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

While I was sad to miss Scott Flanagan's *Behind the Scenes with 4th & Main* presentation (life sometimes has other plans!), I loved seeing the gorgeous photos of his quilts shared on our guild's social media. His work—and the many publications they appeared in—are truly inspiring. How special it must have been to hear his story in person! Coming up in March, we're thrilled to welcome Karen Medcalf-Paquette of Nebraska Quilt Company, who will share *Karen's Quilting Journey*. You won't want to miss it!

April is shaping up to be a busy and creative month. How's your *Starstruck* block of the month or your challenge quilt coming along? If yours is anything like mine, it's evolving... one decision at a time! I can't wait to see how everyone interprets the same set of rules and turns them into something completely unique. And let's not forget the Dakota Dash Bus Trip—almost here! Have you started your shopping list yet? Don't forget a portable project for stitching between shop stops as we enjoy exploring each store's special treasures.

As we look ahead to our May End-of-Year wrap-up meeting, yes—it's back—the ever-popular potluck dinner! More details will be shared at the April meeting and in the April newsletter, so start thinking about what delicious dish you might bring.

As we enjoy our remaining meetings this year, take a moment to notice the members who quietly (and not so quietly!) keep things running—chairing committees, organizing events, and stepping up whenever help is needed. If someone comes to mind, please consider nominating them for a service award. A list of past recipients can be found on the Cottonwood website.

And finally, the excitement is building for our 50th Birthday Celebration! Janelle Reed is leading the planning committee, and there are plenty of opportunities to join the fun—check this newsletter to see how you can be part of making this milestone celebration extra special.

Warm regards,
Terry Micheels, Chair



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

March Greeters

Monday Evening
Deb Herink
Rhonda Hildebrand

Tuesday Morning
April Bluvus
Fran Williamson

March Holders and Folders

Monday Evening
Mardie Grother
Linda Hooker
Sue Mehal
Sheri Oakes
Cherie Scarle
Volunteer?

Tuesday Morning
Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?

March Welcome Committee

Monday Evening
Kay Sieck
Volunteer?

Tuesday Morning
Jackie Heyne
Volunteer?

Birthdays

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

April
1 Sandy Albers
2 Lori Vermeulen
4 Jackee Brock
5 Alma Santos
8 Susan Marino
9 Patti Gatewood
9 Rhonda Hildebrand
10 Diane Bengtson
10 Marilyn Fitch
14 Deb Neumann
16 Pat Sears
16 Susan Snyder
20 Claudia Beach
24 Mary Hanke
25 Nancy Deicke
25 Peggy Fischman
26 Chris Claassen
26 Darla Majewski
30 Susan Poling



March In-Person Program

Karen Medcalf-Paquette w/
Nebraska Quilt Company,
www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com



Program: "Karen's Quilting Journey"

*** 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

February 16, 2026

Nancy McReynolds, 25-26 chairperson-elect, welcomed Cottonwood Guild members to the February meeting.

Gaylene Brennan introduced our speaker, Scott Flanagan. Scott presented "Behind the Scenes with 4th and Main". Scott gave us an insight into his journey with quilt design, working with magazine companies, fabric companies and attending trade shows. Scott started his journey in February 2007.

Attendees from today's class showed their samples from the workshop "Linked Together".

Nancy introduced and welcomed new members and guests.

Business meeting:

Minutes from the January meeting was approved.

Treasures report approved.

Committee reports.

Quilt Show – Janelle Reed asked quilt show committee members to give wrap up report and folder to Janelle and Marti Neely.

Block of the Month – Janelle Reed- questions on hourglass block, let Janelle know of any other questions.

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

Bus trip – Mary Hamilton – Bus trip is a go! Mary reported that 38 have signed up. Can take 45. The Dakota Dash will visit 8 quilt shops April 17th and 18th.

NICU Quilts - Deb Kubik – 55 NICU quilts recently delivered. Total of 1,112 quilts have been donated.

Programs – Gaylene Brennan – last workshop of the year is April 20th. Paper piecing "Yellowstone Trail". Next year's classes are ready for sign-ups.

Retreats - Christine Hess-Baker – There were 27 attendees at retreat held in January. July 16-19 is next retreat. Chritine is planning a Day Retreat in October. The retreat will be a Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Acme Fabric & Quilt Co in Blair.

Quilts and Covers - Vaylene Roberts – A sew day will be held on April 25th at St John's Lutheran Church in Bennington.

Show and Tell

Fat Quarter drawings. Next month will be florals.

Door prizes

Next meeting is March 16th at the Relevant Center

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Straight, Secretary

February Meeting

Attendees:

Night: 75 members

Day: 53 members



Cottonwood Quilt Guild			
Financial Report			
Beginning Checkbook Balance 2/1/2026			\$ 28,720.70
Income			
	Deposit	Membership Income	\$ 92.50
	Deposit	Workshop Fees	\$ 265.00
	Deposit	Fundraiser - Spirit Wear - TAG	\$ 55.58
	Deposit	Quilt Challenge Fees	\$ 15.00
	Deposit	Interest Income	\$ 22.30
Total Income			\$ 450.38
Expenses			
4087	Mary Leddy	Refund of Bus Trip Fee	\$ (225.00)
4088	Susan Seidel	February Newsletter	\$ (54.28)
4089	Debra Herink	Website Hosting Renewal	\$ (204.04)
4090	NLOM	Deposit July 2027 Retreat	\$ (1,170.00)
4091	NLOM	Deposit Jan 2027 Retreat	\$ (1,332.50)
4092	4th & Main (Scott Flanagan)	February Lecture & Workshop	\$ (1,200.00)
4093	Cook Olson	Refund - February 2026 Workshop	\$ (50.00)
4094	The Relevant Center	Rent - Nov & Feb Meetings	\$ (1,200.00)
Total Expenses			\$ (5,435.82)
Ending Checkbook Balance 2/28/2026			\$ 23,735.26

Evening Welcome Committee Help Still Needed!

Ann Anderson, our Welcome Committee Chair, has relocated and is unable to serve in her role. We wish Ann the best in Colorado and hope 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.

Seeking Volunteers for 2025-26

As your Chair-Elect, I have been communicating with guild members to recruit volunteers for available positions in the upcoming year. Our guild depends on our volunteers to deliver successful programs, creative classes, and engaging activities. Volunteering offers benefits, such as developing new skills, connecting with others, and building new relationships. Without individuals who volunteer their time and effort, we would not be able to provide the many opportunities for our members.

The following positions are currently available for the 2026-27 guild year:

- Quilts & Covers Chairperson (or Small Group!)
- Welcome Committee – Evening
- Holders & Folders – Morning
- New Members – Evening
- Studio Tour

For all inquiries, please contact Nancy McReynolds, Chair-Elect.

2025-26 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

Sign-up now!

MARCH 16 & 17, 2026

Speaker Karen Medcalf-Paquette w/ Nebraska Quilt Company, www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com
Lecture "Karen's Quilting Journey"
Workshop None

APRIL 20 & 21, 2026

Speaker Carolyn McCormick, 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

2026-27 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS SNEAK PEEK

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

AUGUST 17, 2026

Speaker Amy Bradley w/Amy Bradley Designs www.amybradleydesigns.com
Lecture "TBD"
Workshop "Applique" – Participants may choose any of Amy's patterns. We are anticipating this to be a very popular workshop; therefore, we are tentatively offering this workshop twice. If the Monday, August 17 class 'sells out', then a second workshop will be offered on Tuesday, August 18.



SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2026

Speaker To Be Announced
Lecture "Quilts, Quilts, and More Quilts!"
Workshop "Jelly Roll Rug" w/Marguerite Hansen

Learn the tips and tricks of this fun jelly roll rug in our class. Marguerite will walk you through all the steps first by making a coaster and then you will have the confidence to tackle your own rug in colors to match your decor. She'll also show you how to adjust the size for trivets and placemats as well.



OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2026

Speaker Karen Hill
Lecture "Miniatures Just for Fun"

Karen has always been attracted to little versions of big things which define miniature quilts. While they are difficult to cuddle under, they are fun to make and easy to display. This lecture discusses the criteria and techniques for creating miniatures just for fun and her 'Trunk Show' will provide the inspiration.

Workshop "Miniature"

Learn techniques that help to create miniature quilts. A miniature quilt will be started in class.



NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2026

Speaker Cindy Erickson, Quilt Judge

Lecture "From Seam to Supreme – How Quilts Win Hearts (and Ribbons)"

Workshop "Snow Crystal" with Carol Coniglio

In this class you'll learn to use Studio 180 Design's Star 60 Tool to create this beautiful project. With Carol as your instructor, you will learn the tips and tricks of this ruler to create a wall hanging, table topper or tree skirt. Three different sizes are available (32", 46", 60"). Carol is a certified Studio 180 Design Certified Instructor. Be sure to follow her on Facebook – Just One More Seam.



JANUARY 18, 2027 (Zoom)

Speaker Phyllis Cullen w/Phyllis Cullen Art Studio www.phylliscullenartstudio.com

Lecture "It's All About the Face"

This all about portrait quilting. As the authors of the book by the same name Phyllis will guide you through numerous examples and style of quilted portraits, of people and animals. She will include lessons on the various aspects of creating these pieces, including posing, choosing photos, creating patterns, values, choosing fabrics, and how to quilt faces. You'll receive lots of information and hopefully inspiration to get out and "make a face!"

Workshop none



FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2027

Speaker Chris Hoffman w/Acme Fabric & Quilt Company, www.acmefabric.com

Lecture "To Market ... to Market"

Chris has turned a beloved hobby into a brick-and-mortar shop in Blair, Nebraska. Her shop is full of vibrant fabrics, sewing notions, and quilting supplies to meet the creative needs of our community! Chris will be sharing how the quilt markets inspire her merchandise purchases that tempt us all.

Workshop "Sashiko Stitching 101" w/ Susie Bonder

Learn how to do Sashiko with this beginner-friendly class with Susie. You'll learn basic stitches, patterns and tips to start this Japanese hand sewing technique.



MARCH 15 & 16, 2027

Speaker Cottonwood Members

Lecture "Speed Dating"

This is an opportunity to connect with several speakers to learn new quilting techniques.

Workshop "TBD"

APRIL 19 & 20, 2027

Speaker David and Teresa Duwe, with Yeswedequilts Yeswedequilts.com

Lecture "What's Old is New Again"

Join David and Teresa as they share a collection of over 40 quilts recreated and reborn using newer techniques, many with old linens.

Workshop "Antique Hanky Quilts"

What do you do with all your old linens? Make a small fat quarter quilt.



MAY 17, 2027 – Year End Wrap-Up Meeting



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 1,100 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

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!



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

The last 2 of the 12 patterns for the 8-point star blocks in the 2025-26 Block of the Month will be emailed to participants in early March. Finished tops will be due at the meetings in April. They may be but are not required to be quilted and bound. If you will not be at the April meeting but want to turn in your BOM project, please contact Janelle Reed. Each participant paid \$5 into the Viewers' Choice Prize Fund, and those prizes will be awarded at the May 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

Cottonwood Bus Trip Update

April 17-18, 2026

We are headed for South Dakota, and we have 6 seats on the bus just waiting to be filled. It is not too late to get in on the fun and shopping as we travel to eight different shops. We will leave Omaha on Friday, April 17 at 6:30 a.m. and return Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$225 for members and includes bus fare, semi-private room, lunches and breakfast. If you have been thinking about going on the trip, now is the time to get on board! And bring a friend!

Contact Mary Hamilton at 402-689-6988 or meahamilton@cox.net for questions or registration. We would love to have you join us!



Cottonwood Quilters 50th Birthday Celebration!

March 2030

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 janlsews@gmail.com or 402-639-4764.

Block Logo Contest

The 50th Birthday Committee is looking for a Block design to use as a logo for the celebration. It will be used for merchandise to commemorate the occasion and also for planned and to-be-determined group projects to include all members in the celebration.

Birthday Block Contest Rules are:

- Sewer-Friendly! We will encourage all members to participate in projects using this block.
- It may be an Original Design or a Traditional or Open Resourced Block or a variation of such.
- It must contain a tree – any kind of tree.
- Any technique may be used – pieced, paper-pieced, applique (hand-, fused-, or machine-) or a combination of techniques.
- Make a 12” block (12 ½” unfinished) predominantly green(s) and gold(s).
- Bring your block to the August 2026 combined meeting. We will display all blocks and hold a Viewers' Choice election to select The Birthday Block.
- All blocks will be returned to the makers.

Have fun and be a part of the Celebration!

Fat Quarter Exchange

March: Florals

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)

Quilts & Covers

Quilts and Covers will be having a sew day at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington, April 25, 2026. We will provide a meat/main dish, please sign up to bring a side dish, salad, dessert, etc. Please let Vaylene know if you can make it! We always have a great time visiting and sewing! If you don't want to sew, we have plenty of fabric to be cut as well. Vaylene can be reached at 910-574-2554.



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
Cunningham	Alice	402 Remington Rd.	Papillion	NE	68042-4373	402-680-0699	butterflyquilts60@yahoo.com	1	12
Fitzgibbons	Karen	1016 S 90 Court	Omaha	NE	68114-3905	402-670-2406	fitzgibbons.karendale@gmail.com	7	14
Gentrup	Mary	1937 Park Ave	Omaha	NE	68105-2547	402-968-7575	catsrus@cox.net	11	30
Hanke	Mary	12822 Emilne St.	Omaha	NE	68138-3224	402-660-4279	hankemary@gmail.com	4	24
Hanna	Gail	14340 Heywood St.	Waverly	NE	68462-1325	402-250-9261	gailhanna2002@yahoo.com	1	1
Hradec	Karen	2862 Read St.	Omaha	NE	68112-3124	402-451-1734	leftystitcher.1@gmail.com	9	28
LeBron	Jeanne	8000 Harney St.	Omaha	NE	68114-4451	402-917-2772	quiltjl@gmail.com	8	14
Luebbert	Peggy	7115 S 140 Ave.	Omaha	NE	68138-6234	402-690-4685	peggyluebbert50@gmail.com	9	13
Weight	Denise	409 Pioneer Rd	Papillion	NE	68046-3794	402-980-5540	dmweight54@gmail.com	8	27

Cottonwood Quilters
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Our next meeting is Monday,
March 16th at 7:00 p.m. and
Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.
at the **RELEVANT CENTER**,
21220 Elkhorn Drive

www.cottonwoodquilters.org

Calendar of Events

Now	International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) 1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE http://quiltstudy.org/
March 16	Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
March 17	Daytime Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 9:00 a.m. Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
March 23	Cottonwood Quilt Guild Steering Committee Meeting ZOOM Meeting 6:30 p.m.
April 20	Carolyn McCormick Workshop See page 3 Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
April 21	Daytime Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 9:00 a.m. Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

*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!*

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag

Fat Quarters

Mug WITH LID (BYO
Drink)

Workshop Forms & \$\$

Quilts & Covers

NICU Quilts

NO Shelter Donations

Member of the Year

Nomination Form

Show-n-Tell

A prospective member!

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!



Member of the Year

Each year, with the help of our members, we try to recognize those members that have gone the extra mile to make Cottonwood Quilt Guild a special organization. There are many members who work very hard to make this group what it is. We would like your nomination for someone you feel has worked exceptionally hard to help our guild. Every active member is eligible, except the 5 elected officers.

The following are the typical categories, though not all categories have to be awarded. It depends on your nominations. An award committee will be established to decide on the winners.

Lifetime Achievement -- a member who has been active in the guild for at least five to seven years and who has been active in committees, on the board etc. to assist in making Cottonwood the great guild it is.

Yearly Service -- a member who has gone above and beyond in the current guild year.

Outstanding Achievement -- a member who has gone above and beyond and accomplished something out of the ordinary.

If you know someone who fits any of the above descriptions, please take time to fill out the form at right, put it in an envelope and mail to Terry Micheels or bring to the March or April meetings. The deadline for the nominations is the April meeting.

See the Yearbook or the website here:

(<https://cottonwoodquilters.org/about-us/member-of-year/>) for previous years' award winners.

2026 Member of the Year Nomination Form

I nominate: _____ for:

Lifetime Achievement _____

Yearly Service _____

Outstanding Achievement _____

Outline her contributions: _____

Explain why you felt she should receive this honor:

Your name (optional): _____

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY



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: Dillow Conservation Workroom and fabulous Quilt Exhibitions in the IQM galleries. Our current exhibitions include *Japanese Boro*, *20th Century American Quilts*, *Fashion & Quilts*, *Saitama*, *Machine Quilting*: Karen McTavish.

Our Lectures! Join us in the 1st 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
Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild: lincolnmqg.blogspot.com
Lincoln Quilters Guild: lincolnquiltersguild.org
Nebraska State Quilt Guild: nsqg.org
Omaha Modern Quilt Guild: omqg.blogspot.com
The Cottonwood Courier

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, nsqg.org, omqg.blogspot.com,
lincolnmqg.blogspot.com, InternationalQuiltMuseum.org





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.



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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 74th 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
☐	Aug 18, 2025	"Tangled Twigs" (<i>paper piece</i>)	Terri VandenBosch
☐	Sept 15, 2025	Walking Foot Quilting	Coleen Merte
☐	Oct 20, 2025	Convergence (<i>Ricky Tims' pattern</i>)	Denise Stahl
☐	Nov 17, 2025	Posh Sunflower (<i>mini quick curve ruler</i>)	LuAnn Franzluebbbers
☐	Feb 16, 2026	Linked Together	Scott Flanagan
☐	Apr 20, 2026	Yellowstone Trail (<i>paper piece</i>)	Carolyn McCormick

of Workshops _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

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Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

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☐	☐ Aug 17, 2026 OR ☐ Aug 18, 2026	Machine Applique Choose from any of Amy's Patterns	Amy Bradley
☐	Sept 21, 2026	Jelly Roll Rug	Marguerite Hansen
☐	Oct 19, 2026	Miniature Quilt	Karen Hill
☐	Nov 16, 2026	Snow Crystal – Table Topper	Carol Coniglio
☐	Feb 15, 2027	Sashiko	Susie Bonder
☐	Mar 15, 2027	TBD	TBD
☐	Apr 19, 2027	Antique Hanky Quilt	David & Teresa Duwe

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