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FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS OF WESTERN COLORADO/MONTROSE NEWSLETTER

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

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Cyndi Holman | October 2026

"Thank you to Nancy Hall for taking our minutes last meeting on short notice. Thank you to Ami Krenzel for her fabulous program about challenge quilts. My brain has been working on how to do both the guild's challenge and the BCQS challenge. It's going to be fun!
I borrowed this from social media. It speaks to all of us.

8 Things a woman at 75 does in her sewing circle that slow aging:

1. Keep your hands doing something fine. She said her hands are 75 and still do small work because they never stopped doing small work.
2. Good light before good glasses. She said she spend money on glasses and the lamp did more.
3. Sit up to the table, not back from it. She said everybody there leans in and gets a sore neck out of it. She sits forward from the hips.
4. Stop every 30 minutes. She stands and walks around the table. She said the piece is never worth a stiff afternoon.
5. Take on something that takes a year. She said a long project is a reason to still be here in a year, and she has never been without one.
6. Do not unpick everything. She said perfect is how people stop finishing things, and unfinished things are what make you quit.
7. Teach somebody. She has taught 4. She said it is the only way any of this outlives her.
8. Come for the table, not the sewing. She said half of them cannot see well and all of them come every month anyway.

Sew every day, even if it's just long enough to turn on the machine and sew a few pieces of fabric together. This is supposed to be your passion.

Again – seriously – please consider stepping up to help Friendship guild move forward in 2027."

Cyndi

Board 20269

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Penny Peterson & Kim Lindel (Spring)
Sunshine: Verna Mullet
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GUILD JOBS

Front Table: Pat Clark
Snacks: Gail Purnell, Cindy Snook, Elizabeth Binder, Cookie Vanden Hoek
Quilt Holders: ???
Guest Welcome: ???

Friendship Guild Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2026

There were 46 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Monica, who is a new quilter from Georgia, and Margaret, who is living in Montrose.
Treasurer's Report: Penny Peterson reported the balance, income, and expenses.
Caring Quilts: The Nurse-Family Partnership is requesting small quilts, approximately 30' x 30". Hope West requests red, white, and blue lap-sized quilts. These are not Quilts of Valor, which must be larger (60" x 80").
Hope West quilt this month is one by Sherrie Blackwelder.
Fall Retreat is October 9-11 at the Ouray County Event Center in Ridgway. Money for pizza is being collected by Patty Hunter.
Black Canyon Quilt Show had its annual meeting and elected new officers:
President – Carolyn Ray
Vice President – Jan Vanderwist
Secretary – Terri McDermott
Treasurer – Austin Ray
The BCQS board is seeking an Education co-coordinator. That person would work with the current committee chair then take over the following year.
This is year 30 for the BCQS. The challenge piece reflects that anniversary in that the piece must be 30'' x 30" and have 30 items (beads, triangles, etc.). Those 30 items must be identified for the judges in the quilt description.
Friendship Quilt Challenge is due in March.
It can be any size, and use any colors.
It must have at least 3 flying geese.
The quilt must also incorporate "big stitch", or have the appearance of big stitches.
Handwork Group will meet October 21, 10:00 am at Penny Peterson's house.
Button Club will meet third Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am in the upstairs meeting room of US Bank
Round Table Quilters meet second Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm in the upstairs meeting room of US Bank
Montrose Center for Art is featuring an exhibit called Material Matters III.
Orphan Blocks have been collected and sorted into possible quilts. They are in bags and should be used for Caring Quilts. The quilter may add blocks/fabric, and doesn't have to use everything in the bag.
Mini Bazaar is in November. Tables are $10.
Program was presented by Ami Krenzel, who shared 19 quilts she created for various challenges. She also presented the guild's challenge, which is described above.

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 3rd Wednesday of this month at Penny Peterson's house at
1127 Five Mile Creek Ave..
at 10 a.m. Oct. 21th is the next meeting.
Contact Kim Lindel for more information.

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!

Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado Annual Challenge

The challenge for FQWC was announced at the September meeting. The reveal will be the program for the March 2027 meeting. The rules are pretty simple and feel free to interpret them as you like.

1. The piece must contain a minimum of three flying geese shapes with no maximum number.
2. The piece must have some big stitch using any technique including paint, marker, stitching or whatever.

The piece can be any size or shape and you can add any other elements you desire. This challenge is to get you to make something you enjoy and maybe try something.

If you have any questions, ask Ami Krenzel

Round Table Quilters

Experienced quilters interested in exchanging ideas and developing our own voice.
Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Community Room at US Bank located at
1500 East Oak Grove.
Oct.13th and Nov. 10th are the next meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 22

Bonnie Bucknam
In 2008, on a Nancy Crow Textile Tour of Guatemala, the group visited an orphanage in the village of Santa Apolonia, near Solola. That visit inspired Bonnie to make bed quilts for the children who lived there. Over the next 3 years, Bonnie and friends worked on the "Guatemala Bound" project. In 2012, they delivered the last of 100 quilts to the orphanage. From 2012 – 2018 they sent another 200+ quilts to Mayan Families' Children in Need program in Panajachel, Guatemala. Bonnie's program will highlight the quilts and the exquisite textile crafts of Guatemala.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Toys and quilts for Dolphin House.

Toys, books, games, and puzzles are preferred.

Guild Mini Bazaar - $10 per table. Sales before the meeting, during snack, and after the meeting

Thursday, Dec. 17

It's the annual Friendship Cookie Exchange!
You will need to bring your own container this year. More details in the next newsletter.

We will play "Toss Up Puzzles" that will focus on quilting quotes. Practice your Wheel of Fortune Toss Up Puzzles to get in some practice.

Drawing for the 2026 UFO Challenge

Announcement from Margaret Noah:

I will not be returning next year as the Program Chair.

Big thank you to Ami, great program! Get information for the 2027 challenge from Ami or see page 3 of this newsletter.

Do you have lots of ideas? Like working with the best quilters on the Western Slope? Do you have a friend that could work with you as co-chair? It's important to know that you will be the second most important part of the meeting, SNACKS are first! I will help you with any questions and planning a year's worth of Guild meetings. You know how to find me, so get in touch and let's get started on 2027!

Thank you, Margaret Noah

QUILT EVENTS ... and more!

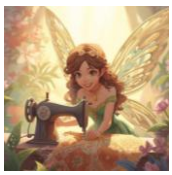
For an extensive list of quilt shows around the country,
click on the link to the website: **https://ronatheribbiter.com/**

International Quilt Festival	Houston, TX	Nov 12 – Nov 15

Note the date change for the International Quilt Festival in Houston. Quilt Festival is still happening in Houston. However, there is no longer a Quilt Market for shops the week before.

United in Stitches Quilt Show	Aurora, OR	Oct 9 – Oct 18
Prairie Star Quilt Guild	Wheaton, IL	Oct 16 – Oct 17

From the Quilt Fairy:



Quilting "Season" is finally here!
The days are brisk; the air is clear.
The leaves have turned, the snowfall's nigh,
It's time to make the needles fly!
Your Fairy team is eager to add
Some quilting sparkle to make you glad.
Bring tops, and backs and batting too
Give them to Jean and she'll pass them on through.
Remember to allow plenty of fabric
So your sweet Quilting Fairy doesn't panic!
As always, these quilts will be given away
A gift from the heart that will make someone's day!

QUILT FAIRY NEWS FLASH!!

The Fairy Flutter wishes to remind everyone that quilts to be donated to the *Dolphin House Quilts-N-Toys Event i*n November can also get the magic Quilt Fairy treatment! Don't wait till October to submit them for quilting--contact Jean Hatfield to arrange for pick-up or drop off ASAP! The Fairies are ready!!

UFO Challenge in 2026!

We brought back the **UFO** Challenge! Not a spaceship, but an **U**n**F**inished **O**bject! (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.

You are invited to a

Paper Pieced Ornament Party!

Saturday October 31, 2026 9 am till 4 pm

Where: Montrose Christian Church
2351 Sunnyside Road

Come for a few hours, or stay all day!

Come join the fun
and make your own beautiful ornaments

RSVP Appreciated!

Hostesses: Denise Betts and Jean Hatfield

Denise: 970-787-0960 Jean: 970-901-5239

What to bring:

Your own lunch if you're staying all day!
A small appetizer or snack to share
if you wish.

Sewing machine, thread, small scissors, small cutting mat, rotary cutter, glue stick, fabric scraps in colors you want to use. We'll have a traditional Christmas Fabric scrap pile to choose from. Paper patterns and backing felt provided.

Nice to bring (if you have it): "Add a Quarter" or "Add an Eighth" ruler, pinking shears.

Button Club

October 2026 Announcement

Western Slope Button Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-noon upstairs in the USBank Building at Oak Grove & 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! At the October 20 meeting we'll be finishing up a display/presentation related to Quilt Blocks on buttons that will be presented at an upcoming Colorado State Button Society workshop in the Denver area. We'll also hear about a fun Button Retreat held recently in Pocatello, Idaho. Bring YOUR button beauties and come join us! Next meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:00am. Contact Jean Hatfield 970-901-5239 or jehat310@gmail.com to find out more.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 10:00 am-noon.

BloominFeatherweights Club

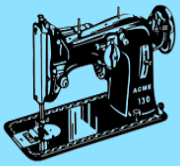
A Note From Sherilyn Cook:

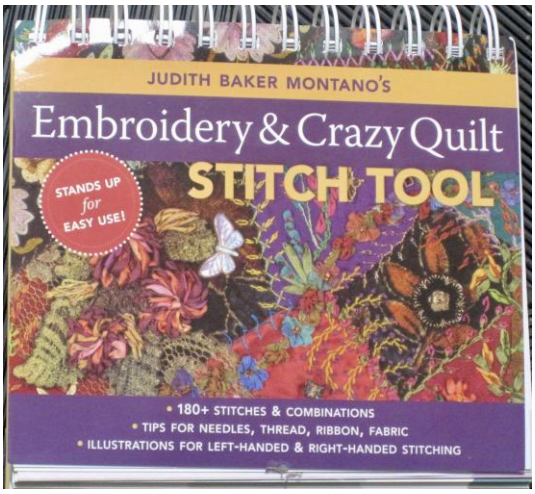
The Featherweight group will meet at the DMEA meeting room in the DMEA BUILDING, 11925 6300 RD, in Montrose from 9-4:30. You do not need a Featherweight to join us. All are welcome. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

Meeting Dates:

Oct. 16 Nov. 13 Dec. 4

November will be a fabric exchange.
December is a potluck lunch together.





What's in the Library?

How many embroidery stitches do you know and use? I bet only a fraction of the **180** stitches and stitch combinations presented in ***Embroidery & Crazy Quilt Stitch Tool*** by **Judith Baker Montano.** This undersized, spiral bound, stand-up book will expand your handwork skills for hand embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, and crazy quilting. Stitch formation diagrams are provided for both the right hand and left-hand sewer. In addition to an alphabetical diagram stitch index, there is a chart showing which needles to use for various threads and yarns. Information is given about fabric choices and types of threads.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Library

Birds on a Wire quilt
By Nancy Kenton

Hope West

Oriental quilt by
Sharrie Blackwelder.

Welcome

We had **47** members at the February meeting and **2** guests.

BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW NEWS

At the September 19th Annual Meeting, the following were unanimously elected to serve on the 2027 Black Canyon Quilt Show Board. Carolyn Ray stressed that this will be her **last** year as President. A person is needed to step in as the "Education Trainee" with their main job to find a Teacher for the 2028 show. If interested, please contact Carolyn Ray.

Officers:

President:	Carolyn Ray
Vice-President:	Janet Vanderwist
Secretary:	Terri McDermott
Treasurer:	Austin Ray

Committee Chairs:

Boutique:	Kim Lindel
Data Entry:	Glenda Davis
Education:	Judy Kennedy
Hospitality:	Elizabeth Binder
Judges:	Penny Peterson, Sue Bear
Publicity:	Karla Gilbert
Raffle Manager:	Austin Ray'
Raffle Manager:	Pat Clark
Ribbons:	Ami Krenzel
Social Media:	Deanna Chronister
Vendors:	Sue Palmer, Wendy Dyer
Volunteers:	Debbie Watkins
Web Manager:	Carolyn Ray
Columbine Liaison:	Corliss Dean
Friendship Liaison:	Elizabeth Binder
San Juan Liaison:	Pat Clark
Education Trainee:	_____
Publicity Trainee:	Patty Hunter
Publicity Trainee:	Elaine Magnuson

Challenge Category:

In keeping with the 30th year of the Black Canyon Quilt Show, the challenge will be titled **"Turning Thirty."** Quilts must be 30" square and feature 30 of something—buttons, French knots, sequins squares, flying geese, etc. As always, challenge quilts must be **totally** made by the entrant. When filling out the entry form description, entrants should indicate what the 30 items are and where they are located.

SUNSHINE

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

You can sign up for a **Holiday Bazaar** table beginning at the September meeting.
The cost of one table is $10.00.
This was a fun event last year!

CARING QUILT NEWS

Quilts from September

3 lap quilt to the San Juan Cancer Center, 1 to Hospice, 2 to Haven House, 2 quilts to Casa plus 6 pillowcases, 2 quilts to Hilltop, 2 quilts to the Crisis Walk in Center, And 2 quilts to Community Options

Thank you to guild members for your generosity!

	2026 Totals	2025 Totals	Preferred Size + Info
Quilts Received from Guild Members Distributed to:	**141**	**115**	
San Juan Cancer Center	6	8	Twin and Lap
Dolphin House	3	47 + toys	Twin
Hope West	1	6	Patriotic Only
Life Choices	11	8	Baby Only
Community Options	4	3	Bright Colored Lap Size
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	4	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	4	2	Twin, Lap, Baby
180 Ministries (House of Promise)	2	2	
Casa	6	8	Full Size bed and throws
Crisis Mental Health Center	3	10	Twin and Lap to be used in an 18-bed facility and common area; occasional gift to someone in need
Hilltop	6	10	
Montrose Memorial Hospital	33	1	Baby Blankets
Boutique	1	2	Proceeds will be donated to BCQS and charity of choice for the year
Valley Manor	1		
Other	57	4	51 pillowcases for casa

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