

# The THREADLINE

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS OF WESTERN COLORADO/MONTROSE NEWSLETTER

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## “ A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cyndi Holman | February 2025

Punksutawney Phil (I had to look up how to spell that!) saw his shadow the other day, so apparently we'll have 6 more weeks of winter. That means 6 more weeks of quilting time before we start going outside more! I love looking out of my window at the Grand Mesa while I sew, so I'll enjoy that extra time.

What are you working on? Are you putting the finishing touches on a quilt for the Black Canyon Quilt show? How about that stars challenge? And are you making a quilt for the guild's paint chip challenge? What about a mug rug or two for our February meeting? I need to do some quilting – once I make those pesky sandwiches. As for mug rugs, I've got a cute flower I got off of the free table that needs a little machine appliqué and can be turned into a mug rug.

It was nice to hear from 6 of our new members at our last meeting. I thought it was a great idea to have them share something they'd made along with a story about themselves. Thanks to Jean and her assistants for making that new member tea a fun time. The cookies were wonderful, too!

See you on the 27th!



## UPCOMING EVENTS >>>>

### Thursday, February 27

**Where:** Montrose County Events Center  
**When:** 9:00 a.m. Social Hour | 9:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Theme:** Wear something **pink** or **red** 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 Valentine season.

### Thursday, March 27

**Where:** Montrose County Events Center  
**When:** 9:00 a.m. Social Hour | 9:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Theme:** **Yellow** is our color of the month and potholders or kitchen towels are the Project Theme. (Prize tickets given for participating in either/both of these ways). Make up a few pretty ones for the BCQS Boutique - everyone loves a cheery new kitchen helper!

### Thursday, April 24

**Where:** Montrose County Events Center  
**When:** 9:00 a.m. Social Hour | 9:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Theme:** Instead of a particular color this month, **wear a hat!** Our Project Theme is “FLOWERS IN YOUR PROJECTS” – maybe floral fabric, maybe a flower block pattern, maybe flowers created from fabric---there's sure to be a variety of blooms this month.

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## Board 2025

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**Give It A Try:** Kim Lindel



## PROGRAMS | QUILTING IS ALIVE IN '25!

### FEBRUARY 27, 2025

For a year-end prize drawing ticket, wear the color of the month: **PINK** or **RED**. Our Project Theme is MUG RUGS —any pattern, any color. The internet has loads of ideas and patterns for these cute little things. Bring yours to show (get a prize ticket), and then, 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 present a program and walk us through 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. Deanna suggests you download the Instagram App BEFORE you come to the meeting if you want to be involved.

### MARCH 27, 2025

**YELLOW** is our color of the month and POTHOLDERS or KITCHEN TOWELS are the Project Theme. (Prize tickets given for participating in either/both of these ways) Make up a few pretty ones for the BCQS Boutique -- everyone loves a cheery new kitchen helper!

Art Partners is the 2025 BCQS Boutique recipient. They are a local non-profit that pairs interested youths (age 12-17) with artists in the community in a mentoring relationship. The youths learn about their particular artistic genre and the adult artist can impart their knowledge and passion to the next generation. A WIN-WIN! We will have a representative from Art Partners speak to the Guild about the program and how our support (both as the BCQS and as artistic individuals) will benefit local youth.

Also this month we will “reveal” all the Paint Chip Challenge quilts. Remember to pin your two paint chips to your finished project that has a MINIMUM perimeter of 120 inches. Should be a very interesting showing!

### APRIL 25, 2025

Instead of a particular color this month, **WEAR A HAT!** Any hat! What a fun meeting this will be! Our Project Theme is “FLOWERS IN YOUR PROJECTS” – maybe floral fabric, maybe a flower block pattern, maybe flowers created from fabric---there's sure to be a variety of blooms this month.

Our Program presenter, Paula Straw, will show us a quicker, easier way to create the lovely old-time Cathedral Windows block. If you have any samples of quilts, pillows, clothing, etc. that use the Cathedral Windows technique, please bring them to show. Paula will lead a Give it a Try class following the Guild meeting where we can make our own piece using her updated quick technique for creating this beautiful block. Sign up at the Guild meeting to hold your place - \$10 fee collected at the class.

Please remember to take a look at our newly launched Member to Member Resource Library notebook and add YOUR NAME to the list along with any particular skills, techniques, styles you might be willing to share with fellow quilters. Sharing our talents and passion with others keeps Quilting Alive! If you'd like some help with a quilting conundrum/challenge---check the Resource Library for who might be willing to assist you!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**Contact Information:** Add Newsletter Editor, Catherine Johnson, to your contacts! Her email is [catlillianjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:catlillianjohnson@gmail.com) and her cell number is 678-416-1367.

**Giving Thanks:** Thank you to those who attended the January 2025 meeting!

**BCQS:** Tickets are on sale now on the website! The tickets sell out every year, so don't wait to buy yours!  
[www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com)

## GIVE IT A TRY

### February Fabulous Fat Quarters

It is amazing what can be done with as little as one 12X21 piece of fabric or as quilters call it a Fat Quarter. Stay after February's meeting and see what can be done with little as one Fat Quarter. Bring 3 different fat quarters pressed to see how they turn into Fox or Raccoon pot holders. With as little as one fat quarter 3 or 4 key rings can be made. I will have examples and a hand out for ideas on using fat quarters. Please bring:

- 1-3 pressed fat quarters
- Scissors/ fabric and paper
- Template material (cardboard, manilla fold or clear plastic)
- 3 pieces of at least 9X9 batting
- I will provide:
- Fusible Web
- felt (for key ring)
- Cutting Mat

These items will be taken home to be finished. Please feel free to contact me with any questions (Kim Lindel cell 720.490.5605)

### March Charity Sewing

### April Paula Straw

## GUILD JOBS

**Front Table:** Jan Edwards and Nancy Williams

**Snacks:** Jan Williams, Pam Squirrell, Margaret Noah, Cyndi Holman, and Gail Purnell

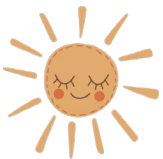
**Welcome Representative:** Ingrid Todd.

## QUILT EVENTS ... and more!

For an extensive list of quilt shows around the country, click on the link to the website: <https://ronatheribbiter.com/>

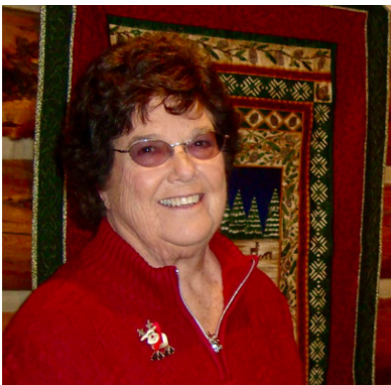
Did you know that by clicking <https://www.quiltinghub.com/Maps> you can plan a trip with a list of quilt shops to visit along the way?

**QUESTION FOR OUR GUILD MEMBERS! Who is your favorite quilt influencer? Send your answer to [catlillianjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:catlillianjohnson@gmail.com).**



## SUNSHINE

Do you know anyone in need of a little "sunshine"? Please contact Susie Quesnel by emailing [susieq57@gmail.com](mailto:susieq57@gmail.com).



### Remembering Founding Member

Sue Peters, a former, long time member, passed away in March of 2024. She was one of the first "founding members" to sign the attendance register in January/February of 1993 for what soon became Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado. At that time the group met at the Quilt Cellar in Ouray. When the group's first coordinator moved away in March, Sue stepped in to serve first as coordinator, then president: April 1993—May 1994, May 1994—April 1995. She was again president of the Guild from January 1, 2007—December 2007. For many years Sue was the Newsletter Editor and collected boxes of information for the Friendship scrapbook. She also photographed all the quilts displayed during Show and Tell. In addition, Sue was an active participant on the Black Canyon Quilt Show Board and an avid quilter.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Verna Painter (also a quilter), daughter Sheri Hillier, and husband Jerry Peters.



## BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW NEWS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2025 raffle quilt. They may be purchased online at the Black Canyon Quilt Show website ([www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com)). Austin and Carolyn Ray have tickets you may check out to sell or purchase.

Signups are underway for the classes and lecture offered by Jean Impey for the 2025 show. You can sign up on the BCQS website. She's offering a fun workshop on faces for the all-day Friday class, and raw-edge appliqué for the Saturday morning ½ day class. She'll also be doing a trunk show and lecture Saturday afternoon.

Show dates for 2026 are set! Judging will be July 8, then set up on July 9. **The actual show will be July 10, 11, and 12.**

Charisma Horton was selected to be the teacher for the 2026 show. You are encouraged to check out her Instagram account so you can see the types of work she does. If you're interested in hearing an interview with Charisma, she's the featured quilter in Episode 169 of the podcast "The Quilter on Fire."

The theme for the 2025 Show will be **Stars of the Black Canyon.**

The theme for the 2025 Challenge will be **Starstruck:**

- The quilt shall have at least 3 stars, and there shall be at least 3 different sizes of stars.

The 2025 raffle quilt shall be named **Aspiring Stars.**

\*Please note that the February BCQS News will be in the March 2025 Newsletter.



## WHAT'S IN THE FRIENDSHIP LIBRARY?



Lissa Alexander's *Sisterhood of Scraps* is a collection of 12 brilliant scrap quilts from seven designers. Lissa reached out to six quilters whose quilt designs she had long admired (Susan Ache, Kim Brackett, Barbara Brackman, Sheryl Johnson, Sandy Klop, and Laurie Simpson) to invite them to join her in a kind of "scrap quilt challenge." For each of the quilters contributing to her book, Lissa chose a theme or patchwork shape that both she and a participant could use in their own ways to make two related but very different scrap quilts. Detailed cutting and piecing instructions are provided for each of the gorgeous quilts. Biographical information about each quilt maker is included. Readers will also discover Lissa's definition of sisterhood.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS



**LEFT:** Bonnie Bucknam's creation of Holding Back the Sahara. (Library)

**RIGHT:** Kaffe Swirls by Jan Williams. (Hope West)

# CARING QUILT NEWS

	2025 Totals	2024 Totals	Preferred Size/ Info.
<b>Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:</b>		182	
<b>San Juan Cancer Center</b>	3	11	Twin and Lap
<b>Dolphin House</b>		43 + toys	Twin
<b>Hope West</b>		4	Patriotic Only
<b>Life Choices</b>		0	Baby Quilts
<b>Community Options</b>		5	Bright colored Lap size
<b>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</b>		5	<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>Haven House</b>		4	Twin, lap, baby
<b>180 Ministries (House of Promise)</b>		6	
<b>Casa</b>	1	40	Full Size bed and throws
<b>Crisis Mental Health Center</b>		8	Twin and Lap to be used in 18 bed facility and common area; occasional gift to someone in need.
<b>Hilltop</b>	4	7	
<b>Montrose Memorial Hospital</b>		9	Baby blankets
<b>Boutique</b>		0	Proceeds will be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace
<b>Chinle</b>		10	
<b>Other</b>		10	

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## Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado

### Guild Meeting: January 23, 2025

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

51 members present. Guests included:

- a. Yvonne Zeman
- b. Debbie Martinez
- c. Kristi Haute
- d. Terri McDermott

Minutes approved, by the members, for December 2024.

#### Treasurer Report:

1. A memorial donation to the Montrose Center for the Arts was given in Kari Raish's name.
2. Currently have 3 paid advertisers and 40 paid members.
3. To date, the Scholarship Fund donations are \$320. The annual scholarship gift is \$1,000.
4. Event Center rental is paid from January to May.

#### General Announcements:

1. The Scholarship team is led by Trish Knostman. Additional volunteers are needed. Margie Kramer volunteered to work on the Scholarship team.
2. Funding idea: Bonnie Bucknam sought feedback from the members if they were interested in having "vendor" tables at meetings. The suggestion is for members to be the vendors, selling handmade items. The cost of the table is \$10 per meeting. Two tables would be available per meeting. Those interested would sign up for specific months. The vendor tables would only be open to members before and after the meeting, as well as during snack. By a raise of hands, 4-6 members were interested in being vendors and most of the members expressed that "it's a great idea!"
3. Ami Krenzler is leading in the creation of a beautiful raffle quilt. It has a basket and starts. She is looking for volunteers to help with the applique.
4. Bonnie Eggan shared about the Blooming Feather Weight Sewing Machine group. Another contact is Sherilyn Cook. The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Cross Road Church. All are welcome, even if you don't have a feather weight machine.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Caring Quilts is led by Lorraine Desjardins.
  - a. She has four kits ready for sewing. Please volunteer to complete the kits. Just the top may be turned in. Another member will complete the quilting process.
  - b. After the March guild meeting, there will be an open sew. It's a great time to make donation quilts or finish your project.
2. "Give It a Try" projects are created and led by Kim Lindel:
  - a. January, make Valentine gnomes
  - b. February ideas to use fat quarters
3. Our Historian and Librarian is Karla Gilbert:
  - a. She shared an updated list of books to borrow from the Friendship Guild Library.
  - b. New books purchased in 2024 are listed in red print.
4. Hospitality is led by Cathy Romaniello:
  - a. She thanked the volunteers for helping at the greeters table and with snacks.

- b. Upon sign-in, greeters are welcoming guests and showing what projects are coming up, the free table, and snacks. The greeter answers questions and often sits with the guest during the meeting.
- 5. Library has a beautiful quilt hanging for all to view. Gail Fox encourages members to include their quilts in the monthly display.
  - a. The maximum size of the quilt to hang is 89" x 68".
  - b. Quilts displayed in:
    - i. January was made by Janice Williams
    - ii. February was made by Bonnie Bucknam
- 6. Newsletter has a new editor. Catherine Johnson has the role of producing a monthly newsletter to keep all the members aware of the happenings with the Friendship Guild.
  - a. She needs to receive all submissions by the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month to ensure placement in the Newsletter.
  - b. She is interested in meeting "in person" those that routinely send emails to her and are on the roster.
  - c. Let's welcome Catherine and introduce ourselves.
- 7. Spring Retreat is led by Barb Crossan.
  - a. The retreat is April 17-19, 2025.
  - b. The cost is \$40.
  - c. There are only 3 spaces available, so hurry and join the fun!
- 8. Sunshine is led by Susie Quesnel
  - a. A sympathy card was sent to Ginny Frame on behalf of the Friendship guild related to the loss of her sister.
- 9. Program Activities are spearheaded by Jean Hatfield
  - a. Please check the bulletin board and Newsletter for updates on engaging program activities at future meetings.
  - b. The paint chip challenge is still open for members to join in the creative fun!
  - c. January, we celebrate 17 new members! We offer tea, cookies, and friendship to each new member.
    - i. Jean interviewed a few new members to share about themselves and their quilting interests.
    - ii. 3 x 5 Cards were passed out to all members. Each were asked to write down what skills you can share with others. A note book will be created, as a reference to build our skills and engage each other.
  - d. February, Deanna Chronister will help us understand how to set up an Instagram account. She will share how when others check the BCQS website, it enhances our show with visitors outside Montrose general area.
  - e. March, is focused on making potholders and kitchen towels.
    - i. Art Partners will share about their programs and impact on the community. As the BCQS boutique recipient of funds, we will learn about how our support can assist the Art Partners program.
- 10. Black Canyon Quilt Show Update:
  - a. The website is [BlackCanyonQuiltShow.com](http://BlackCanyonQuiltShow.com) / education
  - b. Show dates: July 11-13, 2025
  - c. Please go to the website to sign up for classes, by Jean Impey
  - d. This year the revenues for the Boutique will change. 40% of the revenues will go directly to the BCQS account, with 60% going to the community nonprofit organization. This year's recipient is Art Partners. Please contribute lots of your crafty projects and quilts to the boutique.
  - e. Carolyn Ray has the raffle tickets ready to sell. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.



- f. Handiwork small group, organized by Kim Lindel is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:00am, in the Ladybugz classroom. The next meeting is February 20. Bring a project or get inspired from others.

### **Snack and Tea**

#### **New Member Interviews:**

1. Faye Albanese
  - a. She shared a denim truck quilt she made her son.
  - b. Faye considers herself a beginner and would like a mentor to help her build her skills.
2. Pat Clark
  - a. She finished her first king size quilt.
  - b. She's a member of the feather weight group.
  - c. She's currently making an art quilt this year.
3. Bonnie Eggan
  - a. She shared her first quilt of 9 patch and hearts. She shared that she fell in love with quilting.
  - b. Her focus is color and texture. She would like to build her machine quilting skills.
  - c. To meet new people, Bonnie went to a u-tube channel to chat.
4. Catherine Johnson
  - a. She's in the process of moving, so her quilt is safely packed away.
  - b. She wants to learn how to bind a quilt. Carolyn Ray to the rescue!
5. Maggie Kleeves
  - a. She has been quilting for 10 years.
  - b. She learned with two supportive mentors.
  - c. She does overall quilting patterns.
  - d. She leads Grace Quilters
  - e. She shared her bargello quilt.
  - f. For a new skill, she wants to make circles
6. Ingrid Todd, "Ranch Girl"
  - a. She has been quilting for 6 years.
  - b. She likes Kansas Troubles colors and style
  - c. She would like to learn new art quilts
  - d. She is good at binding.

### **Show and Share**

GMS:Cyndi  
1/28/2025 AMENDED