

# 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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**Reminder! Guild meetings are back at Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Room!**



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cyndi Holman | March 2026



“Greetings from my sewing room, as I look out on yet another beautiful sunny day. It’s as if we just skipped most of winter. But hey, my husband’s happy, because it means he gets to go fishing again!

I am so impressed at the turnout we had for sewing receiving blankets for the hospital. 20 people stayed after the meeting, and we made over 30 of the blankets. Kudos to Lorraine for not only getting the flannel donated by Clubbs, but also doing the cutting and organizing. That meant we just had to sit down and sew. She is definitely going to be missed. I know we’ll be in good hands, however, as Debi Saliman will do an excellent job as well.

I’m really looking forward to the reveal of the paint chip challenge. I’ve seen one person’s project already, and I was blown away at how stunningly creative it is. The talent in the guild is amazing. Thanks to Mary Terpstra and Jean Hatfield for coordinating this activity. Reminder: It’s not too soon to start thinking about next year’s board. Penny has made it clear she’ll be Treasurer for just this year, and Gail Sosa and I are finishing our 3rd year. We’ll be needing at least a President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. I hope you all will consider stepping up to work on the board for the guild.”

Cyndi

## GUILD JOBS

**Front Table:** Pamela Squirrel  
**Snacks:** Gail Purnell, Trish Knowstman, Pamela Squirrel, Diane Davis  
**Quilt Holders:** Diane Davis  
**Guest Welcome:** ?

## Board 2026



**President:** Cyndi Holman  
**Vice President:** Bonnie Bucknam  
**Recording Secretary:** Gail Sosa  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Verna Mullet  
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**Program Chair:** Margaret Noah

## Committee Chairs

**Caring Quilts:** Debi Saliman  
**Historian:** Karla Gilbert  
**Hope West Quilt:** Jan Williams  
**Library Quilt:** Gail Fox  
**Library:** Karla Gilbert  
**Quilt Show Liaison:** Mary Ross  
**Retreat:** Barb Crossan  
**Sunshine:** Verna Mullet  
**Fundraising:**  
**Scholarship:** Trish Knostman, Carolyn Ray and Gail Fox

## 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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of this month at Ladybugz at 10 a.m. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. Future meeting place TBD.

Contact Kim Lindel for more information.

## There's still time to make your challenge quilt!

### Paint Chip Challenge - The Big REVEAL is in March!

- 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  
The retreat is full, but there is a waiting list. Contact Barb.

Contact Barb Crossan for more info and to sign up.



## Let's talk about Facebook!

Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado has a private Facebook group? If you are a guild member go to our Facebook page (Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado) and request to join. We would love to see you post your projects there!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.

## Thursday, April 23

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration
- Karla Gilbert will give us a history of the guild
- Recognize members who have been members 20+ continuous years

## Thursday, May 28

- 5-5-5  
fifth month, five minutes and five members .....5-5-5.
- The guild will be renting tables for \$10.00 to let our members do a little spring cleaning in their sewing rooms. You can set up your items for sale and collect your money from members. Shoppers need to bring cash or checks to pay for your bargains.



**The March meeting will be at Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Room!  
Friendship Hall is now our regular meeting place.**



## Button Club

Button Club Open to All

Interested in learning about buttons? Collecting buttons? Creating art with buttons? Or just appreciate the beauty of buttons? Then come to the next meeting of the Western Slope Button Club!

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-noon upstairs in the USBank Building at Oak Grove and S.

Townsend. We're open to anyone who loves buttons, for whatever reason! If you wish, bring a few buttons to show, to trade, or to inquire about. We'd love to have you join us! Contact Jean Hatfield 970-901-5239 or [jehat310@gmail.com](mailto:jehat310@gmail.com) to find out more. Next meeting: March . 17, 2026 10:00am.

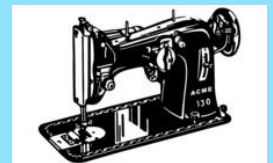


## Bloomin' Featherweights Club A Note From Sherilyn Cook:

The Featherweight group will meet at the DMEA meeting room in the DMEA BUILDING, 11925 6300 RD, in Montrose from 9-4:30. You do not need a Featherweight to join us. All are welcome. Bring your own lunch and drinks, but we will have coffee available.

### Meeting Dates:

March 6  
April 3    May 1





## UFO Challenge in 2026!



We brought back the **UFO** Challenge! Not a spaceship, but an **UnFinished Object!** (ha-ha). Members will earn **1 ticket** for each finished quilted item and an additional **2 tickets** if the item is donated to Caring Quilts or the Boutique. There will be a drawing for prizes in December. Contact Margaret Noah if you have any questions.

### To my dear quilters at Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado:



I'm so delighted to occasionally flit through the Friendship Quilters midst and pick up a few quilts that will be donated to others in the community! I'm the Happiest Fairy when my longarm is humming away! My last fly by was a fast one--kind of last minute; I missed a few things that should have been passed onto you. Next time I will try to give you more notice.

#### WHY IS THERE A QUILT FAIRY?



I want to anonymously help FQWC quilters give more beautiful quilts to others in our community. My desire is to help those who don't have the equipment or ability to quilt for themselves. Especially those of you who are burdened by the cost of the quilting. Maybe you would make another charity quilt if I happened to quilt one for you! Maybe you are in leadership, or a program or committee chair and need a break. If this describes you, that's why I am here!

A couple things to note about future Quilting Fairy engagements:



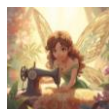
Please remember this is **ONLY** for FQWC Caring Quilts or BCQS Donation quilts, not personal projects.

2. Backing fabric needs to be 4 inches larger than your quilt top in every direction. This allows me to clamp it on my machine. Make sure it is ready for me to load on the machine. If backing needs to be sewn together, please do that before sending it to me. Please don't send binding fabric; I am only doing the longarm quilting.
3. If you don't have batting, please arrange to obtain it from the Caring Quilts Chairperson and submit it along with your quilt/backing. Make sure batting is also at least 4" larger in every direction, just like the backing fabric.
4. Please help me by pressing your quilt well before submitting it. I'll do a little touch-up pressing if necessary to keep my machine happy, but please press your tops and backs **WELL**.
5. I cannot promise a completion date—I must spread my quilting magic carefully – but I'll get your quilt back to you as soon as I can, I promise!

I'm so happy to have Jean Hatfield be my representative at FQWC! She has sworn to keep my identity a secret, and I appreciate that! I don't want you to know who I am. This is why I have the name "Quilting Fairy". Please know that I know what I am doing. I will do a nice job, I promise. Please don't ask her to reveal my identity.

I love all of you creative talented quilters at FQWC and it makes my heart happy to participate in the joy your beautiful creations bring to the world.

See you again "soon", *The Quilting Fairy*





# PROGRAMS / THE BIG STITCH IN '26!



## March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



## April 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

**April is dedicated to celebrate our Birthday!**



It's our 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration this April! Karla Gilbert, our Historian will present brief history of our guild. We will also Recognize members who have belonged to our guild continuously 20 plus years. And of course there will be **CAKE!**

**Yummy!**



## May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### May program

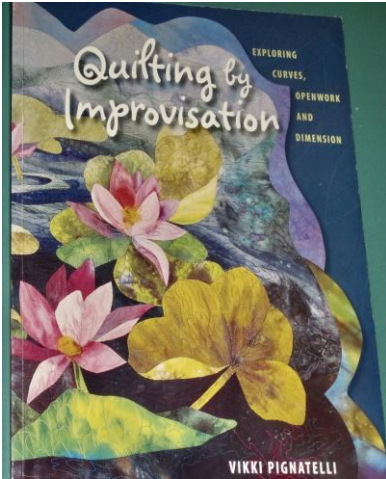


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## What's in the Library?



***Quilting by Improvisation*** by Vikki Pignatelli is for anyone with an interest in improv quilts. The author encourages exploring curves, openwork, and dimension in projects and shows quilters how to use her techniques with creation of some sample blocks. Vicki says, "Improvitational quilting is the freedom to create without boundaries.

There are no rules, only guidelines. Improvisation is a journey and along the way there are a number of paths you may choose to explore...." Be flexible and open minded.... "the journey itself is as important as the quilt." Chapters are included on supplies and tools, use of color, working with curves, exploring dimension, making openings in quilts, and how to finish and hang improv projects.



## COMMUNITY QUILTS



### Library



Margaret Noah's Improv quilts are at the library now.

Southwest's Quilt Fiesta, The Color Game, and Supernova (L to R)

### Hope West



Amish Quilt quilt by Diane Davis



*Member Attendance and Guests!*

We had **56** members at the February meeting and 2 guests.



# 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.

### New Picture ALERT!

Thank you, Ami Krenzel, for the beautiful photography!

### Announcements!

1. Tickets are now available for the raffle quilt!
2. Get your entry forms in ASAP
3. Food trucks will be at the show
4. Panel quilts are now a separate category
5. Sept. 19, 2026, is the annual meeting
5. Help us by pricing your items for the Boutique

It's the 2026 Raffle Quilt!

Tickets are now available!



**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, CharismasCorner..

### 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.



# SUNSHINE

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



## A big thank you goes to Lorraine for serving as the Chairlady of the Caring Quilt Committee.

In February, many guild members stayed after the meeting to make flannel baby blanket for the hospital. A BIG thank you, Lorraine Desjardins, for organizing this charity project and a big thank you to Clubbs Fabric Store for donating the flannel. This was a great way to serve our community!



# CARING QUILT NEWS



In February, 2 quilts were donated to CASA plus 51 pillowcases, 2 quilts were donated to Hilltop, 27 baby blankets to Montrose Hospital, 1 quilt to Dolphin House, 2 quilts to Community Options, and 1 quilt to Valley Manor. Thank you to guild members for your generosity!

	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	Preferred Size + Info
Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:		<b>115</b>	
San Juan Cancer Center		8	Twin and Lap
Dolphin House	1	47 + toys	Twin
Hope West		6	Patriotic Only
Life Choices		8	Baby Only
Community Options	2	3	Bright Colored Lap Size
Sleep in Heavenly Peace		4	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	Twin, Lap, Baby
180 Ministries (House of Promise)	1	2	
Casa	2	8	Full Size bed and throws
Crisis Mental Health Center		10	Twin and Lap to be used in an 18 bed facility and common area; casual gift to someone in need
Hilltop	2	10	
Montrose Memorial Hospital	27	1	Baby Blankets
Boutique	1	2	Proceeds will be donated to BCQS and charity of choice for the year
Valley Manor	1		
Other	51	4	51 pillowcases for casa



# Save the Date !!!

# Quilt Show

May 1, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 2, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Grand Junction Convention Center**

*159 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO*

Admission \$8.00 at door (12 and under free)

\*\*\* **Free Events in Ballroom** \*\*\*

Antique Bed Turning at 11 a.m. each day  
Trunk Show by Sharon Braunagel 2 p.m. each day

*\*\* 200+ Quilts \*\* Vendors \*\* Boutique \*\*  
\*\* Quilts for sale \*\* Silent auction (or buy-it-now) \*\**



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S&B Quilters' Guild

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# 2026 CABIN FEVER QUILT SHOW

COMING

SOON!

Friday, March 20 — 9 am-6 pm

Saturday, March 21 — 9 am-6 pm

Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds  
403 S. 4th Street (Highway 92), Hotchkiss



Stunning Displays of Quilts and  
Quilted Items

Vendors, Raffle Quilt, Boutique  
Demos, Door Prizes, Calico Café

2026 Raffle Quilt  
On Wander Lane  
Designer Nancy Halvorsen  
79" x 96"



Free Admission  
(Donations gladly accepted)

Info: [sbquilters1989@gmail.com](mailto:sbquilters1989@gmail.com)  
[sandbquiltersguild.com](http://sandbquiltersguild.com)



Sue Sharman has a 21" x 21" light box she would like to give away. It is electric. Contact her if you are interested.



# 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!!**



## S&B QUILTERS' GUILD - 2026 CABIN FEVER QUILT SHOW

March 20 and 21, from 9 am to 6 pm both days, at the Delta County Fairgrounds, Hwy 92 in Hotchkiss. See their flyer on another page in the newsletter for more info.



**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



Laurie Gerse is selling her 2023 APQS Lucey Long Arm machine in excellent condition. It has a 12-foot table, 26" throat space, stitch regulator, and comes with thread, rulers, pantographs and a ruler base. The machine is not computerized.

\$13,000 or best offer

Call Laurie at 970-318-0874 for more info



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