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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cyndi Holman | February 2025

“ Finally, spring is here. After last week’s snow and wind, we’re seeing some pretty days. More and more people are getting outside, and the farmer’s market is setting up weekly instead of every two weeks. We’re getting our gardening started – my one and only tomato plant will be bought soon. Oh, and I’m growing romaine! I tried the trick of putting the core in a bowl of water, and it’s on the windowsill. The leaves are about 3-4 inches high now. I didn’t think it would work, but it does!

Not only is it time to get your quilts and entry forms ready for the Black Canyon Quilt Show (forms are due by June 1), it’s also time to start thinking about the County Fair. As I’ve said before, I will not be in charge this year. We really need someone to step up to help Kim Wilson (on the Rodeo Board) with organizing the quilt show portion of the Open Show. I will be happy to answer all questions as you prepare. If you can do this, please let me know so I can notify Kim. Perhaps there are two of you who can handle this together.

I’m really excited about the upcoming programs being planned by Jean and her committee. Paula Straw’s cathedral windows workshop will be a new technique for me. I’m also looking forward to the 5 in 5 talks planned for May – getting to hear a little from members we would love to know more about and seeing some of their work.

Don’t forget to wear a hat to the April meeting! ”



UPCOMING EVENTS >>>>

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.

Thursday, May 22

Where: Montrose County Events Center

When: 9:00 a.m. Social Hour |
9:30 a.m. Meeting

Theme: The color to wear is **PURPLE** and the Project Theme is **PAISLEYS**. **OOOH, AHhh** – should be a spectacular Show-and-Share time! We’ll hear just a little bit from the 5 featured FQWC Guild members about their journey!

Thursday, June 26

Where: Montrose County Events Center

When: 9:00 a.m. Social Hour |
9:30 a.m. Meeting

Theme: Wear something **GREEN** for a prize drawing ticket and bring a little pencil bag (or two) for another ticket. We’ll donate those to the Boys and Girls Club (unless you want to keep yours). Easy patterns are available on the internet.

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PROGRAMS | QUILTING IS ALIVE IN '25!

Quick note for those who participated in the Paint Chip Challenge: You received a little “Artist’s Palette” charm on your entry quilt. The intention for those is to attach them to your FQWC Name Badge as a visual reminder of your participation in this annual guild activity. Wear it with pride, and thanks for participating!

APRIL 25, 2025

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

Be sure to attend the Guild meeting this month as FQWC will celebrate our 32nd birthday this month with cake (of course!) and likely just a bit of singing! **Happy Birthday FQWC!!**

This month, we’ll take a peek through the Cathedral Windows as our Program presenter, Paula Straw, will show us a quicker, easier way to create the lovely old-time Cathedral Windows block. If you have anything made with this beautiful technique, (quilts, pillows, bags, clothing, etc.) please bring them to show. Paula will lead a Give it a Try class following the Guild meeting where you can make your 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.

MAY 22, 2025

The color to wear is **PURPLE** and the Project Theme is PAISLEYS. OOOH, AHHH – should be a spectacular Show-and-Share time! We’ll hear just a little bit from 5 featured FQWC Guild members who will tell us about themselves, their quilting journey, and maybe a little insight into what inspires (or intimidates?!?) them about our shared quilting passion. Get to know 5 of your quilting sisters a little better! After all, that is what keeps Quilting

JUNE 26, 2025

Wear something **GREEN** for a prize drawing ticket and bring a little pencil bag (or two) for another ticket. We’ll donate those to the Boys and Girls Club (unless you want to keep yours). Easy patterns are available on the internet.

Our Program presenters will join us from the Colorado State Button Society. They’ll share about the fascinating history of buttons, the absorbing world of button collecting and competitions, the various materials from which buttons are made and take time to assess some of YOUR buttons – so bring a few to show! The Button Society is a non-profit organization so donations are much appreciated and will support the efforts of the Society to educate and engage the public in keeping button collecting flourishing. Invite your button-loving friends to attend this special program!



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 and her cell number is 678-416-1367.

Giving Thanks: Thank you to those who attended the March meeting!

BCQS: Raffle Quilt tickets are on sale now on the website! The tickets sell out every year, so don’t wait to buy yours! www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com

GIVE IT A TRY

April Cathedral Window

Fellow Friendship Paula Straw is going to show us a new way to make Cathedral Window.

May Tulip Blossom Wreath

We will be assembling a cute stash buster wreath with flowers made from fabric petals. I will have a petal template ready to be picked up at April's meeting.

June

There will be no program because we will be having a talk about buttons and button history from the Button Society.

July

We will be having our Guild picnic so there we will have no meeting.



GUILD JOBS

Front Table: Pat Clark and Darmentha Cobb

Snacks (savory): Kathy Barminski, Dottie House, Trish Knostman, Penny Peterson, Gail Purnell

Holders/Folders: Dottie House

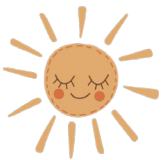
QUILT EVENTS ... and more!

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?

Let's talk about quilt influencers! Thank you to Pamela Squirrel and Cyndi Holman for their responses. Pamela's favorite quilt influencer is Margaret Noah! Bonnie Hunter, aka Scrap Queen, is Cyndi's influencer!

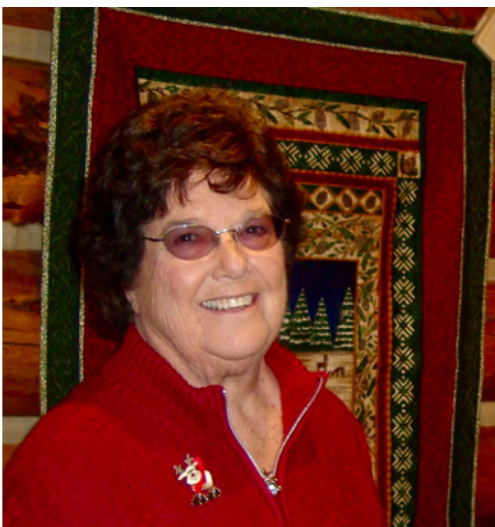
Do you have a favorite quilt influencer? Send their name to Catherine Johnson!



SUNSHINE

Thinking of You cards were sent to Cathy Romaneillo. I also sent a get well card to Lorraine Desjardins. Also a sympathy card to Janet Stephens who's son in law passed away.

Do you know anyone in need of a little "sunshine"? Please contact Susie Quesnel by emailing susieq57@ymail.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.



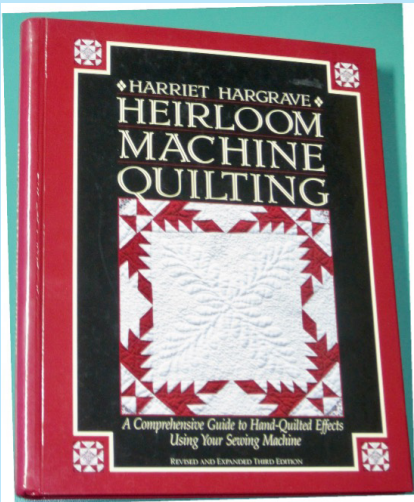
BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW NEWS

Tickets for the 2025 raffle quilt may be purchased online at the Black Canyon Quilt Show website (www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com). Austin and Carolyn Ray have tickets you may check out to sell or purchase.

- Signups are still available 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. As of today, 9 spots are still available for the Friday all-day class, and the Saturday class is full.
- Art Partners, the recipient of Boutique proceeds for 2025, has presented to the Columbine guild, and is now scheduled to present at San Juan and Friendship.
- Black Canyon Quilt Show continues to grow its presence on social media. Look for us on Instagram and Facebook.
- Appraisals are being offered for this year's show and will be repeated every two years. Cindy Brick is a certified and trained professional appraiser. A written appraisal will cost \$65, and a verbal appraisal will be \$35. You may download the appraisal form from the BCQS website



WHAT'S IN THE FRIENDSHIP LIBRARY?



Do you want to learn to quilt your own projects on your domestic sewing machine? Except for practice time, renowned teacher and quilter, Harriet Hargrave, provides virtually everything you need to know in her Heirloom Machine Quilting book which has undergone several revisions and sold thousands of copies. An older book, yes, but it's a classic "keeper." Gain useful knowledge about workspace arrangement and equipment, layering a quilt, choosing a quilting design and making it fit the space, marking quilts, doing free motion quilting, perfecting straight line quilting with a walking foot, among other topics. If Harriet tells you to do something, such as have the grainline of the top, batting and backing run in the same direction, she tells you why. Practice activities are suggested. A section of the book contains continuous line quilting patterns which can be copied for use. Harriet's goal is to make YOU a successful quilter. Two copies are in the library.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

LEFT: Log cabin that honors Bonnie Eggans mother. (Hope West)

CENTER & RIGHT: Nancy Kenton's temperature quilt (March) and Margaret Noah's 3 small art quilts at the Library (currently on display).



CARING QUILT NEWS

We received two beautiful, heartwarming quilts this month! One went to Hope West and the other to Life Choices. They're going to make a real difference.

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

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Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado

Guild Meeting: March 27, 2025

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

52 members present. Guests included:

- a. Chris Whittaker
- b. Lissette Rivera
- c. Cheryl Zabriskie
- d. Jan Pauly

Minutes approved, by the members, for February 2025. Unanimous.

Treasurer Report:

1. 91 paid members for 2025.

General Announcements:

1. Cathy Romanello is stepping down from her Board position as Hospitality Chair, due to illness. We will miss her great leadership. Hope to see her soon.
2. All committees with only one leader need to have a back-up volunteer to keep everything running. Please volunteer.
3. Lorraine is sick today. Cyndi is taking over to lead the open sewing session after the meeting.
4. Bonnie Bucknam is checking about how many members are interested in bringing items to sell at meetings. The tables are \$10, per meeting. Sales are before the meeting, during break, and after the meeting. It's a great way to share your talents.

Program Presentation:

This year's BCQS will donate a portion of the proceeds from the Boutique to Art Partners. Two representatives shared that youth and mentors are paired. The prevention program is focused on creativity. Art Partners does not charge a fee to participants.

An Online auction begins April 21, as a fund raiser.

Committee Reports:

1. Caring Quilts
 - a. Hope West sent a thank you card for donated quilts.
2. "Give It a Try" projects
 - a. April – Paula Straw will guide participants through a new way to make a cathedral windows.
 - b. May – Kim Lindel will help us use scraps or coordinated fabrics to make a beautiful wreath.
3. Library has a temperature quilt made and quilted by Nancy Kenton displayed. It looks awesome.
4. Hope West will have a Peggy King creation for spring hung in the lobby.
5. Spring sewing retreat is full. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the wait list.
6. Handwork on 4/17 is cancelled due to Spring Retreat.
7. Improv meets at Cobble Creek club house. 3rd Monday of the month, at 10:00am.
8. Program:
 - a. 54 mug rugs were donated last month. They will be distributed to care facilities.
 - b. Please add your name and areas of quilting expertise to the member-to-member book.
 - c. A survey was passed out today to obtain member input for a trip to Denver, in August. We will also schedule to see the Quilt Museum, in Golden.
 - d. April meeting: Wear your HATS and have flowers in your project.

- a. Presenter is Paula Straw. She is known for heartfelt art quilts. She'll show us cathedral windows and have a Give It a Try class after the meeting. Cost \$10.
 - e. May meeting: Wear purple and bring paisley projects. Five members will be interviewed.
 - f. June meeting: Wear green and have a pencil box project.
 - a. Colorado State Button Society program
- 9. Black Canyon Quilt Show
 - a. Classes still have openings. Please sign up.
 - b. Mary Ross taking entries NOW, and they are due no later than June 1st.
 - c. Needed: Pickup truck for set up and tear down of show
- 10. Snack
 - a. In April, it's the guild birthday and we have cake. Members bringing a snack, please bring a savory treat.
- 11. Challenge Quilt
 - a. In November, members pulled two paint chips, sight unseen. They made quilts or placemats using those colors, plus maybe one more. 17 entries were shared. So different and all amazing.
- 12. Show and Share
- 13. End of meeting 11:05am

GMS:Cyndi
3/30/2025