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

Celebrating 46 Years of Creativity and Community

Dear Cottonwood Quilters,

Welcome to our 46th year! I'm thrilled to kick off another season with all of you. While summer may be a time to slow down for some, many of you have been hard at work behind the scenes, keeping our guild thriving. Here's a glimpse of what's been happening since we last gathered:

- **Deb Herink** has been rebuilding our website, and the results are stunning! The new design is sleek, colorful, and easy to navigate. With highlighted sections, text boxes, and links, it's now easier than ever to find what you need. We'd love to hear your feedback—explore the site and let us know what you think!
- A huge thank you to **Lori Douglas-Prendergast** and **Susan Seidel** for their dedication in preparing our Membership Directory and Newsletters. Their coordination and effort behind the scenes keep us all connected and informed.
- **Marti Neely, Janelle Reed**, and their committee chairs have been hard at work organizing our 2025 Biennial Quilt Show, "Turn Dash", happening October 2–4. **The deadline to submit your quilts is August 20th**—don't miss it! Every quilt tells a story and inspires others, so please share your creations.
- **Gaylene Brennan** has curated an exciting lineup of programs and workshops featuring talented quilters from near and far. Whether you're a seasoned stitcher or just starting out, there's something new to learn. Visit our website to explore the offerings and sign up!
- **Janelle Reed** and **Barb Trochim** are crafting engaging activities for us all. I'm especially excited to see what they've planned for this year's Block of the Month and Quilt Challenge—stay tuned!
- **Nancy McReynolds** and **Laura Swett** are preparing delightful door prizes to surprise and delight us throughout the season.

To everyone who's contributed—thank you! If I missed mentioning you by name, please know your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Let's make this season one to remember. Welcome new faces, reconnect with old friends, and share the joy of quilting with our community.

Warmly, **Terry Micheels** Chairperson, Cottonwood Quilters

August Program - In-Person

Terri VandenBosch

Program: "Just Make Stuff"

Terri's presentation is filled with creative inspiration, amusing quilting antidotes, and armloads of quilts from her very first to what she is currently working on.

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 ***

August Greeters

Laura Kunkle
Patti Wright

August Holders and Folders

Rita Hope Haverman
Susan Seidel

Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?
Volunteer?

August Welcome Committee

Ann Anderson
Susan Poling

Birthdays

AUGUST

1 Joan Olander
1 Linda Hooker
4 Janet Hugenroth
8 Cook Olson
9 Karen Dix-Johnson
9 Carol Wakin
10 Nancy McReynolds
13 Kim Gleisberg
13 Valinda Wollen
14 Connie Dunn
14 Karen Kludt
15 Linda Hood
18 Kathleen WinkelBauer
20 Sharlene West
23 Anne Carter
24 Susan Seidel
26 Barb Amys
26 Kim McAnally
29 Jo Radant
29 Vaylene Roberts
30 Laura Kunkle

SEPTEMBER

1 Deborah Hickman
2 Patti Wright
6 Nancy Burch
8 Ginny Bresette
9 Joan Bellairs
13 Nene McManus
15 Leora Hartford
16 Carol Cranston
16 Chris Gilmore
21 Linda Riesselman
22 Mardie Grothen
24 Sally Viola
28 Kay Sieck
29 Jan Heliker



May Meeting
Attendees:
Night: 93 members



Summer Retreat

Thank you, Betty Cook for a
wonderful time at this year's
Sewcial Butterflies Retreat!

COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING

June 16, 2025

This was the combined evening and day groups' annual year-end celebration meeting. It was postponed from May due to the possibility of severe storms that night.

A pot-luck salad supper began at 6:00 pm.

Block of the Month and Quilt Challenge displays were open for viewer's choice voting until 6:15 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by chairperson Carol McCann.

Carol presented the Achievement Awards for 2024-25. She thanked Gaylene for hosting and organizing the dinner this evening and thanked everyone for bringing wonderful food to share.

Member of the Year - Betty Cook

Lifetime Achievement - Nancy Wells and Patti Wright

Terry Micheels, incoming chairperson, presented Carol McCann with a signature quilt for handling all the "behind the scenes" work as Guild Chairperson for 2024-25.

Terry announced that beginning in August, Show and Tell would be organized by Marguerite Hansen. You will register with Marguerite as you come into the meeting and she will organize the showing of all the works of art brought to share.

The new Steering Committee members were listed for 2025-26.

Raffle tickets for the Show Raffle Quilt are available. All members are asked to purchase 5 tickets (\$10).

August Newsletter deadline for articles is July 16.

Yearbook information from steering committee members is also due by July 16. For your name to be in the yearbook's membership roster, membership must be paid by tonight.

The last Guild Cookbook was sold!

NICU Quilts - Deb Kubik reported that Carol Uebner's husband, Larry, has continued his support for the NICU project by pledging to provide batting for all future needs. The guild has donated 932 NICU quilts to date.

Quilt Show 2025 -

Deb Kubik reported that all vendor slots have been filled.

Kim Creamer asked for members to sign up to bring pies for the Quilters Cafe. Sign up sheets are on the tables.

Susan Poling asked for volunteers to sign up for shifts during the Show. For every quilt entered, you are asked to do a 2-hour shift.

Bonnie Balkovec showed many of the donations received tonight for the Silent Auction and the Mini Raffle. Donations will be accepted through September.

Marti Neely reminded show committee members of a meeting on Zoom on Thursday, June 16. Registration forms are due by the August meeting, quilt turn in will be in September.

Bus Trip 2026 - Mary Hamilton asked that members respond to the survey for planning information. The link to the survey was sent out via e-mail.

Quilts and Covers - 120 quilts were donated this year. There are kits available for summer sewing.

Retreat - Betty Cook encouraged members to sign up as soon as possible for the July 31-August 3 retreat.

Merchandise - The sale of merchandise will close on June 20.

Show and Tell - Always inspirational!

Challenge Quilts - Trips and Travel

Accessories - 1st place - Cynde McCall, 2nd place - Rita Haverman

Small quilts - 1st place - Jackie Heyne, 2nd place - Patty Poltack

Large quilts - 1st place - Linda Harper, 2nd place - Sue Witt

Block of the Month - Churned

1st Place - Cook Olson

2nd/3rd Place tie - Terry Micheels and Barb Trochim

4th Place - Jackie Heyne

Honorable Mention - Patty Poltack, Linda Harper, and Clare DuChamps

Fat Quarters - Patriotic fabrics were shared. August will be pink or purple fabrics - solids or prints.

Door Prizes - Wonderful items!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Wright, Secretary



Cottonwood Quilt Guild			
Financial Report			
Beginning Checkbook Balance		5/1/2025	\$ 15,340.12
Income			
	Deposit	Transfer In from CD	\$ 5,000.00
	Deposit	Summer Sewcial Retreat Fees	\$ 6,583.00
	Deposit	Cookbook Sales	\$ 70.00
	Deposit	May Meeting Visitors	\$ 20.00
	Deposit	Interest Income - May, June, July	\$ 56.51
Total Income			\$ 11,729.51
Expenses			
Transfer	Credit Card Charge	Postage Stamps - Treasurer	\$ (73.00)
4050	Francie Conrad	Repair & Replace Broken PVC Frames	\$ (162.01)
4051	The Relevant Center	March & April Meeting Rental	\$ (1,200.00)
4076	VOID		\$ -
4052	Susan Seidel	May Newsletter	\$ (46.87)
4053	Deb Herink	Website Renewal & Security/SSL	\$ (462.22)
4054	VOID		\$ -
4055	US Postal Service	Admin: Post Office Box Annual Fee	\$ (226.00)
4056	Carol Coniglio	2 Rolls NICU Quilt Batting	\$ (240.00)
Trsf	Credit Card Charge	Flowers for the Final Meeting	\$ (41.69)
4057	Terry Micheels	Fabric for Outgoing Chair Gift	\$ (100.44)
Total Expenses			\$ (2,552.23)
Ending Checkbook Balance		7/31/2025	\$ 24,517.40

Forgot to Renew?

Put your membership form and
check in the mail now!

It is time to start a new year of guild meetings and activities. Lori Douglas has worked hard to have the 2025-26 yearbooks that will be distributed at our first in-person meeting in August at the Relevant Center. Remember we will be having a combined daytime and evening meeting on August 18th in the evening. Hopefully, everyone paid their dues in April and May or over the summer months but if not, please fill out a form and bring it to the August meeting or mail it to the PO Box.

Just a couple of quick reminders regarding renewals and new memberships:

1. Please pay with a check -- no cash
2. Renewals are \$40 - this includes a \$5 late fee.
3. There is a \$25 charge if you want a printed newsletter mailed to you.
4. New member fees are \$35.

Small Groups

It's that time of year when we come together as quilters to renew acquaintances and get inspired to try new methods, take interesting classes, learn new techniques and renew old friendships while strengthening old bonds. I am here to help you find a new small group to share new experiences with. Call Kay Sieck 402-677-2099; email ksieckcottonwood@yahoo.com to find out about a small group that might fit into your schedule.

2025-26 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

See Workshop
Cancellation Policy in
yearbook!

AUGUST 18, 2025

Speaker Terri VandenBosch w/ Lizard Creek Quilting, www.lizardcreekquilting.com

Lecture "Just Make Stuff"

Terri's presentation is filled with creative inspiration, amusing quilting antidotes, and armloads of quilts from her very first to what she is currently working on.

Workshop "Tangled Twigs" – paper piece



SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2025

Speaker Coleen Merte w/ Northwater Quilts, www.northwaterquilts.com

Lecture "My Journey Into Pattern Design"

This lecture with trunk show promises to provide inspiration and enthusiasm for all types of quilters. Not to mention lots of laughter.

Workshop "Walking Foot Quilting"

You will love all the different designs you can easily create just with your walking foot. This class will give you confidence and inspiration to further create your own designs. Leave class with a library of quilt sandwiches for you to refer back to anytime.

OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2025

Speaker Denise Stahl, The Curious Kansas Quilter, www.thecuriouskansasquilter.blogspot.com

Lecture "Hi, I'm Denise and I'm a BOM Addict."

It seems so easy when it's just one block!

Workshop "Convergence" (a Ricky Tims' pattern)

Four coordinating FQ, cutting, sewing, cutting again, sewing again. It's MAGIC!



NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2025

Speaker LuAnn Franzluebbbers

Lecture Crazy Quilt Lover!

LuAnn is passionate about quilting and is going to take us on her journey of how she became a Crazy Quilt Lover! From learning to sew, to learning to quilt, to teaching classes, to a longarm business. LuAnn is so very thankful for this wonderful hobby and hopes to motivate and encourage others by sharing her crazy love of quilting.

Workshop "Posh Sunflower" – Mini Quick Curve Ruler



JANUARY 19, 2026 (Zoom)

Speaker Joanne Kerton w/ Canuck Quilter www.CanuckQuilterDesigns.com

Lecture "Make It Your Own"

How do you take a pattern and create a quilt that is uniquely yours? Using her own quilt designs, we will explore how different choices alter the look and feel of a quilt. Backgrounds, borders, bindings and backs are often considered secondary to the block designs, but they have a significant impact on the finished quilt. Joanne will share tips on fabric selection as well as ways to tweak a pattern and even mix and match elements from different patterns. Let's learn to look at those patterns with new eyes!

FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2026

Speaker Scott Flanagan w/ 4th & Main Designs, www.4thandmaindesigns.com

Lecture "What's New with 4th & 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 here what's new with 4th & Main!

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
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

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 932 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

Cottonwood Quilt Guild Web Site

Cottonwood Quilt Guild has a web site has a new look and can be viewed on a computer, tablet or phone. Be sure to look at our site and bookmark it as one of your favorites. The address is www.cottonwoodquilters.org. The guild newsletter will be posted on the web site and is only available to members. The site contains information about all our meetings, and speakers. An email is sent out every month from the guild (normally a week before the meeting) announcing the monthly meeting and contains the link for the newsletter and bulletin board. For the meetings that will be held via Zoom, a separate email will be sent 2-3 days prior to the meeting with the Zoom codes. Please provide an email address to the guild, as email is a very efficient method to contact our members. If you have paid the fee to receive the newsletter through the mail, you will continue to receive the mailed newsletter. If you are not receiving the email, please check your junk/spam folder.

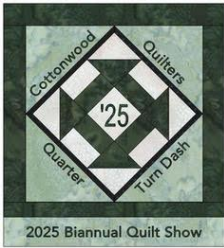
Member's Bulletin Board

Only the following sewing or quilting-related items will be accepted for posting:

- 1) Items to sell,
- 2) Items to buy,
- 3) Looking for help with project
- 4) Can be member informing of a non-member having sewing/quilting items available. The submitting member will be considered the contact person.

Please send a photo of your item. If you have any comments or input for the web site, please forward to email@cottonwoodquilters.org.





QUARTER TURN DASH QUILT SHOW

October 2-4, 2025

LESS THAN 2 MONTHS TO THE QUILT SHOW!

We are down to the wire.....it's just around the corner. **Quarter Turn Dash Quilt Show, OCTOBER 2-4, 2025, at Water's Edge Church, 19600 Harrison Street is here.** Inside this newsletter are the Quilt Entry forms for the show. They are also available on the website. Please read them carefully and fill them out accurately as possible. This information is valuable in how and where your quilt is displayed in in the show and which category it is judged. **All entries are due at this upcoming Guild Meeting, but PLEASE DON'T WAIT until the last minute.** It takes time to enter all the data. Mail your entry forms to Janelle Reed at the address at the bottom of the form.

All quilts need to be turned in on September 19th or 20th for verification. Details will be published and announced later. You now have about 1 month to get all of your quilts finished. Our goal is to have 200 quilts in the show. So far 43 entry forms have been received.

11 Vendors will be at the show this year. Many of our favorites and several new faces. Thank you to Deb Kubik and her committee for the work done to secure the contracts and checks for this. It was a big job. We have 5 more booths than the last show, more room for fabric and quilty stuff for us to buy!

Check out the attached information on the Challenge Quilt for the Show, the 15" Mini Quilt Project and the call for donations for the Silent Auction and Mini Raffle. Donations need to be delivered no later than the September guild meeting, giving the committee time to prepare for the show.

Please stop by the table with the Opportunity Quilt and purchase some tickets. The more you buy the more chances you have to win, not only the quilt, but one of two prizes we have for our members; an Oliso Mini Iron with case and a bottle of Best Press – valued at \$125 or a free (\$50) Quilt Workshop at Cottonwood. Every ticket purchased supports bringing great programs to our monthly meetings.

We are offering Pre-Sales for admission to Quilt Show and Mini-Raffle tickets at the August and September Meetings. Multi-day tickets are \$15.00 and the single day are \$10.00. Bring your checkbook (it's cash only at the show. Buy early and save time.

We need everyone to help with the show by entering their quilts, purchasing their envelopes of raffle tickets, donating items to the silent auction or mini raffle, and/or attending the show with friends and family. Even if you don't enter a quilt, volunteer some time or donate some pies. With everyone's support we will have very successful event.

Marti Neely and Janelle Reed, Quilt Show Chairs

Martineelyapld@gmail.com Janlsews@gmail.com

Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

The time has come to volunteer to help make this year's quilt show the best yet. Call a friend today and find a slot you can work together. **You can enter up to three quilts in the show. You need to sign up for a 2-hour slot for each of those quilts.** Signing up for a slot supports the show and the guild. Even if you aren't entering a quilt, please sign up for a slot. You get in for free that day. If you require a sit-down job, you need to sign up quickly. Those slots go fast. If you don't require a sit-down job, please consider signing up for another slot to save those for our members who need to sit to be able to participate. Signing up is easy. Click on this link:

<https://signup.com/go/LzFtUvz>

Don't forget to click save when you are all done. Call Susan Poling at 402-533-2702(H) or 402-215-1138 (C) if you have any questions or if you need help signing up. The link is also on our website. See you at the show!

Pies Needed for Quilt Show!

The Quilters Café is in need of pies to sell at the quilt show. Use this link:

<https://signup.com/go/QbvwaQ>

to sign up. When you get to the link, don't worry about the timeframe, just worry about the day you can bring your pies. Deliver your pies to the kitchen when you come to the show. Label your pies with what they are and if they need refrigeration. Carefully label your pie plate if you want it back. Please bring only pies. NO cakes, bars, or cookies.



2025 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt

We are now in the home stretch toward our quilt show. With a month and a half to go, I was hoping that ALL our members would have purchased their tickets by now. We have approximately 100 who have NOT - again, THE GUILD DEPENDS ON YOU to continue - It doesn't take a few of us, it takes a village to keep the guild up and running - please step up and buy your tickets!!!

The member with the most purchased/sold tickets will win an Oliso iron with a carry case.

QUARTER TURN DASH CHALLENGE

This year, the rules are as follows:

1. A Churn Dash Block must be visible (in some form) on the front of the quilt.
2. 2 of the following 3 blocks must also be used on the front of the quilt – Half Square Triangle, Flying Geese or Railroad Tracks.
3. Any color or combination of color may be used – no color restrictions.
4. The size of the quilt: - Perimeter to be no less than 80", no more than 100".
5. The quilt must be an original design by the maker/member.
6. The maker/member must completely construct the quilt.
7. The quilt must be composed of 3 layers, pieced fabric front, batting and backing.
8. The quilt must be quilted, not tied.
9. The quilt must be either bound or faced.
10. The quilt must lay flat, 3 dimensional items are not acceptable.
11. A ribbon will be awarded to the winner of the challenge.



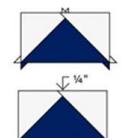
Churn Dash Block



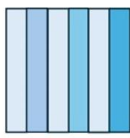
Half Square Triangle



How to determine quilt size:
 $25 \times 25 + 20 \times 20 = 90''$ Perimeter



Flying Geese



Rail Fence block
Shown with 6 Rails



Silent Auction, Mini Raffle, and 15" Mini Quilts

Hello Fellow Quilters! We have collected some great items for both the Silent Auction and Mini Raffle to help out with our booking some great speakers for upcoming meetings. You have August and the September meeting to bring items that you would like to donate for someone else that definitely will need them! The September meeting is the last meeting when donations will be accepted. Time to finish those last-minute quilts or projects to give to Cottonwood to use. Don't forget that the Silent Auction and Mini Raffle area has time slots available to help out so look for the times listed. Any questions? Please contact us.

Bonnie Balkovec 402-960-3008

Francie Conrad 402-708-7029



The 15 x 15 Mini Quilt Project

Not sure what to donate to the Silent Auction or don't want to part with anything?

Don't have much time to make something new but want to contribute?

We are also asking for small quilts, 15"x15", that could be a wall hanging, a door quilt or even a table topper.

These will be for sale at the show so anyone can buy and own a quilt, even if it is a little one.

Does it have to be exactly a 15" Square?

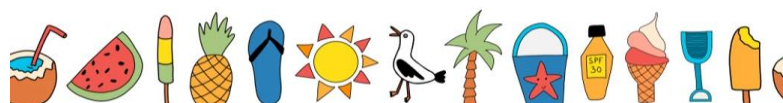
We guarantee the Ruler Fairy will be too busy verifying quilt entries and not available to check dimensions for this project. 15" works well for turning a 10-12" block into a small quilt. 14 3/4", 14 1/2", 15 1/4" and so on makes a nice mini quilt too.

This is a great size for little Holiday theme quilts. Think Halloween, Christmas, Patriotic themes.

Question? Contact Marti or Janelle.

martineelyapld@gmail.com

jansews@gmail.com



Diane Pitchford Quilt Show Judge Bio

Diane has been sewing on a machine since the age of four. Her mother was an avid seamstress but her three sisters never learned to thread a needle. Diane began quilting in the late 70's and after a 27-year career in the electronics industry, quilting took over her life. She lectures and teaches a variety of quilting classes in addition to being both a longarm and hand quilter. Diane has received numerous quilting awards on the local and national level, including Best of Show, Exemplary Hand Quilting, Exemplary Machine Quilting and Exemplary Workmanship.

Diane has been very active in local and national organizations including President of The Arizona Quilters Guild and Show Director for both the National Quilting Association and the AQG. Her major accomplishments include earning the designation of NQA Certified Judge in 2011 and being inducted into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame in 2012. To date, Diane has judged over 11,000 quilts. Diane is also a member of the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges.

Fat Quarters

Please Join The Fun!!! The Fat Quarter exchange will start in August at our first meeting. We will be collecting fat quarters and will distribute them to the prize winners based on the number of fat quarters received.

Helpful Guidelines/Reminders:

*A fat quarter is 18" by 20-22" in size. NO 1/4 YARD CUTS PLEASE! Please check your fabric to make sure it's a true fat quarter.

*PLEASE Fabric must be good quality 100% cotton.

*Fabric must be new or unused. Please bring current fabrics.

*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)

Both evening and morning meetings will follow this theme schedule:

August: Pink or Purple Prints

September: Halloween colors or prints

October: Leaf Prints

November: Christmas Prints

January: Zoom Meeting. No Fat Quarter Exchange

February: Valentine Prints

March: Florals

April: Batiks

May: Patriotic Colors

Thanks For Participating!!! The More the Merrier!!!

Write yourself a note to remember to bring your Fat Quarters. That's what I do!!!

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)



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

The challenge this year will be left to chance! The roll of the dice will set the stage for what blocks and colors you must use and is an exciting way to create a quilt by adding a twist to luck. The objective is to let your creativity and imagination run wild!

How does this challenge work? At the time you sign up, you will roll TWO DICE two times.

- **First**, you will roll TWO DICE to find out which two blocks (out of the six indicated on the sign up sheet) you must use!

- **Second**, you will roll TWO DICE to find out which two colors (out of the six indicated on the sign up sheet) you must use!

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 incorporate 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

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 (paqrtpat@yahoo.com)

Quilts of Valor

On behalf of our Quilts of Valor Omaha chapter, we wish to thank the Cottonwood Guild for their support in making blocks for us and for supporting our fundraising efforts. Our June Quilters' Garage sale was a huge success, in large part to all our Cottonwood quilters who came out to find and purchase treasures! We are on track to award so many Quilts of Valor to area veterans and active-duty service members thanks to having the funds to purchase backings, batting, fabric, award labels and certificates and thread. We know first-hand how expensive it can be to make quilts-so this goes a long way to allowing us to continue our mission to honor our military men and women.



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



Our next meeting is Monday, August 18th at the **RELEVANT CENTER**, 21220 Elkhorn Drive (Remember no Daytime Meeting)

www.cottonwoodquilters.org

Calendar of Events

Now	International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) 1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE http://quiltstudy.org/
August 18	Terri VandenBosch Workshop See page 3 Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting <i>In-Person Meeting</i> Relevant Center Doors Open – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m. (Remember: No Daytime Meeting)
August 21	Quilt Show Meeting Janelle Reed's House 6:30 p.m.
August 25	Cottonwood Quilt Guild Steering Committee Meeting ZOOM Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 15	Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting <i>In-Person Meeting</i> Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive Doors Open – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
September 16	Daytime Meeting <i>In-Person Meeting</i> Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive Doors Open – 9:00 a.m. Meeting – 10 a.m.

Don't forget to bring:
Membership Form & \$35
Check (if you didn't pay in April or May!)
Workshop \$\$ & Form
Nametag
Fat Quarters
Quilt Show
Entry Form(s)
Silent Auction & Mini Raffle Items
15" Mini Quilts
Raffle Quilt \$\$
NO Shelter Donations
Quilts and Covers
NICU Quilts
Show-n-Tell
Mug WITH LID (BYO Drink)
A FORMER 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!

Cottonwood Policies and Procedures

These, including workshop and bus trip cancellation policies, can be found on the website at:

<https://cottonwoodquilters.org/about-us/bylaws-and-guidelines/>

Please let the Steering Committee know if you have any questions or concerns.



Cottonwood Quilt Guild

Membership Form

Bring this completed form and check to a meeting or mail to:

Cottonwood Quilters
PO Box 27
Elkhorn, NE 68022

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Please check all that apply: New Address () New Phone Number () New E-mail () Corrected Birthday ()

Name (print) _____

Address (print) _____

City (print) _____ State (print) _____ Zip+4 (print) _____

Phone (print) _____ Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Email address (print) _____

Description	Amount	Sub-total
Annual Dues (May-May) Renewal during April & May meetings	\$35	
Junior Annual Dues (May-May) Renewal during April & May meetings	\$10	
Late Renewing Member Fee Renewal after May meeting	\$5	
February-May Dues Half year membership	\$17.50	
Mailed Newsletter	\$25	
Your Total:		

**PLEASE PAY
BY CHECK!
MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO
"COTTONWOOD
QUILTERS".**

Would you like more information on joining a small group? _____

Would you like more information on becoming more involved on a committee in the guild? _____

Please check here if you want to be identified in the Yearbook as a:

Long-Arm Quilter for Hire ()

Hand Quilter for Hire ()

Teacher for Hire: ()

For Guild Use Only:

New Member _____ Renewing Member _____ Late Member _____ Half Year Member _____

Date Paid _____ Check# _____

Amount \$ _____ Taken by: _____

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 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 Franzluebbers
☐	Feb 16, 2026	Linked Together	Scott Flanagan
☐	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: _____

COTTONWOOD QUILT SHOW OCTOBER 2-4, 2025 - QUILT ENTRY FORM

MEMBER NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____
QUILT NAME: _____ YEAR FINISHED: _____
CONSTRUCTED BY: _____ QUILTED BY: _____ (PAID __Y/N)
DESIGN SOURCE: _____ (pattern/class/book/original)

QUILT SIZE: HANGING WIDTH _____" X LENGTH _____"

TO BE JUDGED: YES _____ NO _____

CATEGORY FOR JUDGED QUILTS: See Definitions

- ☐ 1 WALL QUILT (SMALL) – up to 36"
- ☐ 2 WALL QUILT (LARGE) – over 36"
- ☐ 3 BED QUILT (SMALL) – up to 72" wide
- ☐ 4 BED QUILT (LARGE) – over 72" wide
- ☐ 5 LAP OR THROW QUILT
- ☐ 6 BABY OR CHILD QUILT
- ☐ 7 PAPER PIECED QUILT – any size
- ☐ 8 ENGLISH PAPER PIECING
- ☐ 9 HAND APPLIQUE QUILT – any size
- ☐ 10 MACHINE APPLIQUE QUILT – any size
- ☐ 11 ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN – not an art quilt
- ☐ 12 MODERN QUILT – any size
- ☐ 13 MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART QUILT – Original design
- ☐ 14 MINIATURE (Scaled version of a large quilt, 24x24" max)
- ☐ 15 GROUP QUILT (2 or more persons not including quilter)
- ☐ 16 SCRAP QUILT – Pieced or applique, minimum 50 fabrics
- ☐ 17 PANEL OR T-SHIRT QUILT
- ☐ 18 OTHER – Table quilts, tree skirts, garments, bags
- ☐ 19 YOUTH – Made by a child under 17, NOT JUDGED

JUDGED OR NOT JUDGED, Is this quilt a:

- ☐ Guild BOM Year _____
- ☐ Guild Challenge Year _____
- ☐ Guild Workshop Project
- ☐ SHOW CHALLENGE 2025 (can be #4)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Longarm Edge to Edge Design
- ☐ Longarm Custom Quilted
- ☐ Domestic Machine Quilted
- ☐ Hand Quilted (entirely by hand)
- ☐ Embroidery (hand or machine)
- ☐ Holiday Theme
- ☐ First Show Entry (ever)

DESCRIPTION (60 WORD LIMIT) _____

****Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 20. Quilt turn-in September 19-20.**

Mail entry to: Janelle Reed, 19509 Audrey St, Gretna NE 68028 or janlsews@gmail.com

OR turn in at Guild meeting.

Entrant must be a paid member of Cottonwood Guild by 8/18/25. All entries must be clean, smoke & odor free, constructed of fabric and batting, and be quilted. A maximum of 3 items may be entered not counting Show Challenge, a maximum of 2 quilts may be judged. **2 hours of volunteer time will be required for each entry.** Quilts must have been finished within the past 3 years (2023-25). No special hanging or handling will be allowed. Entries may be moved to different categories at discretion of judge and show committee. One quilt per entry form.

Questions please contact Janelle Reed (402-639-4764) or Marti Neely (402-630-0050)

DISCLAIMER: In consideration of the right to participate, entrants release and discharge Cottonwood Quilters Guild and all its members from all responsibility for any damage or loss that may be suffered by their property. Entry allows Guild to photograph quilt and use images to benefit and promote Guild and activities in print and digital media. Please list any spots, cuts, marks or damaged areas on your item: _____

SIGNED: _____ (ENTRANT)

QUILT CATEGORY DEFINITIONS – COTTONWOOD QUILT SHOW – QUARTER TURN DASH 2025

1-WALL QUILT (SMALL) – A quilt made to be displayed on a wall or door, any style or technique, up to 36” wide.

2-WALL QUILT (LARGE) – A quilt made to be displayed on a wall, any style or technique, over 36” wide.

3-BED QUILT (SMALL) – A quilt made to display on a bed, up to 72” wide. Any style or technique.

4-BED QUILT (LARGE) – A quilt made to display on a bed, over 72” wide. Any style or technique.

5-LAP OR THROW QUILT – A quilt made to use on a chair or couch. Any style or technique. Generally smaller than a bed quilt.

6-BABY OR CHILD QUILT – A quilt made for a baby or child, generally crib sized or smaller, with a childish theme. Any style or technique.

7-PAPER PIECED QUILT – A quilt made by stitching fabric to a paper foundation. The paper is removed before quilting. The judge evaluates the technical skills of the maker, i.e. points, curves, corners.

8-ENGLISH PAPER PIECING – A traditionally hand sewn piecing method. The paper templates are removed before quilting. Quilt may be any size.

9-HAND APPLIQUE QUILT – A quilt of any size with primary focus on applique done by hand.

10-MACHINE APPLIQUE QUILT – A quilt of any size with primary focus on applique done by machine with any technique.

***Not all quilts with applique must be entered in an applique category. It's your choice for Judge's focus.**

11-ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN – A quilt of any size not made from a pattern produced by another person or company. Designing may be done on a computer or paper by the maker. Adjustments to a pattern or copying another quilt without a pattern do not qualify as original design, but blocks or components are not required to be unique (an original arrangement of traditional blocks qualifies). May be traditional or modern, pieced or appliqued. Not an art quilt.

12-MODERN QUILT – A quilt of any size, primarily functional and inspired by modern design. Identifying characteristics include but are not limited to: use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colors, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid of work. Modern Traditionalism or the updating of classic quilt designs is often seen in modern quilting.

13-MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART QUILT – A quilt composed of a combination of materials including fabric created using paints, inks, pencils, stamps, photos, etc. Original work not made from a pattern. Must be composed of front, batting, and back, and be quilted. No special hanging requirements, please.

14-MINIATURE – A quilt no more than 24” on a side that is a small-scale version of a full-sized quilt. Fabric, block size, batting, and binding appropriately scaled. May be hand or machine quilted.

15-GROUP QUILT – A quilt of any size made by 2 or more people not counting the quilter. Block exchange, round robin, or assembled by one person from blocks made by multiple people.

16-SCRAP QUILT – A quilt, pieced or appliqued, containing a minimum of 50 unique fabrics. May be any size or technique.

We will not pull quilts from other categories to be judged as scrap quilts.

17-PANEL OR T-SHIRT QUILT – A quilt containing a panel or pieces of t-shirts with additional blocks or borders.

18-OTHER – Table toppers, placemats, tree skirts, garments, or bags. Must be composed of front, batting, and back, and be quilted.

19-YOUTH – A quilt of any size or style that is constructed by someone 16 years old or younger working with or under the supervision of a current member of the Cottonwood Quilt Guild at the time of completing the entry. This is a participation category to encourage an interest in quilting and is not judged. All entrants will receive recognition for their entry.