

# The THREADLINE

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS OF WESTERN COLORADO/MONTROSE NEWSLETTER

Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado P.O. Box 3371 Montrose, Colorado 81402

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## The January meeting will be at Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Room!



### A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cyndi Holman | December 2025



“ January greetings from my sewing room, where I’ve been busy the past week making a few hundred half square triangles for a Bonnie Hunter pattern (Sugar Grove). Then it will probably be on to more working with triangles, making more Wild & Goosey blocks. I hope you find your sewing space to be as calming and creative as I do!

Your new board starts work this week – some of us are returning, and some are new. You can see the complete list elsewhere in this newsletter. We are really excited about 2026. Several great challenges, more interesting programs, the Black Canyon Quilt show, and lots of great community and companionship.

I hope the holiday season was a good one for you. So many of you have told me you either traveled to see family, or you had family visiting you. Family is so important, especially when you realize how much time you have or don’t have with them. I envy those of you who get to see your family members often. With a daughter on the West Coast and a son on the East Coast, it’s just not something we get to do. Luckily, we have social media, Facetime, and texting to help keep in touch.

Make 2026 a year of connections and celebrations. Celebrate yourselves. You do so much for others with your quilting and other creative activities. Keep it up! Hugs to all. ”

Cyndi



### Board 2025

### Committee Chairs

**President:** Cyndi Holman  
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**Library Quilt:** Gail Fox  
**Library:** Karla Gilbert  
**Quilt Show Liaison:** Mary Ross  
**Retreat:** Barb Crossan  
**Sunshine:** Verna Mullet  
**Fundraising:**  
**Scholarship:** Trish Knostman,  
Carol Peterson, and Margie Kramer

### GUILD JOBS

**Front Table:** Gail Fox

**Snacks:** Sue Palmer, Gail Purnell

**Quilt Holders:** Debi Salimon

**Guest Welcome:** Carolyn Ray

## REMEMBER! REMEMBER! REMEMBER!



Committee chairs and related activity coordinators are reminded to send Deanna Chronister updates by the **10th of each month or SOONER**. Those include but aren't limited to Caring Quilts, Fundraising, Hope West Quilt, Hospitality, Library Quilt, Library, Retreat, Sunshine, Programs, Handwork small group, and Improv small group.



## HANDWORK GROUP

The Handwork Group will meet again January 21<sup>st</sup> at Ladybugz at 10 a.m.

Contact Kim Lindel for more information.

## Paint Chip Challenge

- 1) Choose 2 paint chips.
- 2) Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> color if you find it absolutely necessary.
- 3) Try hard to limit your palette to ONLY these colors.
- 4) Create a completed quilted project with an 80-inch MINIMUM perimeter (no maximum size).
- 5) If making placemats, make a set of 4.
- 6) Reveal will be **March 26, 2026** Guild meeting.
- 7) Pin your pain chips to your project for the reveal.



## Spring Retreat

April 16, 17, and 18

Montrose Christian Church

\$40 Due at Sign Up

Come Join the Fun!!

Contact Barb Crossan for more info  
and to sign up.



Let's talk about Facebook. Who would be interested in joining a private Facebook group for the Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado?



Remember the yearly dues for FQWC are now due. Check your December email from Susan Werner and the newsletter or in this current email for the attached pdf form to print and fill out.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, January 22**

- New Member Tea
- Celebration of New Members from 2025
- **Bring a teacup or mug**
- New members are invited to share their quilt story and a couple of quilts

**Thursday, February 26**

- Spotlight Lorraine Desjardins
- Making baby blankets for the hospital and caring quilts after the meeting

**Thursday, March 26**

- Reveal the paint chip challenge quilts.
- Carolyn Ray will share information about what judges are looking for in show quilts and provide ideas how to best show off quilts in displays and social media.



### A BIG Thank You!

Debi Saliman has volunteered to take over the Caring Quilts position. We are grateful and sooooo appreciate her willingness to help! Take a moment to thank her!



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**SUNSHINE**

Do you know anyone in need of a little “sunshine”? Please contact Verna Mullet.

## PROGRAMS / QUILTING IS ALIVE IN '25!



We had a delicious cookie exchange in December and a FUN Jeopardy quilting trivia game! Thank you to all the guild members who participated and attended events in 2025. Keep quilting and sharing your creativity with us. We look forward to a FANTASTIC 2026!

**The January meeting will be at Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Room!**



### January 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting



Our January guild meeting will be our new member tea. **The board will provide refreshments and tea.** Everyone needs to bring a teacup or mug. New members are invited to share part of their quilt journey and bring one or two items that they made.



### **UFO Challenge in 2026!**



We will bring back the **UFO** Challenge! Not a spaceship, but an **UnFinished Object!** (ha-ha). Members will earn tickets for a finished quilted items and there will be a drawing for prizes in December. Margaret Noah will have more details at the meeting.



### February 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Our February meeting will focus on caring quilts and Lorraine Desjardins. There will be a sew in after guild meeting to make baby blankets for the hospital. Bring your sewing machine and help us make blankets for them. It's a great way to serve our community!

**Thank you to Clubbs for generous donation of flannel fabric to make baby blankets for the hospital!**

# PROGRAMS / THE BIG STITCH IN '26!

## January 22 Meeting

**January is dedicated to celebrate our new members!**

We will be having our new member tea to celebrate those who joined Friendship in 2025. New members please bring a couple of your quilts to share and share with us a little bit about your quilting story. We are so glad you are here!!

**Everyone, bring a teacup or mug for your tea.**

More details on the previous page of this newsletter or contact Margaret Noah.



## February 26 Meeting

**Our February meeting will spotlight Lorraine Desjardins**, chair of our Caring Quilts committee. There will be a sew in after the guild meeting to make baby quilts for the hospital. Make plans to stay and sew! Thank you to Clubbs for donating the flannel for the project!



## March 26 Meeting

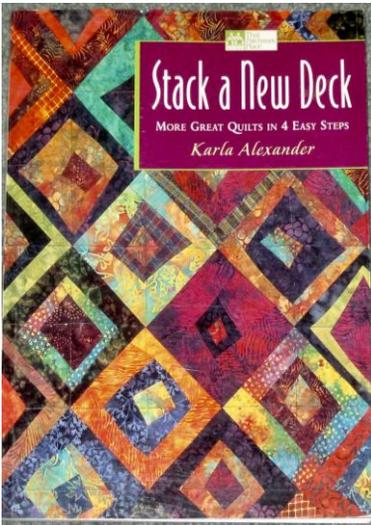
**Our March meeting will reveal the paint chip challenge quilts.**

Carolyn Ray will share information about what judges are looking for in show quilts and provide ideas how to best show off quilts in displays and social media.

Raffle quilt will be displayed at meeting and raffle tickets will be on sale.



## What's in the Library?



Stack a New Deck by Karla Alexander is for you if you like scrap quilts, straight lines, curves, simple piecing, crazy quilts, and doing a bit of your own thing. This book provides cutting guides (no actual patterns) for 18 fun pieced quilts with titles like "Bent Out of Square," "Saturn," "Salsa," "Funky Curvy Rail," and the "Daily Grind."

Yardage requirements and cutting diagrams are provided for each quilt. To begin a project, large squares or rectangles of a specified size are cut from each fabric, then stacked like a deck of cards. Next, a whole "deck" is sliced into "wonderful shapes, curved or straight. Then shuffle the pieces (according to directions) and sew them back together again. Stacking the deck is an opportunity to have fun, be creative, and stitch up a set of unique blocks with an exciting variety of fabrics and unusual shapes." Squared up blocks, set together according to colored photos and diagrams, make interesting quilts.



## Library



"Sarah's Library" was pieced and quilted by Terri McDermott. She made it after photographing her niece's library.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS



## Hope West



Quilt made by Marilyn Mudge,  
Bright Mystery



*Member Attendance  
and Guests!*

We had **47** members at the December meeting and **1** guest!  
It was great to see so many in attendance!



# BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW NEWS

## Theme: "Colorful Colorado"



### Judging Day

July 8, 2026

### Set-Up Day

July 9, 2026

### Show Dates:

July 10, 11, 12, 2026

**Challenge Quilt** for 2026 at the Black Canyon Quilt Show is "**My Colorado.**" Your quilt should reflect what comes to mind when you think of Colorado.

### Challenge Specifics:

Original design idea: It must be your own idea, not a kit or full pattern. The contestant must complete the entire quilt. Under 120" in perimeter or smaller.

### Sharing Ministries

will be the recipient of a portion of the Boutique funds. A large box will be available to accept food donations.



### It's the 2026 Raffle Quilt!

Tickets will be on sale soon for this absolutely beautiful quilt! More pictures in the next newsletter.



**Charisma Horton** will be the featured instructor at the July quilt show. She will be teaching a full day Friday class and a half day class on Saturday. Information and details provided on the Black Canyon website, [blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://blackcanyonquiltshow.com). Registration is open and ready for you to sign up for all classes. There is a discount for attendees from Charisma in her Etsy shop.

### I Like Big Blooms

Friday, July 10, 2026 9 AM – 4 PM

This is machine pieced.

Charisma is giving us a 20% discount. The discount code will be emailed to you.



### Penny Notes, Hand Embroidery

Saturday, July 11, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM

In this class you will hand embroider a cover for a notebook. Charisma will teach you the different stitches to complete your cover and then use them again in your quilts. You will need to either purchase the pattern or kit from her ETSY site:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/CharismasCorner?ref=seller-platform-mcnav>

Her shop is called CharismasCorner if you have the ETSY app



### My Journey as a Designer (Lecture & Trunk Show)

Saturday, July 11, 2026 2-3 p.m.

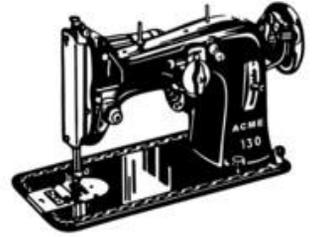




## Bloomin' Featherweights



Bloomin' Featherweights will be meeting at the DMEA community room Friday, January 16 from 9-3:30 PM. We are trying for the first Friday of each month, but it did not work out for this January. Stay as long as you like. We are planning some fun things this coming year, so we hope you can join us. In February, Sherilyn will be teaching another organizer class. Anyone can come. You don't have to own a Featherweight machine. Call her for the date and location at 970-290-0068. Have a happy and productive new year!



# CARING QUILT NEWS



In December, 6 quilts were donated to CASA, and 2 quilts were donated to Hilltop, Here are the current totals for 2025. Thank you to guild members for your generosity!

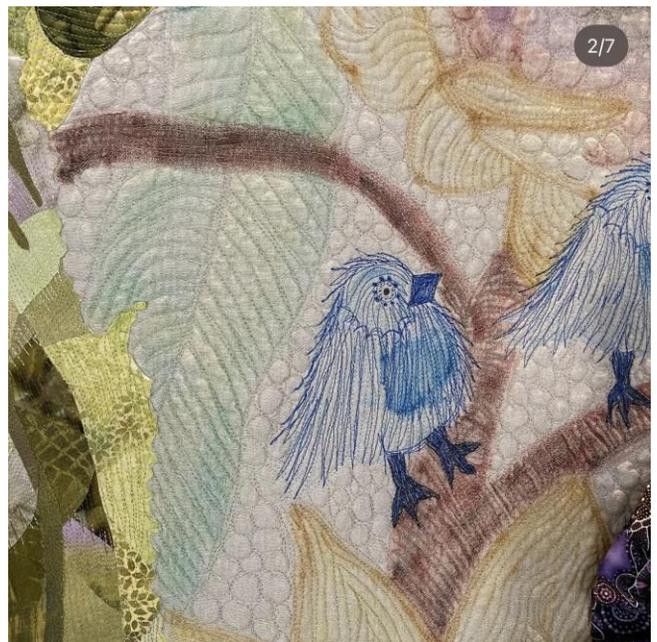
	2025 Totals	2024 Totals	Preferred Size + Info
Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:	<b>108</b>	182	
San Juan Cancer Center	8	11	Twin and Lap
Dolphin House	46 + toys	43+ toys	Twin
Hope West	6	4	Patriotic Only
Life Choices	8	0	Baby Only
Community Options	2	5	Bright Colored Lap Size
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	4	5	47" x 83" (provides a 4" drop n 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
Haven House	2	4	Twin, Lap, Baby
180 Ministries (House of Promise)	2	6	
Casa	10	40	Full Size bed and throws
Crisis Mental Health Center	10	8	Twin and Lap to be used in an 18 bed facility and common area; occasional gift to someone in need
Hilltop	2	7	
Montrose Memorial Hospital	1	9	Baby Blankets
Boutique			Proceeds will be donated to BCQS and charity of choice for the year
Chinle		10	
Other	4	13	

# Congratulations to Margaret Noah!

Her “BEST OF SHOW” quilt from the 2025 Black Canyon Quilt Show has been accepted at Quilt Week in Paducah, Kentucky in the Art Quilt category!



*Congratulations!*



These are pictures from our show this past summer.

 **QuiltWeek**  
PADUCAH, KY  
April 22-25, 2026

# QUILT EVENTS ... and more!

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

**What quilt show is on your bucket list? Check out this website to see lots of options!!**



**Sunset Slope Quilters** is bringing you another Mesas to Monuments at the Grand Junction Convention Center

Friday, May 1, 2026, 10 AM – 5 PM  
Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Show admission at door: \$8.00 (12 and under free)

[Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival](#)

Castle Rock, CO

May 28 – May 30

**Note the date change for the International Quilt Festival in Houston.**

[International Quilt Festival](#)

Houston, TX

Nov 12 – Nov 15

[Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival](#)

Salt Lake City, UT

May 14 – May 16

[AQS QuiltWeek Lancaster](#)

Lancaster, PA

Sept 16 – Sept 19

[Lancaster Quilt Show](#)

Lancaster, PA

Mar 25 – Mar 28

[Sisters Quilt Show](#)

Sisters, OR

July 11

[AQS QuiltWeek Paducah](#)

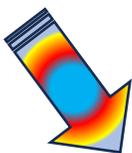
Paducah, KY

Apr 22 – Apr 25

[AQS QuiltWeek Daytona](#)

Daytona Beach, FL

Feb 18 – Feb 21



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