

League of Northern Colorado Quilters
General Meeting Minutes
Best Western Hotel, Loveland, Colorado
Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. Crystal Wentz (“Crystal”), 1st Vice President, opened the general meeting with a welcome and introduction to the Guild’s own Beth Soderquist (“Beth”), the program presenter for the meeting.

Beth, a quilter since the 1990’s, presented a comprehensive and entertaining trunk show of her spectacular quilts, showcasing her broad interest in quilting styles and methods.

2. Crystal recognized and welcomed new members and guests.
3. Door Prizes – door prizes were awarded to members chosen at random.
4. Financial Reporting – On-going updates will be included in the newsletter; this month’s edition focuses on how prices for retreats and workshops are calculated. Additionally, a second Certificate of Deposit was opened to earn interest. Fundraising efforts continue and include tee-shirts sales, a two-day High Tea event and the Silent Auction at the December Holiday Party. The Guild is now accepting business donations and a sample letter to solicit them was circulated at the meeting and will be available on the website.

2027 Membership renewals are coming up but members are asked to wait until after October 1st to renew due to pending software updates.

5. Quilted Forest – Crystal presented an example of the loops to hang Quilted Forest pieces for the installation. The next progress date is the October general meeting and pieces should be largely complete. If the piece cannot be brought, photos should be brought instead.
6. Block of the Month – continues and participating members were encouraged to post their blocks on the FaceBook group.
7. Community Sew Days – will be held the last Friday in September and October. 45 Christmas tree skirts have been completed with a few kits remaining to be completed.
8. Quilt-A-Fair – LNCQ will have a booth at Quilt-A-Fair this year. Due to the late notice, it will be a one-day event on Saturday. Kaea Beresford is arranging for volunteers.

9. 2026 Fall Retreat - Beth noted that only four vacancies remain for any quilter interested in attending this year's fall retreat at the YMCA in the Rockies.

10. Upcoming Programs

- The October program will feature Margaret Willingham with instructions on the construction of a Mola piece
- The November program features Susan DuBois, an expert on everything silk, who will be demonstrating the creation of silk fusion

11. 2027 Board Positions – Crystal is working to complete the 2027 board. The 2027 Executive Board nominations include:

Crystal – President

Lauri Dykstra – 1st Vice President

Lauretta Oudeman – VP Programs

Ellen Rankin – Treasurer

Cynthia Marquez – Secretary

Positions to be filled include: Community Service, Hospitality, Publicity, Show and Tell and Special Events. Members interested in a board position or sharing a board position, please let Crystal know. Voting for the Executive Board Members is scheduled for the October general meeting and nominations from the floor for Executive Board positions will be accepted at that meeting.

12. General Business

Crystal presented the 2026 Budget Review, noting the Guild's income vs. expenditures. Expenses are increasing and are anticipated to exceed income this year. The Board is looking for ways to keep costs down while increasing fund raising. The approximate \$5,000 difference between income and expenses was covered by 2025 fund raising illustrating the importance of fundraising to the Guild's future. Crystal will be providing further financial details in the President's letter included in the newsletter. Additionally, Crystal or Ellen can provide further financial details for interested members.

13. Show and Tell - Community quilts for donation, quilts shown at the Larimer County Fair and general quilts were shown.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Marquez, Secretary

