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LNCQ *Life*

April 2026

**Welcome
New Members!**

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

Judy Bowie
Katherin Ihli
Sheila Honeycutt

letter from the president >>>

Joan's Journal

We are excited about our 2026 Kid's Kamp (July 20–24, 2026), in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (RMQM). This is LNCQ's opportunity to pass on the art of quilting to the next generation. We'll watch young hands learn to piece their first blocks, experiment with color, and proudly share their creations—it's sure to be inspiring! Beyond teaching techniques, this experience is about mentorship and sharing the love of quilting. RMQM is expanding Kid's Kamp to northern Colorado, and quilts from our camp will be included in their 2026 exhibit.

We need your help to make Kid's Kamp a success! Volunteers are needed to work alongside the kids, offering guidance, encouragement, and support as they learn new skills. We're also looking for donations of fabric, notions, and other supplies, as well as help preparing project kits. Whether you give your time, materials, or behind-the-scenes support, you'll make a meaningful difference in creating a fun and inspiring experience for these young quilters. **More details are provided in this newsletter, page 6.**

If you are able to help, please email me at president.lncq1996@gmail.com.



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

I'm also excited to share a recently finished quilt that will have a special role at camp. Made from combinations of half-square triangles, it shows how a simple block can create endless design possibilities. It will serve as both a picnic quilt and a hands-on teaching tool, helping kids see how their individual pieces come together into a larger, beautiful whole. I hope it sparks creativity and inspires our young quilters to experiment, learn, and take pride in their own designs.



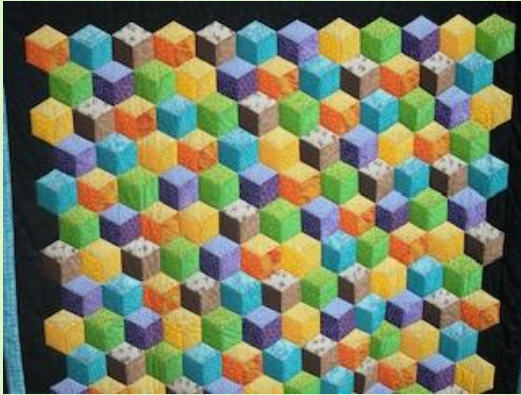
Spotlight on Rita Van Dyne

Sue Hine

Rita Van Dyne has been a LNCQ member for nearly 30 years and served as vice president for two of those years and one year as president in 2018. She made her first quilt at age 28 for her sister's baby but didn't pursue quilting seriously until later in life, when her children were older and she was nearing retirement. She taught herself quilting through TV programs like *Eleanor Burns*, *Sewing with Nancy* and reading books. She began developing her skills through guild activities and small groups like the *Batting Beauties*.



Rita especially enjoys selecting patterns and fabrics, followed by piecing. While she appreciates appliqué, she prefers faster techniques. Her style has evolved from traditional Civil War reproduction fabrics to brighter, more colorful designs, particularly during COVID:



Her main quilting advice to beginners is to press carefully without stretching fabric and to check measurements throughout the process.

Rita occasionally designs her own quilts, often sketching them by hand rather than using software. She has entered a few quilts in competitions, winning a prize at the Larimer County Fair, though she usually gifts her quilts rather than exhibiting them. Rita does beautiful ruler work as demonstrated in the following flower panel:



Outside of quilting, Rita enjoys reading, going to the gym, dancing, and a surprising fact: Rita practices martial arts—holding two black belts in two different styles of karate, a brown belt in another style and currently working towards a third black belt!

April, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Lori Jonker of Pinecone Hill Quilts presented a wonderful trunk show featuring her beautiful quilts, all personally designed, pieced, and quilted by her. She also led a well-attended workshop prior to the meeting, which participants thoroughly enjoyed.

The program continued with a brief business meeting and an overview of upcoming events for the year.

The evening concluded with a show and tell of our always beautiful quilts.

Donations requested

The June Retreat is seeking donations from members.

If you have quilting-related items that you no longer need, please consider donating them as door prizes for the June Retreat. Door prizes add a lot of fun to the retreat, and your contributions help make the event even more special.



May Program and Workshop – Diana Fox:

Program: Diana Fox, from Denver, is a studio fiber artist and quilter passionate about textiles. She has earned numerous awards for her unique captivating work, which tells stories of color, texture, and influences from nature. She has had exhibits at the National Quilt Museum and other venues. She resides in Parker with her life partner three rescue dogs, and a fat cat.

The Program will be part of the LNCQ
General Meeting at 1:30 PM on May 4, 2026

Diana Fox Workshop:

May 4, 2026 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

(the same day as our May guild meeting)

Best Western, Loveland. Cost: \$45 workshop Kit fee: \$25

Ready to try something new – without feeling overwhelmed?

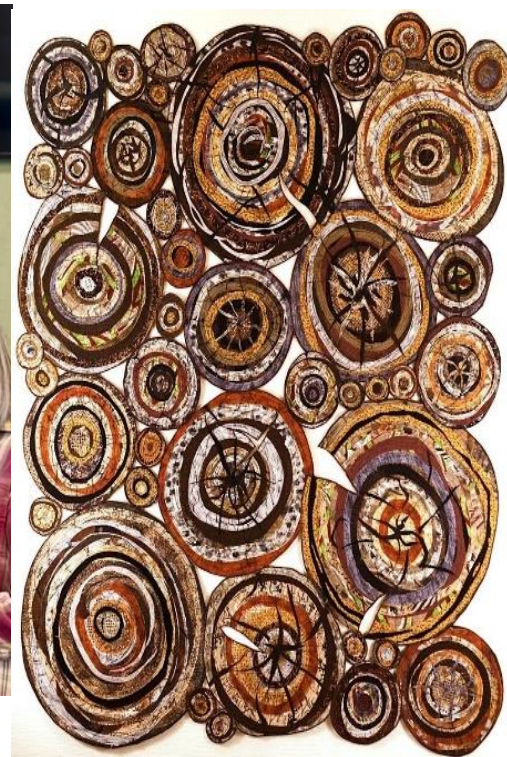
Join us for a workshop with Diana Fox and explore her beautiful tree rings technique using fabric and stitching – no painting required! You'll learn how to build organic, layered designs and use stitching to add depth and texture.

The workshop is a perfect way to dip you toe into art quilting without having to learn a whole new skill set. This class is IDEAL if you want to: (i) try a more artistic style of quilting; (ii) get more comfortable with free-motion stitching or (iii) break away from traditional blocks and straight lines.

Diana's approach is approachable, low pressure, and fun. Come learn new techniques you can use in your everyday quilting.

Spots are limited – sign up and give it a try!

[Registration is open!](#)



June In Town Retreat

Join us this June for one of the guild's favorite traditions—the In-Town Quilt Retreat! This relaxed retreat is all about enjoying time together, making progress on projects, and sharing the fun of quilting with friends.

Participants have the option to book a room at the Best Western and stay right where the action is, or head home at night and return refreshed the next day. Either way, you'll enjoy plenty of uninterrupted sewing time in great company.

The retreat is a wonderful chance to work on UFOs, start something new, swap ideas, admire each other's projects, and enjoy lots of laughter along the way.

Pack up your sewing machine, bring a project (or three!), and come quilt with friends. The best part of any retreat isn't just the quilting—it's the camaraderie we share while doing what we love.

Cost: \$85

When: June 15th and 16th

Where: [Best Western, Loveland](#)

Registration is open.

LNCQ 30th Anniversary Party

Mark your calendar now to join us for LNCQ's Anniversary Party

- **July 13, 2026**
- **1:30 PM**
- **Best Western Inn (our usual meeting place)**
- **A fun time with games, conversation and good times with LNCQ Friends**
- **Of course we will have birthday cake (including gluten free)**

If you're interested in helping out with the party or the 30th Anniversary Committee, please reach out to Joan or Crystal.



Kid's Kamp

We are excited to partner with Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum for Kid's Kamp. RMQM has been doing Kid's Kamp for several years with great success. The kids will each design and complete their own quilt during the week (July 20 – 24, 2026). RMQM will include the quilts in their annual exhibit of Kid's Kamp quilts – a great opportunity for LNCQ and our kids to be honored. Here are some of the exciting details about Kid's Kamp.

When: July 20 – 24, 2026 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day)

Where: Wild Oats Sewing Company Classroom

Registration fee: \$400 per Kid for the week

Number of Kids: 8

Ages of Kids: 8 – 15 years old

Registration: Will be available soon on the LNCQ website

Theme: Half Square Triangles

We need support from LNCQ members to make this a great success. Here are some ways you could help us out:

- **Work with the kids during the week of Kamp**
- **Help us create kits for the kids**
- **Donate fabric and supplies**
- **Plan/Implement the Ice Cream Social for the final day of Kamp**

Please contact Joan Fulton at president.lncq1996@gmail.com to let us know how you can help.



Thinking about Spring Cleaning and wondering what to do with “STUFF” !?!



**We have a solution!
Donate to LNCQ's Garage Sale!**

LNCQers: Gather up your used household items and donate them to the LNCQ Garage Sale!

Bring your items to the May and/or June meetings where volunteers will assist with transferring donations from your vehicle.

The Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 6 in Wellington.

In addition to donations, we have various jobs for people to help with.

Please contact Kathy Winter at ways.and.means.lncq1996@gmail.com if you can help. We have identified different jobs so don't be afraid to sign up – you can just do what you like to do.



2026 Meeting Dates

MAY 4 – 1:30 pm

JUNE 1 – 6:00 pm

JULY 13 – 1:30 PM LNCQ

Birthday Party

AUGUST 3 – 1:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 14 – 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 5 – 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2 – 1:30 pm

DECEMBER 7 – Holiday Party

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Fundraiser

If you are interested in joining a table with other LNCQ members for the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's Fundraiser on May 9, please contact:

Please contact Joan Fulton at:

president.lncq1996@gmail.com

Calling Everyone who Participated in LNCQs 2025 Round Robin Challenge

- We are featuring the Round Robin quilts at our May 4, 2026 meeting Special Show and Tell.
- Bring your wonderful quilts from LNCQ's 2025 Round Robin Challenge for May's Show and Tell!
Note: There will be no regular Show and Tell in May so we can fully appreciate all of the Round Robin works of art.

Community Service Roundup!

What a fun time we had at the past community sew days! Thanks to one and all who help in our outreach program!

In March, we were able to donate more than 20 quilts to High Plains Housing Development, CASA, Riverbend Nursing Home, and Meals on Wheels (MOW). A note from MOW: “our goal is to ensure that no one in our Meals on Wheels community feels alone...the stunning creations you shared provide a tangible reminder to our neighbors that they are valued, remembered, and cared for.

As one of our recipients shared with us “you humbled me with your kindness.” For more information or questions, contact Betty Ann Eash at:

community.service.lncq1996@gmail.com

2026 Block of the Month Challenge: Bijou Wonder

We're thrilled to offer the 2026 Block of the Month (BOM) challenge, *Bijou Wonder*—a fun, year-long project designed to keep you sewing and inspired all year long. This cheerful quilt combines block designs with a modern sashing look that makes it both familiar and fresh.

In honor of LNCQ's 30th Anniversary, there is **NO FEE** to participate. Everyone is welcome and *you can join at any time*. You'll receive a new block pattern by email on the 15th of each month through December 2026. **Work at your own pace, sew along each month, or save them up for a last-minute marathon - the choice is yours!**

Finished *Bijou Wonder* quilts will be revealed at the January and February 2027 meetings.



Help is always available along the way. A dedicated Facebook group is set up for sharing progress and asking questions, and participants are also welcome to reach out directly for support. The blocks are fun and hope you join us! You can see members' completed blocks for month one, two, and three which are posted in the Facebook group.

Ready to join us? Click [here](#) to sign up and be part of our 2026 Bijou Wonder Block of the Month challenge. Contact Crystal Wentz at 1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com with any questions.

The Quilted Forest

Although sign-ups for the quilted forest have closed, we are still having workdays for those interested. The next workday will be Monday, June 1st, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel. (Right before our June guild meeting).

Feel free to come and join the fun!

Postcard requests

One function of LNCQ is showing caring concern for guild members going through difficult times. Please send requests to Eileen Maelzer 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:

joanmaelzer@gmail.com

For Sale by Members

If you are looking for great deals on quilting tools and machines or have something to sell you might want to check out the For Sale by Members section of the LNCQ website.

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

Larimer County Fair July 31 to August 4, 2026

Plan to enter one of your quilts in the Larimer County Fair. Let's keep up the great participation from LNCQ members and bring home the ribbons!

Registration is open and will close Wednesday, July 22nd. For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair-rodeo/open-class-exhibitions>

Weld County Fair July 18 to 27, 2026

The Weld County Fair is also a great place to enter your quilts.

Entry deadlines will be announced soon.

For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.weldcountyfair.com/About/General-Information>

Jukebox, Forever: A Celebration of Kelly Gallagher-Abbott



Family and friends of Kelly Gallagher-Abbott are hosting a multi-day exhibition and celebration of her life and artistic legacy at the Center for Creativity in Fort Collins, June 24–28, 2026. The event includes a public gallery exhibition, an artist’s reception with refreshments on June 26, and a memorial service on June 27. All events are open to the community. Gallery Exhibition: (Open to All!)

Location: [The Center for Creativity](#) (C4C), 200 Matthews Street, Fort Collins, CO.

Dates: Wednesday, June 24 – Sunday, June 28, 2026

Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Artist’s Reception:

Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Celebration of Life:

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

quilting community news >>>

**Call for Entries:
Colorado Quilts Exhibit**

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is exploring a new 2027 theme: Colorado Quilts. This challenge celebrates Colorado's many facts—living, working exploring, its varied landscapes, colors, weather, wildlife, and discoveries. All quilters are welcome to take part.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Open House

April 30, 2026 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Piece together a new passion: Discover how you can make a difference as a volunteer at RMQM!: Join us for light refreshments and learn exactly where you can help!

Make and Mend Colorado State University

Does your beloved sweater have a hole? Do your jeans need a patch? Drop in to our monthly *Make & Mend* Open Studio, where we welcome all textile-based projects! Whether you're into upcycling, mending, fabric DIY, cosplay, stuffy repair, quilting, or anything else textiles, this is the perfect space to get creative.

Basic materials will be provided, but if you have specific fabric, thread, or tools you'd like to use, feel free to bring them along!

Please note, this is not an alteration service; we want to help you build the skills and knowledge to mend and maintain your own clothes and accessories!

First Saturday of Every Month (No Make & Mend in July)

The Linda L. Carlson Classroom, Rm 157 in the [Avenir Museum](#) (just click for more information and directions.)