



Cottonwood Quilters of Nebraska

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

Happy New Year, Quilters! Cheers to a bright and creative 2026!

I hope each of you had a joyful holiday season, making unforgettable memories with loved ones. Did your Christmas projects get wrapped up in time for the big celebration—or are there a few still waiting for their finishing touches? I confess, my red and white Scandinavian Christmas quilt for my son is still on the design wall! I may have missed the deadline, but my goal is to have it bound and ready for his birthday in early March. The creative process never takes a holiday!

As I dream up ideas for our Cottonwood Challenge, I can't help but wonder: am I the only one who feels like time is always slipping away, and my "to-make" list keeps growing? If you ever feel like you're chasing your tail around a pile of fabric scraps, know you're not alone.

Kick Off the Year with Inspiration!

Our combined January meeting is going virtual with a lively Zoom session that you won't want to miss. We're thrilled to welcome **Joanne Kerton** from *Canuck Quilter Designs* as our featured speaker. Joanne will guide us through the art of transforming any pattern into a quilt that's uniquely yours. Get ready for a burst of creativity as she shares tips on picking the perfect fabrics and combining elements from various designs.

Let's Celebrate – 50 Years Strong!

Excitement is building as the Steering Committee gets to work planning our **50th Anniversary** festivities. It might seem early, but big celebrations need plenty of prep! If you're passionate about planning or have fun ideas for commemorating this milestone, we'd love to have you join the planning committee. Reach out to me or any Steering Committee member—let's make this golden anniversary unforgettable!

Time to Nominate!

As another year begins, we'll soon be assembling our Nominating Committee to find volunteers who will support our 2026-27 Chairperson. If you're ready to step up, build community, and help our guild shine, consider chairing one of our open committees. Your dedication keeps our guild flourishing!

Shout-Out to Our Stars!

Who do you think deserves a spotlight this year? Start thinking about a fellow member whose passion and commitment brightens our guild. The **Member of the Year**, **Lifetime Achievement**, and **Outstanding Service** award descriptions are available on our website. To nominate, simply send us your pick's name, a few sentences about their contributions, and why they should be celebrated. Let's honor those who make our guild truly special!

Warm regards,
Terry Micheels, Chairperson



January Holders and Folders *No In-Person meeting*

January Greeters *No In-Person meeting*

January Welcome Committee *No In-Person meeting*



Birthdays

January

3 Teri Wolfe
6 Jane Nitchals
7 Rita Kahnk
8 Ann Schmidt
8 Jean Whiteaker
10 Robin Jensen
11 Sue Baber
12 Mary Hamilton
13 Mary Beth Heavrin
13 Linda Plack
14 Elizabeth Agar
14 Debbie Bloomer
16 Patricia Jonas
17 Sharon Cook
17 Melodee Bock
19 Linda Eggers
20 Lori Douglas Prendergast
22 Jackie Heyne
23 Linda Stodola
24 Janelle Reed
27 Alice Janeczek
28 Patty Poltack
28 Luci Bolding

February

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



January ZOOM Program Joanne Kerton w/ Canuck Quilter Program: "Make It Your Own"

See Page 3 for the ZOOM program description!

The Zoom Link will be emailed out ahead of the meeting.

Remember to PLEASE MUTE your microphone so we don't hear your dog barking or your conversation with your spouse during the meeting!

COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING November 17, 2025

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

Gaylene Brennen introduced our November speaker, LuAnn Franzluebbbers. LuAnn presented her program "Crazy Quilt Lover". LuAnn Took us on her journey of how she became a Crazy Quilt Lover. LuAnn had many beautiful quilts to show.

Terry began the business meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. There is no meeting in December. January will be held via Zoom.

Susie Bonder announced that we would have another opportunity to order merchandise with the Cottonwood Quilters Guild logo. The same items will be available. An e-mail will be sent with a link to order and pay. Deadline to order will be December 24th.

Terry reminded us of the benefits of being a member of the guild.

Retreats
Workshops
Bus trip

These are just a few of the many benefits.

The informal mixer was Quilt Wheel of Fortune. Name the Quilt Block was the puzzle. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

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

Committee Reports proceeded:

Gaylene Brennan – Next workshop will be Scott Flannagan for April. Seats were added, the workshop is full.
Deb Kubik – Hats and gloves collected will be donated to Hope Mission. Kits are available for NICU quilts. Over 1,000 quilts have been donated to the NICU at Methodist Hospital to date.
Janelle Reed - BOM - Starstruck 8 pointed stars, cost \$5, A corrected version for flying geese has been sent. Quilt Show was a huge success. Around \$20,000 was raised for the guild. Being able to use the credit card worked well. Expenses need to be turned in.
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. Due April meeting.
Cynde McCall – Bus trip will take place April 17-18th to South Dakota. Costs are \$225.00. Forms and deposit are due January 31, 2026.
Christine Hess-Baker - retreat dates are set for Jan 22-25, 2026, and July 16-19, 2026. Exploring the option of having day only retreats.
Becky Jensen - Quilts and Covers will be scheduling a quilt day in March.

Show and Tell - Fat Quarters drawn and distributed; Door Prizes Drawn & Distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Straight, Secretary



November Meeting Attendees:

Night: 82 members
Day: 70 members

Cottonwood Quilt Guild			
Financial Report			
Beginning Checkbook Balance 11/1/2025			\$ 22,673.33
Income			
Deposit	Block of the Month Fees	\$ 15.00	
Deposit	Workshop Fees	\$ 800.00	
Deposit	Membership	\$ 245.00	
Deposit	Membership - Visitors	\$ 70.00	
Deposit	Donation	\$ 100.00	
Deposit	Interest Income	\$ 38.23	
Total Income			\$ 1,268.23
Expenses			
4074	Susan Seidel	November Newsletter Printing	\$ (51.20)
4075	LuAnn Franzluebbbers	November Speaker, Workshop & Mileage	\$ (548.00)
4077	Terry Micheels	Lunch for Oct Speaker & Meeting Prizes	\$ (34.60)
4078	Gaylene Brennan	Oct & Nov Speaker Meals & Copies	\$ (62.16)
4079	Teri Quinn	Refund February 2026 Workshop	\$ (50.00)
Credit Card	Celtic Quilter	Rental - November Workshop	\$ (100.00)
Credit Card	Navigators	Bus Deposit	\$ (250.00)
Credit Card	Holiday Inn	October Speaker Hotel Expense	\$ (223.58)
Total Expenses			\$ (1,319.54)
Ending Checkbook Balance 12/31/2025			\$ 22,622.02
7 Month Certificate of Deposit (Matures 12-30-2025)			\$ 29,670.91
12 Month Certificate of Deposit (Matures 12-30-2025)			\$ 22,692.14
Savings Account			\$ 6,213.79

Shelter Donations

Hold until we meet together again in February which will be non-perishable food pantry donations.
Deb Kubik & Sandy Kovanda

Evening Welcome Committee Help!

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

Remember that the meeting this month is a Zoom only meeting on Monday night. No Tuesday daytime meeting.

2025-26 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

Sign-up now!

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

Winter Retreat

Our Sewical Winter Retreat will be attended by 25 people this year. Get ready to get a jump start on your 2026 projects. The retreat is January 22-25. See y'all there!

January Door Prizes

January door prizes, including 3 bags from Lora Swett, will be selected randomly from those members signed into the chat feature during the Zoom meeting. The prizes will be available to pick up at the February meeting.



Cottonwood Questionnaire

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and either email it to Nancy McReynolds or mail it to the Elkhorn PO box. Your input is very valuable to the Steering Committee so please take the time to consider a position next year or a future year!

Job Descriptions:

Elected Officers:

Chairperson: Preside at Evening General Meeting and Steering Committee Meetings. Organize volunteers for coordinator positions.

Chairperson-Elect: Preside at Evening General Meeting and Steering Committee Meetings when the Chairperson is absent. Shall become Chairperson the following term and propose budget for her term as Chairperson.

Secretary: Take minutes at both the Monday Evening General Meeting and the Steering Committee Meetings. Type and distribute. 2-year term.

Treasurer: Keep track of all guild funds and make monthly reports for the newsletter. 2-year term.

Program Chairperson(s): Arranges the programs and workshops for the guild the second year of her term. Make arrangements for programs and speakers, publicize, and take sign-up of classes, collect fees, arrange payments to speakers and teachers by treasurer. 2-year term.

Non-Elected Officers:

Daytime Coordinator: Preside over the Tuesday morning meetings.

Advertising Coordinator: Coordinate flyers with updated information for monthly meetings and speakers.

Block of the Month: Select a theme and submit patterns and instructions for the newsletter/website for each month. Depending on format, collect blocks at the meeting(s) and coordinate drawing(s) during the business meeting, if applicable.

Bus Trip Director/Coordinator(s): Plans and organizes the annual bus trip by selecting a destination, length of stay and stops along the way including quilt shops and/or quilt shows. Collect fees and arrange payments by the guild Treasurer.

Door Prize Coordinator(s): Solicit or purchase door prizes for both meetings and distribute during meetings.

Fat Quarter Exchange Coordinator(s): Select theme for the month and publish it in the newsletter. Collect fat quarters at meetings and coordinate drawing(s) during the meetings, if applicable.

Greeter Coordinator(s): Organize the monthly volunteers for both meetings and publish list in yearbook and newsletters.

Greeter Helper: Greeting members and visitors at the door and helping with directions.

Holder & Folder Coordinator(s): Organize holders and folders for one or both meetings and publish list in yearbook and newsletters.

Holder & Folder Helper: Hold Quilts during the program and show-and-tell and also help distribute door prizes and fat quarter exchanges.

Membership Records Coordinator: Maintain list of current members for newsletter labels and yearbook.

Membership Table Check-in Coordinator: Oversee the evening or day membership table for Check-in and set up for each committee with the poles and signs. Collect after the meeting and put into tub holding everything to bring to the next meeting.

Membership Table Check-in Helper: Attend all general meetings, either day or night. Greet members by welcoming them and being friendly! Distribute yearbooks and door prize tickets to members. Tally membership numbers, new member & guest names and announce at the meeting.

Membership Renewing & New Member Coordinator Oversee the evening or day renewing and new member's teams. This ensures that all members and new members feel welcome and are informed about all aspects of our guild. Make sure that all monies and memberships are given back to the Membership Records Coordinator and to the Treasurer.

Renewing & New Member Table Helper: Be friendly! Attend general meetings, either day or night. Help new members and guests by welcoming them, having them fill out a form, handing them information, answering questions, and receiving dues. Help make nametags for new members.

Merchandise Coordinator(s): Select and purchase items to sell and operate the merchandise table at general meetings.

Newsletter Editor: Compile newsletter 9 times a year to post on the website for Cottonwood members. Mail to those that have paid for a printed copy.

NICU Quilt Coordinator(s): Coordinate the NICU Quilt project.

Program Helper: Assist the Program Chairperson as needed, answer questions and get members to sign up for upcoming classes. Collect money for classes to be given to the Treasurer.

Quilts and Covers Coordinator(s): Organize quilt donations to different local charities. Make kits and distribute them at meetings. Organize National Quilting Day event, if desired, to work on Q & C quilts.

Quilts and Covers Helper(s): Assist the Q&C Coordinators making kits and distributing them at alternate meetings.

Quilt Challenge Coordinator(s): Formulates an idea for the challenge and presents guidelines in the yearbook, newsletter and at monthly meetings. Receives quilts in April and displays the quilts at the May meeting for the guild members to judge. Makes ribbons and gives out awards.

Quilt Show Coordinator(s): Organize biennial quilt show.

Raffle Quilt Coordinator(s): Organize and/or make the biennial raffle quilt.

Retreat Coordinator(s): Plans and organizes the two annual Cottonwood Quilters retreats held at defined times of each year.

Shelter Donation Coordinator(s): Coordinate the collection and distribution of items collected from monthly meetings given to local organizations in the Omaha area that are in need.

Shop Hop Coordinator(s): Coordinate the Shop Hop Tour.

Social Media Coordinator(s): Update information on our Facebook page to share with others in reference to classes, speakers, fun activities, bus trip and Quilt Show.

Small Group Coordinator(s): Maintain list of active small groups and assist interested members in forming new small groups or joining existing ones.

Studio Tour Coordinator(s): Coordinate the Studio Tour.

Sunshine & Shadows Coordinator: Sends greeting cards to members with congratulations, sorrow or cheer as needed.

Website Coordinator: Coordinate and maintain information on guild website.

Welcome Committee Coordinator(s): Organize the monthly volunteers for the evening or day meetings and publish list in yearbook and newsletters.

Welcome Committee Helper: Help new members be familiar with all the committees at the meetings and have them sit with you at the meeting.

Yearbook Coordinator: Obtains information for the upcoming year from all new coordinators and enter, in addition to the new member information, and compile Yearbook which are compiled during June and July and printed prior to the August Meeting for distribution at the membership table.

ALL Steering Committee positions, except for "Helper" positions, require Steering Committee Meeting attendance. Steering Committee Meetings are typically held the Monday the week following the general meeting.

Please volunteer!

Quilts for the NICU

All quilts donated to Methodist Women's Hospital

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

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

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

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

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

NICU FABRIC NEEDED

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

Thank you for all you do!

Carol Coniglio
Deb Kubik

Jackie Heyne
Cathy Pasko



"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



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.

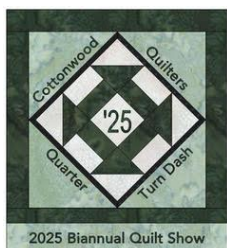
- **First**, you will roll TWO DICE to find out **which two blocks (out of the six indicated on the sign up sheet) you must use!**
- **Second**, you will roll TWO DICE to find out **which two colors (out of the six indicated on the sign up sheet) you must use!**

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



QUARTER TURN DASH QUILT SHOW

October 2-4, 2025

After countless hours of work, dedication, talent, determination and the support of the Quilt Show Committee, our guild, their families, friends and the community at large, we are ready to reveal the grand total of monies raised by the Quarter Turn Dash Quilt Show.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE....

2025 Cottonwood Quilt Guild Show Financial Report				
Category	Income	Actual Expense	Net	
Admissions	\$ 6,303.22		\$ 6,303.22	*
Café	\$ 3,848.39	\$ 652.79	\$ 3,195.60	*
Raffle Quilt	\$ 3,214.00	\$ 449.40	\$ 2,764.60	
Silent Auction	\$ 6,031.94	\$ 287.84	\$ 5,744.10	*
Mini Raffle	\$ 2,370.18	\$ 14.81	\$ 2,355.37	
15" Raffle	\$ 1,013.92		\$ 1,013.92	
\$5 Raffle	\$ 160.00		\$ 160.00	
Vendor Rentals	\$ 3,590.00		\$ 3,590.00	
Administrations	\$ 5.00	\$ 228.59	\$ (223.59)	
Facility Rental	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Judging	\$ -	\$ 904.01	\$ (904.01)	
Publicity	\$ -	\$ 235.40	\$ (235.40)	
Ribbons	\$ -	\$ 159.57	\$ (159.57)	
Signage	\$ -	\$ 289.02	\$ (289.02)	
Decorations	\$ -	\$ 18.75	\$ (18.75)	
Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ 927.79	\$ (927.79)	
Totals	\$ 26,536.65	\$ 5,667.97	\$ 20,868.68	
*5.5% (city and state) sales tax on Admissions, Café and Silent Auction				

Thank you EVERYONE for helping us reach our goal. This was a team effort and only possible because of the generous support of the membership and the local Quilt Shops that bought booth space at the show. Please support these vendors throughout the year and thank them for participating in our event.

Marti Neely, Janelle Reed and Barb Trochim.
Quilt Show Chairs and Treasurer



Cottonwood Bus Trip

April 17-18, 2026

Feeling a little let down after the holidays? Did you make a New Year's resolution to make new friends and have more fun? We have just the event to keep that resolution.....Register for the Dakota Dash bus trip! And don't wait...**registrations are due January 31, 2026.** You will also need to complete the **medical information form.** Both forms are attached to the online newsletter. You may send it with your registration or bring it with you on April 17th. We will keep your medical information sealed unless needed for an emergency.
Registrations should be mailed to:

Mary Hamilton, Bus Trip
21510 Cedarwood Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

On **April 17 and 18**, we will run "The Dakota Dash" to South Dakota, stopping at 8 quilt shops with a stop at the falls in Sioux Falls SD. Cost is \$225 per person and includes lunch Friday and Saturday, bus and driver fees, room (double occupancy), a goody bag, and some fun giveaways! There are a few private rooms available for an additional \$70 or \$295 total. We will travel as a group Friday evening to Cracker Barrel for dinner on your own, followed by private shopping at Jaqueline Joyce in Sioux Falls!

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

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

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

Registration is on a first come first serve basis for 45 Cottonwood members. We currently have 20 registered members. Don't wait to get your registration completed and, in the mail, or you will miss out on the great shopping, prizes, and fun.

We will need 40 individuals to make the trip. Following the **January 31 deadline**, we will consider opening registration to non-members if we do not have seats on the bus filled.

Questions? Contact **Mary Hamilton** at mehamilton@cox.net or 402-689-6988.

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 (paqrattpat@yahoo.com)

Fat Quarters

January: None this month

Valentine prints in February!

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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
Atkins	Cheryl	11406 S 168 Ave.	Gretna	NE	68028-5514	402-680-5669	cheryl.atkins21@gmail.com	3	8
Garvey	Terri	3613 Duffer Ct.	Bellevue	NE	68123-2934	402-301-7135	tgarvey53@yahoo.com	3	28
Havranek	Kathy	1001 S 78 St.	Omaha	NE	68114-5410	402-681-3743	khavranek@yahoo.com	10	25
Loewens	Laura	17224 Christensen Rd.	Gretna	NE	68028-5303	402-276-0705	laura.loewens@gmail.com	12	6
Massey	Linda	17121 Cedar Plaza Apt 10m	Omaha	NE	68130-2378	402-250-7754	linda.massey14@gmail.com	10	1
Rouse	Laurie	1120 N 41 St.	Lincoln	NE	68503-2114	402-477-2283	smlgro@yahoo.com	11	3
Address Change									
Neely	Marti	3858 S 202 Ave	Omaha	NE	68130-5078	402-630-0050	martineelyapld@gmail.com	10	8

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Elkhorn, NE 68022



Our next meeting is Monday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. It will be a virtual Zoom Meeting. (No Tuesday meeting)

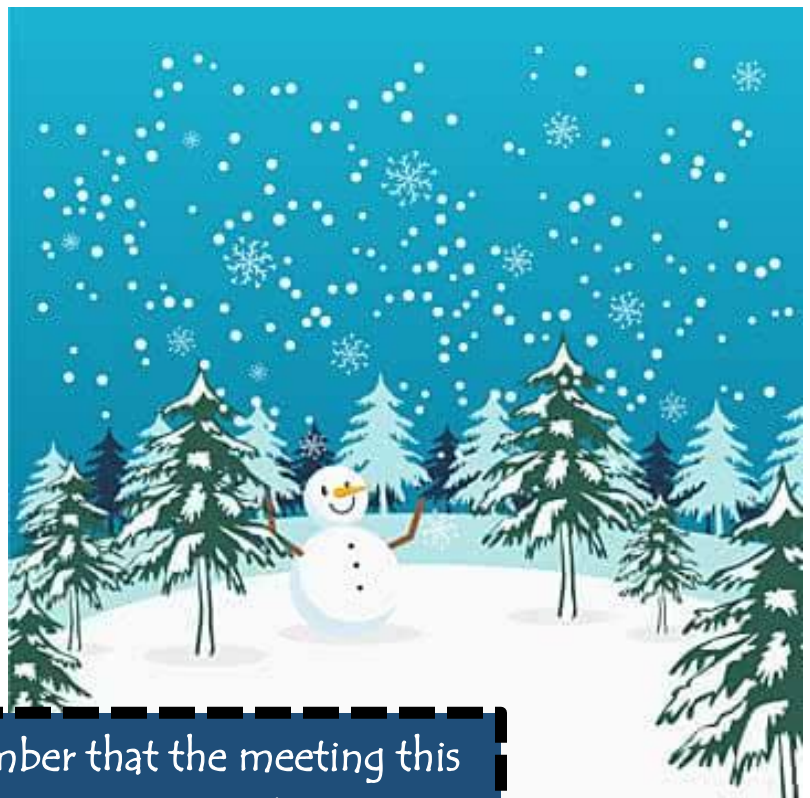
www.cottonwoodquilters.org

Calendar of Events

Now	International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) 1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE http://quiltstudy.org/
January 19	Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting Zoom Meeting – 7:00 p.m. No In-Person Meetings or Daytime Meeting this month
January 22-25	Snowball Retreat See Page 3
January 26	Cottonwood Quilt Guild Steering Committee Meeting ZOOM Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 16	Scott Flanagan Workshop See page 3 Cottonwood Quilt Guild General Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
February 17	Daytime Meeting In-Person Meeting Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Dr. Doors Open – 9:00 a.m. Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
February 23	Cottonwood Quilt Guild Steering Committee Meeting ZOOM Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**No In-Person or
Daytime Meetings in
January**

Stay warm & healthy!



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2026-2027 Cottonwood Questionnaire

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

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

COTTONWOOD QUILTERS
PO Box 27
Elkhorn, NE 68022

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

Please read and complete both sides and PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

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

I plan to attend more often: ___ *Daytime Meetings* ___ *Night Meetings*

I would be happy to serve as:

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

I would consider being an elected officer sometime in the future ___ Yes ___ No

___ Chairperson ___ Program Chairperson (or Co-Chairperson) ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer

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

I would consider being the Daytime Coordinator ___ Yes ___ No

Other Volunteer Options

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

If so, what? _____

Marketing Ideas

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

Small Groups

Are you a member of a Cottonwood Small Group? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, what is the name of the Small Group? _____

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

Meetings

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

Programs/Workshops

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Roommate: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Food restrictions or allergies: _____



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

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

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____





Medical Information Form



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



Name _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

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

Name and phone number of primary physician.

Prescribed medications you are taking.

Continue on back if needed.



COTTONWOOD QUILT GUILD
August 2025 – April 2026
Workshop Registration Form

WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

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

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

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

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

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Cottonwood Member ☐ Yes ☐ No

WORKSHOPS

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

of Workshops _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Initials: _____

Zoom Directions

This is what others can see when your camera is off

Use if you want just the person talking to appear bigger on the screen otherwise the screen will show a set of random members on the call like below

