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# LNCQ

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**November 2025**

**Stitches  
& Stuffing**

**letter from the president >>>**

## Joan's Journal

Reflections from the Road

As the air turns crisp and the colors of autumn paint the landscape, I'm reminded of how much we have to be thankful for—especially the community we've built through quilting. From the laughter around retreat tables to the shared excitement of Show & Tell, our guild continues to be a space of connection, creativity, and comfort.

This fall, I have the joy of taking a cross-country drive, soaking in the beautiful fall colors that seemed stitched across the hillsides like one grand patchwork quilt. Along the way, I visited the *Sacred Threads* exhibit and was humbled to stand beside my own piece on display—a moment I'll treasure deeply. I also stopped at the International Quilt Museum, where another of



Joan Fulton, 2025 LNCQ President

## Welcome New Members!

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

Gale Loveitt  
Linda Grayson  
Shari King  
Michelle Wind  
Brenda Bartu  
Glenda Schwem  
Carole Harvey

*“Whether you've been with LNCQ for decades or just joined us this year, your presence enriches our shared tapestry.”*

## Newsletter Giveaway!

Click [here](#) to tell us what quilty connections you're grateful for and be entered for a chance to win a quilty prize! Entries must be received by November 30th. Must be a current LNCQ member to win.

Congratulations to October's winner, Kathy Money!



my works is part of their collection. While that quilt speaks to a more complex story, it reminded me again of the power of quilts to express not just beauty, but meaning.

As we move into this season of gratitude, I hope you'll take time to reflect on the hands, hearts, and stitches that have shaped your own quilting journey. Whether you've been with LNCQ for decades or just joined us this year, your presence enriches our shared tapestry.

Wishing you a November full of warmth, creativity, and community.

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!



Artist Rendering

# Group Finder for Auction Items

Are you looking for a group to bid on the “Royal Retreat” or “Pictorial Appliqué Workshop with David Taylor” auction items? To find others in the same boat and/or add your own name to the lists, click the link below. You'll be able to see who else is looking for a group and contact each other to put your group together. Once you find a group, please remove your name.

[Royal Retreat](#)

[Pictorial Appliqué with David Taylor](#)

# 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 will have their membership extend all the way through 2026.

[Renew Now](#)

# 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com) to join!

# November 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Highlights

Our November meeting featured an inspiring presentation on borders by Jackie Vujcich, who shared creative ideas for framing quilts with unique and impactful borders. Earlier in the day, Jackie also led a “Fun and Done” table runner workshop, where participants enjoyed a fast and satisfying project.

During the business meeting, members looked ahead to the Holiday Party and Silent Auction. [January Retreat registration](#) is also underway, and there are still openings for [The Quilted Forest](#) so [sign up](#) today!

[Show & Tell](#) highlighted members' Larimer County Fair entries, showcasing beautiful quilts and ribbon winners. Everyone was reminded to bring their UFOs and Round Robins to share at the Holiday Party next month.

# LNCQ Holiday Party & Silent Auction



Antique Sewing Machine  
Valued at \$175  
Opening bid \$75



Quilty Puzzles and Book Items  
Valued \$28-\$60  
Opening Bids \$10-20



Kimberbell Dream Lot (includes basket with 4 kits and 72 spools of machine embroidery thread (not pictured)  
Valued at \$440  
Opening bid \$150

Join us for a festive afternoon of fun, food, and friendship at the annual **LNCQ Holiday Party!**

**Date & Time:** Monday, December 1, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Bidding closes at 2:00 p.m.**

Enjoy delicious appetizers and desserts—no need to bring anything but your holiday cheer and your bidding spirit! Guests are welcome, and there is **no guest fee** for this special event.

Our **silent auction** will feature wonderful items donated by members and local business supporters, with proceeds benefiting LNCQ's educational programs and community service quilts. Payments will be accepted by **cash, check, or credit card**.

We'll also celebrate the creativity of our members by sharing our Round Robin and UFO Challenge quilts, and take a moment to thank the 2025 Board while welcoming the incoming 2026 Board.

Come enjoy an afternoon of laughter, inspiration, and generosity—this is one you won't want to miss!



Fly Fishing Equipment (rod, reel, and ladies vest). Valued at \$470. Opening bid \$200.



Clockwise from top left:  
Wild Oats Basket  
Valued at \$200, Opening bid \$75

Christmas Sleigh  
Valued at \$45, Opening bid \$15

Winter Solstice Basket  
Valued at \$35, Opening bid \$10

To learn more about the "Pictorial Appliqué Workshop with David Taylor" click [here](#). Valued at \$3200, Opening bid \$1500

## 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 all day 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 Crossroads Inn](#)

There are still a few seats open, so [Register Now!](#)

## January 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: [Best Western Crossroads Inn](#)

## January 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. Kit will be required to purchase and includes all you need! Come make a stunning, custom bag with us! 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](#) Opens  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.



# Spotlight on Special Events

Pat Baker and Crystal Wentz

## How Carla Lucas Turned Special Events into Unforgettable Guild Adventures

If you've joined one of the League's exciting guild challenges, exchanged a fabric postcard, or hopped on a bus bound for Missouri Star, you've experienced the creativity and dedication of our Special Events Coordinator, **Carla Lucas**. Since taking on the role in early 2024, Carla has poured her heart into creating meaningful, memorable activities that bring our members together in new ways.

Carla's journey began when the Special Events position was separated from Retreats, and she jumped in with enthusiasm—already running the popular postcard exchanges and eager to bring more connection and creativity to the guild. She quickly made her mark by introducing the UFO Challenge, organizing the 2024 Guild Challenge (the inventive Data and Temperature Quilts project), and co-planning the unforgettable bus trip to Hamilton, Missouri with Glenna Wagenecht.

That Hamilton trip became the highlight of the year. With 31 quilters aboard, the ten-hour ride turned into a joyful rolling retreat filled with games, laughter, and plenty of snacks.



Members bonded deeply over the shared adventure—visiting quilt shops, touring the International Quilt Museum, and exploring Missouri Star Quilt Company together. “Even more than going to Hamilton,” Carla said, “I just enjoyed being with all the people. We gelled as a group.” Thanks to her thoughtful planning (and Glenna's catering and games), the trip went off without a hitch—a huge accomplishment for such a big undertaking.

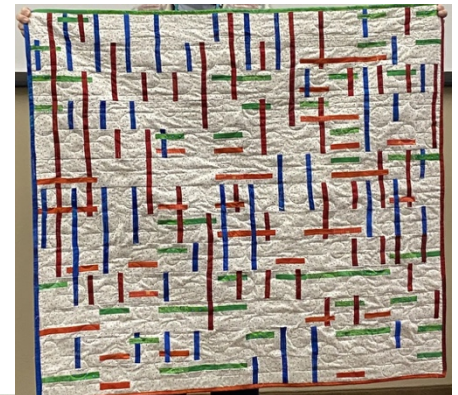
Carla's collaborative spirit has been key to every success. She's partnered with members like Pat Limburg for the guild challenge and Vicki Batjelsmit on this year's Round Robin project, encouraging participation and creative freedom while making sure every detail is handled with care. Her thoughtful coordination of the President's Quilt for Betty Ann Ash—a red Friendship



Star—was another touching highlight that showed her dedication to honoring others.

What makes Carla's leadership shine is her openness to ideas from other guilds, her willingness to try something new, and her focus on fostering connection through creativity. Whether it's postcards, challenges, or collaborative quilts, she's built experiences that remind us why we love quilting together.

As Carla steps back from the role to let others take the lead—especially with the upcoming **30th Anniversary celebrations**—we celebrate her tremendous contributions. Her energy, organization, and friendship have left a lasting mark on our guild. Thank you, Carla, for turning “special events” into truly special memories for all of us.



Clockwise from top: Carla Lucas, Postcards from a postcard exchange, Pat Limburg's data quilt, Kathy Money's data quilt, Missouri Star bus trip

## 2025 Meetings & Programs

DECEMBER 1 – Holiday Party 11:30 am

### 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:** *How do I prevent my binding corners from looking bulky?*

Trim seam allowances at the corner diagonally before turning, and press the binding flat before stitching down.

**A:**

**Q:** *What's a quick gift idea for holiday sewing?*

**A:** Try quilt-as-you-go potholders or mini table toppers—fast, fun, and great scrap busters.

**Q:**

*How do quilters show gratitude in November?*

**A:**

By donating a quilt to a community cause, teaching a new quilter, or sharing a scrap bag with a friend.

**Q:**

*What's a good "bring-along" project for guild meetings or retreats?*

**A:**

Hand binding, English paper piecing, or appliqué blocks that travel easily.

### 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.

## Women of the Cloth Row by Row challenge

Did you collect Row by Row kits from 2020 on? Are they still in your stash, unfinished? This year, the *Women of the Cloth* small group is hosting a challenge to get those projects done!

Starting in January 2026, join in the fun—everyone is welcome. Let's see how many we can finish this year! There will be prizes for the most completed kits and for those who finish one each month (12 total this year).

If you don't have any but want to participate, contact *Women of the Cloth*—they can help you find some. If you have extra kits you no longer want, WOC can rehome them to someone who will love them.

For details or assistance, contact: [Dena Johnson](#) or [Paula Denee](#). And remember—you can make your Row by Row kits into a large quilt, table runners, or even wall hangings.

## Postcard Requests

One function of the guild is to show caring concern for guild members going through difficult times so please 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](mailto:hospitality.lncq1996@gmail.com)

## final thoughts >>>

Crystal Wentz

During a recent visit to the Fall Retreat, I was struck by the laughter, creativity, and sense of connection filling the room. Even though I wasn't there to sew, simply spending time with our retreat attendees reminded me how lucky I am to be part of this guild and the wonderful community it creates.

The League of Northern Colorado Quilters is so much more than an organization — it's a group stitched together by shared passion, generosity, and friendship. The encouragement and joy our members bring to one another are what make this guild so special.

I'm deeply grateful to be a part of this guild, not only as a member, but as a volunteer serving alongside so many talented and caring quilters. Thank you for inspiring me every day and for making LNCQ a place that truly feels like home.



## next month >>>

### December: Let Us Sew, Let Us Sew, Let Us Sew

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send your favorite Holiday quilt photos or quilting tips to [newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com) by November 30.

## 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!

### Call for Entries: Colorado Quilts Exhibit

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is exploring a new theme in 2027. **Colorado Quilts**. This challenge examines the many aspects of Colorado - living, working, exploring...The diverse geography, natural color palettes, perspective, weather, scenery, special discoveries, animals...there is a lot of diversity to be considered. ALL quilters are welcome to meet the challenge. Quilts must be completed after January 1, 2025. Height max 108", width max 98" - rectangular or square quilts. This will be a juried exhibit. [Click for Entry Requirements.](#)

### 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

### Fabracadabra! [fab-ruh-kuh-dab-ruh]

#### Noun

A mystical word or expression used when fabric magically appears in your stash that you forgot buying, hid under the stairs, or stashed under your bed months ago