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President's Article November 2024

Greetings from my favorite place – my sewing room. It's my happy place.

It's my escape place. It's my work place. I'm so grateful to have a room in my home that's just for me. It's a mess, but creativity is messy.

What's your sewing space like? When I first started quilting, I had only my Featherweight sitting on a roll-top desk, with my meager sewing supplies in some of the desk's cubbies, and a small box of fat quarters I'd started out with. I knew of quilters who had only the dining room table – and had to put things away every night. Whatever your space is, I hope it brings you happiness. I hope it brings you peace.

While I'm thinking of being grateful, I'd like to thank some of you for all the time and work you've put into Friendship. I'm grateful to have a board of women whom I truly like and appreciate. I look forward to board meetings. Who else can say that? I'm grateful for the volunteers who sit at the front table; who bring snacks to the meetings; who run the committees that are vital to the success of our guild. I'm grateful for the members who keep making art – who keep making beauty. The talent in this guild is amazing. I hope your Thanksgiving is full of food, family, and for some of us, football. I hope you remember to reflect on what you're grateful for. I'm grateful for you all.

Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 21 - Friendship Quilters Guild Meeting - Montrose County Events Center - 9:00 a.m. Social Hour, 9:30 a.m. Meeting. Quilt and Toy Parade for Dolphin House **Color and Theme:** Turquoise and Native American Heritage

Dec. 5 - Friendship Quilters Board Meeting - 2:00 pm U.S. Bank Building

Dec. 19 - Friendship Quilters Guild Meeting - Montrose County Events Center - 9:00 a.m. Social Hour, 9:30 a.m. Guild Cookie Exchange. Details later in this newsletter **Color and Theme:** Red/White and candy canes.



Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado Montrose County Event Center – October 24, 20204

The meeting was called to order by Cyndi Holman. There were forty-five members present, including one new member.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Susan Werner gave the treasurer's report which included income, expenses, and total account balance.

Questions about the treasurer's report should be directed to Susan.

President's Remarks

Cyndi reminded the guild that she will not be acting as the County Fair Coordinator for the 2025 year and therefore, we need to have a volunteer to take her place.

Cyndi also reminded members of all the information that we receive and use from our guild newsletter. Penny Jansen is stepping down from the newsletter and we desperately need someone to take her place. Penny will provide training, if needed.

Committee Reports

Give it a Try – The Give it a Try class for October was Paper Pieced Christmas Ornaments with Jean Hatfield Kim Lindel has volunteered to be the Give It a Try coordinator.

If you are interested in being a presenter please contact her.

Budget and Audit Committee – Verna Mullet and Cathy Romaniello (and possibly Elizabeth Binder if needed). The budget and audit committee will be meeting soon to have the budget ready to present for approval at the December meeting. The audit committee will meet in January to make sure the books are in order.

Nominating Committee – Mary Ross

Mary reported that all the positions have been filled except for the Newsletter.

The slate of officers reads as follows:

President – Cyndi Holman

Vice President – Bonnie Bucknam

Secretary – Gail Sosa

Programs – Jean Hatfield

Hospitality – Cathy Romaniello

Caring Quilts – Kim Bolling has been filling in for Debbie Saliman, however Kim is ready to step down and Debbie is no longer able to serve. New volunteers are needed for this position.

Library Quilt – Gail Fox reported that the quilt at the library is by Gail Purnell and she will replace it with one by Jan Williams in the next week or so.

Sunshine – no report, however it was brought up at the meeting that Pat Huff is having brain surgery soon and needs remembering.

Black Canyon Quilt Show – Carolyn Ray

The theme for the 2025 Challenge quilt is Starstruck. The quilts must be completely made by the person who enters the quilt. Each quilt must have three different stars in three different sizes and a perimeter that does not exceed 120 inches.

The 2025 Teacher for the show will be Jean Impey. Information about the teacher, classes and other events can be found on the Black Canyon Quilt Show website.

The Black Canyon Board is still looking to find a recipient for the Boutique donations.

Programs – Jean Hatfield

Jean talked a little bit about what is coming in programs for the 2025 year. One change will be in the scheduling of the yearly challenge quilt. The challenge will be introduced in Spring so as not to fall back to back with the quilts for Dolphin House.

November – Color to wear is Turquoise.

Bring quilts with a Native American or southwestern theme.

Election of Board members

December – Colors are Red and White. Project theme is Candy Canes.

We will have a cookie exchange – more details at the November meeting.

Socks will be collected for Sharing Ministries

Prize drawing from all those tickets you have been earning.

Installation of Officers

Challenge Quilts

When the business meeting was over, the Churn Dash challenge quilts were introduced. Each quilter gave a brief talk about her process and the ideas that led to her quilt. The quilts were varied and listening to the quilters describe their process was interesting and informative. Several members remarked afterwards that they appreciated having taken the time for each quilter to talk about their quilt.

Overall, it was a (churn) dashing success 😊

After the Challenge quilts were shared, a rousing game of Quilter's Strip Poker was enjoyed by about half the members. The strips they won are likely to show up in future projects.

Show and Share

Show and Share brought a plethora of pumpkin quilts.

As the meeting was about to close, Cyndi announced that our newest member Catherine Johnson has volunteered to do the newsletter. The meeting was adjourned with a sigh of relief and a huge thank you to Catherine.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Binder



Black Canyon Quilt Show News

- Following a 1-year hiatus, we will have appraisals again. The plan is to offer them in alternating years. Cindy Brick, who has done them before, will be our appraiser. The cost will be \$65 for a written appraisal, and \$35 for a verbal appraisal.
- The 2025 raffle quilt has been quilted and is in the process of being bound. The 2026 raffle quilt pattern has been selected, fabric has been purchased, and a schedule is being drafted for the piecing and appliqué.
- Signups are underway for the classes and lecture offered by Jean Impey for the 2025 show. You can sign up on the BCQS website.
- Charisma Horton was selected to be the teacher for the 2026 show. Negotiations will commence on travel and related expenses as well as the topics for the classes. You are encouraged to check out her Instagram account so you can see the types of work she does.
- Modern and Group have been added to the categories for the 2025 show. Rules will be available on the General Rules page once it is finalized. It will be posted on the BCQS website.
- BCQS now has 168 followers on Instagram. Our outreach beyond Montrose continues to grow. If you have a quilt, ribbon winner or not, from any previous show that you would like to share, send a photo to Deanna Chronister.
- The Board selected Art-Partners to be the recipient of the 2025 Boutique proceeds. It's a mentoring program in Montrose, Delta, and Ouray Counties for teenagers who have expressed an interest in furthering their abilities in the visual, performing, and/or literary arts. More information may be found at www.partners-west.org.
- After selling out of the 1500 raffle tickets before the 2024 show, it was agreed to print and sell 1700. The price will still be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

FQWC Programs: “More in ‘24”

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

November 21: With November being Native American Heritage Month, wearing TURQUOISE (clothing and/or jewelry!) to the guild meeting earns you a Prize Drawing ticket! Also, we’d love to see your Native American Theme projects during the “regular” Show-and-Share time. The highlight of the day will once again feature a “Quilt and Toy” Parade. Pair your quilt (any size) with a coordinating toy or book to be donated to children (any age) of families served by Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center. This has become a favorite Guild tradition that supports this important Community Resource. Be sure to stay for the Parade – it is ALWAYS amazing!! *Please bring a bag or a tie/ribbon of some sort to hold your toy and quilt together for transport to Dolphin House.*

As announced at the October meeting, we’re adjusting the timeline for the annual Guild Challenge project so it doesn’t end and reveal in October – just a month before the popular Quilt-N-Toy project. So, be ready for the announcement of our 2025 Guild Challenge on Nov. 21, 2024 – to end/reveal in March, 2025. It is sure to be a fun and creative challenge for all.

December 19: Our project theme this month is “Candy Canes” and the color(s) to wear are obviously RED and WHITE. What a festive group we’ll be for our Guild Cookie Exchange! Find the details on that elsewhere in the newsletter and start searching for that “perfect” cookie recipe now! We’ll be collecting socks for Sharing Ministries to distribute to those in need in our community. All sizes and styles of socks are welcome. We will also draw the winning tickets from all those Prize Tickets you’ve submitted all year long! Woo Hooo!! (Need not be present to win)

Happy New Year! Quilting is Alive in '25!!

We’ve decided to continue designating a Color of the Month to give everyone an easy chance each month to earn tickets for the year-end prize drawings. We will also have a Theme or project focus each month to earn tickets and give focus to your creative urges, in case you might need that!

January 23, 2025: Dress in your favorite PLAID outfit to get a prize ticket! Any color – just wear something plaid. Our project Theme of the month is SNOWMEN. Bring your cute snowmen projects for Show-and-Share to cheer us up in cold old January.

We will be highlighting all the new members who have joined FQWC in 2024 at our New Member Tea to learn a bit about their quilting journey to date. To reciprocate and help the newbies get to know the rest of the amazing talented FQWC members, we’re going to launch a Member to Member Resource Library. Be thinking of at least a few skills or techniques that you feel you could help another quilter learn. Not necessarily teach a class, (but that’s an option too!) but more of a one-to-one resource for those “I need a little in-person help” things. We’re all accomplished quilters in our own way and sharing our talents and our passion with others keeps Quilting Alive!

The Guild’s “Years-a-Member” badges will be available to pick up at the January Guild Meeting. We have printed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 year badges you can proudly wear on your name tag! This will be self-chosen so check your records/memory to see you long YOU have been a member and pick up your badge to wear proudly on your nametag!

Give it a Try - Nov. 21

Fabric Postcards/Coasters

Description for November Workshop

Come learn the techniques to make fabric postcards that you can actually mail! You can also design your cards to be used as coasters – so they would make wonderful gifts. You'll learn about simple fussy-cut fabric cards, raw-edge appliqué pictures, and adding embellishments like leaves, flowers, brads, buttons, lace, and ribbons. You'll learn how to look at fabric in your quilt shop with a different eye – looking for designs and backgrounds for great cards and coasters. I will provide everything you'll need to make several cards during class, though you are welcome to bring your own materials as well. I'll also provide the postal regulations for mailing your cards as well as the resource(s) for plastic envelopes if you decide to use them.

~Cyndi Holman

Note: If you're interested in learning how to do the cording around the cards, bring a sewing machine with a zig zag. Otherwise, I'm sure you can get some cards completed without a machine. Go through your fabric and look for some prints you can fussy cut. I'll have some fabric available, but you might have some great stuff in your stash.

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who attended our

October Meeting. The strip poker was a fun activity and those who brought strips enjoyed 3 rounds. Peggy King went home with the most strips. It will be fun to see what she makes.

The Challenge Quilts were varied and beautiful. Hearing each quilter talk about their process was enjoyable and interesting. 13 quilters participated in the challenge.

Rules for Christmas Cookie Exchange at the December Guild Meeting

1. All cookies must be homemade.
2. Bring 2 dozen arranged on a tray or platter.
3. Take home 2 dozen of your choice.
4. We'll provide the box for take-home cookies.
5. Bring a few extra cookies to share as part of the "snack table" (if you have them).
6. Have fun and enjoy delicious Christmas cookies with your friends!

Quilts and Toys for Dolphin house show-n-tell is at the November Guild Meeting. Please see the programs page for information detailed information about bringing your quilt and toy and the toy parade.

Reminder Continue to bring your "Wild and Goosey" and "Red centered Log Cabin" quilt squares to each guild meeting. Together we can make amazing group quilts!

Hope West Quilt Coordinator needed! A

volunteer needed to collect the quilt for display each month, hang it at Hope West, and return the previous month's quilt to its owner. Cindy Tafoya will have a signup list at the November Guild Meeting and can explain the position further.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Cyndi Holman.

Look for the 2025 Guild Challenge to be revealed at the Nov. 21st Guild Meeting.

Do you still have your Churn Dash from the 2024 Guild Challenge? Please hang on to it for a special display in 2025. More details to follow...

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Friendship Quilters October Challenge October 24, 2024

The challenge was to create a quilt using at least 4 Churn Dash blocks using a red and a neutral. Pieces had to be finished and totally made by the exhibitor.



Patty Heath



Debbie Watkins



Ami Krenzel



Bonnie Bucknam



Verna Mullet



Jean Hatfield



Jan Williams



Carolyn Ray



Cyndi Holman



Robyn Starnes



Bonnie Eggan



Jane Savaria



Karla Gilbert

Guild Jobs

November 2024

Front Desk: Kathy Barminsky

Snacks: Carolyn Ray, Verna Mullet, Judy Kennedy, Betty Omvig

Quilt Holders:

Please sign up for jobs at the front table!!!!

Remember to bring your own drink.

Quilt Events (and more)... Get Out



Jan 10-11, 2025 Desert Lily Quilt Show, - Yuma, AZ.

Jan 10-12, 2025 Quilt Fiesta - Tucson, AZ.

Jan 22-25 Road to California - Ontario, CA.

For an extensive list of quilt shows around the country, click on the link to the website .

<https://ronatheribbiter.com/>

Did you know that by clicking <https://www.quiltinghub.com/Maps> you can plan a trip with a list of quilt shops to visit along the way?

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

**Kim Bolling, Carol Peterson, Gail Purnell, Susan Werner, Janice Williams,
Nancy Williams**



Sunshine

“Thinking of You” cards have been sent to Gail Sosa, Debi Saliman and Pat Huff.

Patt Huff passed away the night of Nov. 10th.

Do you know anyone in need of a little “sunshine”? Please contact Susie Quesnel by clicking on this link to send her an email susieq57@ymail.com

Community Quilts

Hope West

Gail Purnell pieced and quilted Pumpkin Harvest.



Library

Jan Williams quilted and pieced Boho Heart.

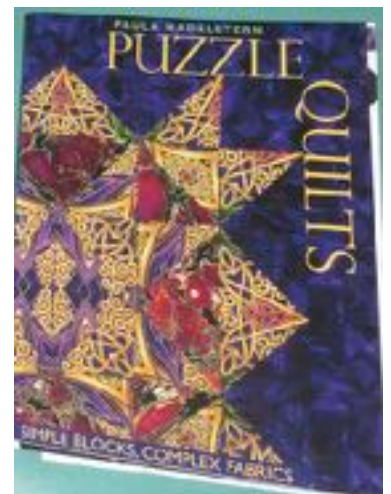


What's in the Friendship Library?

by Karla Gilbert

It's the way fabrics are used! Paula Nadelstern, in her book *Puzzle Quilts*, uses simple patterns to create optically challenging quilts. Her approach is to offer guidelines, not step by step instructions, though there are some "workbook" type exercises included. Paula indicates that quilters need to be familiar with basic elements and principles of design, particularly line, rhythm, symmetry and color. In traditional patchwork, the visual key to design is using contrasting colors at the seams—think Nine Patch. Her method camouflages seams by capitalizing on the color in a fabric's background.

Each of the four main design principles are briefly explored as the reader has the opportunity to study page after page of gorgeous color photos of fabrics and quilt blocks while learning about her techniques for creating something unusual. The book is filled with tips to help one become their own quilt designer. Basic templates are included in the back so one can experiment with some of Paula's techniques.





Caring Quilts News

	Oct. 2024	2023 Totals	Preferred Size/ Info.
Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:	1	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>		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>			Full Size bed and throws
<u>Crisis Mental Health Center</u>		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>	1	10	Baby blankets
<u>Boutique</u>		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

For Sale

For Sale - HQ SWEET 16

Barely used Handi-Quilter Sweet 16 and Handi-Quilter Bobbin Winder
Includes User Manuals, Getting Started Disk, and various tools
Also included are never used Echo Feet, a Glide Foot, and a Sure Foot
Extras include bobbins and various sized needles
Great machine and bobbin winder, but am retiring from quilting

Asking price for everything is \$2,200 or best offer.
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