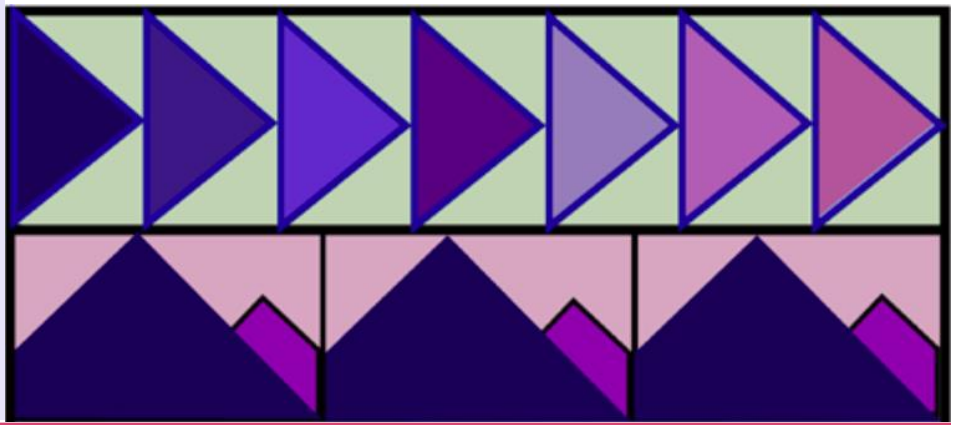


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**SHARE THE LOVE EDITION!**



Quilted Valentine by Kathy Money

## Welcome New Members!

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

- ♥ Tina Hickman
- ♥ Miranda Becker
- ♥ Kathy Winter
- ♥ Diane Hall
- ♥ Carol Kennedy
- ♥ Sammi Salazar

## Share the Love Giveaway!



How many times does the word “love” (or any variation) appear in this issue? [Enter your guess](#) for a chance to win this lovely bundle of fat eighths!

## Joan’s Journal

*letter from the president >>>*

### Share the Love Through Quilting



Joan Fulton, 2025 LNCQ President

My grandmother and great-grandmother were both quilters, and I proudly continue that tradition. My great-grandmother repurposed fabric from worn clothing, while my grandmother used leftover scraps from garment-making. Compared to their resourcefulness, my fabric stash feels excessive! Yet, despite our different materials, I know we shared the same motivation for quilting—to **share the love**.

Quilts mark life's milestones — babies, weddings, retirements, new homes. With every stitch, from piecing to quilting to binding, I think of the recipient and the significance of their moment. One of my fondest memories is seeing a quilt I made crumpled up in a baby’s crib— regularly used and well-loved. I know many of you have similar stories.

At Purdue University, I started making retirement quilts for colleagues, incorporating black and gold fabrics with signature blocks. Before long, it became a tradition, and I found myself making dozens of quilts—each one a heartfelt memento of a career well spent. Until COVID forced us to adapt, every quilt was a signature quilt, always displayed at retirement parties before being gifted.

Over the years I’ve learned a lot, by trial and error, about signature quilts. I would love to share insights—or hear your own quilting stories.

Let’s keep sharing the love, one quilt at a time.

**Joan Fulton**



Signature quilt for a Purdue retiree



Joan used a quarantine period to make signature quilts (left). Prior to COVID, quilts were signed at retirement parties (below).



“One of my fondest memories is seeing a quilt I made crumpled up in a baby’s crib... regularly used and well-loved.”

# February Meeting

## PROGRAM

Pat Baker

The talented and charming Linda Salitrynski provided an engaging and enjoyable program at our February meeting.



Linda Salitrynski speaking to LNCQ

Participants loved the morning class and remarked on how fun and accessible her technique was for embellishing quilts with thread and free motion quilting. She presented the process in a way that was easy to understand and attainable, with many finding it to be a meditative experience. A heartfelt thank-you to Linda for sharing her expertise!

we are required to report income and provide necessary documentation to our speakers.

If you've made charitable donations, be sure to check with your tax advisor about potential deductions. Cash donations typically come with a confirmation letter, while in-kind contributions—such as donated goods or services for committees, retreats, or workshops—may also qualify. If you need an acknowledgment letter, I'm happy to help.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Marla Arcadi

Thank you for trusting your Executive Board and passing our 2025 budget!

As tax season approaches, LNCQ has completed its 2024 tax filing. While we don't pay taxes as a nonprofit,



Linda Salitrynski's Phoenix Quilt

Volunteer mileage is another deductible expense, though at a lower rate than business mileage. If you drive for LNCQ duties, keep records for tax purposes.

We appreciate all our members and the generosity that keeps our guild thriving!

## HOSPITALITY

A huge THANK YOU to Eileen and her committee for the beautiful spread of lovely goodies!

# Spring Retreat

Lauri Dykstra

Happy February, fellow quilt lovers! **Spring Retreat** is just around the corner.



Hosted by **Carol Mancuso**, this retreat promises a wonderful sewing experience in the beautiful surroundings of **Allenspark, Colorado**. Carol's committee includes **Susan Truitt, Carla Lucus, Joan Fulton, and Lauri Dykstra**, all working together to ensure a fantastic event. This retreat is a perfect opportunity for LNCQ members to connect, share their love for sewing, and refine their skills in an inspiring and collaborative setting. Participants will enjoy:

- ♥ A two-fabric Bargello quilt class
- ♥ A ripping demonstration
- ♥ Precision piecing block competition
- ♥ Games
- ♥ A Goodie bag
- ♥ Plenty of time to work on personal projects

We are pleased to announce that **Spring Retreat registration** is now **FULL**. If you haven't signed up, we encourage you to join the [waitlist!](#)

# Future Retreats

Lauri Dykstra

In addition to the Spring Retreat, we have two more exciting retreats planned this year.

All LNCQ members are encouraged to participate in these enriching experiences. Whether you're looking to learn new techniques, finish projects, or simply love spending time with fellow quilters, LNCQ retreats offer the perfect space to do so!

**June Retreat** (June 9–10) at Best Western, Loveland

- ♥ Hosted by Dar Almeranti with committee members Jan Leary, Mary Doty, and Char Cox
- ♥ Additional details on registration and accommodations will be shared soon

**Fall Retreat** (September)

- ♥ Another chance to gather, sew, exchange ideas, and showcase completed projects
- ♥ Be sure to read next month's newsletter for more details!



# Backroads Bobbinheads

Crystal Wentz

This month, the spotlight is on Backroads Bobbinheads, a brand-new small group that formed out of a simple yet serendipitous search for fabric...



From left: Karen Riley, Beth Soderquist, Sue Ellis, Kathy Winter, & Crystal Wentz

## Our Story

The group began when my neighbors, Kathy and Karen, knocked on my door. Their search for a piece of fabric with a squirrel on it led them to me because my husband had once mentioned that I was a quilter. Although I was initially suspicious of unexpected visitors, as soon as I heard the word "quilters" through the doorbell cam, I welcomed them in to see my quilting room and check out my stash. A shared love for quilting quickly led to a discussion about the lack of NoCo quilting groups north of Fort Collins. During our conversation, I told them about LNCQ, which led to two new LNCQ members and the creation of Backroads Bobbinheads.

## Meet the Members

We're just getting started, but we're always excited to welcome new members! We even picked up two new members at the February general meeting. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting into quilting, come hang out, swap tips, and enjoy stitching with us.

## What We Do

Backroads Bobbinheads gets together on the fourth Saturday of the month, taking turns hosting at each other's homes. Everyone brings their own lunch, and the host provides drinks. We went with Saturdays so quilters who work during the week can still join in. There's no specific quilting style we stick to—we love all kinds! Our meetups are all about working on projects, sharing ideas, and having a good time together. Our group was founded on a simple encounter and a common passion, and its future holds endless possibilities.

## Join the Fun!

If you're interested in joining Backroads Bobbinheads, reach out to me at [crystal@meadowlanestitching.com](mailto:crystal@meadowlanestitching.com) for more details about upcoming meetings and opportunities to join us.

Looking for great deals on quilting tools and machines? Click the button below to explore items listed by fellow members, including a Husqvarna Viking Platinum 750 Sewing Machine!

## For Sale by Members

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

## Membership Reminder!

Renew by the end of the month so you don't lose member benefits!

THERE ARE **TWO** STEPS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- ♥ COMPLETE FORM
- ♥ PAY DUES

[Renew](#)

## Community Sew Day

Monday, March 3  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
[Quilter's Dream](#)  
[281 g E 29<sup>th</sup> St.](#)  
[Loveland, CO 80538](#)

Bring your sewing machine & cutter and "share the love" with quilting!

**Q:** What are some traditional quilt block patterns that symbolize love and friendship?

**A:** The Heart Block, Double Wedding Ring, Lover's Knot, and Friendship Star blocks have been used for centuries to share the love through quilting.

**Q:** How can I add an extra-personal touch to a quilt for a loved one?

**A:** Try incorporating embroidered or quilted initials, or a hidden message with your hopes for the recipient stitched into the binding or label. Using a patch of fabric from meaningful moments – such as baby clothes or a loved one's old shirts – can make your quilt even more special.



Submit your quilty questions to [newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com)

Heart block (top) & Friendship Star block (right)



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!

## Interfaith Quilters Annual Quilt Sale

Friday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 4pm-8pm &  
Saturday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-3pm  
\$2 Entry Donation

[First Evangelical Lutheran  
Church](#)  
[803 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave](#)  
[Longmont, CO 80501](#)

Proceeds benefit:  
The Safe Shelter of St. Vrain &  
The Longmont OUR Center

## Hawaiian Quilts: From the Henry & Angela Hite Collection

The Loveland Museum is showcasing a selection of 28 full-size Hawaiian quilts from the esteemed Hite collection, spanning from the late 19th century to the 2000s. This exhibition highlights the unique "snowflake" designs characteristic of Hawaiian appliqué quilts, reflecting the islands' natural beauty and cultural heritage.

The exhibit runs from **February 22 to April 19, 2025**, in the Main Gallery. An opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, from 5-7 pm, with free admission to the museum.

[Loveland Museum](#)  
[503 N Lincoln Ave.](#)  
[Loveland, CO 80537](#)

## Call for Entry: RMQM'S Men's Biennial Exhibit

This will be RMQM's 18th exhibit featuring quilts by men since its opening in 1990.

This year, RMQM is asking men to share what influences them to create. What inspires them. Is their quilt telling a story? Inventing something? What will make it stand out?

The online entry period runs  
**April 1-30, 2025.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

next month >>>

## Sew Lucky – The Magic in Quilting

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Send your green or rainbow quilt photos or 'magic' quilting tips to [newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com)

## March Newsletter Challenge

Create a rainbow or green-themed quilt or block for March—bonus if you incorporate an Irish Chain pattern!! Send a photo to [newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.lncq1996@gmail.com) for a chance to have your project featured next month!



Shamrock & Rainbow Wool  
Applique block



## final thoughts >>>

Quilting is an act of love—love for creativity, tradition, and the people we cherish. Every patch of fabric carries warmth and meaning, preserving a cherished American pastime while embracing the present.

Even more special than the quilts we craft are the friendships we form. In LNCQ, we share our passion, support one another, and celebrate both tradition and innovation, keeping quilting vibrant and relevant for years to come. As we evolve in our mission to preserve the heritage of quilting, we ensure that this act of love and friendship endures for future generations.

The true beauty of quilting isn't just in the fabric and patterns, but in the love and connections we nurture with every stitch.