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March 2026

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to these new members. We look forward to getting to know you.

- Ginny Jaranowski**
- Kathy Nicolai**
- Lillie Doerr**
- Jackie Transue**
- Anne Nemeth**
- Carol Budzeika**
- Sue Corsberg**
- Sonje Jessen**
- Justy Griffin**
- Sandra Farquhar**
- Sheila Honeycutt**
- Judy Bowie**

LNCQ *Life*

letter from the president >>>

Joan's Journal

This week it was my pleasure to host the eight LNCQ members who were the successful bidders for the Royal Retreat at my house. This was truly a time of friendship, sharing, and creativity—what a treasure. I've already decided to offer another retreat at the 2026 Silent Auction Holiday Party, so start thinking about getting your team together!



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

As we welcome the promise of spring, we are reminded of the shared theme of new life and renewal. In that spirit, I'd like to share my *African Baby* quilt.

The image is based on a photograph I took while conducting research in West Africa. The baby's mother, seated just behind him, was preparing and selling a beloved local food made from ground black-eyed peas and deep-fried to perfection. Her work—labor-intensive and skillful—reflects the dedication of so many entrepreneurs who sustain their families and communities through resilience and care.

We at LNCQ also have an exciting opportunity right now. The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum would like to partner with LNCQ to hold **Kids Camp** in our region of Colorado for five days, July 20–24, 2026. If you have visited the museum when the Kids Camp quilts are on exhibit, you know what a treat it is. The museum has been hosting Kids Camp for several years and has a well-established curriculum where each child produces their own quilt during the five-day camp. We would be using their “tried and tested” curriculum—yeah!

We will need volunteers to help make this happen. There are many ways to assist—from working directly with the kids during camp, to helping with snacks, to preparing supplies and materials ahead of time. If you are able to help, please email me at president.lncq1996@gmail.com.

I was especially moved by the baby's thoughtful expression, which seems to hold both curiosity and quiet strength. To create the quilt, I enlarged the photograph and traced it onto fabric, then painted it with thickened dyes during the LNCQ workshop with Hollis Chatelain in March 2024. I completed the piece on my domestic machine using free-motion quilting. This work is a celebration of new beginnings, perseverance, and the beauty of everyday life that connects us all.



Spring Retreat April 20-23, 2026

Join your fellow LNCQ members at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park for 4 days of sewing, camaraderie and beautiful scenery.

Dates: April 20-23

Location: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO (Longs Peak Lodge)

Price: \$470 for a Double room
\$650 for a Single room

Price includes three breakfasts and three dinners. Our sleeping rooms have a small fridge, so you can bring fixings for lunch, eat at the YMCA cafeteria or go into town. Each room has 2 queen beds and a private bathroom.

If you don't have a roommate, we will help you find one. Don't worry if you don't know anyone – we will fix you up at a table with members who will welcome you into the fold!

Contact Margaret Reek if you have questions at spring.retreat.lncq1996@gmail.com

[Register now](#)



March 2, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Our March meeting featured guest speaker [Quilts of Valor Foundation](#) representative Alycia Carmin, who shared the story of her journey with the organization and the meaningful work it does to honor veterans through quilting. Her presentation was engaging, touching, and often humorous, giving members a heartfelt look at the impact these quilts have on the people who receive them. Many members left the evening feeling both inspired and proud to be part of a community that can contribute to such meaningful work.

The accompanying workshop was very well attended. Participants spent the day making blocks and assembling quilt tops, and by the end of the workshop three quilt tops and 80 additional blocks had been completed to become future Quilts of Valor. In keeping with the spirit of the event, all workshop proceeds—after covering expenses—were donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

During the business meeting, members heard an overview of upcoming guild programming and events. A resolution was also presented and passed establishing the guild's banking physical address as that of the current treasurer. In addition, a potential new guild logo was introduced to the membership. Check out page 5 of this newsletter for information about the logo options and how members can vote for their favorite one.

April Program and Workshop – Lori Jonker, Pinecone Hill Quilts

Program: As a quilt designer, Lori is often asked how she goes about designing her quilts. The answer is not an easy one as there are many variations to the process. She'll show samples of quilts and talk about the inspiration and the implementation, including the processes involved.

Workshop: Walk a Mile

In this workshop, participants will work directly with the designer while learning techniques for precise piecing and assembling the quilt's distinctive rows. Choose fabrics that reflect your personal style and watch the design come to life as the blocks combine into a cohesive and eye-catching quilt top. Quilters will leave with new skills, inspiration, and progress toward a beautiful finished quilt.

When: April 6 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Where: [Best Western](#), Loveland

[Register now](#)



When you purchase this PDF pattern, you will have access to YouTube videos with added tips and demonstrations of techniques. This is an all-day class with two break periods.

May Program and Workshop – Diana Fox:

Program: Born and raised in Denver, Diana Fox is a studio fiber artist and quilter passionate about textiles. Originally a traditional quilter, she transitioned to creating art quilts and has never looked back. She has earned numerous awards for her unique and captivating work, which tells stories of color, texture, and influences from nature. She has a particular affinity for dyeing, surface design, and heavy stitching. She has mounted several solo exhibitions, including at the National Quilt Museum. She resides in Parker, CO, with her life partner three rescue dogs, and a fat cat.



Workshop: Get ready to combine unique fabrics into “round-ish” blocks using raw-edge appliqué to represent the growth of nature’s grandest marvels.

Embellish and add detail with thread and your imagination.

Finish by combining the blocks into unique, mounted wall art. Your supply kit will contain enough materials to complete a trio of rings.

Cost: \$45; kit fee: \$25

When: May 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 4:30 – 5:30

Where: [Best Western](#), Loveland

Registration opens March 17

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 Opens April 1](#)

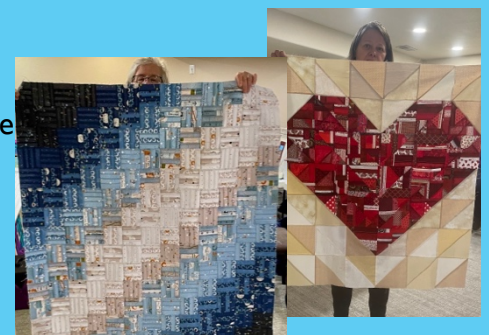
“Royal Retreat” a Royal Success!

The Royal Retreat, which was auctioned off at the 2025 Holiday Party silent auction, turned out to be a truly royal success! Winner Kaea claimed the coveted item and then gathered a lucky group of fellow quilters to join her and share the experience at President Joan Fulton's home this past week.

For four delightful days, retreaters were treated like quilting royalty. Each participant received a tiara to mark the occasion, enjoyed delicious home-cooked meals (including a special “high tea”), and spent their time sewing, laughing, and enjoying the company of friends.

The pampering didn't stop there. The retreat featured Quilty Godmothers who pressed seams, trimmed blocks, and made sure everyone could focus on the fun parts of quilting. Four of the eight retreaters stayed overnight, while the other four enjoyed sleeping in their own beds and joining the festivities during the day.

If you happen to hear one of this year's retreaters say it was “just okay,” take that with a grain of salt. Rumor has it they're hoping to discourage the competition when this popular retreat returns to the silent auction at this year's Holiday Party! Judging by the laughter, the tiaras, and the royal treatment, we suspect the bidding may be pretty lively this year!



2026 Meeting Dates

APRIL 6 – 6:00 pm

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

A Little LNCQ History

LNCQ members have always known how to have fun at retreats—and they’ve always had a great sense of humor. At the very first LNCQ Spring Retreat, held at the Holiday Inn in Estes Park, one activity on the schedule was “Strip Poker.”

Jackie Galbraith remembers the retreat agenda being posted at the front desk. As a gentleman was checking into the hotel, he spotted “Strip Poker” on the list and quickly announced, “I want to go to that!” Jackie had to gently explain that the retreat participants were quilters. The game involved poker played with 2½-inch strips of fabric—not clothing.

It’s just one of many stories showing LNCQ retreats have always been full of laughter and quilting humor!

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:

Joan Fulton at:

president.lncq1996@gmail.com

Membership

Don’t let your LNCQ membership ghost away—renew online today for 2026.

Renew Now

The Quilted Forest

Due to the incredible participation and enthusiasm so far, The Quilted Forest will accept new sign-ups through April 1 only. If you’ve been thinking about joining the exhibit, now is the time to commit; we can’t wait to see this forest take shape!



As you plan your piece, remember that one-sided quilts to hang along the wall space are also encouraged. Focus your creativity and energy on making the front as impactful and detailed as you’d like.

LNCQ Logo Proposed for Member Vote

Since our founding in 1996, the League of Northern Colorado Quilters has proudly used the same logo to represent our guild. Over the years it has become a familiar symbol of our community, creativity, and shared love of quilting.

As the guild continues to grow and expand its presence through our website, social media, and community events, it felt like a good time to explore whether a refreshed logo might better reflect who we are today while still honoring our history.

The design was created by professional graphic designer and quilter David Taylor. While it introduces a fresh look and can be adapted for modern uses such as websites, social media, and printed materials, **the proposed logo intentionally includes several elements that honor the original design.**

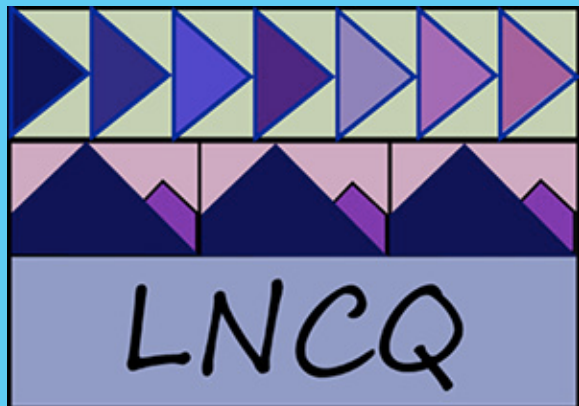
The mountains remain a central feature and appear in purple as a nod to our current logo. Green represents the foothills of Northern Colorado, while yellow symbolizes the grasslands that stretch across our region. The lettering appears in dark blue, another subtle reference to the colors of the original logo. Together, these elements create a design that reflects both our history and the landscape that inspires many of our members.

It is important to note that adopting a new logo would be cost neutral for the guild. Any existing materials featuring the current logo would continue to be used until supplies are gone, meaning no materials would be discarded or replaced prematurely.

Because the logo represents our entire guild, the decision about whether to adopt the new design will be made by you - the membership. An online vote is being held from March 15 through March 29, giving all members an opportunity to participate. The results of the vote will be announced at the April guild meeting.

We encourage all members to take a moment to review the proposed design and cast their vote. This is a chance for the guild to decide together how LNCQ will be visually represented in the years ahead.

CAST YOUR VOTE



UPCOMING CHANGES to LNCQ website

We'll soon be introducing a few updates to the LNCQ website! One of the best parts: you'll no longer need to keep track of an individual log-in, making things simpler for both members and our hardworking web volunteers. Don't worry—you'll still have access to the Member Directory, which will remain password protected. Keep an eye out for an upcoming e-blast with all the details.

Community Service Roundup!

Thank you to all the members who have donated supplies and time to making our community quilts. We are still in need of fabric and backing material. Sixteen (new and old) LNCQ members joined in the Feb 27 community sew. We were able to finish binding 12 quilts. Kaea Beresford has taken 14 quilts to be donated to the High Plains Housing Development, as well as other completed quilts to CASA. Thanks to guild members who have donated for our Community Service. We are always accepting fabric donations;

Our next "Community Sew Day" will be Friday, March 27 at **Quilter's Dream** in Loveland. Although the store opens at 10 am, we will begin at 10:30 and plan on being done by 2:30. Bring your machine and sewing supplies. You may bring your lunch or join those of us who take a restaurant break. 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 and two 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.

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.

Donations requested

The June Retreat and the Ways and Means Committee are both 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.

Ways and Means is also collecting items for the June garage sale fundraiser, which takes place during Wellington's community-wide garage sale day. Donations may be quilting-related or general household items.

Smaller items can be brought to the April and May meetings. If you have larger items, including furniture, please contact Ways and Means to arrange a time to get them to the garage sale location in Wellington.

final thoughts >>>

As we look ahead to the coming months, I hope you'll find time to create, connect, and be inspired — whether through a workshop, a small group, or simply a quiet moment (yes they do occasionally exist) at your sewing machine.

- Sue Hine, Newsletter Editor

next month >>> Join us for our guild meeting and workshop to learn how to design a quilt with Lori Jonker

Looking for more ways to fuel your creativity and connect with fellow quilters? Here are some upcoming quilting retreats 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!

- **Mojito Creek** – Black Hawk
 - Designed for quilting, scrapbooking, and crafting weekend retreats.
- **Pinebrook Mountain Retreat** – Pine, CO
 - Craft-focused retreat center in the mountains.
- **Alegre Retreat** – Gateway, CO
 - Art and quilting-friendly retreat space.
- **The Silk Pin Cushion** – Golden
 - Offers sewing classes and retreats alongside lodging.

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.](#))

Community Sewing Day Colorado State University

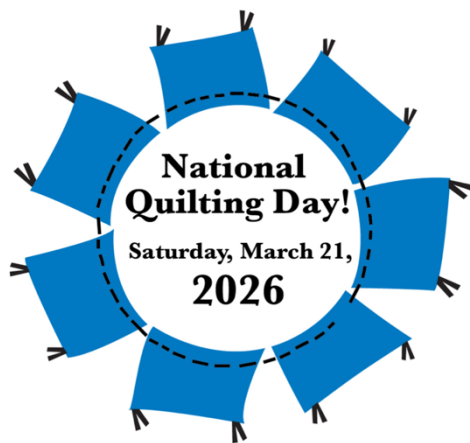
The American Sewing Guild joins forces once again for more community service sewing! On this community sewing day, we will be making reusable grocery bags in service of Northern Colorado Loveland VA Clinic.

Everyone is welcome and you don't need sewing skills to participate in Community Sewing Day! There will be multiple tasks available such as sewing, cutting, ironing, etc. You can expect an assembly-line style event with stations that welcome a variety of ages and skill levels to help support the sewing project.

Saturday, May 30

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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



S & B Quilters' Guild Presents:

2026 CABIN FEVER QUILT SHOW

Friday, March 20 — 9 am-6 pm
Saturday, March 21 — 9 am-6 pm

Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds
403 S. 4th Street (Highway 92), Hotchkiss



2026 Raffle Quilt
On Wander Lane
Designer Nancy Halvorsen
79" x 96"



Free Admission
(Donations gladly accepted)

Info: sbquilters1989@gmail.com
sandbquiltersguild.com

Call for Entries: Colorado Quilts Exhibit

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

For more information click [here](#).