

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Patchwork Update

February 2026

Dedicated to encouraging and broadening quilter creativity, sharing quilting knowledge, exhibiting quilting accomplishments and contributing to the community.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2026 PROGRAM -

*Deb Koerwitz, Keith Blaney and Cindi Young
Bits and Pieces Show*

Ready for a trio of presentations covering a “Starry Night” quilt by Van Gogh, or creating string quilts of your own creation, or adding machine embroidery to your quilts? Then you will not want to miss our next program as our presenters guide you on this journey of creative quilting. Deb Koerwitz, Keith Blaney and Cindi Young will be your guides.

Deb began sewing when she was around 8 years of age and did garment construction and mending for her parents’ family of eight.



She took her first quilting class in 1983 and never looked back. Deb started piecing by hand because that’s the only way she could be precise. A wise quilter encouraged Deb to begin machine piecing which dramatically helped productivity. Since then, she has taken many quilting classes, both online and in person. Always learning! Deb entered the world of longarm quilting in 2017 and is amazed at how much she still has to learn. She loves bright colors and unusual designs, including art and improv quilting. Learning to push boundaries and look forward to the rest of the journey!

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As a commercial embroiderer, Keith always thought it would be fun to make a quilt on that wonderful 12 needle Brother, but was always too busy. When he retired, his wife, Susan, bought him a sewing machine. Those first couple of quilts didn’t turn out very good and often need repairs, but the hook was set. After a beginner’s class, five years, and 57 quilts later, they’re turning out better these days. His favorite projects are throws and twins, using traditional block patterns.

Cindi Young has been quilting for more than 30 years and has worked in the quilting industry for over 10 years (retail shops, teaching, and long-arm quilting). She has attempted many different patterns and techniques in her quilting journey, with her favorite being machine applique. She tends to have several projects going on at once. Ten years ago, she bought her first embroidery machine where she began adding embroidery work to her quilts. She looks forward to sharing simple techniques to incorporate machine embroidery into our quilts.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - Cathy Wissner

Dear Talented Quilters, as we go into 2026, the CHQ Board is looking to bring a couple of very important issues to the General Membership.

The first being, CHQ becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and updated CHQ By-laws. However, I want to address a concern voiced at the January GM meeting about the requirements for CHQ filing a tax report at the end of the year. Per the IRS on 501(c)(3) “for small organization with gross receipts at \$50,000 or less you would file Form 990-N (e-Postcard)”. Which is easy to fill out and e-mail back to the IRS.

Becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit has advantages for CHQ. Many foundations and corporations will only donate to 501(c)(3)s. We can legally call and hold raffles & silent auctions.

There are potential discounted or free services, like: Google for Nonprofits, YouTube ads credits, Microsoft-nonprofit pricing,

reduced advertising costs on other media. CHQ can qualify for: state sales tax exemption and reduced venue fees. Donations and grants do not create federal income tax issues and program revenue may also be tax-exempt (if related to our mission).

It also enhances credibility and public trust. IRS recognition signals: *accountability, transparent governance and adherence to federal regulations, donors, partners, and sponsors tend to trust organizations that meet federal nonprofit standards.*

Under a 501(c)(3), CHQ has Limited Liability Protection, a nonprofit shields directors, officers, and founders from personal liability tied to the organization (except for misconduct).

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2026 CHQ BOARD MEMBERS

President: *Cathy Wissner*
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Opportunity Quilt 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
Challenge 2026 Chair: *Cathy Wissner*
Challenge 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
Quilt Show 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
Past President: *Diana Clark*

Come join the CHQ team! It's the best way to get to know other members.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are some Board openings available this year, with the newest opportunity being **Newsletter Editor and Website Chairman.**

I am stepping down from both of these positions, so if you have interest in either of these areas, please let our president, Cathy Wissner know. If you have questions about what the positions entail, give me a call.

I have loved doing both of these tasks and wish I could continue, but it is important for my health that I get up and move around more, so less computer time for me is a good thing.

Thanks for all the notes and comments of appreciation from you over the years I've done this for you. You've been a precious part of my life.

Thank you so much, Judy Gilmore.

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Please consider having CHQ become a 501(c)(3).

Don't forget about the 2026 CHQ Quilt Challenge, "Songs of America".

Other News and items of interest.

Jim Abbott advises that Denise Walker is now the new franchisee for Jukebox and Innova machines. She can be reached at 970-224-9975

A tribute quilt show, honoring Kelly Gallagher-Abbott will be held June 24-27, in Fort Collins, CO., at the library's Creativity Center located just east of Old Town. Kelly was a guest speaker at CHQ a few times. She taught classes at CSU, was a judge for the Hoffman Challenge and her hands were featured in the movie "How to Make an American Quilt".

Mary Brumage, emailed us that the annual Gold Rush Days (life in the late 1800s) held in Sidney, Nebraska is June 12-14, 2026. Mary reached out to CHQ looking for people interested in helping with quilting demonstrations. Mary can be reached at marybrumage@gmail.com. Gold Rush Days will also have 40 vendor spaces available for crafters to sell. For vendor information

<https://sidneygoldrushdays.org/vendor-information/>

Sincerely, Cathy Wissner, CHQ President

TREASURER - Gina Vining

Time to pay your annual dues of \$30 for 2026.
See you at the registration table.



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Remember To Bring Your Baggies with finished blocks to the February Meeting!

OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Mary Ellen Little

Remember to bring any Opportunity Quilt blocks (in baggies) you picked up in January to the February meeting. We need them as soon as possible so we can get the quilt finished and start selling those tickets.

Please put your block back in the plastic bag with the block number so we can check you off our list. Can't wait to see all these blocks assembled. Thank you.

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Longarm of The West
Custom Quilting & Embroidery

Marcia Stewart

longarmofthewestcustomquilting.com

Happy Valentine Day. Its February already. Working on Web Site is my goal this month. Hopefully have it completed in a couple of weeks. I will be uploading on my face book page items made as well as items you can purchase.

I am working part time at Hobby Lobby but I am still taking quilts to quilt from my quilting customers. So contact me by email or leave me a voice message if you have a quilt needing quilted.

My supply order goes in on the 1st and 15th if you would like want to place a supply order. I have sewing needles and thread in stock.

Call or Text 308-641-8638 I will return your calls at lunch time or after 4:30 pm. If you're in my phone I will answer otherwise please leave a message.

Individual one on one workshop for those who are learning to sew. Also those who would like to make their first quilt. ive me a call and we will get you started.

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2026 PROGRAMS - Marci Rulon, Vice-President, programs Chair

February 2, 2026	Deb Koerwitz, Keith Blaney and Cindi Young Bits and Pieces
February 16, 2025	Board Meeting FUMC - Allison Hall - 6:30 p.m., Everyone is welcome
March 2, 2026	Cyndi McChesney, Panel Palooza - \$5 guest fee
April 6, 2026	Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Trunk Show 1930's Hard Times/Great Quilts - \$5 guest fee
May 4, 2026	Dana Jones, Dana Jones Quilts - Color the World with Quilts - \$5 guest fee
May 5, 2026	Tuesday, Dana Jones - Workshop - Fabulous Free Form
June 6, 2026	Pat Speth, Nickel Quilts - Fabulous Nickel Borders – Via Zoom - \$5 guest fee
July 6, 2026	Quilts Judy Powell - Applique Techniques - \$5 guest fee
August 3, 2026	Game Night/Social hosted by Hospitality Committee

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
Feel free to let Marci know if you have suggestions for programs.

SMALL GROUPS

Afternoon Quilters

Debbie Baldwin
Meets every Tuesday at the Library
Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Community Quilts

Donna Dolan
Meets second Wednesday of the month at
the Library, Willow Room.
Starts at 9:30 am. to 3:30 p.m.

Quilting Cowpokes

Quilts of Valor (QOV) Group

Marilyn Lanham
Meets first Tuesday of month at
Our Savior Lutheran Church on
East Dell Range.
Bring a carry in lunch to share if you want.
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Paper Piecers

Cindi Young, & Diana Clark
Meets 1st or 2nd Friday of each month
First United Methodist Church
In Allison Hall
Meets from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(See dates in article)

Open Sew

Cindi Young, & Diana Clark
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month
First United Methodist Church,
In Allison Hall
Meets from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(See dates in article)

Fabulous Free Form

By Dana Jones, Dana Jones Quilts

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Hosted at - First United Methodist Church – Allison Hall
108 E. 18th St., Cheyenne

Just for Fun, No-Stress Class!

Even the quilt police agree there is no room for them in this class in which you'll throw away the rules and let loose. Class requires a ruler and one doesn't even need to have a rotary cutter. This is the perfect class if you're finding you're stuck in the same-old, same-old quilting patterns and practices. There's nothing conventional here. Sign up for fun. Sign up to de-stress.



\$60 for CHQ members / \$70 for nonmembers

Minimum / Maximum number of participants 20 / 20

Please bring a bag lunch

Signup with Marci Rulon
CHQ Program Director

Supply list included with payment

Registration confirmed upon payment

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026 / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
At First United Methodist Church, Allison Hall
\$60.00 member / \$70.00 nonmember

Just for Fun, No-Stress Class! Free-form curves are a type of curved piecing technique in quilting that allows for more organic and irregular shapes compared to traditional curved piecing. Select the fabrics you want to use for your curves. It's important to choose fabrics with good contrast so the curves stand out.

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MyLilithAnn@yahoo.com, 401-359-6235



DECLUTTER AND SHARE -

Judy Gilmore

It seems we have members who have things they don't want anymore, so this is a way to share those things with each other. We'll list your name and a short description of what you have available in the newsletter. We don't need to include phone numbers, or addresses if you don't want to have them online, because members can get that info from the online password protected roster.

Contact Judy at info@chquilters.org if you have trouble downloading the roster or have something for the Declutter and Share list.



If anyone is interested in a vintage New Home sewing machine, I have one to give away. A friend of mine, Chris Fail, is moving and can't keep this longtime friend of hers. It includes a wood cabinet with some sweet features, like a knee mount for the foot pedal, accessories, bobbins and the manual. I can deliver it, but need help to unload it.

Let Judy Gilmore know if you are interested. Thanks.

CHQ BEAT THE WINTER BLUES RETREAT 2026

Cindi Young



Cheyenne Heritage Quilters would like to invite you to their Beat the Winter Blues Retreat

Thursday March 5, 2026, 8:00 am – 8:30 pm

Friday March 6, 2026, 8:00 am – 8:30 pm

Saturday March 7, 2026, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The cost of the retreat is \$90.00 per CHQ Member – cost includes your very own 6-foot table at the LCCC Union Pacific Room along with 5 meals in the dining hall. (Thursday Lunch & Dinner, Friday Lunch & Dinner, Saturday Brunch). Registration opens for current CHQ Members January 1, 2026.

Out of Town attendees need to book their own accommodations for the nights. This is a UFO Retreat, no class. Bring your unfinished projects or start a new one.

Registration is open for current CHQ Members only. You must have your CHQ membership dues paid for 2026 before being able to attend the retreat.

Registration forms will be emailed January 1, 2026. You can bring your form and payment to the January 5 or the February 2 meeting. Or you can mail them to me. My address is on the registration form. If you have any questions, please reach out to me:

Cindi Young Cindiyoung69@gmail.com (preferred) Text me at 970-631-7814

NEW INFORMATION: All paid attendees at the current year's retreat will be placed in a drawing to receive one free registration for the next year. The winner must attend the following year retreat and must be a current member of CHQ at the time of the retreat. The award is non-transferable.

OPEN SEW DATES 2026

Cindi Young & Diana Clark

Open sew meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, in Allison Hall, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come and work on your own projects. Bring everything you need to sew, including cutting mat, small personal iron, (no large irons allowed), extension cords, etc.

Please bring your own lunch, or you can go out for it. Come whenever, leave whenever.

February 18, 2026	June 17, 2026	October 21, 2026
March 18, 2026	None in July	November 18, 2026
April 15, 2026	August 19, 2026	December 16, 2026
May 20, 2026	Sept. 16, 2026	

Cindi Young 970-631-7814 & Diana Clark 307-630-9913

PAPER PIECERS DATES 2026

Cindi Young & Diana Clark

Paper Piecers meet the 1st or 2nd Friday of each month at First United Methodist Church, in Allison Hall, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All paper piecers are welcome to join. Bring a paper piecing project you are currently working on. Remember, this is NOT actually a class, however, if needed, this IS a helpful group. Hope to see you there.

February 6, 2026	August 7, 2026
March 13, 2026	September 11, 2026
April 10, 2026	October 9, 2026
May 1, 2026	November 6, 2026
June 5, 2026	December 4, 2026
None in July	

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COMMUNITY QUILTS -

Donna Dolan & Diane Beffert

Community Quilts is in need of someone to make kits for children's quilts, both crib (40x50 or smaller), twin (62 x 87), or lap (in between). We have lots of fat quarters, kid fabrics, & an **AccuQuilt Go** Cutter to use. We would love some help in this area. Please let Donna Dolan know if you are interested.

Community Quilts Sizes

Baby: 42" by any size
 Lap/Youth: 45" or more by anything but less than twin
 Adult lap quilts: 56" x 76"
 Twin: 63" by 87"

Community Quilts were delivered to the following agencies in 2025

Comfort quilts.....	4
Safe Harbor	7
Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beds	7
Safe House	7
VA Newborns	45
Meals on Wheels	22
Foster Kids.....	43
Senior Companion	37
East High FFA	2
CRMC	18
Family Promise	6
Legal Aid.....	2
Welcome Mat.....	2
Life Choice.....	24
USI.....	12
Veteran's Rock.....	15
Fire Station.....	11

TOTAL264

Plus 50 quilts made for Habitat for Humanity, but not yet delivered including twin, queen, and king sized quilts that aren't needed until maybe next summer.



Around the Block QUILT SHOP

February

Dresden Plate/Fans

Sat., Feb. 7 & Feb. 14, 1-4

Get Ready to Make Your Jacket!

Sat., Feb 21

Machine Binding - Sat., Feb., 28, 10:30-1

Knitting 101 - Sat., Feb. 28 1-4 Free

Block of the Month - 10:30 1st Sat of month

Hand Embroidery Club - 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE

Knit Pickers' Club - 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 2-5 FREE

Winter Hours: M-S 10-5, closed Sunday

453 Vandehei Avenue - Suite 120 - 307-433-9555

See aroundtheblockquilts.com for full schedule





Gwen H.
*Paper Pieced
Snail's Trail/Ocean
Waves Quilt*

SHOW & TELL-

January 5, 2026



Dee S.
*Black and white
Double Wedding
Ring Quilt*



Marci R.
Quilt of Valor



Marci R.
Slice of Cake Quilt



Opportunity
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Kathy Holt,
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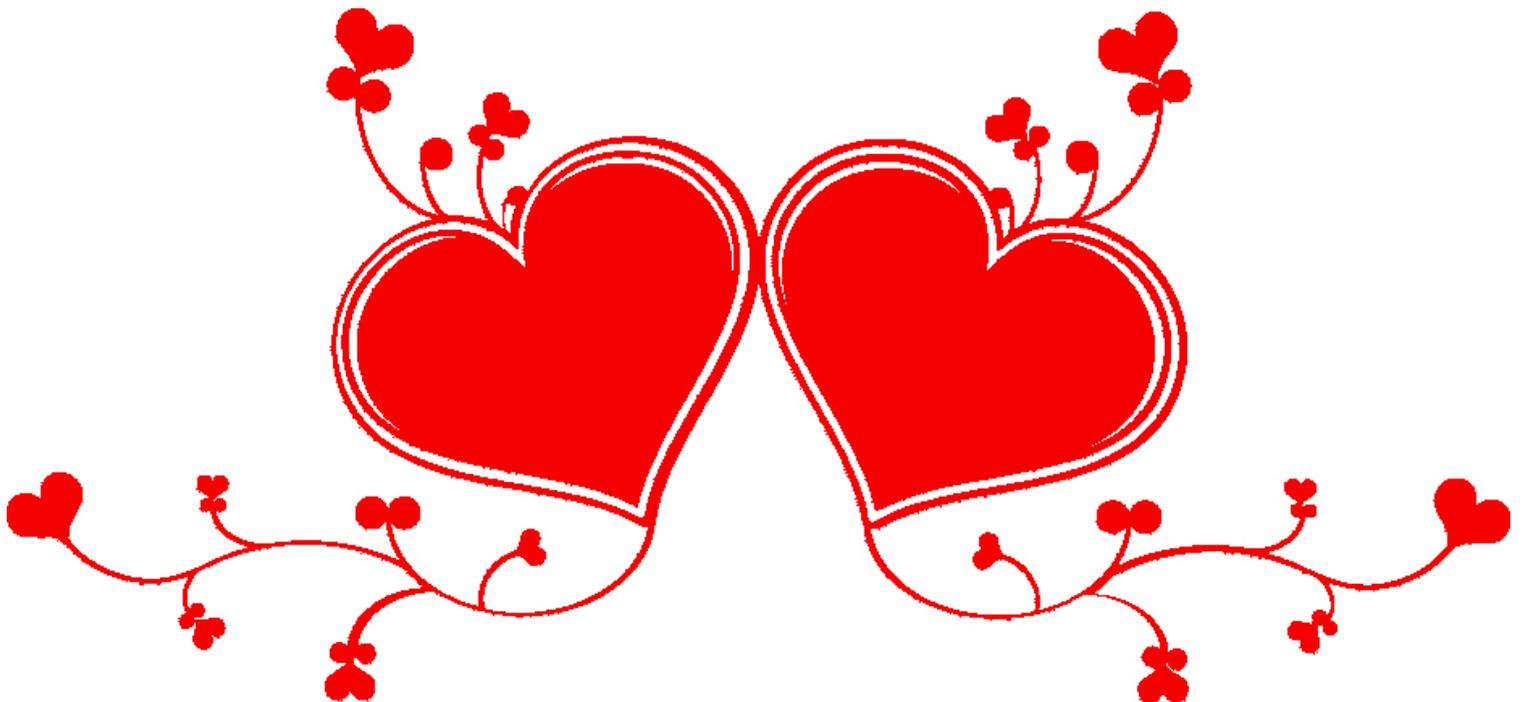
NEW MEMBERS' CORNER - Sharon Waring, Kathy Holt and Cathy James

Please welcome our new members:

Lynn McLaughlin, Julie Schirer, Rachel Purdy and Ellen Schaefer



If you are a new member and haven't received a packet with instructions for how to make your nametag, please let someone at the front desk know.






**JANUARY
5, 2026
PROGRAM**



Debbie Przymus

Cleata Zlenka



Cleata Zlenka and Debbie Przymus brought a display of quilts to our club, that took our breath away. These two friends have had a lot of fun together on their quilting journey and it was so fun to see what they had to share.



They are both fans of the AccuQuilt die system and have figured out ways to use it on patterns they love. It was fun to hear about adjustments they made when there was an unexpected challenge... like pieces that got cut out backwards. We've all been there, I'm sure.



Debbie had many tips for members. She showed some small quilts with creative framing ideas. (see photos) And her "Worth the price of the ticket" wrinkle release/starch trick.



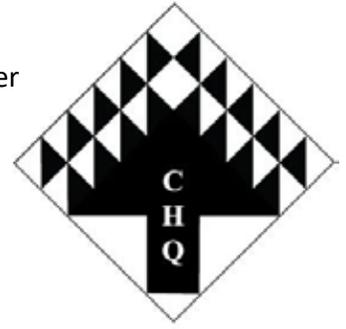
CHEYENNE HERITAGE QUILTER REGISTRATION FORM

Year _____

Please fill out and submit with \$30.00 to:

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters; P.O. Box 21194; Cheyenne, WY 82003; Attn: Treasurer

Your membership is valid from January through December



Please fill out the entire form, even if there were no changes from last year.

Renewal Membership New Member

Please Print

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Landline _____

Email _____

_____ Office Use _____

Amount Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check number: _____

Updated 8-10-2024

General Club Information

Guest Policy

Please invite friends to attend meetings. All skill levels and non-quilters are welcome. Non-members may attend two meetings at no charge.* After attending two free meetings, the non-member must pay \$2.00 per meeting.

**If we have a paid speaker, the non-member must pay \$5, but this meeting will not count as one of their free meetings.*

Articles & Advertisements for Newsletter

Ads and articles must be quilt, craft or sewing related. They must be "copy" ready. The newsletter editor is not responsible for typing your information. Ad size is 3.5" wide x 4.5" tall. Articles for the Newsletter can be e-mailed to quiltingfriends307@yahoo.com no later than the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Cell Phones

We ask that cell phones be silent or off, and that emergency conversations be held out of the room.

Show & Tell Guidelines

Show one or more projects. Please share information regarding each piece.

Meeting Location & Schedule

We meet at the First United Methodist Church, 108 E. 18th St. in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the first Monday of most months starting at 7 p.m. Please view the newsletter for exact meeting dates and programs as we sometimes change meeting dates to avoid holidays.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to come early and help set up or to socialize.

How to Reach Us

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