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February 2026

Welcome New Members!

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

Julie Tottingham
Kim Cunningham
Kara Howard
Holly Habuda
Cathy Crespin
Jo Ann Neely
Melanie Evans

letter from the president >>>

Joan's Journal

Quilts, Kindness, and Connection

The heart quilt in this month's cover photo holds deep meaning for me. I was completely surprised—and yes, I even cried—when it was presented at our February meeting. After a cardiac illness last year, LNCQ members created heart blocks and turned them into this beautiful quilt. It remains one of the most humbling and heartfelt gifts I've ever received. I am fully recovered now, but the love stitched into it reminds me daily how fortunate I am to belong to this community.

Quilting has always been about more than fabric and thread. It is how we care for one another—celebrating milestones, offering comfort, and quietly saying “you are not alone.” When made with love, our quilts become something far greater than their pieces.

What makes our guild special is not only the talent, but the friendships. We share skills, laughter, stories, and support, building connections as strong as the quilts we create.

With gratitude, Joan



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

I'd also like to encourage us to keep looking out for one another in practical ways. For members who prefer not to drive at night, offering or requesting a carpool can make a real difference and help everyone feel welcome and supported.

Thank you for being a guild that leads with kindness and generosity. I am deeply grateful for each of you and for the ways we continue to care for one another—one stitch and one friendship at a time.

With gratitude, Joan



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)

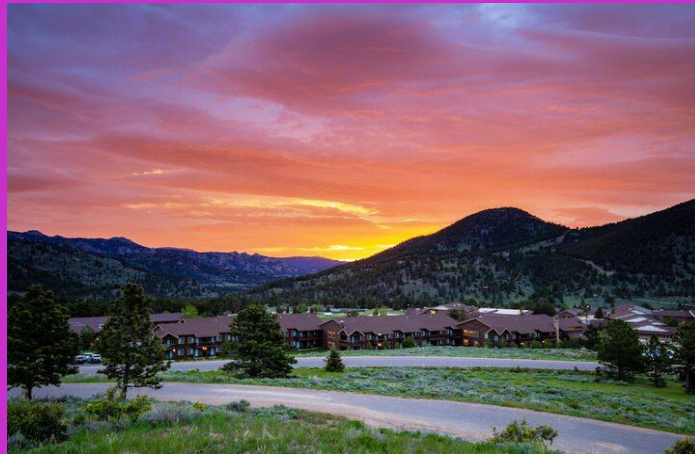
Price: \$470 for a Double room

\$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!

[Register now](#)



February 2, 2026 Meeting Highlights

February demo days with Joan Fulton, Margaret Reek, Carol Mancuso, and Crystal Wentz was just simply a lot of fun and very much appreciated by the group. New ideas for us to use!

Joan updated us on the guild's finances and David Taylor provided us with more information on the quilted forest as well as information on the [Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's Fundraiser](#) May 9. If you are interested in joining a table with other LNCQ members at this May 9 Event, please contact Joan Fulton at president.lncq1996@gmail.com

With our new member spotlight format, Crystal Wentz and Liz Radi "spotlighted" their creative and beautiful quilts.

The meeting was then adjourned after show and tell.

March 2 Meeting – Alycia Carmin

Quilts of Valor will be Alycia's focus at the March LNCQ meeting. This nationally recognized organization honors service members and veterans touched by war with handmade quilts that say "thank you" for their sacrifice. Our speaker will share the mission of Quilts of Valor, stories behind the quilts, and ways our guild members can get involved in this meaningful outreach. Join us to learn how quilting can be a powerful expression of gratitude and service.

Alycia will also be leading the workshop (see below) before the program in March. Be sure to come out and help support our Quilts of Valor program.

Date: March 2

Time: 6:00 pm

Location [Best Western](#), Loveland Colorado

March Workshop – Quilts of Valor With Alycia Carmin

Come sew blocks and help assemble a quilt for Quilts of Valor. There will be pre-cut star and rail block kits. No need to bring fabric unless you would like to donate. A supply list will be provided with traditional sewing supplies.

The fees collected for the workshop (minus any workshop expenses) will be donated by LNCQ to Quilts of Valor! Let's make this exciting opportunity a fun event! [Register now](#)

When: March 2, 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Where: [Best Western](#), Loveland

Cost: \$20 includes provided kits



April Workshop – Workshop: Walk a Mile Quilt Pattern with Lori Jonker, Pinecone Hill Quilts

Learn how to *Design a Quilt*: Lori will show samples of quilts and talk about inspiration and the implementation, including the processes involved.

Register now When: April 6 8:30 am – 4:30 p

Where: **Best Western** , Loveland

Cost: \$60 (Pattern purchased separately)



The Quilted Forest

We had a great get together in January so let's do it again in February!



Want to join in but not sure what to do for your piece? No problem! Sign up anyway and we will help you! We will be meeting regularly to help you with your ideas. The next meeting is February 18 from 10 to 3 at **Pathways Hospice** on Carpenter Road.

30th 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 1st.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com to join!

The Art Quilters group is going to be making crazy quilts this year! If you are interested in joining, please contact Priscilla Golz at: priscillacgolz@gmail.to to confirm the time and location of the meeting or to be put on the group mailing list.

If anyone is able and available to help Kaea with the June retreat, please reach out to her at:

[Kaea Beresford](mailto:Kaea.Beresford<dr.beresford@gmail.com>)
[<dr.beresford@gmail.com>](mailto:dr.beresford@gmail.com).

The retreat is June 15-16 at the, [Best Western](#) , Loveland.

2026 Meeting Dates

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

Membership

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

[Renew Now](#)

Community Service Roundup!

The board recently approved adding High Plains Housing Development in Weld County as a future recipient of our quilts. Currently we provide quilts to Life stories/CASA, MCR Palliative Care, McKee Infusion Center, Realities for children, Alternatives to Violence, and Meals on Wheels. **Our supply of backing and regular fabric has been put to good use, so we would welcome members fabric donations and yardage for backings.** Mark your calendars for the 4th Friday of the month from February to October to attend LNCQ community sewing days at Quilter's Dream in Loveland from 10:30 to 2:30.

The EQ8 small group used our programming skills to draft and make quilts for donation. If you or your small group are doing similar work, let us know! Look for completed community quilts at Show and Tell during member meetings!

For more information or questions, contact Betty Ann Eash at:

<mailto: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, from January 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 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 the guild is showing caring concern for guild members going through difficult times so 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

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.

final thoughts >>>

As Joan talked about in her monthly letter, ride sharing is a great way to help each other get to meetings, especially those at night. I've already paired up with a guild member, and others are willing to do the same! Please reach out if you need a ride; so many of us are ready to help!

- Sue Hine, Newsletter Editor

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](#).

quilting community news >>>

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.

next month >>> Join us for our guild meeting and workshop: Quilts of Valor with Alcia Carmen!