



# Cottonwood Quilters of Nebraska

## The Cottonwood Courier

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

Fall is here, and the daylight hours are growing shorter. While I am sad to have less time for outdoor fun, there is a happy consequence: more time in my sewing room! I can trade cutting the grass for cutting fabric for a new quilt project and cleaning up spent flowers for cleaning and organizing - or should I say reorganizing - my sewing space. Summer may be coming to an end, but quilting season is just beginning!

If you are new to the Guild, consider attending a Cottonwood quilt retreat. The participants' creativity is contagious, and spending time together in such a positive sewing environment is a wonderful way to make new friends.

Our Cottonwood Quilt Show is just one year away, so be sure to read the newsletter for updates and important information. As you organize and reorganize your sewing space, start setting aside items for the Silent Auction and Mini Raffle. With more time to sew, completing a quilt - or three - for the show is entirely doable!

As I sort through my sewing and quilting supplies, ideas for the Challenge and Block of the Month are swirling through my head. It is not too late to sign up, get started, and create something special!

Tonight's meeting will have the submissions for the Birthday Block. I am excited to see all of the blocks that have been created. Viewer's Choice selection will be made and the chosen block will become the Birthday celebration logo!

Thank you to everyone who contributes time, money, and energy to the Guild. Most importantly, thank you for your kindness and willingness to share your talents with our quilting community.

Happy October!

Nancy McReynolds



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

### October Program - In-Person

Karen Hill

#### Program: "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.

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

### October Greeters

Monday Evening  
Diane Andress  
Kathleen Winkelbauer

Tuesday Morning  
Carol Cranston  
Judy Tyler

### October Holders and Folders

Monday Evening  
Melodee Bock  
Linda Plack  
Carol Wakin

Tuesday Morning  
Jeanne LeBron  
Linda Plack  
Valinda Wollen

Volunteer?  
Volunteer?  
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### October Welcome Committee

Monday Evening  
Kathy Cavanaugh

Tuesday Morning  
Kim O'Grady

### Birthdays

#### October

3 Boots Backens  
6 Deb Miner  
7 Jeane Harbert  
8 Jennie Mittan  
8 Marti Neely  
9 Lynnell Rowe  
10 Kathy Diederich  
10 Linda Neill  
12 Linda Harper  
12 Christine Hess-Baker  
13 Lin Briley  
15 Liz Jonas  
16 Connie Cramer  
16 Dee Summers  
26 Judy Glover  
29 Lora Swett  
31 Sheri Oakes

#### November

3 Evelyn Bragg  
3 Laurie Rouse  
5 Dianne Betzinger  
7 Anita Douglas  
8 Tracy Penry  
9 Nancy Kracher  
11 Cathy Pasko  
11 Jayne Schlosser  
11 Joani Schelm  
11 Susan Schwalm  
13 Ellen Mathews  
14 Valerie Kassleman  
14 Kate Schumacher  
15 Judy Tyler  
19 Deb Herink  
25 Denvia Capozio  
25 Sue KinKennon  
25 Teri Quinn  
30 Claire Bushong  
30 Mary Gentrup  
30 Cherie Scarle



### Shelter Donations

#### NO items this month.

In November, we will be collecting hats,  
gloves, mittens, and any type of warm  
clothing for winter!

Deb Kubik & Sandy Kovanda

### September Meeting

#### Attendees:

Night: 79 members

Day: 50 members

## COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING September 21, 2026

Nancy McReynolds, 26-27 chairperson, welcomed Cottonwood Guild members to the September meeting.

Gaylene Brennan introduced three of our own members for their special "Show and Tell". Members Marguerite Hansen, Brooke Erickson and Janice Lippincott gave trunk shows of their own quilts. Marguerite talked of her journey with quilting. Her Bonnie Hunter patterns gave her a good reason to use up her scraps. Brooke talked of things she has learned while quilting, working at a quilt shop and teaching classes. Janice showed many of her quilts she had made as a result of taking a class. Janice encouraged everyone to take classes from all the wonderful teachers. So many beautiful quilts!

Members showed the results from the Jelly Roll class today taught by Marguerite.

Nancy started the business meeting by asking for approval of the budget. The budget was provided in the September Newsletter. We received a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, budget approved. Motion to approve August Secretary report. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion received, secretary report approved.

Nancy read a thank you note she received from Quilts of Valor. They thanked Cottonwood for allowing them to have a booth at the quilt show.

### Committee reports

Susan Polling – Quilt Show – The show will be held at The Covenant Presbyterian Church at 150<sup>th</sup> and Blondo on October 21-23, 2027. The theme of the show is "Flights of Fancy" This is taken from the 1927 solo flights to Paris and Hawaii. Challenge for the show must have a perimeter of 80-120" and have something that represents Hawaii and Paris on the front of the quilt. Members can enter a maximum of 3 quilts, plus the challenge quilt. Tickets will be available next month for the Opportunity Quilt. The Opportunity quilt was designed and stitched by Janelle Reed and quilted by Brooke Erickson. Each member will receive tickets to sell. The member selling the most tickets will receive a prize. The show will again have the mini raffle and silent auction. 15" quilts will be needed for this. Collection of items for the raffle and silent auction will begin at the April meeting. Someone is needed to store these items beginning with the April meeting.

Cottonwood will have a Fall Day Retreat October 15, 16 and 17. It will be held at Acme Fabric and Quilt Co in Blair. Still room for more members to attend! Contact Christine Hess-Baker with questions.

Jackie Heyne - Block of the month. "In Flight" Nine blocks with flying geese to be set as you wish.

Janelle Reed for Barb Trochim, "Birds of a Feather" challenge. Pick an embroidered bird to use on front of quilt. Use flange binding. \$5.00 to participate.

Marti Neeley – Quilts and Covers. They have delivered 5 quilts to Fisher House and 10 to Boys Town. There are kits with blocks to complete, and quilts to bind. Marti showed one of the beautiful quilts that was donated tonight. Dates will be set for Pitch in Parties.

Deb Kubik – Shelter donations of personal care products have been collected tonight, if you have more to donate, contact Deb. Deb also reported for NICU quilts – they delivered 50 quilts in August. Methodist has a 63-bed ward for NICU. Around 1400 quilts have been donated to date.

Show and Tell  
Fat Quarter drawings  
Door prizes

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Straight, Secretary



| Cottonwood Quilt Guild               |                              |                                         |               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Financial Report                     |                              |                                         |               |
| Beginning Checkbook Balance 9/1/2026 |                              |                                         | \$ 36,278.20  |
| <b>Income</b>                        |                              |                                         |               |
|                                      | Deposit                      | Quilt & Covers Raffle Tickets           | \$ 450.00     |
|                                      | Deposit                      | Workshop Fees                           | \$ 750.00     |
|                                      | Deposit                      | Interest Income                         | \$ 28.77      |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  |                              |                                         | \$ 1,228.77   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                              |                                         |               |
| Trsfr                                | Credit Card - Celtic Quilter | Rental - August Workshop                | \$ (100.00)   |
| Trsfr                                | Credit Card - Zoom           | Zoom - Workplace Annual Fee             | \$ (179.24)   |
| 4136                                 | Susan Seidel                 | September Newsletter Printing           | \$ (64.35)    |
| 4137                                 | Janelle Reed                 | Lunch - August Speaker                  | \$ (23.89)    |
| 4138                                 | Gaylene Brennan              | Holiday Inn-August Speaker Hotel Charge | \$ (252.20)   |
| 4139                                 | Debra Herink                 | Website Cwath Premium                   | \$ (105.99)   |
| 4140                                 | Marguerite Hansen            | September Workshop Fee                  | \$ (350.00)   |
| 4141                                 | The Relevant Center          | August & September Rent                 | \$ (1,050.00) |
| Trsfr                                | Credit Card Payment          | State Farm Insurance - Liability Ins    | \$ (403.00)   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                |                              |                                         | \$ (2,528.67) |
| Ending Checkbook Balance 9/30/2026   |                              |                                         | \$ 34,978.30  |

## Fat Quarter Exchange

### October: Batiks

#### 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)



## Retreats

### New Fall Retreat

We have a new retreat to attend. October 15, 16 and 17. Cottonwood Quilters will host a retreat at Acme Fabric & Quilt Co. in Blair. This will be a daytime only retreat from 9AM to 4PM. We have room for 38 people to join us. Look for the registration form in the **online** newsletter and get it to me ASAP.

### Winter Retreat

It's time to start thinking about the January retreat at Carol Joy Holing. January 21-24, 2027, we will meet at Carol Joy Holing for a four-day retreat. Think about joining us. Registration form is included with the **online** newsletter.

Questions can be directed to Christine Hess-Baker at [scgjbaker@cox.net](mailto:scgjbaker@cox.net) or 402-306-6928.

# 2026-27 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

**Sign up now!**

**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 Quilt"

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 the Studio 180 Design Star 60 Tool to create this beautiful project. With Carol as your guide, you'll learn the tips and tricks of this ruler to create a wall hanging, table top, or bag. 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.

**Waiting List only**

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**JANUARY 18, 2027 (ZOOM Meeting)**

**Speaker** Phyllis Cullen w/Phyllis Cullen Art Studio [www.phylliscullenartstudio.com](http://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



**zoom**

**FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2027**

**Speaker** Chris Hoffman w/Acme Fabric & Quilt Company, [www.acmefabric.com](http://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 beautiful book. You'll learn basic stitches, patterns and tips to start this Japanese art.

**Waiting List only**



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**MARCH 15 & 16, 2027**

**Speaker** Christine Hess-Baker (Paperless Paper Piecing); Samala Brown (English Paper Piecing Quilt As You Go); Carol Coniglio (Stripology Ruler); Jackie Heyne (Applique Basics); Cathy Pasko (T-Shirt Quilts); SJ Quilt Patterns (One Stitch Pyramid)

**Lecture** "Speed Dating"

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

**Workshop** "Bodobo Bags" with Brooke Erickson

Join Brooke as you make not one, not two, but all three sizes of these adorable fully-lined nesting bags with no exposed seams.



**APRIL 19 & 20, 2027**

**Speaker** David and Teresa Duwe, with Yeswedquilts [Yeswedquilts.com](https://www.yeswedquilts.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**

## 2025/26 Service Awards

The following awards were given at the August meeting due to the May meeting cancellation.

### **Certificate of Appreciation – Marti Neely & Janelle Reed**

In appreciation of your dedicated service and co-chairs of the 2025 Biannual Quilt Show, we proudly present this certificate with gratitude for your time, effort and commitment. Thank you and congratulations.

### **Outstanding Achievement Award – Kim Gleisberg**

Kim's nominee said: Kim makes approximately 15 beautiful quilts per month for the NICU project. In addition to time spent sewing, she and her husband personally shop for those fabrics. The NICU quilts are donated to the babies and their parents at Methodist Women's Hospital. This can be a scary time for families, receiving one of Kim's quilts provides a true sense of comfort during their stay. We want to applaud Kim for her dedication. Thank you for loving those little ones and their parents. Kim is also active with the Quilts of Valor organization.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award – Cathy Pasko**

Cathy's nominator said: Cathy has served as "Quilt Mom" for the raffle quilt for many years, displaying it at various meeting and selling tickets. She serves as one of the four NICU quilt coordinators who cuts fabric and batting to make kits. Cathy was awarded the Yearly Service award in 2021 and is a past Cottonwood guild chairperson.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award – Kay Seick**

Kay's nominator said: Kay has been a consistently active and dedicated member of Cottonwood for many years, serving in numerous capacities with unwavering commitment. Throughout her tenure, Kay has held various leadership roles, including Retreat Coordinator and Small Group Coordinator. In the latter role (which she has held for many years), she frequently forms new groups and supports them until they are established. She also serves as a greeter, a member of the Welcome Committee, she has assisted with speakers and workshop sign-ups, served as a quilt show volunteer for countless quilt shows, not to mention she binds quilts for NICU and Quilts & Covers. Beyond her formal titles, Kay is known for her encouraging spirit and her proactive approach to service. She is always the first to ask, "How can I help". Kay's long-standing service and positive influence have made a lasting impact on our guild. Kay was awarded a Service Award in 2014 for her dedicated service.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award – Bonnie Balkovec**

Bonnie's nominator said: Bonnie is an active presence at Guild meetings and has been co-chair of the Fat Quarter's exchange for numerous years. She has been a co-chair of the Cottonwood Quilt Show and coordinated the very successful Mini-Raffle fundraiser for the past show. She participates in guild activities and enters quilts in the show. She once inspired a quilt judge to ask the show chairs to create a "Best Quilt Binding" special ribbon. She is always an enthusiastic participant in guild meetings and willing to step up and help to get things done for the benefit of the guild.





## Flights of Fancy Quilt Show October 21-23, 2027

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
15002 Blondo Street

We are twelve months out from the quilt show. Are you wondering what you can do now for the show? The answer is easy.

You can start on the three quilts that you can enter in the show. We have kept the same categories as the last show. Find a favorite, or new, pattern and enjoy. The cooler weather is coming, and that means more sewing to me.

You can start on some 15" mini quilts for the show. Think about what you might like to see and make it.

You can start designing your quilt show challenge quilt. It just needs a nod to Hawaii and Paris on the front. The rest of the top is up to you.

Susan Poling, [kpoling22@aol.com](mailto:kpoling22@aol.com)  
Quilt Show Chair



## 2027 Opportunity Show Quilt

We will begin selling tickets at the October meeting for this beautiful quilt designed and pieced by Janelle Reed and Brooke Erickson. You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing to win. All proceeds from the opportunity quilt will be used to support speakers, classes, and programs for the guild.

- Tickets are \$2.00 each.
- We are asking each member to purchase at least five (5) tickets to help support the guild.
- Please bring exact change or your checkbook.
- Please pick up your tickets at the Opportunity Quilt table.

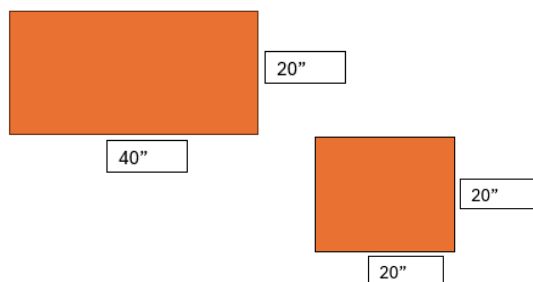
The success of the quilt show and sales of tickets for the opportunity quilt depends on YOU, so please step up to help with the sales! Keep the tickets for yourself and/or sell some to your friends or coworkers to help spread the word. There will be a prize for the member that buys/sells the most tickets.

Cynde McCall, Quilt Parent



## Quilt Show Challenge Quilt

1. There must be something that represents Hawaii and Paris on the front of the quilt. That can be done through fabric, applique, embellishments or thread design.
2. The perimeter must be no less than 80" and no more than 120".
3. Use any color and any quilt blocks you would like.
4. A ribbon will be awarded to the winner of the challenge.



## Silent Auction - Mini Raffle

...needs your help!

The silence auction and mini raffle are in search of a place to store all your wonderful donations for a few months starting in April 2027, with enough space to spread it out to get it ready for the Quilt Show beginning in August 2027. If you have a place in your home or know of a place that would work for us and won't mind a mess for a couple of months, please contact me as soon as possible.

Hopefully, a space will become available, so please start thinking about what you want to donate next spring.

Thank you,

Bonnie Balkovec [402-960-3008](tel:402-960-3008)



## The 15" x 15" Quilt Show Mini Quilt Project

This was such a success at the last show, we are going to do it again. We are looking for small quilts, 15" x 15", 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 their own quilt, even if it is a little one.

Does it have to be exactly a 15" square? NO. No one is going to measure your donation, but they will all be priced the same.

This is a great size for little theme quilts. Think Halloween, Christmas, butterflies, flowers, Birthday, anything you come up with will be perfect.

Questions? Contact Susan

[kpoling22@aol.com](mailto:kpoling22@aol.com)



## Block of the Month 2026/2027 In Flight

Looks like we are off to a great start with our "In Flight" Block of the Month. We had 22 members sign up in August and another 10 members sign up in September. It will be great to see who will continue on our journey until the end. Wouldn't it be a fantastic viewer's choice in May to see all 32 quilts displayed, I can't wait to see all the color choices that will come in at our April meeting.

The description of and the rules for the Block of the month are in the Cottonwood handbook. If you are interested in signing up, please see me at the October meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Keep your geese flying!

Jackie Heyne

Block of the Month Coordinator



# 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 1,200 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.

We are so pleased with the tremendous support we have received – whether it's been finished quilts, quilt tops – donating time to quilt, bind, etc.

Since we depend on donations of time and fabric, we would like to remind you of some of the guidelines:

- 1) If you were given batting with your kit and do not quilt it, please return the backing/batting/binding with finished top, so we can complete it.
- 2) We ask that the quilts that aren't finished are squared up and clean – no animal fur or "smells" in it.
- 3) In your kit, you should receive the following:
  - 3-1 yard cuts for quilt
  - 1-1/2 yds for backing
  - 1/2 yd for binding
  - 1-1/2 yds batting

If something is missing, feel free to pull from your stash or contact one of the 4 coordinators.

- 4) **PLEASE** return finished quilts (or tops/supplies) to the NICU table (or a coordinator)

**AS OF NOW, PLEASE HOLD ALL FABRIC DONATIONS UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE YEAR! THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all you do!

Carol Coniglio  
Deb Kubik

Jackie Heyne  
Cathy Pasko

## Quilts and Covers

At the Quilts and Covers table there will be a selection of projects to pick up for anyone who would like to help the cause. We are in most need of those willing to quilt the finished tops and will have plenty of bundles ready for you to select from. Remember, simple quilting patterns are perfect, nothing fancy is necessary, those just learning to machine quilt can practice on these. You can also tie a quilt. We will take any completed quilts or kits at those meetings. Drop-offs at either of our homes are also available if that is more convenient.

If you would like to make either a finished quilt or donate a top, the following sizes are most useful. If the quilt is close to the size listed, that works just fine. We will take whatever you bring. Every quilt is welcomed and loved by the recipient

Throw:60x70"

Large Throw:70x80"

Twin Bed: 65x88"

We are pleased to share that during the month of September, 7 quilts were delivered to Fisher House, and 10 quilts were delivered to Lily Haven. At the September guild meetings over 20 finished quilts were turned in and all of the quilts needing to have the binding finished were picked up.

The next Pitch in Party will be at Marti's house, 3858 S 202 Ave, on Thursday, October 22, 1-4:00 pm. We will have some snacks and beverages. We will be sewing backings together, making binding and sorting fabric to get our stash even more organized.

Here are some photos to show the results of all your work.

Thank you to all the members that contributed to our efforts.

Marti Neely and Jeanne LeBron

Thank you note  
from Fisher House  
resident



Quilts delivered to  
Fisher House



We empower girls who have survived human trafficking by providing a secure, family-like atmosphere, specialized care, and education, equipping them to build bright futures.

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## Quilt Challenge 2026/2027

### *Birds of a Feather*



Don't let this year's challenge fly away! Be prepared to take flight on the whimsical!

Think of birds wearing fancy hats. Perhaps, there are birds singing on a wire being inspired by bright ideas and a heavy dose of pure fun!!

It's time to dust off your imagination, think outside the box and see just how high your creativity can soar!

#### Guidelines for this year's challenge....

1. **The embroidered birds of a feather block you chose at the time you signed up must be incorporated in your quilt and visible on the front.**
  - The embroidered block can be reshaped to fit your project
  - Additional birds can be added to your quilt design
2. **You must make a flange binding. If you are unfamiliar with this technique, you can look up instructions on the internet.**
3. The Quilt can be any size. Your Quilt can be traditional or art... pieced, appliqued, embroidered, mixed technique or painted on fabric.
4. Quilt must be completely finished. Quilted (not tied), bound and labeled.
5. Completed Quilts will be turned in at the April 2027 meeting for viewers' choice judging at our May 2027 meeting.
6. Prizes will be given for the top 3 viewers' choice picks.
7. 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](mailto:bunkieb48@gmail.com)

## Tuesday Morning Meeting Help Needed!

**New Member Coordinator** needed for the Morning meetings. Please contact Nancy McReynolds to volunteer. Thank you!

## Seeking Volunteers for 2026-27

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:***

- **Quilt Show 2029**
- **Bus Trip**
- **Merchandise Coordinator**
- **Studio Tour 2028**
- **Monthly Evening Welcome Committee** (Contact Melanie Sloger to sign up for a meeting)

For all inquiries, please contact Nancy McReynolds unless noted otherwise above.



## 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  
([paaratpat@yahoo.com](mailto:paaratpat@yahoo.com))



## Membership

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

| Renewing Members |        |                            |           |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Last             | First  | Address                    | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        | B-Month | B-Day |
| Bednar           | Bonnie | 17416 Taylor Street        | Omaha     | NE    | 68116-3080 | 208-521-2520 | bonnieidaho@yahoo.com        | 7       | 20    |
| Cook             | Sharon | 1514 N 9th St              | Bellevue  | NE    | 68005-4002 | 402-810-1347 | scookquilter@gmail.com       | 1       | 17    |
| Farley           | Jackie | 802 Vannornam Dr.          | Bellevue  | NE    | 68005-2557 | 402-312-9186 | jrfarley58@gmail.com         | 7       | 27    |
| Lippincott       | Teresa | 6021 Grand Lodge Ave Apt 1 | Papillion | NE    | 68133-3229 | 402-895-3362 | tlippencott@att.net          | 3       | 8     |
| Oliva            | Peggy  | 19252 Marcy Court Unit 1   | Elkhorn   | NE    | 68022      | 402-759-1137 | peggy.oliva.quilts@gmail.com | 5       | 29    |
| Riesselman       | Linda  | 5036 N 105th St            | Omaha     | NE    | 68134-2407 | 402-493-8324 | riesselmans@hotmail.com      | 9       | 21    |
| Siefert          | Eileen | 5816 N 159 St.             | Omaha     | NE    | 68116-2806 | 618-318-5811 | esiefert2043@yahoo.com       | 6       | 20    |
| Witty            | Susan  | 1810 North 49 Ave          | Omaha     | NE    | 68104-5048 | 402-558-7204 | witty1@cox.net               | 2       | 9     |
| Yost-Heuring     | Debbie | 405 W 11 St.               | Fremont   | NE    | 68025-4164 | 406-552-7068 | dsyh53@hotmail.com           | 3       | 25    |
| New Members      |        |                            |           |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
| Last             | First  | Address                    | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        | B-Month | B-Day |
| Kracher          | Nancy  | 1301 S 101 St. #120        | Omaha     | NE    | 68124-1099 | 402-960-5470 | nancylk70@gmail.com          | 11      | 9     |
| Mittan           | Jennie | 15220 Vernon Ave           | Omaha     | NE    | 68116-4469 | 402-319-1230 | tejsa@cox.net                | 10      | 8     |
| Nelson           | Pam    | 2711 NW 75 PL              | Ankeny    | IA    | 50023-9439 | 515-491-4549 | pamnel@msn.com               | 8       | 24    |
| Teacher for Hire |        |                            |           |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
| Last             | First  | Address                    | City      | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        |         |       |
| Cook             | Sharon | 1514 N 9th St              | Bellevue  | NE    | 68005-4002 | 402-810-1347 | scookquilter@gmail.com       |         |       |

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Our next meeting is Monday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
at the **RELEVANT CENTER, 21220**  
**Elkhorn Drive**

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## Calendar of Events

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Now         | <b>International Quilt Study Center (IQSC)</b><br>1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE<br><a href="http://quiltstudy.org/">http://quiltstudy.org/</a><br><b>Material Nation: 250 Years of American Quilts</b><br>now showing through Dec. 19, 2026 |
| October 19  | <b>Karen Hill Workshop</b><br>See page 3<br><br><b>Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting</b><br><b>In-Person Meeting</b><br><b>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive</b><br>Doors Open – 6:00 p.m.<br>Meeting – 7:00 p.m.                      |
| October 20  | <b>Daytime Meeting</b><br><b>In-Person Meeting</b><br><b>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive</b><br>Doors Open – 9:00 a.m.<br>Meeting – 10:00 a.m.                                                                                            |
| October 26  | <b>Cottonwood Quilt Guild</b><br><b>Steering Committee Meeting</b><br>ZOOM Meeting - 6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                 |
| November 16 | <b>Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting</b><br><b>In-Person Meeting</b><br><b>Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive</b><br>Doors Open – 6:00 p.m.<br>Meeting – 7:00 p.m.                                                                      |
| November 17 | <b>Daytime Meeting</b><br><b>In-Person Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |

***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 QUILT GUILD**  
**August 2026 – April 2027**  
**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"/> | <del><input type="checkbox"/> Aug 17, 2026</del><br><del><b>OR</b></del><br><del><input type="checkbox"/> Aug 18, 2026</del> | <del>Machine Applique</del><br><del>Choose from any of Amy's Patterns</del> | <del>Amy Bradley</del>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <del>Sept 21, 2026</del>                                                                                                     | <del>Jelly Roll Rug</del>                                                   | <del>Marguerite Hansen</del> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Oct 19, 2026                                                                                                                 | Miniature Quilt                                                             | Karen Hill                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nov 16, 2026                                                                                                                 | Snow Crystal – Table Topper                                                 | Carol Coniglio               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Feb 15, 2027                                                                                                                 | Sashiko                                                                     | Susie Bonder                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mar 15, 2027                                                                                                                 | Bodobo Bags                                                                 | Brooke Erickson              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apr 19, 2027                                                                                                                 | Antique Hanky Quilt                                                         | David & Teresa Duwe          |

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

Make checks payable to "Cottonwood Quilt Guild". (Checks will be cashed in Jul/Aug 2026.)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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

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

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

Cottonwood Quilt Guild  
Fall Day Retreat at Acme Quilt Shop  
October 15, 16 and 17, 2026

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

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

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

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total due for the retreat: \$45

Total cost is due with your registration.

Mail to Christine Hess-Baker 17711 Jones Street Omaha, NE 68118

Questions? Contact Christine Hess-Baker 402 306-6928 or [scgjbaker@cox.net](mailto:scgjbaker@cox.net)

The retreat begins each day at 9AM and ends at 4PM. There is ample refrigerator space on site if you want to bring a lunch or there are several places to go out for lunch. You could even get together with other campers and do a little meal planning.



# COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD

Snowball Retreat

January 21-24, 2027

**DEADLINE December 15, 2026**



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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## RATES

| Thursday - # In Room |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                    | 1 - \$160         |
| 🍏                    | 2 - \$128         |
| 🍏                    | 3 - \$120         |
| 🍏                    | Day Camper - \$50 |

| Friday - # In Room |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                  | 1 - \$185         |
| 🍏                  | 2 - \$149         |
| 🍏                  | 3 - \$133         |
| 🍏                  | Day Camper - \$50 |

| Saturday - # In Room |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                    | 1 - \$185         |
| 🍏                    | 2 - \$149         |
| 🍏                    | 3 - \$133         |
| 🍏                    | Day Camper - \$50 |

|            |
|------------|
| Thu - \$   |
| Fri - \$   |
| Sat - \$   |
| Total - \$ |

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



## NON-MEMBERS – Please add \$20 to the total cost.

You will be automatically enrolled as a member in the Cottonwood Quilt Guild for the remainder of the year.

Welcome! 🙌

**If you don't have the same number of people in the room all nights your rate will vary for each night.**

Make check payable to **COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD**.

## ROOMMATES

🍏 Check here if you need roommates.

Not always able to accommodate. Will call you to discuss.

Me 😊

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please state if you have any special needs or medical conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **DIETARY NEEDS**

If you have a medically necessitated need for a special diet, please contact Dana at CJH and discuss your specific needs. [1-888-656-6254](tel:1-888-656-6254) or [DJAHN@NLOM.ORG](mailto:DJAHN@NLOM.ORG).

**DAYTIME ONLY** – Contact Christine Hess-Baker 402 306-6928 listed below or email [scgjbaker@cox.net](mailto:scgjbaker@cox.net) for specifics. A limited number of spots are available at \$50 per day, includes snack room, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**REGISTRATIONS** – Your total cost is due with your registration. Mail to Christine Hess-Baker 17711 Jones Street Omaha, NE 68118. Questions? Contact Christine Hess-Baker 402 306-6928 or [scgjbaker@cox.net](mailto:scgjbaker@cox.net)