting journey began 40 years ago, inspired by her grandmother's church quilting group and guided by Eleanor Burns' *Log Cabin* book. After hand-piecing her first quilt in a Ben Franklin class, she fell in love with the craft. When fabric collage emerged, it connected perfectly with her mother's portrait-painting influence, giving her a way to "paint" with fabric.

Elizabeth's current passions include raw-edge fusible appliqué, animal portrait collage, thread painting, and free-motion quilting. She loves jewel tones, prefers choosing her own colors, and keeps a few favorite quick patterns—*River Log Cabin* and *The Tree Farm*—on hand.



Her proudest works include her eight-year Grandmother's Flower Garden, her Wedding Ring quilt, and her many cat collages. Her quilts have been shown at local fairs and published in *Quilting Arts Magazine* (Fall 2022) and *Quiltfolk* (2025). She's currently stitching *The Pumpkin Patch* by Cotton Street Commons.

Quilting is her creative escape and therapy, and she contributes through Quilts of Valor and community service projects. Her advice: learn the basics, take classes, stay inspired, and experiment until you find your style.

Outside quilting, Elizabeth enjoys reading, her book club, walking her dogs, and cheering on her grandchildren. And a fun fact—she's originally from Minnesota, don't ya know!



2026 Meeting Dates

JANUARY 5 – 6:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2 – 1:30 pm

MARCH 2 – 6:00 pm

APRIL 6 – 6:00 pm

MAY 4 – 1:30 pm

JUNE 1 – 6:00 pm

JULY 2026 – NO MEETING

AUGUST 3 – 1:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 14 – 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 5 – 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2 – 1:30 pm

DECEMBER 7 – Holiday Party

quilty q & a >>>

Q: My points keep getting chopped off. What am I doing wrong?

A: Check your seam allowance first. A scant 1/4" is crucial. If your seams are accurate and the problem persists, try pressing seams open for flatter blocks and more precise intersections.

Q: Should I prewash my fabric?

A: It depends who you ask! It all comes down to the project and your personal preference. Prewashing removes sizing and potential shrinkage, which is particularly helpful for quilts that will be heavily used or washed often. If you're using pre-cut fabrics, skip prewashing to keep sizes consistent.

Q: How can I control the raveling threads when prewashing fabric?

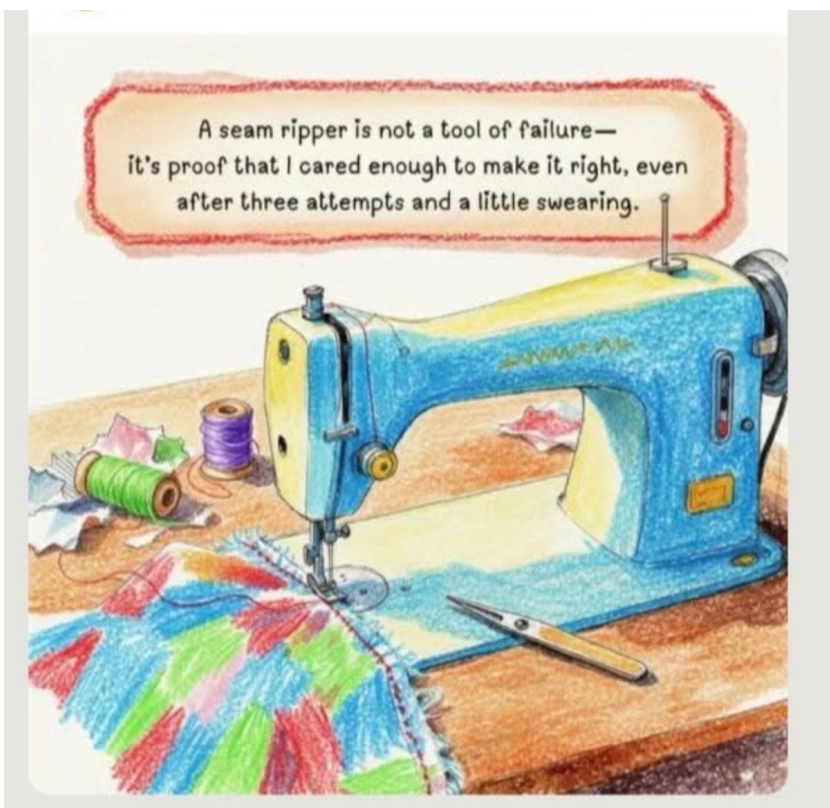
A: Try surging the edges of your fabric or using a pinking rotary blade to trim the edges before prewashing.

For Sale by Members

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

Current member login required to view items for sale.

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



Postcard Requests

One function of the guild is to show caring concern for guild members going through difficult times. Send requests to Eileen Maelzer, hospitality chair, 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 hospitality.lncq1996@gmail.com

final thoughts >>>

Crystal Wentz

As the snow begins to fall and the holiday season wraps us in its familiar glow, our quilts seem to take on an extra layer of meaning. There's a special kind of magic in settling beneath something handmade while the world outside turns crisp and white. This time of year reminds us how comforting creativity can be—how a quilt brings warmth, how stitching brings calm, and how gathering with our quilting community brings joy. May the season ahead be filled with soft snowfalls, cozy corners, and the simple delight of a quilt pulled close on a winter night.



next month >>>

January: A Quilter's Fresh Start

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send your favorite wintry quilt photos or quilting tips to newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com by December 31.

quilting community news >>>

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!

Good & Plenty - New works by Barbara Gilhooly & Ayn Hanna

Artworks Center For Contemporary Art

Exhibition Runs: Nov 14 - Dec 28, 2025, 6-9pm

This joint show features fiber artist Ayn Hanna and painter/printer Barbara Gilhooly. Good & Plenty brings together two artists united by a shared belief in abundance, joy, and the enduring power of what is good in the human spirit. This exhibition celebrates color, craft, and the pleasures of making.

Correction: Women of the Cloth Row By Row Challenge

The row by row challenge by the Women of the Cloth was started in January 2025, not January 2026. The Challenge was to finish as many as possible in the calendar year 2025.

Prizes for the most completed will be awarded at the Women of the Cloth meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 10:00 at the Methodist Church at 6th and Grant, West Door, Loveland.

Everyone is invited to this all-day sew-day to "Get them Done". Women of the Cloth have a box of them that anyone is welcome to make up if they want to. Just come to the Church between 9:30 and 11 any Friday.

Contact Dena Johnson (303-674-5117) with questions

Love Quilts USA

Love Quilts USA is a nationwide group of cross stitchers and quilters who create personalized quilts for children with life-altering illnesses. With hundreds of stitchers but only a small number of quilters, the group is seeking additional quilters to help assemble more quilts and reach more children in need.

To learn more about the organization and how you can help, contact lhgruett@gmail.com.

RMQM Exhibits:

October 20, 2025 –
January 17, 2026

Main Gallery:

Quilts Inspired from Down Under - a solo exhibit by Bonnie Murphy

Northeast Gallery:

The Grandeur of the Moment - a solo exhibit by Linda Anderson

Call for Entries: Colorado Quilts Exhibit

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is exploring a new 2027 theme: Colorado Quilts. This challenge celebrates Colorado's many facets—living, working, exploring, its varied landscapes, colors, weather, wildlife, and discoveries. All quilters are welcome to take part. For more information click [here](#).