

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

April, 2024

Welcome Spring! I know that living on the Western Slope means there's always a chance of more winter weather for a few months, but this week has been so spring-like. I'm looking forward to the April meeting, since we get to wear purple and show items for babies and children.

Keep making those log cabins and Wild & Goosey blocks. It will be so exciting to assemble the tops later this year, made by a group of talented women. And as if you have nothing else to work on, try making some items for the Boutique: bowl cozies, seatbelt covers, wall hangings, Christmas ornaments, placemats, mug rugs, pin cushions, rope bowls, stuffed animals, aprons, pouches and purses, tortilla warmers, tissue holders, pot holders, trivets, little rugs, the list goes on and on! If you're on Pinterest, this board, created by a friend of mine, has many great ideas: https://www.pinterest.com/jessrabbit56/boutique-ideas/?invite_code=60ce223963ae486585d3a7097c8695c6&sender=75224393684353690

Kim Lindel would like me to mention that she'd love donations for the Boutique to be given to her by June 1. That way she's not trying to do the pricing at the last minute. It can get a bit hectic.

As I announced at the March meeting, we'll be spending a little time (I promise! A **little** time) on fundraising. Amy Krenzel has stepped up and volunteered to help on the fundraising committee. She needs some others to join her. We'll be brainstorming ideas as to what we could do to raise funds for our guild, since we're spending more money than we're taking in as dues. No decisions will be made that day, and all ideas are welcome. We'll provide post-it notes for those of you who are a little shy.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity and your talent. See you soon!

Cyndi

Mark Your Calendar!



Apr. 25 - Friendship Quilters Guild Meeting - Montrose County Events Center - 9:00 a.m. Social Hour, 9:30 a.m. Meeting. **Color and Theme:** Lavender and Babies

Apr 17 - Handwork Small Group - Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. In April meet at Mary Ross's house.

May 2 - Friendship Quilters Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. U.S. Bank Building.

May 15 - Handwork Small Group - 9:30 a.m. Penny Peterson's house.

May 23rd. - Friendship Quilters Guild Meeting - Montrose County Events Center - 9:00 a.m. Social Hour, 9:30 a.m.

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Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado

Guild Meeting March 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Cyndi Holman at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees: 53 members and 4 guests signed in.

Minutes of February 2024 meeting – approved without discussion

Treasurer's Report – Susan Werner presented the income and expenses along with the total remaining in the account. She also shared there was an audit of the books and they passed. To avoid scammers, the amounts are not included in the report. Please direct any questions to Susan.

General Announcements

1. Sherilyn Cook, from San Juan Quilters Guild invited Featherweight quilters to come to the “Featherweight Club”. The meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:00-2:30. The group:
 - a. Teaches about maintenance of the machines
 - b. The use of accessories
 - c. Sewing personal projects
 - d. Shares information to buy and sell Featherweight sewing machines
2. Fundraising plans and ideas:
 - a. Raffle baskets
 - b. Sell items from the free table
 - c. Let's do some brainstorming at the April meeting.
3. Committees:
 - a. Hospitality needs savory snacks for April. See Cathy Romaniello
 - b. Library:
 - i. March – Dr. Suess quilt by Patty Heath
 - ii. April – quilt by Sue Sharman
 - c. Spring Retreat: April 18-20 has 2 openings available. The committee will send an email to all paid attendees with information about the site and supply list.
 - d. Scholarship: no applicants, to date
 - e. Program: Jean Hatfield and Elizabeth Binder
 - i. Please see the extended information in the newsletter for what's coming up.
 - ii. There is a poster at each meeting showing what is coming up in the next three months.
 - iii. Last day for Barn Quilt sign-up is March 28.
 - iv. Enjoy looking at the beautiful, creative and useful bowls made last month in the class lead by Carolyn Ray.
4. Montrose Fair: There will be a ribbon for the Commissioners Choice
5. Black Canyon Quilt Show:
 - a. Committee and guilds are showing less enthusiasm. They are behind on sign-ups volunteering to organize and oversee the show.
 - b. A Black Canyon Quilt Show Survey was distributed to all present at the March meeting. There was a “check box” describing multiple show activities. Each person was asked to check the boxes that represent what they look forward to at the show

- a. and what they might be willing to volunteer to do. The surveys were collected and will be analyzed by Sue Palmer and the current BCQS committee.
 - i. An issue the committee is having relates to the program teacher. Few teachers want to travel a long distance; need lodging; plane fare; shipping costs for teaching tools, etc.
 - ii. Concern whether quilters will sign up for classes if the costs are raised.
 - iii. There is a new area at the Pavilion for teachers and students to set up.
2. Program Demos:
 - a. Wild and Goosey paper piecing – presenter Cyndi Holman
 - b. Using Crayons with quilting – presenter Lynn Geis
 - c. Wonky Circles – presenter Ami Krenzel
3. **April meeting:**
 - a. **Wear Lavender or Purple and bring a project for babies (examples: baby blankets, bibs, baby animals on fabric, etc.)** Collect and submit your tickets
 - b. The meeting will include a discussion about long arm quilting, presented by three talented and artistic long arm quilters.
 - c. Celebration of the Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado's 31st birthday, with a delicious Sue Sharman cake!

Remember next meeting is Thursday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. for socializing; meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Next Board meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2:00 p.m., at US Bank building

GMS:Cyndi
4/1/2024



Black Canyon Quilt Show News

Entry Forms and the General Rules for quilt show entries can now be found on the website <https://blackcanyonquiltshow.com/> Look for the forms in the Documents section under the BCQS Show tab. Early entry submissions, well before the June 1st deadline, are greatly appreciated.

Quilt Show Challenge

Southwest Fiesta is the theme for this year's Quilt Show Challenge. The theme leaves much room for personal interpretation. Challenge quilts can have a perimeter of no more than 120" and must be totally made by the entrant. For the challenge category there is a limit of one entry per person.

Help the Boutique Committee

Pricing of items is a challenging job! The committee wants to be fair to both the maker and the purchaser. The Boutique is **not** a "yard sale." You know the cost of materials that have gone into your donated projects. Please help by suggesting some kind of value for items you donate. Early donations are greatly appreciated.

This year Boutique proceeds will again be going to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit that builds and provides beds to children in the community who have none.

Tips and Tricks

In keeping with April's theme of **babies**, I've included several links to videos for some cute baby projects. Just click on the link to watch the video.

[How to Make a Keepsake Baby Quilt](#)

[Make a Baby Quilt from Baby Clothes](#)

[Many Baby Animal Quilt Patterns.](#)

Notes from the Program Committee

FQWC Programs: “More in ‘24”

Learn More 🌀 *Create More* 🌀 *Share More* 🌀 *Make More* 🌀 *Try More* 🌀 *Dream More*

It has been delightful to see so many quilters participating in our monthly “themes”, wearing the color of the month and sharing your enthusiasm for the Art of Quilting! Remember to pick up your doorprize participation tickets and drop them into the jar on the front table!

Here are plans for the next couple of months to help you strategize and organize your quilting projects:

April 25: OH Baby! Baby! Baby! So many baby-themes and baby-items to choose from: Blankets, bibs, booties, diaper bags, or baby animal prints, baby toy prints..... you get the idea! The Color of the Month is Lavender or Purple. Our program is sure to be a VERY informative presentation about the do’s and don’ts related to preparing your quilt to be quilted by a long arm professional. This is a **don’t miss** program if you have ever, or ever hope to engage a long-armed to finish your quilt.

....and...there will be CAKE! Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado celebrates 31 years as a Guild this month. Happy Birthday FQWC!

May 23: By the Merry Month of May, there should be lots of FLOWERS to enjoy – especially at our May 23 meeting as Flowers/Florals are the focus for projects this month. Wear your favorite BLUE outfit for another doorprize participation ticket in May!

The program spotlight in May will focus on an historic quilting technique called *English Paper Piecing*. This technique is centuries old and most typically involves hexagon shapes carefully sewn together to create intricate patterns. We’ll have a live demonstration by one (or maybe more!) of our resident experts and you will have a chance to try this technique yourself! Bring a needle, thread and a little scissor/snip and we’ll get started on our very own “hexi” keepsake. In keeping with the “antique” idea, we would like you to bring any “old”, “antique” or “vintage” quilts you may have. We’ll have a special show-and-share to honor those time-worn beauties!

June 27: Sunny YELLOW is our Color of the Month and Bubbles, Circles, Yo-Yo’s is our project Theme. Practice your “bubble” free-motion quilting skills, finish up your “Wonky Circles” project from Ami’s March class or bring something you’ve made with Yo-Yo’s! This is sure to be a fun meeting! Our program presenter will be Caroline Ellerman, a “snow-bird” Guild member who resides in Arizona during the cold season. She’ll be back to give us her insight into The World of Quilt Judging Today as she is currently in training to be a Certified Quilt Judge. Caroline’s extensive travels have expanded her knowledge about quilting techniques used across the globe.

Keep those Log Cabins coming!

The Log Cabin blocks hit a slow-down in March with just 15 blocks turned in. Our count is now at 73. Keep them coming! They’re easy and fast and you can use up some of those ever-present SCRAPs! These blocks should start with a 2 ½” RED center and be sewn with a definite light side, and a definite dark side of random width strips. They should be trimmed to 8 ½” before you turn them in.

Wild and Goosey Update

Following Cyndi Holman’s March demonstration on creating the adorable Wild and Goosey paper pieced blocks, we should have a FLOCK of these Geese arriving in our collection box in April! These little gems are perfect for really tiny scraps - you know you have them! Remember to trim the blocks and—please: tear off the paper before you drop them into the bin.

Announcements

Delectable Mountain Table Runner Guild Fundraiser Class.

Bring your lunch and join us after the May Friendship Quilters Guild meeting for a fun fundraising class. Ami Krenzel will teach you how to make a simple Delectable Mountains block into a fun table runner or small wall quilt. These would make great ,quick gifts. You will need a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies as well as 12 precut fabric squares. A complete supply list will be available at the April meeting. Cost \$10.00 as part of our fundraising plan.

Scholarship - Look for details of the scholarship recipient at the April Board Meeting.

Thank you to our three demo presenters at the March Guild meeting, Cyndi Holman, Lynn Geis, and Ami Krenzel ! They gave us some great techniques to try and/or use in our projects.

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I am reaching out to find someone that might be willing to put some twin size quilt tops together for a sibling set. I have 3 that need to be done. They are not complicated. One quilt has been started but the woman who was going to piece it together had a family emergency. I don't have the pattern. It's a brick and block pattern. It appears quite simple. I do know how to quilt but I am so busy and was hoping to find some help. I expect to reimburse them for their time. I am wondering if anyone in your guild might be interested. Each quilt top is about 70x90. Thanks for reading. Hope to hear from you soon.

If you can help, please contact:

Dr. Lindsay R. Greenfield, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, IBCLC

Cell: 210-551-9401

E-mail: burninglark@gmail.com

Spring Retreat - Reminder - April 18th-20th. at the Ouray County Event Center in Ridgway. All slots are filled. Looking forward to a great time.

Barn Quilt Making Class, Friday, April 25 or Saturday, April 27. Ouray County Fairgrounds Event Center, Ridgway. 27 patterns, participant chooses colors. Deposits due no later than March 27. See Jean Hatfield for details.

Did you know there is a Featherweight Club that meets from 12:00 - 2:30 on the 1st Wednesday of each month? Contact Sherilyn Cook for more information.

To those of you with April birthdays, may your day be special.



Michelle Clubb, Patricia Heath, Penny Jansen, Judith Kennedy, Cathy Romaniello, Debi Saliman, Sue Sharman, Gail Sosa

Guild Jobs

April 2023

Front Desk: Jan Edwards, Doris Chamberlain

Snacks: Jan Edwards, Gail Purnell, Denise Betts, Penny Peterson

Set Up:

Clean Up:

Quilt Holders: Debi Saliman

Quilt Events ... Get Out and About



April 11, 2024 Ricky Tims Concert 7:00 pm, Grand Junction High School, 1400 N. 5th St. GJ. Sponsored by Sunset Slope Quilters. "Ricky Tims is a seasoned pianist performing original music and original arrangements. He's also a master, comedic storyteller and inspiring motivational speaker. Good for all ages!

April 12 - 13, 2024 Mesa to Monuments Quilt Show featuring artist Ricky Tims. Sponsored by Sunset Slope Quilters, Grand Junction Convention Center, GJ, CO

May 30 - Jun 1 Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals - Douglas County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 500 Fairgrounds Rd., Castle Rock, CO

May 31 - Jun 1 Every Quilt is a Memory Show - Presented by Mountain Top Quilt Guild. Findlay Toyota Center, 3201 Main St. Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

July 12 - July 14 Black Canyon Quilt Show - 2024 - Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Montrose, CO.

For an extensive list of quilt shows around the country, click on the link to the website [Rona the Ribbiter](#) .

Sunshine

Sending sunshine to Margaret Noah who is recovering from a stroke and Millie Buss for health concerns.

Community Quilts

Hope West

Ami Krenzel pieced and quilted this quilt called Elyse's Garden.



Library

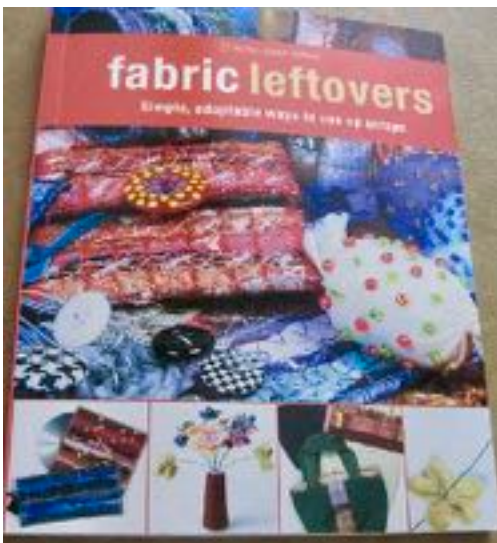
Sue Sharman's quilt was inspired by a search for family roots. It was pieced by Sue and quilted by Glenda Davis.



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What's in the Friendship Library?



Fabric Leftovers: simple, adaptable ways to use up scraps by D'Arcy-Jean Milne is a fun book which unites quick quilting and crafting projects, leaving lots of room for personal creativity. Tips for storage and processing of scraps are offered. The author encourages the construction of larger pieces of fabric with embellishments for use in items such as journal covers, wallets, bags of all sorts and photo frames. One can also learn to make ruched flowers, button flowers, tassels, decorative cording, fabric bowls, hair scrunchies and assorted beads. Several actual patterns are provided, along with dimensions and instructions for other projects. —Karla Gilbert



Caring Quilts News

	March 2024	2023 Totals	Preferred Size/ Info.
Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:	12*	149	
<u>San Juan Cancer Center</u>		4	Twin and Lap
<u>Dolphin House</u>		48 + 38 toys	Twin
<u>Hope West</u>			Patriotic Only
<u>Life Choices</u>		12	Baby Quilts
<u>Community Options</u>			Bright colored Lap size
<u>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</u>	1	11	47" x 83" (provides a 4" drop on all sides for a 39x75x6" mattress—no more than an 8" drop on all sides is requested.), twin mattress pads, sheet sets, pillows, fleece blankets.
<u>Haven House</u>			Twin, lap, baby
<u>I80 Ministries (House of Promise)</u>			
<u>Casa</u>	4		Full Size bed and throws
<u>Crisis Mental Health Center</u>	1	14	Twin and Lap to be used in 18 bed facility and common area; occasional gift to someone in need.
<u>Hilltop</u>		12	
<u>Montrose Memorial Hospital</u>		10	Baby blankets
<u>Boutique</u>	many misc. items	27	Proceeds will be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace
<u>Chinle</u>		11	
<u>Nurse Family Partnership Program *</u>			36" x 36" quilts for toddlers and babies to lay on at meetings
<u>ALS Foundation</u>	6		One time donation by Verna Mullet March 2024

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