



# Cottonwood Quilters of Nebraska

## The Cottonwood Courier

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Appreciation  
of the Art of  
Quilting, Its  
History,  
Makers and  
Fellowship.

### January Snowball Retreat: Stitching & Sharing, No Snowballs

January's Snowball Retreat was delightful! It was such fun catching up with familiar faces and reconnecting with quilters I don't usually get to sew alongside. The room buzzed with creativity—and fabric! Retreat Coordinator **Christine Hess-Baker** generously brought along several bins of fabric scraps that were *free for the taking* (yes, really).

I loved seeing the magic happen: quilters getting one-on-one advice from seasoned pros, members collaborating to perfect their block layout, and more than a few triumphant finishes as quilt tops came together.

And then there was me... still working on my red-and-white Christmas quilt. This marks *Retreat #3* for this particular project—oh bother! Will I finally finish it before my tenure as Chair ends? Stay tuned... the suspense continues.

### February Speaker Spotlight: Scott Flanagan!

We're thrilled to welcome our very own local celebrity, **Scott Flanagan**, as our February speaker! Scott will be sharing "**What's New with 4th & Main**", along with a firsthand look at his fabulous trunk show.

Scott has an impressive list of published quilt designs and a philosophy we admire: "designing patterns that no matter how hard they look a confident beginner with sewing experience could handle". We can't wait to see what he's been working on, places he's traveled to and what exciting projects lie ahead. His workshop is full, but we do have a wait list for a possible second class – speak to Gaylene Brennan.

### Volunteers Wanted (and Appreciated!)

Yes—we're looking for volunteers! A familiar phrase! **Nancy McReynolds** and the Nominating Committee will be reaching out as they seek members to serve as Elected Officers and Committee Coordinators for the upcoming guild year. Our guild thrives because members step up and share their talents. New members are especially encouraged to get involved—it's one of the best ways to meet people, make friends, and feel at home in our guild.

### Looking Ahead: Our 50th Birthday Is Coming!

Big things are on the horizon! **Janelle Reed** will be leading the committee to plan for our guild's **50th birthday celebration**. Cottonwood Quilters began in 1980 with Lois Gottsch as our first President, and several of our current members were part of those early days. While the actual celebration won't happen until 2030, planning and organizing will begin well in advance. Imagine the stories we'll hear about how the guild has grown and evolved over the decades - what a legacy to celebrate!

Warm regards,  
Terry Micheels, Chair



### February Greeters

Monday Evening  
Gaylene Brennan  
Brooke Erickson

Tuesday Morning  
Ruth Jaynes  
Mary Hamilton

### February Holders and Folders

Monday Evening  
Melodee Bock  
Rita Hope-Haverman  
Vicki Hoskovec  
Nancy McReynolds  
Cathy Pasko  
**Volunteer?**

Tuesday Morning  
**Volunteer?**  
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### February Welcome Committee

Monday Evening  
**Volunteer?**  
**Volunteer?**

Tuesday Morning  
Lora Swett  
**Volunteer?**

### Birthdays

February  
3 Viann Augustine  
5 Gail Hark  
7 Kitty Bailey  
7 Janelle Leonard  
9 Susan Witty  
13 Bonnie Balkovec  
15 Cindy Van Riper  
16 Brooke Erickson  
16 Jane Klausung  
21 Pat Stava  
22 Barbara Swedenburg  
22 Melanie Sloger  
28 Diane Andress  
28 Kathy Lienemann

March  
2 Terry Micheels  
3 Carol Lien  
5 Rita Anne Hope-Haverman  
8 Cheryl Atkins  
8 Karen Swanda  
9 Jane Schulte  
12 Jeri Boone  
14 Marilyn Seidel  
15 Jenni Jones  
16 Mary Whiteing  
17 Shellie Vandeman  
24 Lynette Wieger  
25 Debbie Yost-Heuring  
27 Kathleen Cavanaugh  
28 Terri Garvey  
28 Ann Wickenhauser

### February In-Person Program

**Scott Flanagan** w/ 4<sup>th</sup> & Main Designs,  
[www.4thandmainsigns.com](http://www.4thandmainsigns.com)

Program: "What's New with 4<sup>th</sup> & Main"

*Scott started 4th and Main Designs in 2011.*

*Since then, his patterns have been frequently found in Quilters World, Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting, and Fons & Porter magazines. Come hear what's new with 4<sup>th</sup> & Main!*

Remember to turn off or  
silence your cell phones  
before the meeting starts!

\*\*\* Please note that since we have a  
speaker, there will be a \$10.00 charge  
for any non-member guests \*\*\*

## COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING January 19, 2026

Terry Micheels, 25-26 chairperson, welcomed Cottonwood Guild members to the January Zoom meeting.

Terry introduced our speaker Joanne Kerton, Joanne presented "Make it your Own". Joanne has a quilt designing business "Canuck Quilter Designs". She talked about many ways to change up a pattern by changing value, a background change from dark to light, changing blocks and sashing, change out a block, or adding different borders. Joanne had many examples to show how these changes can make a totally different looking quilt. Joanne has 90 patterns she has designed.

### Announcements:

Cottonwood merchandise that was ordered will be available at the February meeting.

Sign in on Zoom for a chance of a door prize.

A Welcome Committee chair is needed. They would organize members to welcome new members and guests.

### Upcoming events:

Retreat starts on Thursday.

Workshop with Scott Flanagan is February 16<sup>th</sup>

Dakota Dash bus trip is April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Business meeting:

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Treasures report approved.

### Committee reports:

Bus trip – Mary Hamilton reported 26 have signed up. 40 is needed.

The Dakota Dash will visit 8 quilt shops April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Programs – Gaylene Brennan reported the February workshop with Scott Flannigan is full with a waiting list. If enough members are added to waiting list, a 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop may be possible.

Challenge – Barb Trochim, "This is How I Roll" challenge quilts to be turned in at April meeting.

Need a volunteer to organize studio tour. Typically, this is held opposite year of the quilt show.

February meeting will be held at the Relevant Center. Monday evening, 2-16-26 and Tuesday morning 2-17-26.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Straight, Secretary

**January (Zoom) Meeting**  
**Attendees:**  
Night: 69 members



| Cottonwood Quilt Guild               |                                   |                                                     |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial Report                     |                                   |                                                     |                       |
| Beginning Checkbook Balance 1/1/2026 |                                   |                                                     | \$ 22,622.02          |
| <b>Income</b>                        |                                   |                                                     |                       |
|                                      | Deposit                           | Quilt Show Income                                   | \$ 20,758.73          |
|                                      | Deposit                           | Quilt Show Sales Tax Due                            | \$ 927.79             |
|                                      | Deposit                           | Snowball Retreat Fees                               | \$ 10,443.00          |
|                                      | Deposit                           | Bus Trip Fees                                       | \$ 5,095.00           |
|                                      | Deposit                           | Interest Income                                     | \$ 35.46              |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  |                                   |                                                     | <b>\$ 37,259.98</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                                   |                                                     |                       |
| 4080                                 | Nebraska Dept of Revenue          | Quilt Show Sales Tax less Collection Fee of \$27.83 | \$ (899.96)           |
| 4081                                 | Susan Seidel                      | January Newsletter Printing                         | \$ (33.74)            |
| 4082                                 | Deb Herink                        | Website & Protection Renewal                        | \$ (74.85)            |
| Credit Card                          | E-File                            | File 1099s for 2025 Speakers                        | \$ (21.00)            |
| Credit Card                          | Canuck Quilter Designs            | January Lecture                                     | \$ (250.00)           |
| 4083                                 | NLOM                              | Snowball Retreat Final Charge                       | \$ (8,521.19)         |
| 4084                                 | Laura Weidel                      | Retreat Refund                                      | \$ (56.00)            |
| 4085                                 | Barb Amys                         | Retreat Refund                                      | \$ (416.00)           |
| 4086                                 | Nancy Deicke                      | Retreat Refund                                      | \$ (102.00)           |
| Transfer                             | First National Bank - to a new CD | Put Quilt Show Income into CD                       | \$ (20,786.56)        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                |                                   |                                                     | <b>\$ (31,161.30)</b> |
| Ending Checkbook Balance 1/31/2026   |                                   |                                                     | <b>\$ 28,720.70</b>   |

## Shelter Donations

*Please bring non-perishable food items  
for local food banks.*

*Deb Kubik & Sandy Kovanda*

## Evening Welcome Committee Help!

Ann Anderson, our Welcome Committee Chair, will be relocating and is unable to serve in her role. We wish Ann the best as she moves to Colorado and hopes she finds a "quilt guild home" soon. We are seeking someone to step into her role as soon as possible. The Welcome Committee is the guild's first impression for visitors and new members. It is an important committee for membership. Please consider stepping into this position for the remainder of the guild year. Please contact Terry Micheels if you are interested.

## Cottonwood Questionnaire

Please fill out the questionnaire in the online newsletter and either email or bring to the meeting for Nancy McReynolds or mail to the Elkhorn PO box. Your input is very valuable to the Steering Committee so please take the time to consider a position next year or a future year! You can also see the brief job descriptions in the last newsletter.

# 2025-26 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

(For Workshop sign-ups, please use the form in the online newsletter)

**Sign-up now!**

## FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2026

**Speaker** Scott Flanagan w/ 4<sup>th</sup> & Main Designs, [www.4thandmaindesigns.com](http://www.4thandmaindesigns.com)

**Lecture** "What's New with 4<sup>th</sup> & Main"

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**Workshop** "Linked Together"

Scott has two strong quilting philosophies: (1) A quilt is only hard if you have been told it is hard beforehand and (2) you learn some of the best lessons from the mistakes made along the quilting Journey. With those two thoughts Scott strives to write patterns that no matter how hard they look a confident beginner with sewing experience could handle.



## MARCH 16 & 17, 2026

**Speaker** Karen Medcalf-Paquette w/ Nebraska Quilt Company, [www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com](http://www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com)

**Lecture** "Karen's Quilting Journey"

**Workshop** None

## APRIL 20 & 21, 2026

**Speaker** Carolyn McCormick, [www.CMDesignsOnline.com](http://www.CMDesignsOnline.com)

**Lecture** "The Women That Have Influenced Quilting"

Carolyn will share about ladies like Marie Webster, Carrie Hall and Rose Kretsinger and many more. Learn how they have impacted the quilters of today. Carolyn will also show her quilts that are using some of their designs.

**Workshop** "Yellowstone Trail"

How many jelly rolls do you have? Have you ever thought of making a quilt using a jelly roll that is not just strips? Yellowstone Trail is the perfect quilt for that. It combines a jelly roll with paper piecing.



## MAY 18, 2026 – Year End Wrap-Up Meeting

## Cottonwood 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Cottonwood Quilters Guild will be 50 years old in March of 2030! That seems like a long way off, but we have some ideas for getting all members involved in the celebration and one in particular will take some prep time. If you would like to participate in the planning or have ideas to share, please contact Janelle Reed at [jani sews@gmail.com](mailto:jani sews@gmail.com) or 402-639-4764. We will have a quick getting-started meeting in February.

## Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all who have volunteered to fill elected and committee job positions next year. We have more positions to fill so please consider stepping up and volunteering!

Please reach out to Nancy McReynolds with questions or to volunteer!



## Quilts for the NICU

### All quilts donated to Methodist Women's Hospital

Methodist Women's Hospital now has 63 beds in the NICU. Because of YOU, each baby staying in the NICU for a length of time will receive a quilt - **to date over 1,050 quilts have been donated.**

Want to be a part of this group project ... pick up a kit at the next guild meeting. You can also use your own fabric, if you'd like. We love completed quilts, but if you do not quilt, a completed top is very much appreciated. If you are new to long arming, here is a great way to practice your skills. We are always in need of volunteers: sewing tops, long arming, and binding finished quilts.

Specifications: Approximately 36 X 44, bright child-friendly fabrics (cotton or flannel – NO minke) with a coordinating backing. KITS should include: 3- 1 yard fabric pieces, backing, binding, and batting. **If you do not quilt your tops, please return batting and binding so the top can be completed.**

Finished quilts (or tops) can be turned in at a guild meeting or to any of us listed below

**Ideas for NICU quilts** - patterns (and free patterns) can be found on our web page under "Guild Activities – NICU Quilt Project". Just remember, quilts need to be approximately 36x44, so some adjustments need to be made.

#### **NICU FABRIC NEEDED**

For us to make up more kits, we are in need of child-friendly fabric. If you should be cleaning your studio and come across this type of fabric or larger amounts (we can use for backings), please drop off at the NICU table...

Thank you for all you do!

Carol Coniglio  
Deb Kubik

Jackie Heyne  
Cathy Pasko

**A BIG Thank You to  
Christine Hess-Baker  
for a wonderful Winter  
Snowball Retreat!**



## 2025/2026 Quilt Challenge *This Is How I Roll!*

There is still time to start and complete the Challenge Quilt!!

**Be sure to bring your completed quilt, along with the paper indicating the blocks and colors you had to use in your quilt, to the April**

**meeting.** The quilts will be displayed at the May meeting for Viewers' Choice judging and awards!

**As a reminder of the Guidelines for this year's challenge....**

1. The Quilt can be any size.
2. The quilt is to be inspired by the 2 blocks and 2 colors determined by your roll of the dice. Any other design elements may be used. Be motivated and imaginative in your interpretation.
3. Your Quilt can be traditional or art... pieced, appliqued, embroidered... mixed or painted on fabric.
4. You may add up to an additional three (3) colors.
5. Two (2) different borders (pieced, appliqued, embroidered or combination) must be incorporated on your quilt.
6. The **sign-up sheet** indicating what blocks and colors you had to use **must be attached to your quilt.**
7. Quilt must be completely finished. Quilted (not tied), bound and labeled.
8. Completed Quilts will be turned in at the April 2026 meeting for viewers' choice judging at our May 2026 meeting.
9. Prizes will be given for the top 3 viewers' choice picks.
10. Cost is \$5.00 to enter so prizes can be awarded.

If you have questions, stop by the Challenge table at meetings or contact your Challenge Coordinator.

Barbara Trochim – bunkieb48@gmail.com





## “Starstruck” Block of the Month

There are twelve 8-point star blocks in the 2025-26 Block of the Month. Participants pay \$5 into the Viewers' Choice Prize Fund, which will be awarded at the May meeting. Two block patterns will be emailed to participants each month, starting in September and excluding December. Finished tops will be due in April. Join the fun and sign up at the Guild meeting.

I want to thank Jackie Heyne for volunteering to take over the Block of the Month next year! I can't wait to see what she comes up with!!

Janelle Reed, BOM Coordinator

## January Door Prizes

These are the door prize winners for the January Zoom meeting. The prizes will be available at the evening and morning February guild meetings.

### Lora Swett Bag Winners:

Cheri Vossberg  
Teri Quinn  
Chris Claassen

### Door Prizes:

Christine Hess-Baker  
Lin Briley  
Susi Bondi  
Marilyn Fitch  
Jeane Harbert  
Sue Baber  
Jo Radant  
Toni Iwasaki  
Mary Hamilton  
Nancy Lanning



## Cottonwood Bus Trip Update

April 17-18, 2026

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! We continue to receive registrations for the Cottonwood bus trip “The Dakota Dash” scheduled for April 17 & 18, 2026. We have opened the trip to non-members and have 12 seats remaining on the bus. We would love to have you join us and bring a friend! Cost for a semi-private stay is \$225 and private \$295. An additional \$35 is required for non-members.

**Itinerary:** We will leave Omaha at 6:30 am on Friday, April 17, drive to **Sew Storm** in Alcester SD, then Canton, SD to **My Timeless Day Quilting and Retreat Center** with lunch, then on to Dell Rapids to **Always Your Design**. We then head to Sioux Falls for a stop at the falls and hotel check in followed by dinner (on your own) at Cracker Barrel before our last stop at **Jaqueline Joyce**.

Saturday, following breakfast at the hotel, we will visit **Dutch Rose** and **Quilters Headquarters** in Sioux Falls before we head to **Heart and Hand** in Sioux City with lunch on the bus. Our last stop will be in Wakefield, NE at **The Quilt Shop** and arrive back in Omaha around 7:30 pm. We plan to spend at least an hour to an hour and a half at each shop.

Departure and parking will be at Methodist Health System Corporate Offices 825 S 169 St. (Near 168<sup>th</sup> and Pacific). This is a lighted lot and will be patrolled by Methodist security.

Please contact Mary Hamilton @ 402-689-688 or [mehamilton@cox.net](mailto:mehamilton@cox.net) if you have questions. The registration form is included in the **online** newsletter, and I will have information at the February meetings as well.

P.S. This will be a great trip to start planning and shopping for your 2027 Quilt Show project!



# INTERNATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2026

March 21, 9am – 4pm

The 16th annual National Quilting Day event at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This FREE community event includes free museum admission and demonstrations, special lectures and displays, as well as access to the current exhibitions.

We will be celebrating the America 250 with large quilt displays and a lecture about Quilts of Valor. The Nebraska State Quilt Guild will share information on how your local community can get involved in sharing your love of America and the art and craft of quilting! Take part in Make & Take projects for all ages, Learn to Quilt, Japanese Boro and Handwork Demonstrations & Displays, Collection Care in Action: Conservation Workroom and fabulous Quilt Exhibitions in the IQM galleries. Our current exhibitions include *Japanese Boro*, *20<sup>th</sup> Century American Quilts*, *Fashion & Quilts*, *Saitama*, *Machine Quilting*: Karen McTavish.

**Our Lectures! Join us in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Seminar Room as we hear identical morning or afternoon session from Sara Kenny...Quilts of Valor, Roderick Kiracofe...Quilt Collector and Author and Susie Bonder...Not My Momma's Quilts!**

What's new in the quilting industry? AccuQuilt and Aurifil, as well as regional shops: Cosmic Cow, Fabric Bash, Nebraska Quilt Company and Sewing Centre of Lincoln will have all the latest machines and products for you to see.

Free parking is available in all University parking lots north of the International Quilt Museum, at 33rd & Holdrege, and across 33rd at Hardin Hall (including restricted lots). Lunch will be available, payable by cash only, for those who want to spend the entire day at the International Quilt Museum.

Updates & additional details on our websites and Facebook pages:

International Quilt Museum: [internationalquiltmuseum.org](http://internationalquiltmuseum.org)

Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild: [lincolnmqg.blogspot.com](http://lincolnmqg.blogspot.com)

Lincoln Quilters Guild: [lincolnquiltersguild.org](http://lincolnquiltersguild.org)

Nebraska State Quilt Guild: [nsqg.org](http://nsqg.org)

Omaha Modern Quilt Guild: [omqg.blogspot.com](http://omqg.blogspot.com)

## National Quilting Day 2026



### FREE community event

Saturday, March 21, 9 am to 4 pm

International Quilt Museum  
33rd & Holdrege, Lincoln, NE

#### LECTURES

9:30 & 1:00 Sara Kenny...Quilts of Valor

10:15 & 1:45 Susie Bonder...Not My Momma's Quilts

11:00 & 2:30 Unconventional and Unexpected:  
In Conversation with Roderick Kiracofe

#### Let's Celebrate the America250!

Quilts of Valor on display

Americana make and take project for entire family

Japanese Boro & Handwork Demonstrations & Display

Learn to Quilt, fun for all ages

Quilt Exhibitions in the IQM galleries

Collection Care in Action: Dillow Conservation Workroom

**Sponsors:** International Quilt Museum, Lincoln Quilters Guild, Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild, Nebraska State Quilt Guild, Omaha Modern Quilt Guild, AccuQuilt, Aurifil, Cosmic Cow, Fabric Bash, Sewing Centre of Lincoln & Nebraska Quilt Company

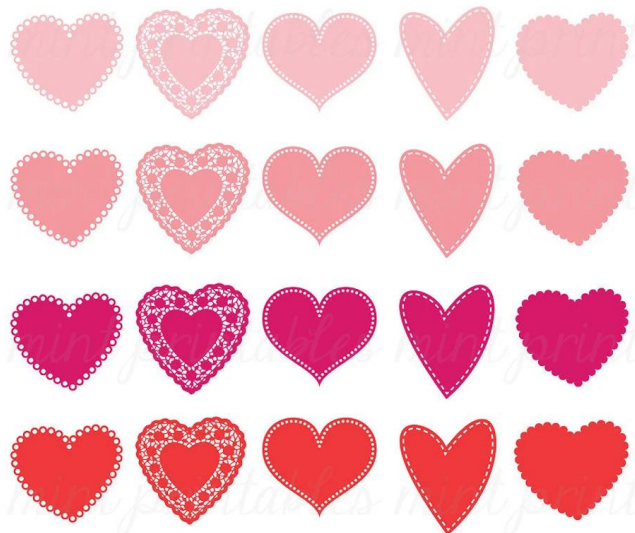
**Free Parking:** All University parking lots north of museum and Hardin Hall at 33rd & Holdrege St. (including restricted lots).

**Ala carte lunch available for purchase (cash only).**

[LincolnQuiltersGuild.org](http://LincolnQuiltersGuild.org), [nsqg.org](http://nsqg.org), [omqg.blogspot.com](http://omqg.blogspot.com), [lincolnmqg.blogspot.com](http://lincolnmqg.blogspot.com), [InternationalQuiltMuseum.org](http://InternationalQuiltMuseum.org)

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## Fat Quarter Exchange

### February: Valentine Prints

#### Helpful Guidelines/Reminders:

- \*A fat quarter is 18" by 20-22" in size. NO ¼ YARD CUTS PLEASE! Please check your fabric to make sure it's a true fat quarter.
- \*PLEASE Fabric must be good quality 100% cotton.
- \*Please bring current fabrics that are new or unused.
- \*Fabric color/print must comply with the theme for the month. To be determined by the people in charge
- \*Limit of 5 FQs per month (but you can only win one bundle per meeting)

#### Evening:

Connie Cramer 402-558-2886 (H) 402-871-9660 (C)  
Bonnie Balkovec 402-334-9419 (H) 402-960-3008 (C)

#### Morning:

Nene McManus 402-657-0455 (H)

## Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine and Shadows acknowledges a significant day, time or event, celebration, or condolences at time of need, by way of a card. A virtual hug by snail mail could brighten someone's day, if even for a moment. We would certainly like that everyone in the guild is included and knows that we care. Call or text me @ 402-516-2570 with the name, address, and event plus any pertinent information including members or former members that have passed away so we can inform our membership.

Thank you, Pat Sears ([paqratpat@yahoo.com](mailto:paqratpat@yahoo.com))



## Membership

Please let Carol Coniglio know if you have paid the additional for a mailing but still have not received your newsletter. Other address changes or Newsletter mailing problems? Also contact Carol Coniglio.

| New Members      |          |                      |           |       |            |              |                          |         |       |
|------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------|-------|
| Last             | First    | Address              | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                    | B-Month | B-Day |
| Jones            | Jenni    | 1207 Blaine St.      | Holdrege  | NE    | 68949-1741 | 402-395-2426 | jenlj5.jj@gmail.com      | 3       | 15    |
| Sloger           | Melanie  | 1003 Crest Rd.       | Papillion | NE    | 68046-3815 | 402-203-3016 | mdsloger@cox.net         | 2       | 22    |
| Renewing Members |          |                      |           |       |            |              |                          |         |       |
| Last             | First    | Address              | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                    | B-Month | B-Day |
| Winkelbauer      | Kathleen | 12510 Deer Creek Dr. | Omaha     | NE    | 68142-1784 | 402-203-4418 | kwinkel5@cox.net         | 8       | 18    |
| Email Changes    |          |                      |           |       |            |              |                          |         |       |
| Last             | First    | Address              | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                    | B-Month | B-Day |
| Bresette         | Ginny    | 17702 Champion Way   | Omaha     | NE    | 68136-1915 | 402-677-1412 | msginnyb@gmail.com       | 9       | 8     |
| Address Changes  |          |                      |           |       |            |              |                          |         |       |
| Last             | First    | Address              | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                    | B-Month | B-Day |
| Neely            | Marti    | 3858 S 202 Ave       | Omaha     | NE    | 68130-5078 | 402-630-0050 | martineelyapld@gmail.com | 10      | 8     |

## Quilts Needed!

### Bess Streeter Aldrich Quilt Exhibit

Happy New Year from the Historic Home of Bess Streeter Aldrich. We are pleased to announce that the **2026 Quilt Show** at the beautiful Bess Streeter Aldrich House will be held **June 17 to November 15** in Elmwood, Nebraska. Over 700 visitors enjoyed seeing the 120 quilts exhibited during our 2024 quilt show, and we are inviting you and your quilt group to participate in this event.

The 2026 theme will be Celebrating Children and Family Occasions. For example, quilts might be related to toys, vacations, babies, hobbies, storybooks, grandparents, picnics, swimming, birthdays, graduations, weddings, holidays, pets, sporting events—activities involving kids and family fun. In addition, we would like to commemorate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well as our country's 250 birthday by a special exhibit in the living room featuring Patriotic quilts. Therefore, we are asking each group of exhibitors to include one or two quilts that can be used in this Patriotic exhibit.

We could accept 10-12 quilts or other needlework-related pieces for one of our 13 rooms. The quilts will be displayed in a secure, climate-controlled location. We do have limited space so we are accepting exhibitors on a first-come basis.

Please let us know **by March 1, 2026** if your quilting group would like to participate in the 2026 Quilt Show. You can contact me at [kurkshrader@gmail.com](mailto:kurkshrader@gmail.com) or call me at 402-867-4233 or contact Billie Lefholtz at [raden1@neb.rr.com](mailto:raden1@neb.rr.com) or 402-417-5676 to get more details and/or reserve a room.

Sincerely,  
Kurk Shrader  
Executive Director

Billie Lefholtz  
Aldrich House Quilt Exhibit  
Coordinator

Cottonwood Quilters  
P.O. Box 27  
Elkhorn, NE 68022



Our next meeting is Monday,  
February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
at the **RELEVANT CENTER, 21220  
Elkhorn Drive**

[www.cottonwoodquilters.org](http://www.cottonwoodquilters.org)

## Calendar of Events

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Now         | International Quilt Study Center (IQSC)<br>1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE<br><a href="http://quiltstudy.org/">http://quiltstudy.org/</a>                                                              |
| February 16 | Scott Flanagan Workshop<br>See page 3<br><br><b>Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting<br/>In-Person Meeting</b><br>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr.<br>Doors Open – 6:00 p.m.<br>Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| February 17 | <b>Daytime Meeting<br/>In-Person Meeting</b><br>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr.<br>Doors Open – 9:00 a.m.<br>Meeting – 10:00 a.m.                                                                    |
| February 23 | Cottonwood Quilt Guild<br>Steering Committee Meeting<br>ZOOM Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                       |
| March 16    | Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting<br><b>In-Person Meeting</b><br>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr.<br>Doors Open – 6:00 p.m.<br>Meeting – 7:00 p.m.                                               |
| March 17    | <b>Daytime Meeting<br/>In-Person Meeting</b><br>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr.<br>Doors Open – 9:00 a.m.<br>Meeting – 10:00 a.m.                                                                    |



### Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

**CQG Questionnaire!!! –  
VERY IMPORTANT**

Shelter Donations – see  
below for items  
needed

### Fat Quarters

Mug WITH LID (BYO  
Drink)

**Workshop Form & \$\$**  
Workshop Projects for  
Show-n-Tell

### Quilts and Covers

NICU Quilts

Show-n-Tell

**A prospective member!**

**If you arrive 30  
or more  
minutes before  
the meeting,  
please stay in  
the lobby until  
the Check-in  
team is set up  
and ready for  
you!**

### Reminders

**Want a beverage??** You  
need to bring it in your own  
mug with a lid.

### **Do we know who you are??**

Wear a nametag so you can  
have a door prize ticket, or  
you will have to pay \$.25 for  
a paper one.

**Remember** to turn off or  
silence your cell phones  
before the meeting starts!

### **Shelter Donations**

Please bring non-perishable food items  
for local food banks.

Deb Kubik & Sandy Kovanda

# 2026-2027 Cottonwood Questionnaire

Please either email this form to Nancy McReynolds at [nancy.mcreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.mcreynolds@gmail.com) or mail at the address below by the end of January to:

Please take the time to fill this out. It helps make **OUR** guild better!

COTTONWOOD QUILTERS  
PO Box 27  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

**NO DUES ARE  
REQUIRED AT THIS  
TIME!**

Please read and complete both sides and PRINT CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Our Cottonwood Quilt Guild thrives best when **everyone** participates. Please consider getting involved in your guild by checking one or more of the following.

**I plan to attend more often:** \_\_\_ Daytime Meetings \_\_\_ Night Meetings

**I would be happy to serve as:**

- |                                                                          |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ___ Block of the Month Coordinator                                       | ___ Quilts & Covers Coordinator                                 |
| ___ Bus Trip Director/Coordinator                                        | ___ Quilts & Cover Helpers                                      |
| ___ Door Prize Coordinator                                               | ___ Quilt Challenge Coordinator                                 |
| ___ Fat Quarter Exchange Coordinator                                     | ___ Quilt Show Coordinator                                      |
| ___ Greeter Coordinator – Night ___ or Day ___                           | ___ Raffle Quilt Coordinator                                    |
| ___ Greeter – Month Preferred _____ Night ___ or Day ___                 | ___ Retreat Coordinator                                         |
| ___ Holder & Folder Coordinator – Night ___ or Day ___                   | ___ Shelter Donation Coordinator                                |
| ___ Holder & Folder - Month Preferred _____                              | ___ Shop Hop Coordinator                                        |
| Night ___ or Day ___                                                     | ___ Social Media Coordinator                                    |
| ___ Membership Records Coordinator                                       | ___ Small Group Coordinator                                     |
| ___ Membership Table Check-in Coordinator – Night ___ or Day ___         |                                                                 |
| ___ Membership Table Check-in Helper – Night ___ or Day ___              | ___ Studio Tour Coordinator                                     |
| ___ Membership Renewing & New Member Coordinator – Night ___ or Day ___  | ___ Sunshine & Shadows Coordinator                              |
| ___ Membership Renewing & New Member Table Helper – Night ___ or Day ___ | ___ Website Coordinator                                         |
| ___ Merchandise (shirts, bags, etc.)                                     | ___ Welcome Committee Coordinator – Night ___ or Day ___        |
| ___ Newsletter Editor                                                    | ___ Welcome Helper - Month Preferred _____ Night ___ or Day ___ |
| ___ NICU Quilt Coordinator                                               | ___ Yearbook Coordinator                                        |
| ___ Program Helper – Night ___ or Day ___                                |                                                                 |

**I would consider being an elected officer sometime in the future** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_ Program Chairperson (or Co-Chairperson) \_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_ Treasurer

Any suggestions for other members who might be willing to do one of these jobs? \_\_\_\_\_

**I would consider being the Daytime Coordinator** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### Other Volunteer Options

Are there any committees that you would co-chair or participate in? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Marketing Ideas

Do you have any suggestions for ways that we could market our guild for additional exposure and/or to gain additional members? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Small Groups

Are you a member of a Cottonwood Small Group? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, what is the name of the Small Group? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in joining a small group \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Evening

### Meetings

If you were Chairperson of the Guild, how would you improve or change the monthly meetings?

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### Programs/Workshops

Are there any speakers, programs or workshops/patterns that you would be interested in having Cottonwood host? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you volunteer to participate in a group trunk show? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are there any members who you think would give either a trunk show or a program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you volunteer to teach a class? If so, what?

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Would you volunteer to show a technique or a skill during a Round Robin? If so, what?

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**Thank you for taking time to fill out this questionnaire. Your input and ideas are carefully considered and truly appreciated.**



**Registration Form  
April 17-18, 2026**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Food restrictions or allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_



A deposit of \$150.00 is due by January 31, 2026, and final payment of \$75.00 (\$225.00 total, \$295.00 single room) is due by February 16, 2026. Payment to be made by Check Only – NO CASH. Checks should be made out to Cottonwood Quilters. Deposit and balance due can be sent to: Mary Hamilton, Bus Trip 21510 Cedarwood Rd. Elkhorn, NE 68022

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations must be made by February 16 to receive a refund. (See bylaws regarding cancellations in 2025-2026 Cottonwood Quilters Yearbook.)

I agree to not hold Cottonwood Quilters Guild or any person acting on behalf of in any way responsible or liable for any injury, damages, or any other loss, accident caused prior to, during or after the return of the trip. I understand that Cottonwood Quilters Guild or any party acting on behalf of the guild are not responsible for the costs of any medical treatment or for the quality of medical treatment, or lack thereof, you may receive while on this trip. I have read and understood the above, and my registration for this trip states my agreement.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Medical Information Form



Please complete the following information and **place it in a sealed envelope with your name on the envelope. Bring with you the morning we depart on the trip.** The envelope **will remain sealed** unless you require emergency care while on the bus trip and you are unable to answer questions. The sealed envelope will be returned when we arrive back in Omaha.



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name and Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Conditions** a health care provider needs to know for emergency care such as allergies, pacemakers, diabetes, seizures, current cancer treatment, or other pertinent information.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name and phone number of primary physician.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Prescribed medications you are taking.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Continue on back if needed.**



**COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD**  
**August 2025 – April 2026**  
**Workshop Registration Form**

**WORKSHOP INFORMATION:**

- You may register for one or more workshops.
- Workshop fees must be paid at the time of registration to reserve your spot.
- Costs:
  - Member - \$50
  - Non-member - \$65

Please bring your registration form with payment to a Cottonwood meeting or mail to:  
Gaylene Brennan, 13545 North 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68122

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a cell number, may we text you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**MEMBER INFORMATION:**

Cottonwood Member ☐ Yes ☐ No

**WORKSHOPS**

| Sign Me Up!              | Date          | Workshop                                         | Instructor           |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aug 18, 2025  | "Tangled Twigs" ( <i>paper piece</i> )           | Terri VandenBosch    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sept 15, 2025 | Walking Foot Quilting                            | Coleen Merte         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Oct 20, 2025  | Convergence ( <i>Ricky Tims' pattern</i> )       | Denise Stahl         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nov 17, 2025  | Posh Sunflower ( <i>mini quick curve ruler</i> ) | LuAnn Franzluebbbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Feb 16, 2026  | Linked Together                                  | Scott Flanagan       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apr 20, 2026  | Yellowstone Trail ( <i>paper piece</i> )         | Carolyn McCormick    |

# of Workshops \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Cottonwood Quilt Guild". (Checks will be cashed in Jul/Aug 2025.)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_