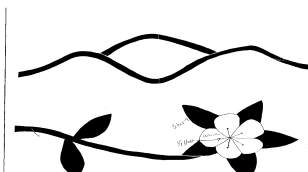

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Columbine Quilters

September 2026



Hey Columbine Quilters!

I know that some of you might be in the same mindset as me: ***Can you believe it's already August?*** And its cliché to say, but where has this year gone? I caught myself thinking, *"There's still so much I want to accomplish this year."* Then a friend pointed out that there are still five whole months left in 2026!

That's five months to finish that quilt that's been patiently waiting in your sewing room. Five months to finally try that technique you've always wanted to learn, organize your sewing space, make time for yourself without feeling guilty, make new sewing friends at a retreat, or simply create something beautiful. It's easy to look at the calendar and think, *"Well...this year got away from me."* Instead, I'm choosing to look at it another way... Starting September, there are still 122 days left in 2026. That's 122 opportunities to sit down at your sewing machine, learn something new, say yes to a new experience, and continue building a creative life you love. I don't know about you, but that feels a whole lot more encouraging than thinking the year is almost over.

What is over though...our Round Robin! I can't wait for the September meeting and the Reveal of all the quilts! It's going to be so fun, just really spectacular! And a big shout out of thanks to Sally and Lisa for getting us into this project! It has stretched my creative mind and been a source of fun and frustration in the best way possible!

Continue to work on what makes you happy! And hopefully that includes items to give back to our community. I can't wait to see what you've been working on! See you on Saturday, September 5th!

Hugs, Shelly

August Minutes August 1, 2026

15 members present, 1 guest- Becky Hintz

Minutes for June approved

BCQS- thank you to everyone who helped. The annual BCQS meeting will be September 30 at 9:00 am at the Police Station. Please attend to vote on the new board Corliss will be our new BCQS liaison

Adult bibs to Colorow, 5 pillowcases to Heads at Ease, shawl and quilt to the cancer center, 2 baby quilts to Dolphin House

Newsletter- get items to Cheryl by the 15th

Sunshine- card to Ann

Programs- today- box bags, September Round Robin reveal, Oct- book quilts

**Refreshments today were Nancy B and Ann
September is Evelyn and Kay**

New business- Dolores quilt show Aug 21 and 22.

Are you interested in a retreat maybe in March?

We voted to buy backings for 2 quilt tops for the Warrior Resource Center to auction off at the Blue Jean Ball.

Evelyn won the drawing for a community service donation

Nancy B has lots of white felt to give away if you need any.

Show and Tell- Sally showed a beautiful red, white and black purse and her finished twisted table topper in fall colors, and a table topper made from the bow tie block.

Evelyn showed a pinwheel quilt made in gray and turquoise and 2 snap happy box bags.

Cheryl showed 2 whole cloth quilts in patchwork patterns , one was red/blue/ yellow and one was bright colors, a knitted shawl, a quilt with rabbits and bears doing sports that Sally made and Cheryl bound.

Carliss showed a purse she made and two small bags.

Lisa-quilt for her friend in plum colors and a large lantern pattern quilt with Asian fabrics in beautiful colors made for her son's girlfriend.

Nancy B- a crocheted quilt in dark colors, 3 patchwork shawls, a small quilt with plaids for a friend.

Ann- a cute bag made from different colored bandanas.

Rebecca -a hexagon table topper

Next meeting is September 5, 2026

Please consider what job you can do next year for our quilt group. We all need to take a turn and help in order to keep our group functioning

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Upcoming Programs

Monthly Programs (subject to change)

It's finally here! Round Robin Reveal Day!!

When you arrive with your finished project, treat it as you have these last few months. Set it on the table and don't look inside of the bags. The finished Blocks will be displayed at the beginning of the program. They will not have any names

on them, and will be designated by the number they were assigned originally. They will all have a photo attached to them, showing the original block that they were started with. We will have time to enjoy seeing what has transpired over these last five months. You will each be given three tickets to vote on the project that you like. These can all be for the same project or your vote can be split any way that you like. You will write the designated number on the back of each ticket and place in the voting container. After the votes are in, the project with the most votes will receive a cash prize, and the participants will be able to claim their project. **I hope that you will all attend and vote, even if you didn't have a project in this challenge.** I am excited to see the finished blocks.

September program will be our Round Robin reveal

October program will be our Book Quilt and we will be honoring 4 members who have been in Columbine Quilters for 20 or more years!

November program will be a sew in for making pillowcases for the Dolphin House. They will use these for their Christmas give aways.

December program will be fun and games. Bring three fat quarters consisting of black, white or red blends fabric.

Refreshments – Evelyn and Kay

Setup and clean up – everyone

August 2026 Donations

Dolphin House: 4 Quilts, 1 afghan

Cancer Center: 1 Shawl, 1 Quilt

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Black Canyon Quilt Show News

Thank you for selling raffle tickets, helping with judging, setup and tear down and other duties at the Black Canyon Quilt Show. Without the help of the members, we could not put on the show. It was a well-attended show, and the boutique had its best year for sales, with Sharing Ministries being given \$4,679.77.

The annual meeting for BCQS is on Sept 19th at the community room of the Montrose Police Dept. at 9 AM. We need to have 29 members in attendance to have a quorum and be able to vote in a new board. We currently have a few positions open for new people to join in on the planning for the 2027 show. If you are interested in joining the board, please give me a call and let me know. I will also answer any questions about the positions. My phone number is 970-708-8550.

Great show and THANKS to all.

Carolyn Ray

BCQS President

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SHOW and TELL....Everyone has been busy creating!

















Sally's program....Making Boxy Bags!

We had people participating, watching, socializing...it was a fun time!

