

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Patchwork Update

March 2026

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

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MARCH 2, 2026 PROGRAM - Panel Palooza by Cynthia McChesney



Cyndi McChesney has been quilting for over 40 years and has enjoyed a wide-ranging and fulfilling career in the quilting industry including as an author, pattern designer, quilt shop owner, custom quilt maker, and instructor throughout the US and Canada at

national shows, guilds and quilt shops.

Cyndi achieved the distinguished title of National Quilt Association Certified Teacher of the Year, has won awards in the Hoffman Challenge, the Colorado State Fair, Mancuso Visuals #1 2020, for Best Long-arm Workmanship and the Vermont Quilt Festival 2021 for Exceptional Merit. Her quilts have been exhibited at the Houston International Quilt Festival and AQS Paducah among other local and national shows.

Cyndi's first book, *Fun With Panels*, C&T Publishing was released in fall 2022 and *Playful Panel Quilts* was released in 2024. Cyndi's passion for quilt-making is evident in comments from her students and in her never-ending quest to find new techniques and skills to share so that quilting is a fun, enjoyable life-long endeavor.

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CHQ will take Cyndi McChesney to dinner on Monday, March 2 at 4:45 p.m. at Guadalajara at 317 East Lincolnway. Each member will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. Please RSVP to Marci Rulon at 401-359-6235 by Friday, February 27, 2026 if you plan on attending. Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Cathy Wissner

Dear Talented Quilters,

Marching along we have a couple CHQ events for you to consider. The first one is the March 5-7, Quilt Retreat, "Beat the Winter Blues" hosted by CHQ and managed by our talented Cindi Young. If you signed up you can expect a terrific weekend of quilting with the fun loving Cindi. Thanks to all who signed up, but the retreat is now full. How exciting!

Another great event hosted by CHQ and managed by our Vice President, Marci Rulon, is "Fabulous Freeform" with Dana Jones on Tuesday, May 5. Please see Marci at the March meeting for cost and to sign up.

I hope to have a progress update on the 501(c)(3) and start thinking about tackling the Bylaws at the March 2 meeting.

Don't forget about the 2026 CHQ Quilt Challenge, "Song's of America." I have finally picked out a pattern that should match "Song of Wyoming" sung by John Denver. This challenge is

meant to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America. Everyone is encouraged to join in the challenge.

Dues are due! Please, if you haven't paid for 2026 you can at the March meeting. Our treasurer has sharpened her pencil and forms are ready for you to complete. We take cash or checks. Your dues go a long way in keeping the lights on for CHQ.

One last thought: The "Local Quilt Shop Contest," hosted ByAnnie.com, is where you get to show your favorite local quilt store some love and vote for them. Voting closes on February 28, so don't wait.

www.lqscontest.com

Upcoming Events: The Delta Kappa Gamma Used Book Sale will be held March 7-8 and March 14-15. This year it is in the former Joann Fabrics in the Frontier Mall.

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

March 2, 2026	Cyndi McChesney , Panel Palooza - \$5 guest fee
March 16, 2025	Board Meeting.
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
September 8, 2026	Hoffman Challenge Trunk Show \$5 guest fee Amethyst Delight

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
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First United Methodist Church
In Allison Hall
Meets from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(See Dates in article)

Open Sew

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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



Calling All Quilters

Don't miss out on this fabulous workshop of quilters of ALL levels of experience! The method is simple. This improvisational cutting and piecing technique created by Pam Rocco, formerly a columnist for Quilters Newsletter, is fun and quick. Each student's quilt will be a unique creation. Cutting out this quilt is simple. You'll freehand rotary cut 1"-3" wide strips with gentle curves without using a ruler. Then you'll stitch the strips together with no pinning. The end result is a high energy quilt that you can hang or drape over a couch or chair. It can also be used as a table or bed runner. The choice is yours!

The workshop will be held at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$60 with room for 20 quilters to participate. Please bring a bag lunch or there is a Subway sandwich shop just across the street to purchase your lunch.

Sign up with Marci Rulon, CHQ Program Director by calling 401-359-6235 or at MyLilithAnn@yahoo.com.

Per our contract signed with Dana Jones Quilts, we cannot cancel this workshop for lack of participation, SO ask you neighbors, ask your friends and and join the fun!



2026 CHQ BOARD MEMBERS

President: *Cathy Wissner*
Vice President: *Marci Rulon*
Secretary: *Glenn Baldwin*
Treasurer: *Gina Vining*
Challenge 2026 Chair: *Cathy Wissner*
Challenge 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
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Opportunity Quilt 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
Past President: *Diana Clark*
Quilt Show 2027 Chair: *Vacant*
Website Chair: *Judy Gilmore*

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Good news! We have a Newsletter Editor.

Thank-you Diana Clark for taking this fun task on.

However, there are still some Board openings available. We need volunteers for some "next year" things. We are looking for someone to volunteer to chair the Opportunity Quilt for next year. The "planning" would happen now, and be ready to kick off the "making" of the quilt, along with the membership would happen starting in January of 2027.

We need someone to chair a Challenge for next year, planning now and presenting next year.

And the big job we need is someone to chair the Quilt Show for next year (which really means we need a "point person" for the terrific group of volunteers that ALWAYS step up to do the work for the Quilt Show.

In the past we have had activities running at different times throughout the year, like Round Tuit, Round Robin Swaps, Block of the Month activities and such.

If you'd like to lead something like that, please let our President, Cathy Wissner, know.



Click on
Picture to
go to site

Marcia Stewart



March has arrived. Just did a custom art quilt. It came out really nice. Thank you for the referral.

Pics of pin cushions.
\$39.99. Down to two left.



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

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

TREASURER - Gina Vining

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



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CHALLENGE 2026 - Cathy Wissner

"Songs of America"

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the USA

The Challenge

- ★ Based on the quilter's favorite song about America or a state, for example: "Ragged Old Flag", by Johnny Cash, "Born in the USA", by Bruce Springsteen, "Song of Wyoming" sung by John Denver... you get the idea. What is your favorite song about America?
- ★ Your quilt information should include the name of the song you picked, along with the song's lyrics.

The Easy Part

- ★ It could be any quilting material, any pattern or panel.
- ★ It does *not* have to be red, white, blue. It can be any color combination under the rainbow.
- ★ It can be any size, but no smaller than 120 inches around. It can be an art quilt, or a regular quilt with or without appliqué.
- ★ This challenge would *not* include us making or selling a quilt kit.

Deadline on a finished quilt

- ★ It should be fun. It should be done in time for the Laramie County Fair (entries the last weekend of July-optional, but fun), or the July meeting of CHQ.



Around the Block

QUILT SHOP

March Classes

- Beginning Quilting** - Starting Mar. 1
- Design Your Own Quilt** - Mar. 7, 1-5
- Knitting: Intro to Felting** - Sat. Mar. 14, 1-4
- It's Jacket Time!** - Sat., Mar 21
- Bear Paw** Sat., Mar. 28, 10:30-4

- 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

BYLAWS 2026 - Diana Clark

Hi Everyone,

I need to apologize on behalf of the Bylaws Committee. The version that was sent to everyone was not intended to be regarded as a completed document. The Committee is still working on it and will have the Board review it before we ask for more feedback.

I want to thank everyone for their comments and concerns. The Committee will take all of the comments under consideration and do a revision that is friendlier.

Please feel free to send any other concerns you have on the Bylaws to anyone on the committee.

Bylaws Committee members:

Diana Clark - Chair

Cat Wissner

Marci Rulon

Diane Beffert



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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.

Singer Red Eye Treadle Sewing Machine -

Very good condition, new belt, original accessories, original manual.
Singer cabinet #6 - wood scroll work on sides and front of drawers. Scrolled face plate. Decals on machine are perfect. Dated December 13, 1916, Elizabeth, NJ.
\$780.00. Call Esther at 307-631-8092.



NEW MEMBERS' CORNER -

Sharon Waring

Please welcome our new member:
Vicky Racicot

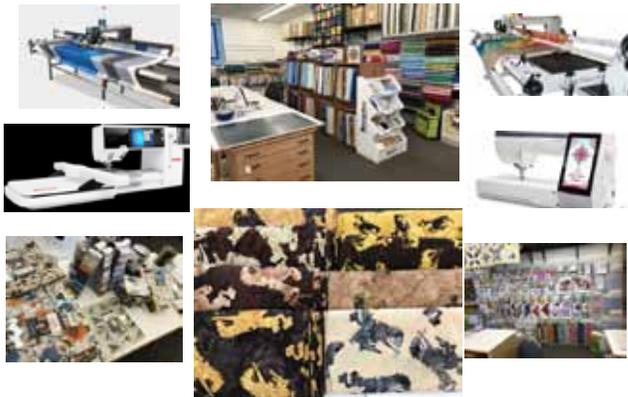


If you are a new member and haven't received a packet with instructions for how to make your nametag, please let someone at the front desk know.



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CHQ BEAT THE WINTER BLUES RETREAT 2026 -

Cindi Young



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

*We have a full group of retreaters coming.
Thanks to all who signed up.
We'll see you soon!!!*



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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.

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

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	
August 7, 2026	

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ROSTER INFO - Gina Vining and Judy Gilmore

Thanks to everyone for paying your dues. We have 139 members this year. Way to go. Please encourage your friends to join our amazing organization.

We decided it was time to post an updated, password protected Roster online. It will replace the 2025 roster that has been there since December 2025. The list now includes everyone who has joined CHQ as of 2-12-2026.

To access it you will need a new password. You can get your new password from Sharon when you sign in at a meeting, or

from Judy Gilmore. We ask that you keep this password secure. Tell it to someone, don't text or email it. If you have trouble or have questions, please call Judy.

For those of you who are new, you can find the document in the **Forms and Info** list on the bottom right of the club's web site. Click on the words "**Members Only 2026**" and enter the password when prompted. You can print the roster, or save it to your computer, but you will need your password each time you open the document.

COMMUNITY QUILTS Donna Dolan & Diane Beffert



Thanks to all the long arm quilters, binders, and quilt top piecers who volunteered as I worked at the Delta Kappa Gamma Book Sale for 6 weeks, I'm not getting a lot done for CHQ.
- Donna



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"



Donna D. shared some Community Quilt



SHOW & TELL-
 February 2, 2026



Deb K. One Block Wonder Quilt



Marci R. One Block Wonder Quilt



Bev P.
*Friendship Star
Quilt*



Barb G.
*Grandmother's
Flower Garden*



Bev P.
Flying Geese Quilt



Devonna R.
*Grandmother's
Flower Garden*



Bev P.
*Blue and Brown
Quilt*

**SHOW
& TELL-**
February 2,
2026



Keith B.
*Pinwheel Purgatory
Quilt*



Deb Koerwitz gave a demonstration of how to “paint” with fabric bits. First she made line drawing of the “movement” in the painting, Starry, Starry Night.

She took the drawing to a copy center to be enlarged so she had a pattern the actual size she wanted for her piece. She put this copy under her background fabric and traced it. She said it was not necessary to trace every line, just some guidelines for you to follow. She chose a background fabric that was a color close to the colors she was attaching so she could let her background show through in the finished project.

She used a muffin tin to organize the small pieces of fabric as she cut thin, curving shapes to mimic movement in her subject.



Tips:

- Using a fusible that is not “sticky on one side” as she wanted to be able to easily move her tiny pieces around before setting them with heat.
- Trimming the fused fabric before cutting your small pieces to make sure the fusible is completely out to the edge of the fabric so the edges will stick properly and that there is no extra fusible sticking off the edge of the fabric.
- Using tweezers to place the small pieces of fabric in just the right place, before setting them with heat.
- Auditioning the color of Tulle to covered the entire piece before machine quilting it. White will make the work lighter. Black makes the colors more rich. Other colors create effects you may prefer.



**FEBRUARY 2,
2026 PROGRAM**
Deb Koerwitz & Keith
Blaney - Bits and
Pieces Show



Keith Blaney demonstrated foundation pieced scrap quilt options. He showed two block versions:

- A “Snowball” block with a strip of scraps down the center of a block, diagonally with triangles on the sides, and
- A block with a triangle of the foundation fabric showing in the center of the block.

Keith sewed a strip of scraps for the center of the “Snowball” block and sewed triangles of white (or the background color you choose) to the right and left sides. He suggested using different colors for the smaller triangles on the top and bottom of the block to create interesting secondary designs when arranging the block. He showed a version of this with red on one end and black on the other, so when he sewed the blocks together, he could make an alternating design rather than all black or all red depending on how he turned the blocks.

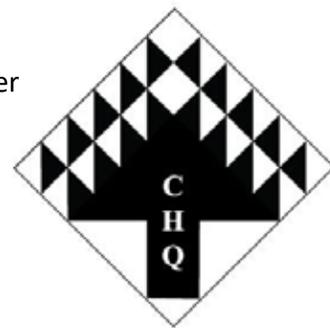
CHEYENNE HERITAGE QUILTER REGISTRATION FORM

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

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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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