



# Cottonwood Quilters of Nebraska

## The Cottonwood Courier

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

By the time you're reading this article the Quarter Turn Dash Quilt Show will be a wonderful memory! Our guild has talented quilters with different creative interests. This event provided an opportunity to see diverse quilt styles, to buy or win unique fabric and gifts, attend demonstrations and meet other quilters. A heart-felt "Thank you" to each of you for sharing your quilts with us.

Get ready for our next adventure! Mary Hamilton and her team will soon share details about the Spring Bus Trip. It's a fun way to hang out with friends while they handle the travel plans.

At our September meeting, we engaged members by asking "Never have I ever..." questions. Were you surprised by the responses? Could you relate to them? Here are a couple of the topics we explored.

- I've never pieced together batting.
- I've never pressed my seams open.
- I've never quilted one of my own quilts.

"Thread Talk" happens in October. Remember to bring a spool of thread that best represents you and your quilting journey (color, weight, size of spool, etc.). We will select a few members to share their story.

Our October Speaker is Denise Stahl, The Curious Kansas Quilter. She will be sharing stories about her "Block of the Month addiction". It's probably a familiar story to many of us. Denise is teaching the MAGIC of "Convergence", a Ricky Tim pattern, starting with four FQs, sew, cut and sew again. The workshop is FULL so project 'Show & Tell' time should be inspiring.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** I could use your help with evening "Holders & Folders". I am seeking four volunteers for each meeting to assist with our Presenter, Show & Tell, Fat Quarters and Door Prizes. Please contact me via email, text or phone call if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Warm Regards,  
Terry Micheels  
Chairperson

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

### October Program

Denise Stahl, The Curious Kansas Quilter  
Program: "Hi, I'm Denise and I'm a BOM Addict."

It seems so Do-able when they tease you with those Block of the Month projects. Who can't complete a block in a month? It's so easy - that is until you're sucked in to 6 BOMs at a time!

\*\*\* 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  
Joan Olander

Tuesday Morning  
Kathy Diederich  
Barbara Swedenburg

### October Holders and Folders

Monday Evening  
Francie Conrad  
Janelle Reed  
Volunteer?  
Volunteer?  
Volunteer?  
Volunteer?

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



### October Welcome Committee

Monday Evening  
Bonnie Bednar

Tuesday Morning  
Jackie Heyne

### Birthdays

#### October

3 Boots Backens  
6 Deb Miner  
7 Jeane Harbert  
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 Lori Carr  
16 Connie Cramer  
17 Cindy Japp  
20 Diane Ost diek  
26 Treesje Wallin  
28 Carol McCann  
29 Lora Swett  
31 Sheri Oakes

#### November

1 Carroll Welte  
3 Evelyn Bragg  
4 Bonnie Kahler  
5 Dianne Betzinger  
7 Anita Douglas  
8 Janet Hall  
8 Tracy Penry  
11 Cathy Pasko  
11 Jayne Schlosser  
11 Joani Schelm  
11 Susan Schwalm  
13 Ellen Mathews  
14 Marian Dukat  
14 Valerie Kassleman  
14 Shari Styskal  
15 Judy Tyler  
16 Dawnn Reid  
17 Ruth Henderson  
19 Deb Herink  
25 Denvia Capozio  
25 Teri Quinn  
30 Claire Bushong  
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: 76 members  
Day: 57 members

## COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING September 15, 2025

Terry Micheels, 25-26 chairperson, welcomed Cottonwood Guild members for the September meeting.

Gaylene Brennan reviewed programs and workshops for the 25-26 year. Please contact Gaylene for more information and to sign up for the workshops. Gaylene then introduced our guest speaker Colleen Merte of Northwater Quilt Designs. Colleen presented her trunk show and program "My Journey into Pattern Design. Colleen showed beautiful quilts she designed and talked about her journey from a maker of many things to teacher, published author and quilt pattern designer. She learned many things along the way from friends and other designers. Colleen taught a class earlier in the day entitled "Walking Foot Quilting"; members showed their projects at the end of her program.

Terry began the business meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. Terry took an informal survey on "Never Have I Ever.... For October our informal survey/activity will be: Bring a Spool of thread that best represents you. We will have some members talk about their choice of thread.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.  
Financial report was approved.

### Committee Reports proceeded:

Marti Neely & Janelle Reed- Quilt Show – 17 days to show! Please take posters and bookmarks to hang and handout. Please also take yard signs to advertise the show. Advanced tickets to the show and raffle tickets can be purchased. If you would like to sell your quilt at the show, please contact Marti for more information. Quilt turn in is this Friday and Saturday. Places and times are on the Quilt Show Entry receipt. Please place quilt number on the lower left-hand corner on back.

Susan Poling reviewed volunteers are needed for the show and to bring pies for the café.

Francie Conrad stated many items have been received for mini raffle and silent auction. Volunteers and also needed to help with this.

Vaylene Roberts from Quilts and Covers reported 12 quilts were donated to the anniversary event of NP Dodge and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. 20 quilts have been delivered to the food bank. There will be a Sew Day for Quilts and Covers on October 25<sup>th</sup> at St John's Lutheran Church in Bennington. Please bring dish to share for potluck lunch.

Barb Trochim, Quilt Challenge, "This is how I Roll" Dice will be rolled to determine what colors and what blocks are to be used in your challenge quilt.

Deb Kubik reported that member Kay Sieck is home! Deb also reported that 40 NICU quilts have recently delivered to Methodist Hospital.

Janelle Reed - BOM - Starstruck 8 pointed stars, cost \$5, 2 blocks each month

Christine Hess-Baker - retreat dates are set for Jan 22-25, 2026, and July 16-19, 2026. More details to follow. Registration attached.

Show and Tell - Fat Quarters – Halloween colors and Prints -Door Prizes Drawn & Distributed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Straight, Secretary



## Tuesday Morning Meeting Help Needed!

Holder and Folder Coordinator needed for the Morning meetings. Please contact Nancy McReynolds to volunteer. Thank you!

| Cottonwood Quilt Guild<br>Financial Report |                      |                                        |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Checkbook Balance 8/1/2025       |                      |                                        | \$ 26,813.01         |
| <b>Income</b>                              |                      |                                        |                      |
|                                            | Deposit              | Workshop Fees                          | \$ 800.00            |
|                                            | Deposit              | Interest Income                        | \$ 24.03             |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        |                      |                                        | <b>\$ 824.03</b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                            |                      |                                        |                      |
| 4066                                       | Gaylene Brennan      | Celtic Quilter - Program Room Rental   | \$ (100.00)          |
| 4067                                       | Susan Seidel         | September Newsletter Printing          | \$ (24.75)           |
| 4068                                       | Coleen Merte         | September Lecture, Workshop & Expenses | \$ (1,535.00)        |
| Credit Card                                | Holiday Inn Express  | Speaker Speaker Hotel Room             | \$ (204.75)          |
| Credit Card                                | State Farm Insurance | Annual Liability Insurance Fee         | \$ (378.00)          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                      |                      |                                        | <b>\$ (2,242.50)</b> |
| Ending Checkbook Balance 8/31/2025         |                      |                                        | <b>\$ 25,394.54</b>  |

## Cottonwood Bus Trip

We're heading north ladies with our sights on South Dakota! There be shopping at nine quilt shops and a little sightseeing along the way. (Hint: Sioux FALLS) We are planning mid to late April 2026, leaving Omaha early Friday morning and returning early evening Saturday. Gift bags, prizes, and fun are in the works. I plan to announce the finalized dates and cost in October. Registration will begin in November.

Many thanks to the great team of ladies working on this project! As a bus trip newbie, I could not pull this together without them!

Mary Hamilton, Cottonwood Bus Trip chair

## Need a little Retreat?

Join in as we head to Camp Carol Joy Holling for our annual January Snowball Retreat. Mark your calendars for January 22-25, 2026, and fill out the registration form included with this newsletter. Submit your form along with payment to Christine Hess-Baker and get your quilting projects ready to go.

Along with lots of time to complete a new project we will have a little "quilty trivia" game, massages may be available like other years and plenty of other quilt related fun. Questions can be addressed to Christine at 402 306-6928 or [scgjbaker@cox.net](mailto:scgjbaker@cox.net). Deadline to submit your form is December 15, 2025.



# 2025-26 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

**Sign-up now!**

**OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2025**

**Speaker** Denise Stahl, The Curious Kansas Quilter,  
[www.thecuriouskansaskuilter.blogspot.com](http://www.thecuriouskansaskuilter.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com)

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

**Workshop** None

**APRIL 20 & 21, 2026**

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

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

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

**Workshop** "Yellowstone Trail"

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



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

## Quilts for the NICU

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **NICU FABRIC NEEDED**

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

Thank you for all you do!

Carol Coniglio  
Deb Kubik

Jackie Heyne  
Cathy Pasko



## "Starstruck" Block of the Month

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

Janelle Reed, BOM Coordinator

The Cottonwood Courier



## 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....**

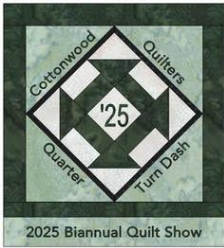
1. The Quilt can be any size.
2. The quilt is to be inspired by the 2 blocks and 2 colors determined by your roll of the dice. Any other design elements may be used. Be motivated and imaginative in your interpretation.
3. Your Quilt can be traditional or art... pieced, appliqued, embroidered... mixed 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 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](mailto:bunkieb48@gmail.com)

## Quilts and Covers

Quilts and Covers will be having a sew day October 25th at St John's Lutheran Church in Bennington. The address is 322 N Molley St. Bennington, NE. We will start around 8:30 or so and go until probably around 5. Please come join us! Quilts and covers will provide a main dish, please bring a side or dessert. We have plenty of things to be done. Bring your sewing machine and whatever else you would need. We have lots of kits to be sewn, or you can create something of your own design. We will have a couple of irons and ironing boards. If you don't want to sew, we have plenty of fabric to be cut. Bring your mat, rotary cutter, and ruler and we'll provide the fabric! Please let Vaylene know if you can make it. 910-574-2554 or [valentynsi@gmail.com](mailto:valentynsi@gmail.com)



# QUARTER TURN DASH QUILT SHOW

October 2-4, 2025



## ***We did it!***

Another successful Quilt Show was organized, installed, staffed (with many just stepping in to fill the holes in the schedule) with everything put back into place at the end. While we were there, the space was filled with beautiful quilts, to the amazement of all who attended.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that answered the call to help. Every job, from large to small, is critical. It took a village of quilters to do this, and how grateful we are to have you.

***Marti Neely and Janelle Reed,***

Quilt Show Chairpersons

[Martineelyapld@gmail.com](mailto:Martineelyapld@gmail.com)   [Janlsews@gmail.com](mailto:Janlsews@gmail.com)

## Quilt Show Signs

**Please remember to bring your Quilt Show signs to the October Meeting.**

## Quilt Show Invoices

Please get your bills to our Quilt Show Treasurer, Barbara Trochim, as soon as possible so we can wrap up the Show Treasurer's Report.

## Quilt Show Winners

Congratulations to all the winners at the Quilt Show. Please see a list of winners in the online version of the newsletter.



...to our Quilt Show Chairpersons, the Show Committee Chairpersons, the Raffle Quilt Designer/Makers/Quilter, the Quilt Show Volunteers & Workers including the husbands and boyfriends that helped with set-up and take-down, those that donated Mini-Raffle Items, those that donated Silent Auction Items, those that donated 15" quilts, those that bought their requested Raffle Quilt Tickets, those that donated a pie or pies, to Teri Wolfe and her husband for delivering the frames to and from the church, to those that entered a quilt in the show, to those that took and put up a yard sign, to Lori Douglas Prendergast for keeping our website updated with Quilt Show information, those that bought Mini-Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction items and 15" quilts, and to our vendors for hosting a booth and to those that did a demonstration during the show.

It takes all of us working together to make the Quilt Show a Success! Please consider volunteering to help with the 2027 Show.



## Fat Quarters

### October: Leaf Prints

#### Helpful Guidelines/Reminders:

- \*A fat quarter is 18" by 20-22" in size. NO ¼ YARD CUTS PLEASE! Please check your fabric to make sure it's a true fat quarter.
- \*PLEASE Fabric must be good quality 100% cotton.
- \*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)

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



## Membership

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

| New Members      |          |                           |              |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Last             | First    | Address                   | City         | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        | B-Month | B-Day |
| Bahn             | Mary Kay | 15656 Orchard Ave         | Omaha        | NE    | 68135-1042 | 720-340-9241 | hoagiechick@comcast.net      | 8       | 20    |
| Betzinger        | Dianne   | 15925 Grebe St            | Bennington   | NE    | 68007-1549 | 402-740-0958 | dbetzcre8@gmail.com          | 11      | 5     |
| Dean             | Tamara   | 14012 Birchwood Ave       | Omaha        | NE    | 68137-4035 | 402-250-3944 | tammyjeandean@yahoo.com      |         |       |
| Nitchals         | Jane     | 10015 S 170 Circle        | Omaha        | NE    | 68136-1456 | 402-332-6930 | jnitchals25@gmail.com        | 1       | 6     |
| Vasina           | Ute      | 15902 Whiting St.         | Omaha        | NE    | 68007-3326 | 402-560-3969 | utes.trolls@gmail.com        | 12      | 8     |
| Renewing Members |          |                           |              |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
| Last             | First    | Address                   | City         | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        | B-Month | B-Day |
| Capozio          | Denvia   | 5105 Webster St           | Omaha        | NE    | 68132-2241 | 402-556-4835 |                              | 11      | 25    |
| Elliott          | Peggy    | 12979 Larimore Circle     | Omaha        | NE    | 68164-1760 | 402-659-7394 | pellottus@gmail.com          | 8       | 18    |
| Hall             | Janet R  | 10040 South 178 St        | Omaha        | NE    | 68136-1960 | 402-779-1392 | jrhall48@cox.net             | 11      | 8     |
| Jensen           | Becky    | 3330 Co Rd 39             | Fort Calhoun | NE    | 68023-5430 | 605-415-5389 | beckyljensen75@gmail.com     | 7       | 18    |
| Mayer            | Bonnie   | P.O. Box 483              | Gretna       | NE    | 68028-0483 | 402-657-4810 | bons1@cox.net                | 5       | 8     |
| Oliva            | Peggy    | 19252 Marcy Court Unit 11 | Elkhorn      | NE    | 68136-1735 | 402-759-1137 | peggy.oliva.quilts@gmail.com | 5       | 29    |
| Email Changes    |          |                           |              |       |            |              |                              |         |       |
| Last             | First    | Address                   | City         | State | Zip        | Phone        | Email                        | B-Month | B-Day |
| O'Grady          | Kim      | 6024 S 193 Ave            | Omaha        | NE    | 68135-3821 | 402-214-4539 | kimaogrady@me.com            | 12      | 24    |

Cottonwood Quilters  
P.O. Box 27  
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Our next meeting is Monday,  
October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
at the **RELEVANT CENTER, 21220**  
**Elkhorn Drive**

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

## Calendar of Events

- |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 20  | <b>Denise Stahl 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 21  | <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 25  | <b>Quilts and Covers Workday</b><br>St. John's Lutheran Church<br>322 N Molley St, Bennington<br>See page 4                                                                                                                        |
| October 27  | <b>Cottonwood Quilt Guild</b><br><b>Steering Committee Meeting</b><br>ZOOM Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                    |
| November 17 | <b>LuAnn Franzluebbers 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. |
| November 18 | <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.                                                                                |

### Don't forget to bring:

**Quilt Show Yard Signs**  
Nametag  
**Workshop \$\$ & Form**  
Workshop Projects for  
Show-n-Tell  
**Fat Quarters**  
NO Shelter Donations  
**Quilts and Covers**  
NICU Quilts  
**Show-n-Tell**  
Mug WITH LID (BYO Drink)  
**A NEW 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 QUILT GUILD

Snowball Retreat  
January 22-25, 2026

**DEADLINE December 15, 2025**



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

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

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

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

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

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

## RATES

| Thursday - # In Room |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                    | 1 - \$156         |
| 🍏                    | 2 - \$126         |
| 🍏                    | 3 - \$118         |
| 🍏                    | Day Camper - \$50 |

| Friday - # In Room |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                  | 1 - \$181         |
| 🍏                  | 2 - \$145         |
| 🍏                  | 3 - \$131         |
| 🍏                  | Day Camper - \$50 |

| Saturday - # In Room |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 🍏                    | 1 - \$181         |
| 🍏                    | 2 - \$145         |
| 🍏                    | 3 - \$131         |
| 🍏                    | Day Camper - \$50 |

Total Thursday: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Friday: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_

Total for the Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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

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

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## 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 or 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).

## 2025 QUILT SHOW WINNERS

| No. | Quilt Name                | Quilter              | Category                   | Place             | Additional                  |
|-----|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 101 | Penelope                  | Brooke Erickson      | BED QUILT (SMALL)          | First Place       |                             |
| 105 | City Sights               | Christine Hess-Baker | BED QUILT (SMALL)          | Second Place      |                             |
| 104 | Long Time Gone            | Linda Harper         | BED QUILT (SMALL)          | Third Place       |                             |
| 102 | 80 Churn Dash Road        | Carol Cranston       | BED QUILT (SMALL)          | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 126 | Summer Still Life         | Kathy Diederich      | BED QUILT (MEDIUM)         | First Place       |                             |
| 123 | Spice Market              | Connie Cramer        | BED QUILT (MEDIUM)         | Second Place      |                             |
| 129 | Running Alone             | Carol Cranston       | BED QUILT (MEDIUM)         | Third Place       |                             |
| 125 | In the Pink               | Linda Eggerss        | BED QUILT (MEDIUM)         | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 127 | The Good Life in the Fall | Jayne A. Schlosser   | BED QUILT (MEDIUM)         | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 141 | Paradise                  | Janice Lippincott    | BED QUILT (LARGE)          | First Place       |                             |
| 146 | Sue's Symphony            | Sue Mehal            | BED QUILT (LARGE)          | Second Place      |                             |
| 143 | Celebrations              | Sally Viola          | BED QUILT (LARGE)          | Third Place       |                             |
| 144 | Purple Gemini             | Pat Sears            | BED QUILT (LARGE)          | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 148 | Happy                     | Connie Cramer        | BED QUILT (LARGE)          | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 203 | Christmas Braid           | Kim McAnally         | LAP OR THROW QUILT (SMALL) | First Place       | Best Holiday Quilt          |
| 202 | Books I've Loved          | Linda Eggerss        | LAP OR THROW QUILT (SMALL) | Second Place      |                             |
| 201 | Red Stash                 | Patti Wright         | LAP OR THROW QUILT (SMALL) | Third Place       |                             |
| 221 | Starflower                | Carol Coniglio       | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | First Place       | Best Use of Color           |
| 225 | Starry Night              | Anne Carter          | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | Second Place      |                             |
| 222 | Burrows and Boughs        | Patti Wright         | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | Third Place       |                             |
| 224 | Vintage Windmill          | Deb Kubik            | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 227 | Fall Foliage              | Pat Sears            | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 524 | Dave's Garden             | Alice Janecek        | LAP OR THROW QUILT (LARGE) | Honorable Mention |                             |
| 305 | Red, White and Bloom      | Kelley Billington    | WALL QUILT (SMALL)         | First Place       |                             |
| 302 | Alaska                    | Carol Coniglio       | WALL QUILT (SMALL)         | Second Place      | Best First Quilt Show Entry |
| 304 | Candy Corn Quilt Shoppe   | Kelley Billington    | WALL QUILT (SMALL)         | Third Place       |                             |
| 301 | My Small World            | Joani Schelm         | WALL QUILT (SMALL)         | Honorable Mention |                             |

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| 306 | Mod Display                           | Cathy Pasko       | WALL QUILT (SMALL)                         | Honorable Mention |                                                                                           |
| 322 | Robin's Egg Blue                      | Tania Uram        | WALL QUILT (LARGE)                         | First Place       | BEST OF SHOW                                                                              |
| 324 | When Summer Ends                      | Judy Tyler        | WALL QUILT (LARGE)                         | Second Place      | Best Visual Impact                                                                        |
| 321 | Winter Splendor                       | Barbara Trochim   | WALL QUILT (LARGE)                         | Third Place       |                                                                                           |
| 323 | Party Animals                         | Cook Olson        | WALL QUILT (LARGE)                         | Honorable Mention |                                                                                           |
| 325 | My Trip to Scotland & Ireland         | Linda Harper      | WALL QUILT (LARGE)                         | Honorable Mention |                                                                                           |
| 402 | Spring Forward                        | Jackie Heyne      | BABY OR CHILD QUILT                        | First Place       |                                                                                           |
| 403 | Animal Whimsy                         | Kathy Lienemann   | BABY OR CHILD QUILT                        | Second Place      |                                                                                           |
| 401 | Charlotte's Starry Rainbow Baby Quilt | Sally Viola       | BABY OR CHILD QUILT                        | Third Place       |                                                                                           |
| 405 | Yellow Stars                          | Nancy Wells       | BABY OR CHILD QUILT                        | Honorable Mention |                                                                                           |
| 423 | Modern Dash                           | Kitty Bailey      | MODERN QUILT                               | First Place       | Best Domestic Quilting,<br>Best Show Challenge,<br>Best Modern Quilt<br>Sponsored by OMQG |
| 421 | Arboretum                             | Terry Micheels    | MODERN QUILT                               | Second Place      |                                                                                           |
| 422 | It's Not Easy Being Orange            | Susie Bonder      | MODERN QUILT                               | Third Place       |                                                                                           |
| 443 | Bargello With a Twist                 | Janice Lippincott | ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN                      | First Place       |                                                                                           |
| 442 | Strawberry Smoothie                   | Jill Straight     | ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN                      | Second Place      |                                                                                           |
| 441 | Bird Song                             | Janelle Reed      | ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN                      | Third Place       |                                                                                           |
| 465 | "My" Happiness 2.0                    | Susan Seidel      | PAPER PIECED/ENGLISH PAPER<br>PIECED QUILT | First Place       |                                                                                           |
| 462 | Oops!                                 | Jackie Heyne      | PAPER PIECED/ENGLISH PAPER<br>PIECED QUILT | Second Place      |                                                                                           |
| 464 | Allegra                               | Terry Micheels    | PAPER PIECED/ENGLISH PAPER<br>PIECED QUILT | Third Place       |                                                                                           |
| 461 | High Desert Paprika                   | Judy Tyler        | PAPER PIECED/ENGLISH PAPER<br>PIECED QUILT | Honorable Mention |                                                                                           |
| 482 | Bee Happy                             | Barbara Trochim   | APPLIQUE QUILT (HAND OR<br>MACHINE)        | First Place       |                                                                                           |
| 481 | Almost Chaos                          | Tania Uram        | APPLIQUE QUILT (HAND OR<br>MACHINE)        | Second Place      | Judge's Choice                                                                            |

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| 505 | Summer Cabin                     | Nancy Burch                                                        | SCRAP QUILT (QUILTED BY MAKER) | First Place       |                   |
| 504 | Old Town                         | Marguerite Hansen                                                  | SCRAP QUILT (QUILTED BY MAKER) | Second Place      |                   |
| 503 | Box Kite                         | Sheri Shannon                                                      | SCRAP QUILT (QUILTED BY MAKER) | Third Place       |                   |
| 522 | Urban Owls                       | Joani Schelm                                                       | SCRAP QUILT (PAID QUILTER)     | First Place       | NACQJ Merit Award |
| 523 | Color Coded                      | Jackee Brock                                                       | SCRAP QUILT (PAID QUILTER)     | Second Place      |                   |
| 525 | Fading into the Dark             | Bonnie Balkovec                                                    | SCRAP QUILT (PAID QUILTER)     | Third Place       |                   |
| 521 | Crossing Paths                   | Bonnie Balkovec                                                    | SCRAP QUILT (PAID QUILTER)     | Honorable Mention |                   |
| 603 | You Are My Sunshine              | Alice Janecek                                                      | PANEL OR T-SHIRT QUILT         | Second Place      |                   |
| 602 | Laurel Burch                     | Linda Hooker                                                       | PANEL OR T-SHIRT QUILT         | Third Place       |                   |
| 601 | Oriental Elegant Compass         | Rita Anne Hope Haverman                                            | PANEL OR T-SHIRT QUILT         | Honorable Mention |                   |
| 624 | Indigo Friendship                | Deb Neumann                                                        | GROUP QUILT                    | First Place       |                   |
| 622 | Grateful Friends                 | Grateful Threads Small Group                                       | GROUP QUILT                    | Second Place      |                   |
| 483 | Wesley's Alphabet                | Cheri & Allison Vossberg                                           | GROUP QUILT                    | Third Place       |                   |
| 621 | Star Gazing                      | Deb Kubik & Ellen Lessman                                          | GROUP QUILT                    | Honorable Mention |                   |
| 623 | Happily All Maxed Out            | Marti Neely, Patty Simmons, Anne Nelson, Karen Boland, Jill Randel | GROUP QUILT                    | Honorable Mention |                   |
| 702 | Let's Talk About Trash           | Betty Cook                                                         | MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART QUILT    | First Place       |                   |
| 701 | Barn Owl                         | Kathleen Cavanaugh                                                 | MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART QUILT    | Second Place      |                   |
| 703 | Bubbles - Fabric Paint Challenge | Jayne A. Schlosser                                                 | MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART QUILT    | Third Place       |                   |

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

**WORKSHOP INFORMATION:**

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

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

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

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

**MEMBER INFORMATION:**

Cottonwood Member ☐ Yes ☐ No

**WORKSHOPS**

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

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

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

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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

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

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