



Your Monthly Link to **LNCQ**

**LNCQ
Life**

**September
2026**

What's Coming Up with LNCQ

***Registration or Sign Up Currently Open**

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| 9/25/26 | 10:30 AM LNCQ Community Sew |
| 10/5/26 | 9:00 AM Workshop with Margaret Willingham* |
| | 6:00 PM LNCQ General Meeting and Program |
| | Quilted Forest Quilt Review & Acceptance |
| 10/9/26 | High Tea – LNCQ Fundraiser* |
| 10/10/26 | High Tea – LNCQ Fundraiser* |
| 10/19 – 10/22 | Fall Retreat at YMCA of the Rockies* |
| 10/23/26 | 10:30 AM LNCQ Community Sew |
| 11/2/26 | 8:30 AM Workshop with Susan DuBois* |
| | 1:30 PM LNCQ General Meeting and Program |
| 12/7/26 | 1:30 PM LNCQ Holiday Party and Silent Auction |

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Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to these new members who joined in August:

Dani Saffian: We look forward to getting to know you!



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

Joan's Journal

letter from the president >>>



Sharing the Love

Many of us have heard Dolly Parton singing “*Coat of Many Colors*” over the past few weeks as we remember her remarkable life and the many gifts she shared with the world. Her song reminds us of something quilters have always understood: **being rich has more to do with LOVE than with money.**

The bow tie quilt pictured here was the very first quilt I owned. It was made by my grandmother, and I was fortunate enough to piece some of the blocks myself—learning to sew Y-seams along the way!

Even after all these years, I find it heartwarming to look closely at the fabrics in this quilt. Each one is a leftover piece from a dress Grandma made—for me, for my Mom, or for herself. Of all the quilts Grandma made, I remember only one in which she actually purchased new fabric specifically for the quilt. The rest were created from the precious scraps left over after she cut out garments. And then there was my great-grandmother. She made quilts from fabric salvaged from the sleeves of dresses and men’s shirts that were being discarded.

What a difference from my quilting life today! I regularly buy fabric for a specific quilt, or simply because I love it. And, of course, there is always the need to “feed my stash!” I have more fabric than either Grandma or Great Grandma could ever have imagined.

Yet, despite the generations and the very different circumstances in which we quilted, I believe the reason we quilted is exactly the same.

We quilt to share the love.

As quilters, we continue that tradition every time we choose fabrics, stitch pieces together, and make something with someone else in mind. That, I think, is the real richness of quilting. **It is found in the love we put into every stitch and pass along. Thanks to all of you for being part of this tradition with LNCQ.**

Some Changes for LNCQ Newsletter

You may notice a few changes in this edition of the newsletter – hopefully to make it easier for all of you - our LNCQ members. The first page highlights upcoming LNCQ events, followed by the President's letter. You will notice that we then have sections that are color-coded. (e.g. Programs/Workshops are light blue). We are striving to introduce consistency in the format of the newsletter and make it easier for all of you.

More on Financials – Pricing of Workshops/Retreats

In our continuing effort to provide transparency about the LNCQ financials I'd like to explain how we set the price for workshops and retreats. First, we develop a budget to determine what our total costs will be. Next, we evaluate the number of participants. Often, we have a maximum number of participants (which may be determined by the size of our meeting room or a limit set by the instructor). Since we follow a conservative approach to pricing, we identify a number that is less than the maximum- one that we feel we can reasonably achieve. For example, the maximum number might be 20 participants and we would budget for 15 participants. Our total cost divided by this number provides us with the price we will charge for the program. That way, if we get 15 people signed up, we break even. If we get a few more than 15 we make a bit of money – that goes to support LNCQ programming (and/or offset any programs where we don't quite meet the target). As always, if you have questions about LNCQ financials please ask Joan Fulton (President) or Ellen Rankiin (Treasurer).

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Programs/Workshops

September Meeting Recap

Our September meeting featured a wonderful trunk show from Beth, who took us through her quilting journey with 40 quilts showcasing a wide variety of techniques and styles! During the business meeting, we also reviewed the nominees for the 2027 Executive Board and highlighted the board positions that are still open for next year. You'll find more information about both later in this newsletter!

October 5 Workshop and Program with Margaret Willingham

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

Program: October 5, 6 pm

Where: Best Western in Loveland

Speaker/Instructor: Margaret Willingham, Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs

Workshop 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. 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.eobquiltdesign.com/>

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



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Programs/Workshops

**November 2, 2026 –
Susan DuBois**

Workshop: Silk Fusion

When: 9:00 AM

Where: Best Western

Silk fusion is an amazing and lustrous “felt” or “paper” that is incredibly easy to create. You make a "silk sandwich" by layering silk combed top/sliver (often called 'roving') or silk hankies between fiberglass screen, thoroughly wet it and then apply the textile medium. Dry, remove screen, heat set and CREATE!



Program: *Living Inside a Rainbow*

When: 1:30 PM

Where: Best Western



2026 Meeting Dates

OCT. 5 – 6:00 pm

NOV. 2 – 1:30 pm

DEC. 7 – 1:30 PM Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark Your Calendars!

All Meetings at Best Western in Loveland

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Programs/Workshops

December 7, 2026

LNCQ Holiday Party and Silent Auction



- **Donations are being accepted now! Please bring them to the October and November meetings**
- We will have a return of the **Royal Retreat** – Now a highly sought-after item so get your group ready to bid!
- Business Donations: The auction could use some gift cards and/or donations from businesses
 - **Volunteers** needed to visit businesses and get gift cards/donations. For a donation request or thank you letter, please contact ways.and.means.lncq1996@gmail.com
- December 7 will be a **FUN** event with the side benefit of raising funds for LNCQ programming!

Retreats

Fall Retreat 2026

4 Days/3 Nights of quilting fun

When: October 19- 22, 2026 (Monday – Thursday)

Where: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park



Registration is now open to LNCQ members and non-members until September 19:

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

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

[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.

Retreats

Fall Retreat 2026

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) right 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

Fall Retreat Host Beth Soderquist has a great team creating a superb experience for all of us!

Fundraising

LNCQ Ways and Means

Our 30th Anniversary LNCQ T-Shirts are here!

The price is the same as last year

- \$18 per t-shirt.

Get yours at the next meeting!



High Tea

Sign-up is now open! We welcome you to bring a guest (it doesn't have to be LNCQ member). You just need to sign each person up separately. (More details on next page)

Silent Auction

Our 2026 Holiday Party will once again feature a Silent Auction. Please bring your donations to the October and November meetings. (Donation examples: home décor, gift baskets, quilt kits, gift cards, etc.)

This year we are also challenging our small groups to put together a group "basket" for the auction. (Items do not have to be quilting related. If you don't have a basket, Ways & Means has some we can use for your group's items.)

Your donations are critical to our success.

To donate, contact Joan (president.lncq1996@gmail.com) or Kathy Winter (ways.and.means.lncq1996@gmail.com), or just bring your items to the October and November meetings.

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Fundraising

LNCQ HIGH TEA

[Register NOW](#)

Friday Oct. 9, 2026 at 11:30 AM or
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



\$30 per
person



Enjoy a relaxing event 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 as you are or dress up in your favorite tea attire, come and join us for this special event.



Special Projects

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 August 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.

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Special Projects

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!

Committee Reports

Renew Your Membership

It's that time of the year - time to renew your membership. **Renewals start October 1** to renew your membership for 2027. If you are a new member and join after October 1 you will receive membership benefits for the rest of 2026 and all of 2027 (a bonus for signing up early!

After October 1, go to the LNCQ website to renew or sign up. **Please do not renew your membership prior to October 1.**

Community Service Roundup!

Our current community donation project centers on making Christmas tree skirts for Realities for Children. Last month at the community sew day, 14 skirts were completed and 10 additional Christmas tree skirt kits were given to members to complete. We have 16 kits to be completed at the next community sew day. Our final two community sew days for 2026 will be September 25 and October 23 at Quilter's Dream in Loveland. Both sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the next sew date: **September 25, 10:30 am** at Quilters Dream in Loveland.

Hope to see you then!

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

Committee Reports

Postcard Requests

One function of LNCQ is showing caring concern for guild members going through difficult times.

Please send requests to Eileen Maelzer to request a quilted postcard of encouragement to 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.

Meet the 2027 Executive Board Nominees

Crystal Wentz, President



Crystal began quilting as a child and was already a dues-paying member of her local and state quilt guilds by middle school. Over the years, her quilting journey has included making quilts for family and friends as well as ventures in pattern design, longarm quilting, teaching, speaking, and even owning a handwork supply shop.

Crystal has served LNCQ in a variety of roles, including Web Coordinator (2021), Newsletter Chairperson (2025), Ways & Means Co-Chair (2025), and 1st Vice President (2026). Outside the guild, she stays busy raising two young boys while continuing to make quilting and active guild involvement an important part of her life. Her leadership style is very collaborative, with a focus on teamwork and making guild activities fun, accessible, and welcoming to quilters at every stage of life. She is passionate about preserving the rich heritage of quilting while helping build a vibrant, welcoming quilting community for the future.

Lauri Dysktra, First Vice President

Meet Lauri, a passionate advocate for teamwork and joy, where every stitch weaves a story of creativity and connection. With a deep love for all things fiber arts—be it quilting, circular sock making, knitting crocheting, or spinning—I craft pieces that radiate warmth and comfort, infused with dedication and love. My 38 years as a store director at Safeway Stores Inc. taught me that true success lies in collaboration. I thrive in cozy circles, sharing techniques and laughter, knowing that happiness flourishes when we come together. Join me on this vibrant journey, celebrating life, creativity, and the art of making, one stitch at a time!



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Laretta Oudeman, Programs Vice President

Laretta was inspired by her mother's beautiful quilts, so she was excited to start her own quilting journey eight years ago with T-shirt quilts made for her two sons with the help of a friend. Today, she loves many aspects of quilting and has recently been enjoying wool and cotton applique. Her love for hand stitching has her eager to try English paper piecing and big stitch hand quilting.

Laretta has two grown sons and an English bulldog 'grand-puppy'. Living in Westminster, attending guild activities requires a bit of a drive, but it is well worth the trip—especially since she gets to enjoy audiobooks along the way! She is very grateful for the guild, where she's made wonderful friends and finds constant inspiration in the incredible talent around her.

Ellen Rankin, Treasurer

Ellen Rankin joined LNCQ about 5 years ago. Her creative history has been doing needlecrafts including sewing since elementary school. She didn't start quilting until about 30 years ago. Her favorite style of quilting is traditional piecing and hand applique. She is strongly addicted to fabric scraps, and they can be anywhere from as small as 1 inch and up. She hates to see good fabric being thrown out. About 3 years ago she got a longarm quilting machine so she could finish all of the tops she had been creating over the years. She retired 12 years ago as a financial analyst with the US Navy in California and 7 years ago moved back home to Colorado. Since retiring she has been doing quite a bit of traveling and working on quilts for charity.



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Cyndy Marquez, Secretary

Cynthia (Cyndy) Marquez is delighted to be in Loveland, Colorado, surrounded by the talented quilters of LNCQ after recently retiring and moving all her fabric from Miami, Florida.

Her love of sewing started early when she pestered her mother to let her use her sewing machine. When Mom finally caved, Cyndy learned not only to sew clothes, but to appreciate the usefulness of a seam ripper. She was introduced to quilting about 25 years ago by her sister, Ruth, who had never sewn but decided to make a quilt anyway. Cyndy figured if Ruth could do it, so could she. Siblings—go figure. Cyndy loves bringing traditional quilt blocks to life with non-traditional colors and settings. She has made many scrap quilts for charity and believes quilts are more than thread and fabric—they're a way to give someone a special hug and let them know they are loved. She also enjoys sharing quilting with her grandkids and hopes to pass that love and creativity to another generation.

Beth Soderquist, Web Coordinator

Beth brings together more than 30 years of quilting experience. Before retiring several years ago, Beth worked in computer science, and she has continued putting those skills to good use for LNCQ. A longtime guild member, Beth has served LNCQ in many roles over the years. Most recently, she spent 2026 as a teammate to our talented Web Coordinator Jane, handling guild communications and working with board members to make sure everyone started the year with the access, accounts, and documents they needed. She has also served as our Fall Retreat Host for the past two years.

Over three decades of quilting, Beth has explored many different aspects of the craft. Beth brings a wonderful combination of quilting knowledge, technical experience, and years of service to LNCQ, and she looks forward to continuing to support the guild as Web Coordinator.



2027 Open General Board Positions

LNCQ needs your help! If you're interested in serving on the board in any of these roles, or if you just want to know more, please contact Crystal at 1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com

Community Service Chair

Help LNCQ make a difference in our community!

- Find local organizations that can benefit from donated quilts and quilted items
- Help choose where our members' beautiful work can give comfort
- Organize and attend Community Sew Days
- Coordinate the collection and donation of completed items
- Share our impact with the guild—celebrating how many quilts we've donated and where they've found homes

This role is a great fit for someone who enjoys **helping others, organizing projects, and bringing people together for a good cause.**

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Hospitality Chair

Help make LNCQ a warm and welcoming guild!

- Help new members and guests feel at home
- Plan simple hospitality touches for our general meetings
- Coordinate snacks or refreshments when appropriate
- Look for fun ways to help members feel welcomed and included

This is a great role for someone who enjoys **meeting people, making others feel welcome, and adding a little extra warmth to our guild gatherings.**

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Publicity Chair

Help spread the word about LNCQ!

- Promote LNCQ meetings, programs, and special events
- Share upcoming activities on LNCQ's social media
- Get the word out through local quilt shops, other guilds, community outlets, and quilt-related events

This is a great role for someone who enjoys **communication, social media, and helping build excitement about all the great things happening at LNCQ.**

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Special Events Chair

Bring some extra fun to LNCQ!

- Dream up and work with the board to organize special activities throughout the year
- Past events include bus trips, guild challenges, Blocks of the Month, and other creative opportunities
- Keep members excited and informed about what special events are coming up

This is a great role for someone who enjoys **coming up with fun ideas, organizing activities, and creating memorable experiences for our members.**

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Show and Tell Chair

Put our members' amazing work in the spotlight!

- Coordinate Show & Tell at our general meetings
- Provide Show & Tell forms to members who have quilts to share
- Help display and fold quilts as they're presented
- Photograph the quilts and send photos to the Web Coordinator for our online gallery

This is a great role for someone who enjoys **seeing beautiful quilts, interacting with members, and celebrating the creativity and accomplishments of our guild!**

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Web Communications

Help keep LNCQ connected and running smoothly online!

The Web Coordinator and Web Communications Coordinator work together to:

- Work with the executive board to keep the LNCQ website current with meetings, events, and guild information
- Create online registration forms and payment options for events
- Maintain the guild's membership email list
- Help board members access their LNCQ email accounts and shared Google Drive
- Help manage the tools we use to send guild-wide emails

This is a great role for someone who is **comfortable with technology, organized, and enjoys helping things work smoothly behind the scenes.**

Quilting Community News



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

- ▶ \$10 Admission (\$8 Sat) *Cash or Check*
- ▶ Children under 10 free
- ▶ Service dogs only



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