



*letter from the president >>>*

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many volunteers who keep our guild thriving. From organizing workshops and programs to preparing community service projects, assembling newsletter content, helping with Kid's Kamp, and supporting our special events—your time, energy, and generosity make everything we do possible. Our guild is strong because of YOU - the members who step forward with willing hands and caring hearts.

This month, I especially want to thank those who continue to mentor new quilters, donate supplies, prepare kits, and quietly work behind the scenes to make every meeting and project successful. Your dedication helps us preserve the art of quilting while building friendships and strengthening our community.

As we look ahead to our upcoming summer activities, we also need more helping hands.

Whether you have an hour to spare, materials to donate, or a willingness to assist with setup, teaching, or organizing, your support is critical.

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**LNCQ Life**

**MAY 2026**

## Joan's Journal



Joan Fulton, 2026 LNCQ President

### Welcome New Members!

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

- Kat Roeder
- Deborah Moors
- Jackie Galbraith
- Sandy Jennings
- Yolanda Jennings
- Kathy Cole

There is truly a place for everyone to contribute. Please consider how you can lend a hand. Volunteering not only helps the guild—it creates lasting connections and makes our quilting community even more special.



# May 4, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Fifteen LNCQ members gathered for Diana Fox's inspiring Tree Rings workshop, where creativity took center stage. Diana encouraged everyone to "think outside the box" and turn simple tree ring patterns into something fresh, fun, and full of personality. Our members rose to the challenge beautifully—proving that even tree rings can tell a unique and lively story through quilting!

In the afternoon General Meeting, Diana shared her personal quilting journey, delighting everyone with a stunning display of her quilts and the stories behind them. Rita Van Dyne, the April LNCQ Newsletter Member Spotlight, opened Show and Tell by sharing several of her own beautiful quilts and reflecting on her quilting path.

The celebration of creativity continued with a wonderful parade of LNCQ community service quilts, followed by the much-anticipated reveal of the 2025 Round Robin Challenge quilts. Becky Williamson shared an especially meaningful comment that captured the spirit of the day perfectly: LNCQ is home to an incredible range of quilt styles and remarkable talent—a true reflection of the creativity and skill within our guild.



## Donations requested for June Retreat

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. Bring your donations to Kaea Beresford at the June general meeting.

## 2026 Meeting Dates

**JUNE 1 – 6:00 pm**

**JULY 13 – 1:30 PM LNCQ Birthday Party**

**AUGUST 3 – 1:30 pm**

**SEPT. 14 – 6:00 pm**

**OCT. 5 – 6:00 pm**

**NOV. 2 – 1:30 pm**

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

**Mark Your Calendars!**

# Bring a Friend and Join Us for the June In Town Retreat!

We're thrilled to share that our June retreat is **now open to non-members!** This is a fantastic opportunity for you to invite your friends and family to experience the joy of our quilt retreat alongside you. The price for non-members is the same as for our valued members, making it a perfect chance to bond and create beautiful memories together. Don't let them miss out on this incredible experience! Sign up today. Let's make this retreat unforgettable!

Choose the retreat style that works best for you—book a room at the Best Western and stay where all the quilting fun happens, or head home each evening and return refreshed the next day. Either way, you'll enjoy plenty of uninterrupted sewing time surrounded by friends who share your passion.

Pack up your sewing machine, gather a project (or three!), and come spend a few joyful days quilting with friends. After all, the very best part of any retreat isn't just what we create—it's the friendships and memories we stitch together along the way.

Cost: \$85

When: June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Where: [Best Western](#), Loveland

[Register Now](#)



## The Quilted Forest

Although sign-ups for the quilted forest have closed, we are still having workdays for those interested. The next workday will be Monday, June 1st, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel. (Right before our June guild meeting).

Feel free to come and join the fun!

## 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](mailto:Programs.Vice.President.LNCQ1996@gmail.com)

## LNCQ 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Mark your calendar now!

**July 13, 2026**

**1:30 PM**

**Best Western Inn, Loveland**

**A fun time with games, conversation  
and good times with LNCQ Friends**

**We will have birthday cake (including gluten free)!**

**If you're interested in helping out with the  
party or the 30th Anniversary Committee,  
please reach out to Joan or Crystal.**

Volunteer  
Opportunity!



## Kid's Kamp



We are excited to partner with Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum for Kid's Kamp. Campers will each design and complete their own quilt during the week (July 20 – 24, 2026). RMQM will include the quilts in their annual exhibit of Kid's Kamp quilts – a great opportunity for our campers to be honored. Funds received from registration fees will be used to cover expenses for Kamp and any remaining funds will be earmarked to support Kamp in upcoming years.

**Help us find campers!**

**When: July 20 – 24, 2026**

**(9:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day)**

**Where: Wild Oats Sewing Company**

**Registration fee: \$400 for the week**

**Number of Kids: 8**

**Ages of Kids: 8 – 15 years old**

**Registration: Now open on the LNCQ website**

**Theme: Half Square Triangles**

**Ways you could help:**

- **Work with the kids during the week of Kamp**
- **Help us create kits**
- **Donate fabric and supplies**
- **Help with the Ice Cream Social for the final day of Kamp**



**Contact Joan Fulton at [president.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:president.lncq1996@gmail.com) to let us know how you can help.**

# LNCQ Garage Sale

**Saturday, June 6 in Wellington.**

**Thinking about Spring Cleaning  
and wondering what to do with  
“STUFF” !?!**

**We have a solution!**

**Donate to LNCQ’s Garage Sale!**

**Volunteer  
Opportunity!**

## **Donate your Items:**

Bring to the June meeting

For large items, contact Kathy Winter at  
[ways.and.means.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto:ways.and.means.lncq1996@gmail.com)

Help us out

(we have lots of volunteer opportunities)

To pitch in, contact Kathy Winter at  
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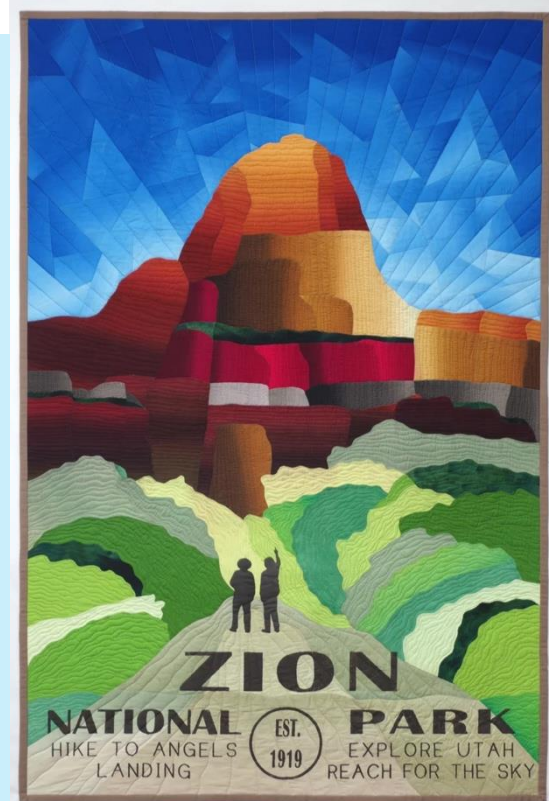
# August Meeting: VICKI CONLEY

**Program:** *Inspired by the Parks: Inspiration and Imagination to Quilts*

**When:** Monday, August 3, 2026, 1:30 pm

**Where:** Best Western Loveland

Vicki will share inspiring journeys through the national parks and how she combines photo inspiration and imagination to make graphic style art quilts. She will share stories and history about the parks as well as her creative techniques.



## Vicki Conley Two-Day Workshop

**When:** August 3, 8:30AM to 12:30PM &

August 4, 8AM-Noon and 1PM-5PM

**Where:** Best Western Loveland

**Fee:** \$120

You will construct Vicki's toadstool rock formation pattern and learn her turned-edge machine piecing and fussy piecing techniques. This is a method that can be used for bold landscapes or portraits.

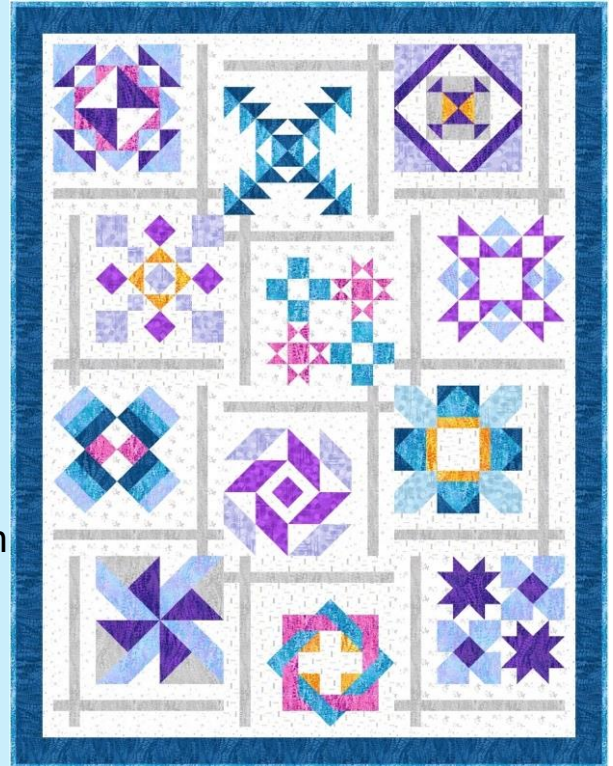
Vicki uses Floriani Stitch and Wash Fusible. This wonderful product is left in the final piece leaving it soft and stable – no tearing away.

Registration Open MAY 17, 2026

## 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 one through four 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.

# Community Service Roundup!

This month, donations have gone to Meals on Wheels, Loveland Women's Shelter, and CASA.



The community quilt donations had quite the parade at the last LNCQ day meeting. Thank you to the EQ8 small group for making an additional 7 quilts using homespun from our donation stash of fabric! As a reminder, the upcoming community sew day will be May 22, 10:30 at Quilter's Dream in Loveland. Come to sew on existing projects or start a new one! All are welcome! No Community Sew Day in June 2026.

For more information or questions, contact Betty Ann Eash at [community.service.lncq1996@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# Quilting Community News >>>

Let's keep up the great participation from LNCQ members in our County Fairs and bring home the ribbons!



## Larimer County Fair July 31 to August 4, 2026

### July 22 deadline to enter

Plan to enter one of your quilts in the Larimer County Fair. Registration is open and will close Wednesday, July 22nd.

For more information:

<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair-rodeo/open-class-exhibitions>



## Weld County Fair July 18 to 27, 2026

The Weld County Fair is also a great place to enter your quilts. Entry deadlines will be announced soon.

For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.weldcountyfair.com/About/General-Information>

# Quilting Community News >>>



Northern Colorado Shop Hop  
June 5 – 13, 2026  
All Shops will be open 9 AM – 6 PM  
(including Sunday)  
<https://www.nocoshoophop.com>

Grab your friends and plan your Road Trip. Enjoy Northern Colorado and our fantastic Quilt Shops.

## Call for Entries: Colorado Quilts Exhibit

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

<https://www.rmqm.org/call-for-entries.htm>

## Jukebox, Forever: A Celebration of Kelly Gallagher-Abbott



Artist's Reception:

Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Celebration of Life:

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Family and friends of Kelly Gallagher-Abbott are hosting a multi-day exhibition and celebration of her life and artistic legacy at the Center for Creativity in Fort Collins, June 24–28, 2026. The event includes a public gallery exhibition, an artist's reception with refreshments on June 26, and a memorial service on June 27. All events are open to the community.

Gallery Exhibition: (Open to All!)

Location: [The Center for Creativity](#) (C4C), 200 Matthews Street, Fort Collins, CO.

Dates: Wednesday, June 24 – Sunday, June 28, 2026

Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily