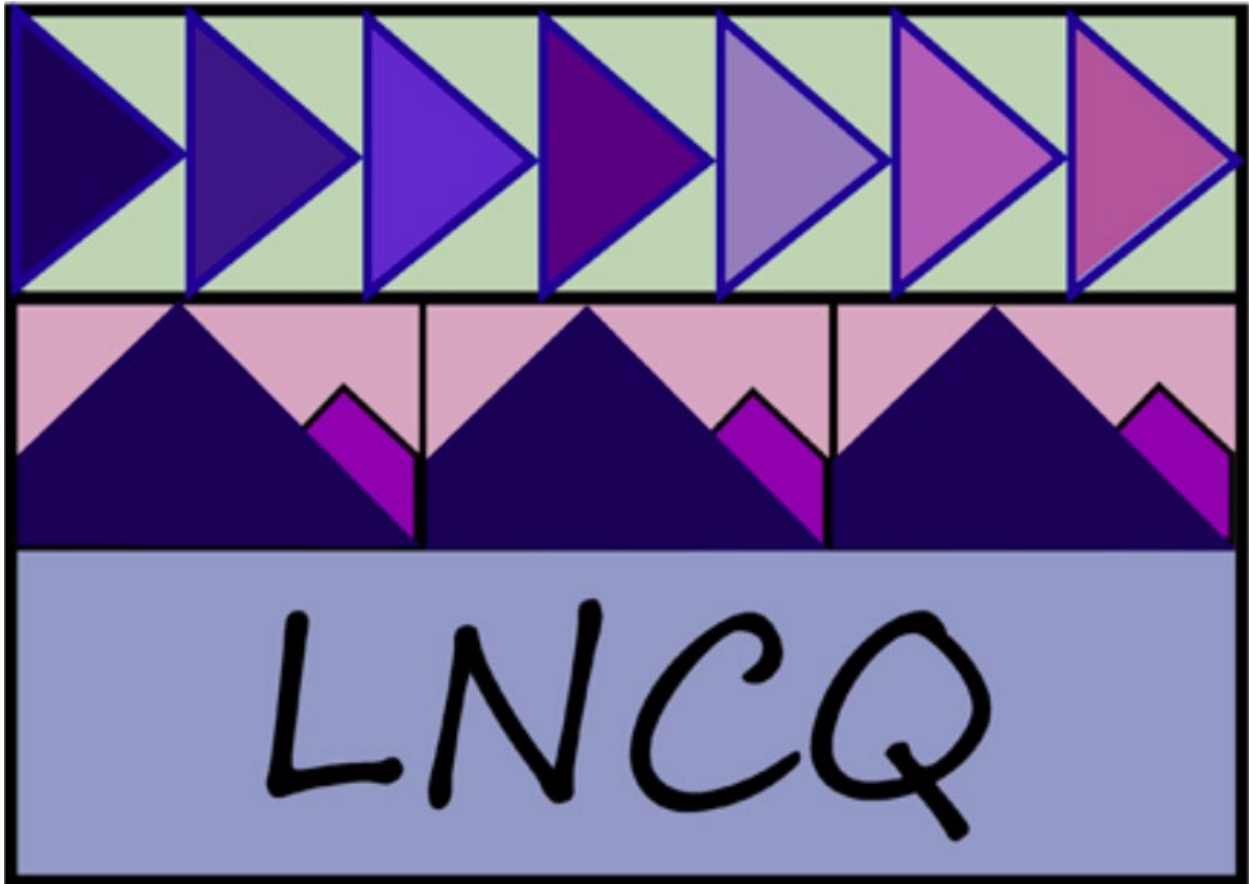


January 2025 Newsletter



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President's Memo



Joan Fulton, President 2025

Welcome 2025. We have an exciting year of programs and activities lined up for LNCQ for the coming year. There are three things I want to highlight this month.

1. Connecting with Other LNCQ Members

If you are new to LNCQ – welcome! If you are a returning LNCQ member – welcome back for 2025! Making and fostering connections with other quilters is a high priority for most of us when we join a guild. Our Hospitality group (led by Eileen Maelzer) is doing a great job of welcoming new folks – but it shouldn't stop with them. I invite all members – new and returning – to make that little extra effort to reach out to someone you don't yet know. That person you sit at a table with or strike up a conversation with may have knowledge that you are looking for (e.g. where to get your machine serviced, how to stop colors from running). You may find the person to share a room with at the upcoming retreat – or a new best friend.

2. Budget and Fund-Raising

The 2025 budget (included in this newsletter) will be voted on by the LNCQ membership at the February 3, 2025 meeting. Marla Arcadi, LNCQ Treasurer, stands ready to answer all of your questions prior to the February meeting.

We are excited that LNCQ is an active and growing guild – but it takes money to operate an active guild. Also, the cost of doing business is going up - just like we have all noticed in our own budgets. The 2025 budget shows a deficit which is not sustainable. The good news is that I've had some great discussions with members who have wonderful ideas for fund-raising. In the next few weeks, I will be calling together a group of LNCQ members who have expressed interest in some fun and creative fund-raising activities. We will brainstorm creative ideas and explore some paths forward. If you have ideas and would like to join this meeting, please email me at president.lncq1996@gmail.com .

3. LNCQ. 2025 Board – and need for Newsletter Coordinator

We are excited to have a great Board for 2025 (as introduced at the Holiday Party in December). Check out the list of the Board members on the LNCQ website and email anyone with questions or ideas!

We do need help with one Board position – Newsletter Coordinator. Betty Ann Eash stepped up and coordinated getting all of the information put together for this January newsletter. Now we need someone for the remaining months of 2025. The Newsletter Coordinator works with LNCQ members to gather the information for the monthly newsletter. This is a great way to be the first one to know about upcoming LNCQ programs and activities. Please consider this important role. Please contact me at president.lncq1996@gmail.com if you can help out here.

Welcome New Members!

We welcome these new members who joined in December 2024: Joscelyn Moburg, Lorraine Dewey, Catherine Fitzsimmons, Susan Shannon, Tina Hickman, and Cheryl Thieler.

Remember that registering or renewing your membership is a two step process! You must complete the form AND pay your dues. Annual renewal is to be done by February.

[Click Here to Renew Membership](#)

Upcoming LNCQ Events



February 3 Guild Meeting:

Linda Salitrynski

Award Winning Quilter and Owner of Country Keepsakes, Linda Salitrynski has won numerous quilting awards including: several “Best of Show” awards, other awards in Paducah, Houston and Quilters Expo in Wisconsin.

Linda established Country Keepsakes in 1987, and it has continued to grow and evolve over the past thirty-eight years. In addition to stylish designer fabrics, quilting notions and thread, Linda also offers unique hand dyed 100 percent Pimatex cotton fabrics. Each yard of hand-dyed fabric is unique, just like the projects made from them.

Linda Salitrynski Workshop

February 3, 2025 8:30 AM – Noon Enhance Your Quilt with Thread Color Through Free Motion Quilting

Bring your machine and a selection of threads. You will purchase a kit from Linda on which you will practice free motion quilting with different threads. This can be turned into a cushion top or a small wall hanging.

Proper selection of thread can enhance color in one section of the quilt while an alternative color selection will cause another section to recede. Linda will guide us through how to take our quilts to the “next level.” We will leave with a better understanding of how thread color impacts your quilting – something you will use over and over again – whether selecting threads when you take your quilts to the long armer or selecting threads for your smaller pieces that you are quilting at home.

Workshop Registration Fee: \$45.00

Kit Fee: \$15.00 payable to Linda at the time of the workshop

[Click HERE for Linda Salitrynski Workshop Registration](#)

LNCQ Guild Meeting with Linda Salitrynski Lecture Afternoon event starts at 1:30 PM

During our general meeting we will vote on the 2025 budget, welcome new members and of course have Show and Tell. Linda Salitrynski will be our guest speaker with “An Exhibition of Linda’s Quilts Showing her Journey from Traditional Quilting to Art Quilts.”

2025 UFO Challenge

The February guild meeting is your final chance to make a pledge to finish a specific unfinished quilt project (UFO) in 2025. Last year’s UFO Challenge helped over 20 quilt projects make it to completion. Those participating said they liked having the challenge because it spurred them into trying to finish a project that wasn’t getting done.

Here's how it works:

- Decide on the project(s) you really want to complete in 2025.
- Write them on the front of an envelope with your name.
- Place \$5 in the envelope
- Turn your envelope in to either the membership desk or Carla Lucas at the February meeting.
- If you finish your project(s) and show it at the December Holiday Party you will get your \$5 pledge returned.
- If you do not finish your pledged project(s) your \$5 pledge becomes a donation to the guild. Or you can place an additional \$10 in the envelope to pledge to really finish it in 2026. If you finish it in 2026 you will get your entire pledge returned.

2025 LNCQ Round Robin project



Example of a "Round Robin" quilt with center block medallion.

"Round Robins can be any shape, or constructed in rows.

LNCQ's first Round Robin exchange is on February 3 at 1 pm (before the 1:30 general meeting). Those participating should bring their finished center square, extra fabrics (if desired), and any special instructions in a box. The guild will have pizza boxes you can get at the meeting.

If you want to participate in the Round Robin project – please register now from the LNCQ website.

[CLICK HERE to register for the 2025 LNCQ Round Robin Project](#)

Signing up is free. It is important because it gives the organizers an idea of who is participating. You can then receive emails with reminders of when the next exchange is scheduled and other pertinent information specific to the Round Robin project.

Special Events: Looking Ahead to 2025

If anyone has ideas of special events to do this year, please talk to Carla Lucas at the February meeting or email special.events.lncq1996@gmail.com.

We may do another postcard exchange, but need to find another guild somewhere in the country to exchange with.

One suggestion (but nothing planned or confirmed) is a one-day bus trip to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum with an Afternoon Tea or Wine and Cheese tasting, and stops at 3 quilt shops.

Another possibility is to participate somehow in the Loveland Tree Lighting's Christmas Parade showcasing our guild and Christmas Quilts.

Mark Your Calendar

Date	Event	Comments
January	Renew your membership before February meeting	
February 3	Linda Salitrynski	Workshop and lecture
March 3	Community Sew	Quilter's Dream 10:30-3 pm
April 21-24	Spring Retreat	
May 5	The Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild	We are planning a morning workshop led by LNCQ members
June 9-10	In-town Retreat	
August 4	Yvonne Phenicie	Workshop and lecture
Sept 22-25	Fall Retreat	
October 6	Lea McComas	Workshop and lecture
November 3	Jackie Vujcich	Workshop and lecture
December 1	Holiday Party	
For more information: LNCQ.org		



The view at retreat—Mount Meeker.

SPRING QUILT CAMP RETREAT 2025

Enjoy a special time for sewing, eating, hiking and relaxing with friends while looking out on majestic mountain views and meadows.

When: April 15-18, 2024 Capacity: There are 30 spots.

Where: Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center

- Quad Room: \$310/per person
- Triple Room: \$325/per person
- Double Room: \$360/per person

Price includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches and 3 breakfasts

Because this is such a popular event, single rooms are not being offered so that we can add a few more participants.

Registration: Online only! You can pay online or by check. Registration opens February 1, 2025 at 8 am. Roommate requests will be taken during registration. You will get an email later this month with details on how to register.

A Bit O Business

We are into a New Year! Take time to reflect on old adventures and experiences...

Celebrate new beginnings!

LNCQ's fiscal year is a calendar year...so our accounting of Income and Expenses begins the first day of January. Nonprofit boards are required to approve a budget during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. Our By-Laws say that the general membership votes to approve our budget at our first general meeting, which happens in February. The Executive Board provisionally approved the Proposed Budget for 2025 (included in this newsletter) at the December 16 Executive Board meeting.

Your LNCQ Treasurer put the Proposed Budget together in November. It was evaluated and tweaked by the Executive Board to bring the deficit down to what is shown in the published Proposed Budget. Budgets do not have to balance, and ours does not. Budgeting is our organization's opportunity to have input about how our finances are supporting our goals and mission. Our success as a growing Quilt Guild and being fiscally responsible to that end, is the responsibility of all of our membership.

Please take the time to look over the Proposed Budget and if you have any questions about income or expenses, please send them to me at Treasurer.LNCQ1996@gmail.com. I will make sure you get a response before voting in February. If you have ideas for Fundraising, there will be an opportunity to discuss those in the coming months also. We have a vacant Ways & Means position on the general board!

May LNCQ continue to thrive and grow and prosper in this new year!

-Marla Arcadi

February is the first LNCQ ANNUAL meeting...

...LNCQ fiscal year/budget is Jan - Dec

2025

Proposed Budget

LNCQ Budget

ACTUALS
2024

		12/16/24 Provisionally Approved by Executive Committee	
		XX-XX-XX Final Approval by General Membership	
Income		Description of what numbers will be comprised of	
Membership Dues	\$5,600.00	Renewal and New Member dues based on 160 members x \$35	\$4,675.00
Meeting Guest Fees	\$50.00	Guest fees paid at door before each meeting	\$60.00
PayPal Prepaid Fees Income	\$125.00	PayPal fees prepaid by member (Membership only)	\$135.46
Bank Interest	\$35.00	Interest earned from Wells Fargo Checking/Savings	\$30.92
Donations to LNCQ	\$0.00	Donations made to LNCQ.	\$155.00
LNCQ Product Sales	\$0.00	2022/2023 LNCQ Canvas Bags (none currently available)	\$0.00
2025 UFO Challenge	\$30.00	Estimated 25% did not complete nor recommit ...using that formula for 2025	\$60.00
January Retreat Fundraiser	\$1,880.00	36 spots @ \$80 each less venue cost and estimated other expenses	\$1,404.14
February Workshop	\$0.00	Linda Salitrynski -workshops are at minimum expected to breakeven	\$0.00
March Workshop	\$0.00	No Event scheduled for March 2025	\$11,015.00
April Retreat	\$500.00	Allenspark: should be self funding with anticipated general fund contribution	\$374.17
May Workshop	\$450.00	Guild -workshops are at minimum expected to breakeven	\$1,170.00
June Retreat Fundraiser	\$1,640.00	36 spots @ \$80 each less venue cost and estimated other expenses	\$1,256.24
July Event	\$0.00	No Event scheduled for July 2025	
August Workshop	\$0.00	Yvonne Phenicie -workshops are at minimum expected to breakeven	\$0.00
September Retreat	\$500.00	Allenspark: should be self funding with anticipated general fund contribution	\$149.00
October Workshop	\$0.00	Lea McComas -workshops are at minimum expected to breakeven	\$0.00
November Workshop	\$0.00	Jackie Vujcich -workshops are at minimum expected to breakeven	\$1,000.00
December Event	\$0.00	Celebration: A No Cost event to celebrate with our members	\$0.00
Special Event	\$0.00	Any event if scheduled, at minimum expected to be a breakeven event.	\$22,113.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,810.00		\$43,597.93
Budgeted Expenses		Description of what number will be comprised of	
Programs/Lectures expenses	\$3,859.99	Lecture Speaker fees, Travel, Lodging, Misc, etc	\$2,250.50
General Meetings Venue Expense	\$3,186.00	6 Meetings -Feb, May, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec.	\$1,750.71
Workshop Expenses	\$765.00	Workshop Expenses -Leader ees, PayPal fees, Misc (Total is for all workshops)	\$10,925.17
Administrative Expenses	\$75.00	Executive Board supplies, ink, paper, postage, IRS filing, Consults	\$53.07
Board Transition Expenses	\$100.00	Meeting for Old/New Board/Committee members to share information	\$105.92
Community Service Expenses	\$1,000.00	Charity ribbon labels, batting, postage, etc.	\$945.00
Donations from LNCQ	\$1,080.00	i.e Larimer County Food Bank; RMQM; Larimer County Fair; Quilt Alliance	\$1,400.00
Equipment Expenses	\$50.00	Equipment (Tech, Quilt Stands, Etc)	\$229.43
Holiday Luncheon Expenses	\$500.00	Supplies, Food (Venue is included in GM Venue Expense)	\$476.29
Hospitality Expenses	\$100.00	Postage, paper plates, cups, plasticware, candy, water, etc.	\$44.39
Liability Insurance	\$230.00	State Farm Business Liability \$2M limit	\$227.00
Membership Expenses	\$50.00	Cloth Name tags, pens, postage, etc.	\$53.83
PayPal Processing Fees	\$140.00	Membership fees only *if paid by members is noted as Prepaid Fee income	\$169.32
PO Box Rental	\$210.00	anticipates slight increase annually (due in April)	\$200.00
Publicity Expenses	\$50.00	Supplies, printing charges, postage	\$0.00
Retreat General Supplies	\$150.00	replenish any consummables, etc	\$890.05
Small Group Expenses	\$50.00	Supplies	\$15.10
Special Events	\$50.00	Supplies, Postage, etc (Actuals include Bus Trip Expenses)	\$22,432.92
Web Hosting Subscription/Mainten	\$410.00	GoDaddy.com: web hosting, name domain, programs	\$430.26
Zoom Virtual Meetings	\$175.00	Zoom.com; Board meetings, small group meetings	\$159.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,230.99		\$42,758.86
YEAR-END BALANCE	(\$1,420.99)	Reserve in general account is available for any actual budget shortfall	\$839.07
Budget Provisionally Approved 12/16/24			
Requested Use Funds	\$531.01	Balance of funds donated with requested use for them **Funds will be used to offset Oct 2025 Meeting/Lecture/Workshop Expenses	\$1,274.50

Community Service Update

Submitted by Mary Doty

As a non-profit, LNCQ has a goal to create and donate charity quilts to local organizations. LNCQ encourages all members to participate in the creation of charity quilts. Here is a list of agencies who received quilts from LNCQ in 2024 year:

- Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (3)
- Realities for Children (49 Christmas tree skirts)
- Realities for Children (2 quilts)
- Life Stories (7)
- Life Stories (5 from “Mamas in the Mountain”)
- Palliative Care at MCR (6)
- McKee Infusion Center (5)
- UC Health Infusion Center (4)
- Hope Lives (5)
- Alternatives to Violence (28)
- Riverbend Nursing Home (12)

The upcoming group Community Sew Days will be the first Mondays of March, July and October at Quilter’s Dream. Bring your machines and join us! Quilt kits are available at retreats and LNCQ meetings. We will accept completed quilts at retreats and meetings also. There is always the need for donated fabric for backings, and batting pieces that can be assembled into larger batt sizes (“frankenbatt”) to be used for our projects.

Thanks to all who donate time in making the quilt tops, donating materials, quilting the tops, and finishing the binding. We accomplish a lot when there are many hands helping!

Small Groups Update

Batting Beauties Small Group

Our small group of Batting Beauties was formed twenty-plus years ago by early LNCQ members. Over time, the group diverged from LNCQ and was dropped from the roster. Lately, however, almost all the members of Batting Beauties are also members of LNCQ, and our name has once again been added to LNCQ's list of Small Groups.

Typically, we meet on the last Monday of the month at 9:30 am in each other's homes. Quilt block kits for donation quilts are handed out, finished blocks are turned in, and members volunteer to sew blocks together, quilt the tops and/or bind them. Of course, we have show and tell, too!

We currently have filled this group of Batting Beauties! If you're interested in creating an additional small group, contact Kathy Money small group chairperson at Small.Groups.LNCQ1996@gmail.com.

-Jerri Huval

Member Spotlight: Mary Louise Gerek

Mary Louise Gerek joined LNCQ in November 2023. She lives in Fort Collins with her DH (dear husband) Jim. They have no children, just cats. The “current manager” of the household is Jessie.

Mary Louise is a retired analyst programmer for both health care and higher education. Her main responsibilities were as “cat herder and data wrangler”.



Mary Louise at age 6 working on her grandmother's needlepoint. Her grandmother later tore it out.

Mary Louise has done needlework, knitting and embroidery most of her life. In 2004 on a trip to New Mexico, she fell in love with the fabrics. She came home, bought a new sewing machine and started collecting fabrics. Her early quilting influences were art quilts. The first quilt she admired was done by Katie Pasquini Masopust, and she knew that was the path she wanted to follow. Over the years, she has studied with Katie, Judy Blaydon, Cynthia Corbin, Betty Busby and Jane Dunnewold. She avidly collects books on design and technique.

Most of her quilts focus on light and texture. Her favorite colors to quilt with are the colors from nature. She does do thread painting and embellishment with thread and beads.

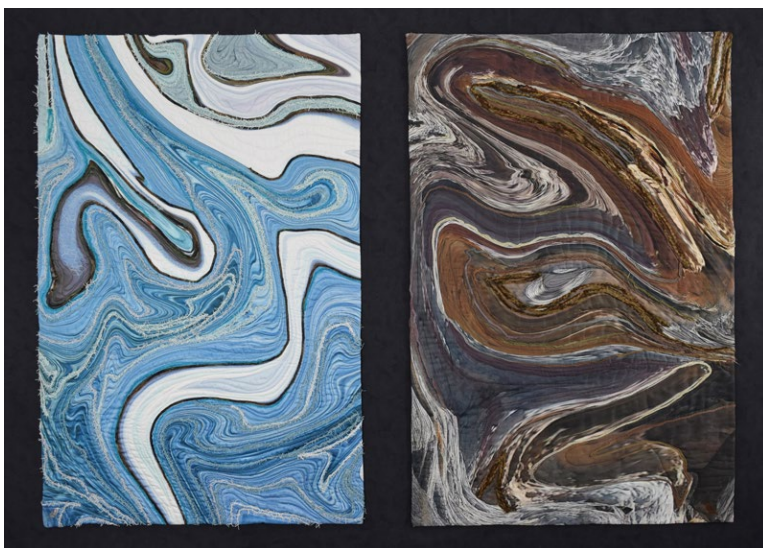
In October of 2021, she suffered a serious life-threatening stroke. After 53 days in acute and rehab hospitals, she returned home. All she wanted to do was resume

sewing. After enough therapy, she was able to walk downstairs to her machines and start sewing again.



Night Music-her first art quilt finished in 2006. "The machine applique is primitive, free motion quilting is basic, the batting too thick, but I love it! When I look at it, I still hear the music in the air and the joy of the audience. The image was inspired by the horns raising their music to the sky."

SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) had posted the call for a global exhibit *Fierce Planets*, including a lecture by Dr. Sabine Stanley, planetologist of Johns Hopkins University. Mary Louise had appropriate pictures and manipulated them in Photo Shop. Then she had them printed by Spoonflower and started embellishing. Restless Layers is the result and is now traveling as part of *Fierce Planets*.



Restless Layers traveling with *Fierce Planets* currently on exhibit at the Textile Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts.



Life in the Cracks
finished in 2024.

When not quilting, Mary Louise devotes time to reading, knitting, and exercise to “keep my body working.” She also says that she is not able to volunteer much, “but I love the camaraderie and it helps me keep growing. I am presenting a program for the Art Quilt Small Group and getting more involved in Llama Mamas.”

Local and Regional Upcoming News and Events

Priced
To
Sell!

Sewing Room Estate Sale


January 24th & 25th, 2025

9am - 4pm

3050 Zephyr Rd.

Fort Collins, CO 80528

CASH ONLY



Koala sewing table, excellent, like new condition, tall white shelf units (2)(strong enough for books), two large white cutting tables with multiple storage drawers.

Machines: Singer HD sewing machine with Sew Steady extension table, Janome Cover Pro 1000 CPX Cover stitch machine, Pfaff Admire 5000 air thread serger, Pfaff Quilt Expression sewing machine with many extra presser feet.

(2) Two drawer file cabinets, Rowenta Pro ironing board with iron hanger, (2) dress forms, Baby Lock serger trolley, purse hardware & zippers, Shark Pro 1800-watt iron, quilting kits. Dress making supplies.

Hand embroidery: hoops, wool, Sashiko supplies, accessories.

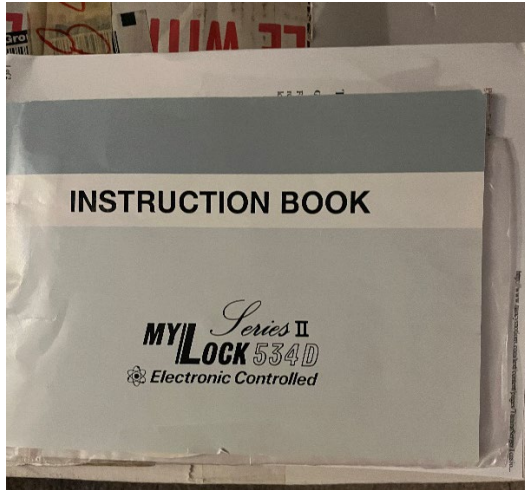
Books in excellent condition on any sewing related topic you can think of.

Hundreds of apparel and craft patterns.

Notions and sewing accessories too numerous to list!! If there is something you always wanted to try, we probably have it!

Hosted by LNCQ members. Help us support the guild!
Percent of proceeds to benefit League of
Northern Colorado Quilters Guild

For Sale by Members



Janome Serger 534D

Packed neatly in original box

+ Instruction booklet

Great condition

Acquired it from a friend who purchased a newer model.

I have not removed it from the box-

Need it gone. \$70 OBO

Patsy Ruggles

970-412-0592



Singer
(Not a Featherweight)

Born Oct 14, 1930

Serviced 12/2024 by Steve's Sewing Service

-Maintenance completed

-Replaced foot control & cords (original one available)

-5 bobbins & bobbin case

Previously added Motor to unit (prior to me acquiring)

Original booklet

Carry Case

\$257 OBO

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QUIPS



**My quilting
project is like fine
wine...**

**It'll age a few
more years before
it's finished!**

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