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LNCQ Life

August, 2026

letter from the president >>>

The quilt show at the Larimer County Fair was another great success this year! LNCQ can be proud to be part of this wonderful quilting tradition and of the opportunity to share our love of quilting and the fellowship that comes with it.

LNCQ has been a long-time financial supporter of the Larimer County Fair, and our members have continued that support by submitting their quilts and volunteering at the fair. It is wonderful to see our guild represented in so many ways.

To continue the enthusiasm, our September LNCQ meeting will feature a special Show and Tell of quilts that were entered in the Larimer County Fair. We want to see them all—and celebrate every one of you who entered a quilt! Whether your quilt won a ribbon or simply represents a project you were proud to share, we want to honor and enjoy them all.

Shown in the photo are two of the quilts I submitted to the fair this year. I was enticed to enter the red, white, and blue quilt, featuring a panel of an eagle in the center, when I heard they were specifically looking for patriotic quilts this year.

Joan's Journal



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

Welcome

New Members!

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

Connie McCarn
Dani Saffian

The other quilt was entered in the Art Quilt category. I was inspired to create this piece after reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Thank you to those of you who stopped to talk with me and shared that the quilt—and, of course, the book—moved you. I was especially honored that the quilt received a second-place ribbon, which is shown in the photo.

Keep quilting, keep sharing, and most of all, keep enjoying the love and fellowship that make our quilting community so special!



\$\$Digging into the LNCQ Financials \$\$

We will go through some different aspects of LNCQ Financials over the next few months in this section of the newsletter. Our board believes in “full transparency.”

Each month I will take a different topic and provide an explanation. When this sparks a question for you, please reach out to Ellen Rankin (Treasurer), me, or another board member. This month we are going to look at the 2026 Budget – to explain where our funds are coming from and what LNCQ is spending money on.

Let's start with Revenue:

Revenue Sources:

Membership dues make up the largest portion of revenue for LNCQ – however, given the cost of “doing business” the membership dues are insufficient to cover our expenses. For our 2026 budget we identified the following other sources of revenue:

- **Guest Fees**
- **Bank Interest**
- **Net Income from the LNCQ retreats.**

The net income numbers result when the money taken in from the retreat exceeds costs for the retreat.

It is interesting to note that the in-town retreats have been budgeted to provide net income for LNCQ for the past several years. The budgeted amount is greater for the January retreat compared to the June **retreat due to the fact that the meeting room cost is higher in June.** For 2026 a net income of \$500 for each of the “away” retreats was included in the budget. With strong attendance from our membership the “away” retreats were providing some net income and it was decided to include these in the budget.

Revenue Source – 2026 Budget	Amount
Membership Dues	\$5,950.00
General Meeting Guest Fees	80.00
Bank Interest	400.00
January Retreat Net Income	2,000.00
April Spring Retreat Net Income	500.00
June Retreat Net Income	1,800.00
September Fall Retreat Net Income	500.00
Total	\$11,230.00

Next, our Expenses:

Expenses:

The largest expense categories are associated with our general meetings. Speaker fees (lecture and travel) are \$3800 and rental of the Best Western is just under \$5800.

Our Community Service committee is very active – now holding workdays during most months. They are spending their budget for batting and backing fabric, used to create the wonderful charity quilts.

LNCQ is proud to support the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the Larimer County Food Bank and the Larimer County Fair.

For 2026 LNCQ has out-grown the ability to file the simple IRS postcard filing and needs to file a more involved tax form, (a \$500 Admin. expense).

The LNCQ Holiday party is a time for everyone to celebrate with no charge for admission, thus necessitating the budget item of \$1000.

The LNCQ Committee Expense category is for our committee members to have a small budget to carry out their duties.

Total budgeted expenses for 2026 are \$16,842.80.

Expense Category – 2026 Budget	Amount
Adm. Exp. (IRS filing, supplies)	\$575.00
Board Transition Expense	100.00
Community Service/Charity Quilts (Backing, Batting)	1,500.00
Donations (RMQM, Food Bank, Larimer County Fair)	1,400.00
Equipment	50.00
General Meeting Lecture Expense (Speaker fee & travel)	3,800.00
General Meeting Venue Expense (Best Western)	5,777.80
Holiday Meeting Expenses	1,000.00
Insurance, Web, Zoom, POBox. Expenses	1,190.00
LNCQ Committee Expenses	450.00
30th Anniversary/Special Events	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$16,842.80

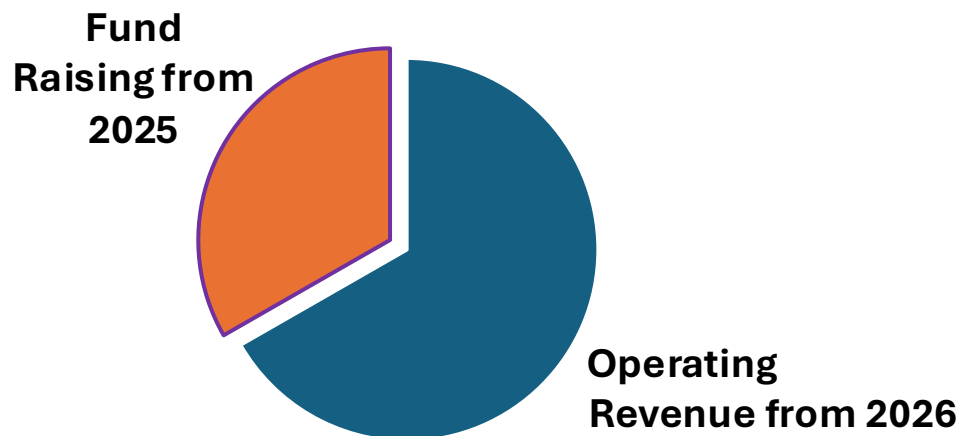
In Summary

How LNCQ is covering the Deficit

With Expenses (\$16,842.80) greater than Income (\$11,230.00) the 2026 LNCQ budget is in deficit category. We are fortunate that our fundraising in **2025** was successful – and the expenses for **2026** are covered by our 2026 revenue sources **PLUS just over \$5,600 in funds from 2025 fund-raising**. We would like to point out the importance of fiscal responsibility. We are using fundraising from 2025 for the 2026 budget – so we know we have raised the money before we spend it.

What about 2027?

Costs are increasing – so fund-raising continues to be critical. Our 2026 fundraising is needed for the 2027 expenses! Thanks everyone for your support of LNCQ fund-raising.



August 4, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Twenty members joined Vicki Conley during the morning for a workshop where she shared her graphic style and creative techniques for using photos and imagination to make graphic style art quilts. (The workshop continued on the following day to the delight of participants who had a wonderful experience.)

At the meeting, Vicki shared her journey from a creator of pottery to her successful career with her creative quilts. Her journey was inspiring and well received by the guild.

Vicki's presentation was followed by a business meeting where Joan helped to explain the income sources and expenses faced by the guild in an environment of ever increasing costs.

The meeting concluded with our show and tell of members' creative works.

2026 Meeting Dates

SEPT. 14 – 6:00 pm (Note the date is the second Monday)

OCT. 5 – 6:00 pm

NOV. 2 – 1:30 pm

**DEC. 7 – Holiday Party and
Silent Auction**

**Mark Your Calendars!
All Meetings at Best
Western in Loveland**

**Bring the quilts you
submitted to the Larimer
County Fair to our Special
Show and Tell at our
September meeting!! We
want to see all quilts from
the Fair – and of course
celebrate those that won a
ribbon**



LNCQ Ways and Means

A Look to the Rest of 2026 and Fund Raising

Our new LNCQ t-Shirts are here!

The price is the same as last year-- \$18 per t-shirt.
You can get yours at the next meeting.



High Tea

Sign-up begins at 8AM on August 15. We welcome you to bring a guest (doesn't have to be LNCQ member). You just need to sign each person up separately. (More details on next page)

Silent Auction

Our Holiday Party will feature a Silent Auction again this year. Your donations are critical to our success. We are accepting donations. Contact Joan or bring your items to the September meeting.

LNCQ HIGH TEA

\$30 per
person

Registration
Opens
August 15 on
LNCQ [website](#)

Friday Oct. 9, 2026 at 11:30 AM
Saturday October 10, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Menu

Sparkling Water or
Mimosas
Assortment of
Finger Sandwiches
Scones with
Clotted Cream and
Fruit Preserves
Assorted Sweets



Enjoy a relaxing time featuring a traditional tea service, delicious refreshments and a charming atmosphere perfect for catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Whether you come dressed in your favorite tea attire or simply as you are, come and join us for this special event.



Programs Task Force

Volunteer
Opportunity!

We are organizing a taskforce to help set up and take down supplies such as ironing and cutting stations at the Best Western at workshops! Having a dedicated team will help everything run smoothly. If you are willing to pitch in, please contact Pat Baker at Programs.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com

The Quilted Forest

We are excited to move into the next phase of the Quilted Forest project! Sign-ups have closed, and by now your quilts should be well underway.

Our next milestone is our meeting on October 5, 2026, when each quilt will be photographed and shared with the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. Your quilt does not need to be 100% finished in October, but it should be far enough along that the photos give a good sense of what the completed piece will look like. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email an image of your progress to David at david@davidtaylorartquilts.com on or before October 5, 2026.

We don't have any more workdays scheduled, so if you would like artistic input or feedback on your quilt, please email David.

If you've decided that the Quilted Forest project is no longer the right fit for you, that's perfectly okay. Please email Crystal at 1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com and we'll remove you from the mailing list.

We can't wait to see the forest begin to take shape!

September Meeting and Workshop: Beth Soderquist Demystifying Perfect Points

Program: September 14 at 6 PM

Join us for an inspirational presentation as Beth shares her personal quilting journey and the many creative paths quilting has taken her. The presentation highlights the evolution of style and skill through decades of quilting. Enjoy seeing a wide variety of quilts including traditional and modern piecing, wool applique and machine and hand embroidery.

Workshop: September 14. 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Take the mystery out of perfect points in this fun, skill building workshop featuring 3 different star blocks to create a wonderful table runner.

Registration is now open! <https://lncq.org/event-registration>

NOTE: This is the 2nd Monday in September due to the Labor Day Holiday



Fall Retreat
October 19- 22, 2026
Monday – Thursday
4 Days/3 Nights of quilting fun



We listened to your feedback and have reimagined the retreat to make it more flexible and affordable than ever! We have redesigned the retreat to offer options for everyone.

- Want your own room? We have single rooms available!
- Want to share with one other person? We have double rooms and can even help you find a roommate if you don't already have one!
- Want to share with a group for a more affordable retreat? Get your own group of 3 or 4 together for one of our triple or quad options! (Each sleeping room has two queen beds.)

Registration is Open



**LNCQ Members sign up
before Aug. 31
and get Early Bird Pricing**



We are opening registration to non-members on September 1. Non-members increase retreat attendance and helps LNCQ financially. We also get to meet wonderful quilters who often join LNCQ.

Early Bird Registration
August 1 – August 31, 2026

LNCQ Members only

Single	\$610
Double	\$430
Triple	\$370
Quad	\$340

Regular Registration
September 1 – September
19, 2026

Open to LNCQ members
and non-members

Single	\$630
Double	\$450
Triple	\$390
Quad	\$360

Click here to Register
for the Fall Retreat:
Registration

For **double** rooms, you may indicate your roommate when you register, or, if you're registering on your own, we'll be happy to match you with another participant seeking a double room.

If you would like a **triple or quad**, you must find your own group of 3 or 4 people. When you register, indicate the members of your group. Each member of the group should register separately and indicate the group members. We will monitor registrations and reach out to you if there is anyone in your group who has not registered and paid.

A Fantastic Retreat Experience awaits! Top Notch facilities at YMCA of the Rockies include:

- **Sleeping rooms in Longs Peak Lodge each with 2 queen beds**
- **Small fridge in each sleeping room**
- **Spacious sewing room with fantastic light in Longs Peak Lodge**
- **Assigned seating so you will be able to sew near your friends (no more rushing to find a table to sew at)**
- **Snack room (with refrigerator and microwave to share) next to the sewing room where you can get away**
- **Breakfast and Dinner included (starting with Monday dinner and finishing with Thursday breakfast)**
- **Beautiful YMCA campus to get out and explore**
- **Town of Estes Park to visit for lunch and/or shopping**



Beth
Soderquist
has a great
team creating
a superb
experience for
all of us

October 5 Workshop with Margaret Willingham

When: October 5, 9am-4pm; 1 hour lunch at 1pm

Where: Best Western

Workshop Leader: Margaret Willingham with Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs

Cost: \$55 + kit fee (see below)

Margaret will teach you her own non-traditional reverse applique method: Trace, Baste, Snip and Stitch for beautiful results. It's fun as well!

There is a kit fee for this workshop, which needs to be ordered from Eye of the Beholder website by September 5. Two options for kits:

1) Kit 2: Fabric and Pattern- \$23.

2) Mola Magic Festive Bloom Kit (shown) \$36.20.

Both kits can be ordered and paid to Margaret

Willingham: <https://www.eobquilt设计.com/>

Registration is now open! [Workshop Registration](#)



November 2, 2026 – Susan DuBois

- **Workshop: Silk Fusion**
- **When: 9:00 AM**
- **Program: *Living Inside a Rainbow***
- **When: 1:30 PM**



Small Groups –

How about one that meets in the evening?

Are you interested in joining a small group that meets in the evening? Please let us know and we will help to set up a small group that accommodates our members who have commitments during daytime hours. Contact Joan at **President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com**

December 7, 2026 – LNCQ Holiday Party and Silent Auction



- Donations are being accepted now
 - Feel free to bring them to the September meeting

- We will have a return of the Royal Retreat –
Now a highly sought-after item
Get your group ready to bid



- We are looking to get gift cards and donations from businesses: Volunteers needed to visit businesses and get gift cards/donations

If you have gift cards to donate – always welcome

- December 7 will be FUN and we will earn money for LNCQ programming as well

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 months January through July 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**](mailto:1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com) with any questions.

CQC – Colorado Quilting Council

LNCQ joined CQC as a guild member earlier this year. One of the benefits we enjoy as a CQC guild member is a booth at Quilt-a-Fair on Saturday, September 26 where we can share LNCQ and our great programs with other quilters. Kaea Beresford is heading up this initiative and is looking for volunteers to work two—hour shifts at the booth. Contact Kaea at publicity.lncq1996@gmail.com if you can help out.



Quilt~a~Fair 2026
Celebrate Quilting!

September 24, 25, 26
Quilt Show & Vendor Market
by **The Colorado Quilting Council**
Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Rd, Longmont, CO

9a-4p Thurs & Fri
9a-3p Sat

CQC Member Quilt Show
Kids Quilt Show & Hands-on Activities

Co-Sponsors:  

Information, Updates & Volunteer Sign-up
coloradoquiltingcouncil.com/quilt-a-fair

Questions? Contact Dawn Mills,
Chairperson (303) 929-8543
cqcquiltfair@gmail.com

Special Exhibit
The ABYSS Challenge Anglerfish Collection
By Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics

Show Sponsors:  

Anglerfish Collection 

Service dogs only

Admission: \$10 (\$8 Sat) *Cash or Check*
Children under 10 free

Audit of LNCQ

Consistent with our by-laws we established a 3-person team who conducted an audit earlier this year. Thanks to Linda Salitrynski, Wendy Watson and Nancy Parker for assisting LNCQ. We are pleased to report that our financial books are in good shape. The audit team provided us with recommendations – that are important as our guild grows. Our Executive is working on the changes. If you have any questions please reach out to any member of the Executive.

Community Service Roundup!

Volunteer
Opportunity!

This month, LNCQ donated 20 quilts to CASA (Child Advocacy group), 8 to Star Rise (low income housing in Greeley), and upcoming donations will include the Banner NICU. Thanks to LNCQ members, we have donated 86 items since January of this year. Our current project is to make Christmas tree skirts for Realities for Children. Thirty skirts have been completed, and we have 36 kits available for completion at our August 21 Community Sew Day. Meet us at Quilters Dream in Loveland (with or without your machine) at 10:30 assist in making tree skirts, or completing other quilts for donation. No sign up necessary!

Mark your calendars for the next sew date: August 21, 10:30 am at Quilters Dream, Loveland.

Hope to see you then!

For more information or questions, contact Betty Ann Eash at community.service.lncq1996@gmail.com.

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.

www.LNCQ.org

Quilting Community News >>>

Quilt and Blooms Festival
August 22-23 Hudson, CO
Lo Schaeffer and Ria Schaeffer

We are a mother-and-daughter
owned flower farm, built from a
simple idea that blossomed into
something much bigger.



Throughout the festival you'll enjoy:

- Outdoor quilt displays throughout the flower fields
- U-Pick flower experience
- Local food trucks
- Artisan vendors
- Quilt demonstrations and displays
- People's Choice Quilt Voting
- Beautiful photo opportunities
- Relaxing country atmosphere
- Fresh baked goods and refreshments

For more information, please visit:

<https://lorilybliss.com/>