

### **A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

President's Article December 2024

Once again, the generosity of you all just blows me away. At our November meeting, 40 of you showed off your quilts, toys, and books intended for the children served by Dolphin House. I was so proud of you, and so happy that Victim Services Coordinator Raymie Suppes was there to see them all and take them back to Dolphin House.

Did you get your paint chips from Mary for the newest challenge? What a great idea to change the timing of the challenge so we don't have two of them happening at the same time. I love the concept of using the paint chips, and the two I drew are indeed going to be a challenge. I've already seen a few of you have found some of your fabric. I need to go look for mine and get started!

I hope your holiday season is off to a good start. I have a list of things to do and make – including a few special requests from my daughter in California and the cookies for the cookie exchange at our December 19 meeting. Bars are okay, right? I found one I want to use and will enjoy making a double batch.

I hope your December days are merry and bright!

~Cyndi

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**Dec. 5 - Friendship Quilters Board Meeting** - 2:00 p.m. 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 on page 9. Bring Socks for Sharing Ministries. **Color and Theme:** Red/White and candy canes.

#### **No Handwork Group Meeting in December**

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

**Jan 16 - Handwork Group** 10-12:00 p.m. Ladybugz

**Jan 23 - Friendship Quilters Guild Meeting** - Montrose County Events Center - 9:00 a.m. Social Hour, 9:30 a.m. Meeting. **Color and Theme:** Plaid and Snowmen

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## Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado Montrose County Event Center – November 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Cyndi Holman, at 9:32 a.m.

Guests included:

Linda Sanders  
Paula Pierson  
Ramie Suppes  
Jenny Franklin  
Kristi Thaute  
Barb Walley – Cleaning out her sewing room – lots of fabric

### General Announcements –

1. Prior member, Pat Huff died. Her funeral is scheduled for December 5, 10:00, at All Saints Church
2. Approval of October minutes
3. Budget - Susan Werner was ill. The Treasurer's report was received for presentation at the meeting. Additional funds received:
  - a. Dues - \$35, plus \$10 for scholarship fund
  - b. Give it a Try - \$150
  - c. "Free" table donations - \$48
4. Friendship Quilters has 97 paid members! Know three quilter friends who would like to join? 100 is just around the corner!
5. Cyndi announced that Friendship Quilters is not taking the lead on the County Fair quilt display. Other guilds will be asked to cover.
6. Kim Lindel will be the new Give It a Try coordinator.
7. Welcome Committee is looking for more volunteers to engage guests and work at the Welcome table.
8. Cindy Tafoya has ensured that Hope West has a beautiful quilt hanging in the reception area. Cindy has requested a replacement. Jan Williams volunteered.
9. Friendship Board ballots were distributed to those at the November meeting. The ballots were completed, picked up and tallied. The vote was unanimous for each position. Congratulations to all!

### Dolphin House Holiday Gift Giving –

41 quilts with coordinating toy and/or book were shown to the Friendship group and Dolphin House representatives Raymie Suppes. The cuddly and fun gifts will be given to the children that receive support at Dolphin House and their siblings. This is a favorite sharing with each other of the year.

### Snack, Followed by Show and Share -

### Committees –

1. Caring Quilts will be led by Lorraine Desjardins. Kits will be renewed to make donation quilts.
2. Library – Karla Gilbert has requested the books to be filed back alphabetically.
3. 2025 Retreat dates are scheduled for:
  - a. April 17-19

- a. October 9-11
  - b. Be sure to sign-up and pay early, as the openings fill up fast
2. Scholarship has been led by Elizabeth Binder. She would like to step down as coordinator and a volunteer is needed. This is a once-a-year activity.
3. Welcome committee would like additional volunteers to support sign-ups, ticket distribution, and most importantly engage guests and offer to be their seat buddy. New volunteers are:
  - a. Ingrid Todd
  - b. Carolyn Ray
  - c. Sharon\_\_\_\_\_
4. Programs – Jean Hatfield
  - a. Churn Dash pictures in the Newsletter
  - b. NEW for 2025 Challenge quilt. The description of the Challenge quilt will be given NOVEMBER 2024 and due MARCH 2025. That gives participants lots of time to be creative and complete the project. Participants drew blindly two paint chip cards. These colors, plus possible one other color, are the basis of the quilted project, measuring a minimum of 120” in circumference. Prints and/or solids are permitted.
5. December is Red and White colors to wear to represent the candy cane.
  - a. Cookie Exchange
  - b. CEO CASA Carlton Mason sharing about The Village at San Juan
  - c. Donation of socks for community gift
  - d. Prize drawing. Be sure to put your tickets in the jar!
  - e. Quilting is Alive in 2025
  - f. Monthly theme colors to wear will continue in 2025
  - g. Each month will have a project theme
6. Black Canyon Quilt Show – STARS OVER THE CANYON - 2025
  - a. Time to sign-up for classes. The class is for 20 participants (7 have signed-up already). Jean Impry will share Fabulous Faces. Her website is SewJean.com
  - b. The quilt shows Challenge Quilt, “Star Struck” includes:
    - i. 3+ different size STARS
    - ii. The stars represent the three quilt guilds in Montrose
    - iii. Not to exceed 120” circumference
    - iv. All work on the quilt must be completed by the member.
  - c. Quilting expert will appraise quilts for \$65 each. \$5 goes to BCQS
7. Handwork group led by Kim Lindel will be on hiatus until January 2025
8. Patty Heath and Bonnie Bucknam are working with the Improv group. Please email them, if you would like to participate.
9. Give It a Try classes meet after guild meeting. Currently, there is a conflict for those that also participate in the Improv class. We need to work this out, as lots of us want to participate in both.
10. Beth Ann Nemesh, White Arbor Quilting; feather class; development in progress

**Adjourned**

Time: About 11:30am

Please take a look at the proposed 2025 Budget. It will be voted on at the December Guild Meeting.

**2025 proposed budget for Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado**

Category	2024 Budget	2024 Year To Date Totals	2025 proposed budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Advertising	\$450.00	\$315.00	\$225.00
Fund Raiser	\$500.00	\$802.35	\$800.00
Membership Dues	\$2,100.00	\$2,649.50	\$2,550.00
Myrtle Hogue Scholarship	\$500.00	\$705.00	\$500.00
Programs/Education	\$500.00	\$33.69	\$750.00
Retreat	\$0.00	\$1,405.00	\$1,750.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>	<b>\$5,910.54</b>	<b>\$6,575.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Caring Quilts	\$250.00	\$69.58	\$250.00
Hospitality	\$300.00	\$88.86	\$150.00
Liability Insurance	\$578.00	\$578.00	\$578.00
Meeting space rental	\$1,000.00	\$475.00	\$1,000.00
Contribution to BCQS	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Montrose County Fair	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Myrtle Hogue Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
PO Box Rental	\$200.00	\$182.00	\$200.00
Programs and Education	\$2,300.00	\$627.14	\$2,000.00
Retreat Expenses		\$1,532.49	\$1,750.00
Sunshine Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Trademark Registration	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Welcome Committee	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,258.00</b>	<b>\$4,808.07</b>	<b>\$7,383.00</b>



## Black Canyon 2025 Quilt Show News

December 2024

- The 2025 raffle quilt has been quilted. It's a stunner! A photograph of the quilt will soon be on the BCQS website. [www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com)
- 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.
- A tentative contract with Charisma Horton for the 2026 show has been signed pending confirmation of the show dates.
- BCQS now has 211 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.
- Following numerous discussions, the Board has decided that the Boutique proceeds will be divided between BCQS and the chosen charity. The current distribution will be 40% of sales to BCQS and the remainder to the charity. This amount can be revisited in subsequent years. The show is a tremendous effort, created by and set up entirely by volunteers. There are numerous areas that require financial support beyond the income derived from entry fees. Keeping a portion of the proceeds will enable the show to pay its bills and continue presenting the excellent show BCQS has been through the years.
- A By-Laws review committee has been formed and will begin meeting in January. If you have suggestions for changes to the BCQS by-laws, please communicate those to Ami Krenzel, Carolyn Ray, Pam Grow, or Cyndi Holman.

## FQWC Programs: “More in ‘24”

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

**Guild Challenge has launched!** The annual Guild Challenge project was launched in November but if you missed that meeting, you can still join the fun. Look for Mary Terpstra and the orange Home Depot bucket to pick your colors and get the scoop on Challenge Guidelines. Projects reveal at the March 27, 2025 guild meeting. It is sure to be a fun and creative challenge for all.

**December 19:** Dress in RED and WHITE this month and bring your Candy Cane themed project for one more ticket for the prize drawing to be held at this Guild Meeting! OOOOH the excitement!!



We'll enjoy lots of tasty treats at the Guild Cookie Exchange-find details elsewhere in the newsletter. Don't forget to bring some socks for Sharing Ministries to distribute to those in need in our community. All sizes and styles of NEW socks are welcome.

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

We will continue the Color of the Month activity 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 and your fabric buying escapades.

**January 23, 2025:** Dress in your favorite PLAID outfit to get a prize ticket! The Project Theme of the month is SNOWMEN. That should cheer us up in cold, dreary January, right?

At our traditional New Member Tea we will highlight all the new members who have joined FQWC in 2024 to learn a bit about their quilting journey to date. Newbies: be prepared to share 1 quilting skill/technique you hope to improve on this year. To reciprocate and help the newbies get to know the rest of the amazing talented FQWC members, we'll 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 “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 at the January meeting!

**February 27, 2025:** Come dressed up pretty in PINK or RED (the obvious choice, right?) for a Prize Ticket this month. Our Project Theme is MUG RUGS —any pattern, any color. If you wish to do so, we will donate those to residents at area Care Facilities as a little “Thinking of You” gift during the Valentine season. Deanna Chronister will give us the rundown on how to utilize Social Media/Instagram to enhance and grow our quilting world. She'll teach us how to (safely) tap into the limitless creativity of quilters around the globe and ignite our own passion for even greater creative quilting endeavors. Prepare for Take-Off to Cyberspace!! Bring your smart phone or tablet and an open mind.



**Don't forget to bring SOCKS  
for Sharing Ministries to  
December Meeting!**



## Paint Chip Challenge

- 1) Choose 2 paint chips
- 2) Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> color if you find it necessary
- 3) Try hard to limit your palette to ONLY these colors
- 4) Create a completed quilted project with a 120 inch MINIMUM perimeter
- 5) If making placemats, make a set of 4
- 6) Reveal will be March 27, 2025 Guild Meeting
- 7) Pin your paint chips to your project for the reveal



## January- Give it a Try

The January Give it a Try is Valentine Gnomes. (See Photos Below)

Supplies:

I will supply red and gray felt

Wire

Fur for beard

Rice

Need to bring:

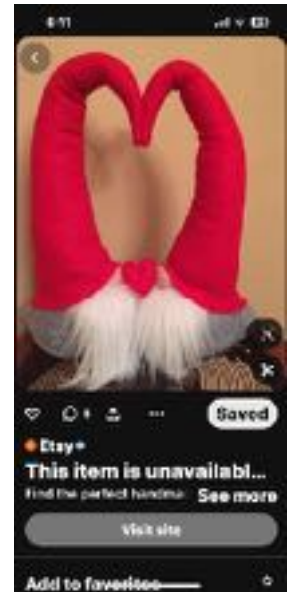
Sewing machine or glue gun/ glue sticks

Scissors

Stuffing for gnome, ( 2 or 3 could share a bag)

Valentine sock

Valentine decorations- if making sock gnomes



## Charity Quilt Sew-In

We are planning a sew-in for charity quilts after the March 2025 meeting. We would like anyone who would like to donate fabric for the sew-in, to bring it to the Dec, Jan or Feb meeting. We will have a bin available to collect it. I plan on having some easy sew charity quilt kits available at the sew in. You are welcome to bring your own fabric and work on your own charity quilt.

Lorraine Desjardins



# Announcements

**Thank you to everyone who attended our November Meeting.** Quilters presented 41 quilts and toys for Dolphin House! The meeting was described as “sweet” and “awesome”. People really “loved hearing quilters talking about their quilts.” The generosity of FQWC is truly a gift.



## 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!

## Drawing at the December Guild Meeting -

Remember all of those tickets you've earned throughout the year from making quilts, dressing in the color of the month, and participating in additional quilt challenges? The drawing will be at the December Guild Meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

We hope YOU are the lucky winner!

**2025 Guild Challenge** was revealed at the November Guild meeting. Feedback from the paint swatch challenge ranged from “clever” and “makes the challenge more interesting” to “Oh boy, what am I going to do with these colors?!” Most people appreciate the idea of moving the challenge to March so it doesn't compete with the Quilt/Toy Challenge. Check out the directions for the challenge on page 7. *You can still pick up paint swatches at the December 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...

**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!

**Do You Have a Basic Sewing Machine to Sell?** Mary Mebane is looking to buy one. Her number is 970-646-3015.

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## Guild Jobs

### December 2024

**Front Desk:** Nancy Williams and Sharon Yannaconne

**Snacks:** Denise Betts, Penny Peterson, Mary Beth Clayton, Gail Purnell

**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 December birthdays, may your day be special.**

**Elizabeth Binder, Millie Buss, Carol Daigle, Austin Ray**



## Sunshine

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](mailto:susieq57@ymail.com)

## Community Quilts

### Hope West

“Christmas Wreath” was pieced and quilted by Verna Mullet.



### Library

Marilyn Mudge pieced and quilted “Undercover Mission”, a mystery quilt.



## What's in the Friendship Library?

by Karla Gilbert



***Start with Strips***, by Susan Ache, features 13 colorful scrap quilts with catchy names, made from 2½” strips and a background. Included is a novel RED and white Churn Dash quilt and a soft split Dresden Plate variation one. Susan explains her method of storing Jelly Roll strips and working with strips from different fabric lines. She sorts the strips by color rather than keeping the purchased sets intact so she can draw upon whatever colors she wants for a project,



## Caring Quilts News

	Nov. 2024	2023 Totals	Preferred Size/ Info.
<b>Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:</b>	45	149	
<b><u>San Juan Cancer Center</u></b>		4	Twin and Lap
<b><u>Dolphin House</u></b>	41	48 + 38 toys	Twin
<b><u>Hope West</u></b>			Patriotic Only
<b><u>Life Choices</u></b>		12	Baby Quilts
<b><u>Community Options</u></b>			Bright colored Lap size
<b><u>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</u></b>		11	<b>47" x 83"</b> (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.
<b><u>Haven House</u></b>			Twin, lap, baby
<b><u>I80 Ministries (House of Promise)</u></b>			
<b><u>Casa</u></b>	1		Full Size bed and throws
<b><u>Crisis Mental Health Center</u></b>	1	14	Twin and Lap to be used in 18 bed facility and common area; occasional gift to someone in need.
<b><u>Hilltop</u></b>	2	12	
<b><u>Montrose Memorial Hospital</u></b>		10	Baby blankets
<b><u>Boutique</u></b>		27	Proceeds will be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace
<b><u>Chinle</u></b>		11	
<b><u>Nurse Family Partnership Program *</u></b>			36" x 36" quilts for toddlers and babies to lay on at meetings

## For Sale

I have a Capri Handi-Quilter for sale. Machine is 1 year old, like new. Insight table with 1-18 inch extension. Insight Stitch Regulation, bobbin winder, getting started disc, extras as shown, owners Manual. Asking \$4000 OBO. 970-964-4440. Or [suepalm62740@gmail.com](mailto:suepalm62740@gmail.com)



## Updates from Chinle

Sue Sharman was in Chinle 9/16-17. She and the local women had fun making pillows. The ladies picked out the fabric and designed the pillows themselves. They had a small congenial group and fellowship at lunch time was hilarious!!!!

The group hopes to make more pillows as Christmas presents. They will also make simple Christmas ornaments.



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Annual Membership dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30

Suggested donation for Myrtle Hogue scholarship: \$10

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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