

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Patchwork Update

January 2026

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

Visit us online at chquilters.org or on Facebook: **Cheyenne Heritage Quilters**



JANUARY 5, 2026 PROGRAM - Cleata Zlenka & Debbie Przymus Trunk Show

Our own Cleata Zlenka and Debbie Przymus will be presenting a trunk show of all their beautiful work to CHQ.

Cleata began quilting in 1998 when a good friend pestered her to try quilting. She registered them for a class in Fort Collins. This was the beginning of a long passion for quilting. Early on, she discovered a great love for batik fabric, so she has a large collection of batik fabric in her stash. One of earliest quilts Cleata made was a feathered star. She despised that quilt because many of the star points were truncated. She had not yet learned the fine art of getting points to come out perfect. As Cleata progressed in quilting, she always sought a better ways to piece quilt blocks. She subsequently discovered the Accuquilt die cutting system which turned her into an avid fan. Her quilt patterns and instructions now note conversion instructions using the

Accuquilt die system. "It is a very rare quilt that has not been cut out using Accuquilt", she said. After retiring, Cleata added an embroidery machine to her collection of machines. Thus embroidery appears in some of her quilts.

After a career in Administration and Accounting, Debbie Przymus purchased a Gammil quilting machine and began her second career as a long arm quilter. She has quilted for others for over 10 years. As a quilter she is passionate about the Accuquilt die cut system and has made numerous presentations on its use. Her favorite quilt artists are Edyta Sitar with Laundry Basket Quilts and Kim Diehl. She also enjoys Cross stitch, machine embroidery, paper crafts, and painting.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Cat Wissner

Dear Wonderful Quilters, I hope everyone had a good Christmas, and got that new sewing machine on their wish list. So, Welcome to 2026 and save the date for some exciting happenings with Cheyenne Heritage Quilters and the Southeast WSQG.

Since this is the 250th Anniversary of America, a Quilt Challenge is announced for CHQ. The theme is; "Songs of America", Celebrate the 250th of the USA. For example; I came across a John Denver song titled, "Song of Wyoming." My challenge will be to make a quilt that embraces the spirit of the song. Your quilt can be on any state, or America-themed song. It can be any quilting material, any pattern or panel. It does not have to be red, white, blue, it can be any color. It can be any size, but no smaller than 120

inches around. It can be an art quilt, or regular quilt with or without appliqué. It can be done by an individual or it can be a small group quilt project. Most importantly, it should be fun. However; it should be done for the July CHQ meeting.

The next fun news, there is a quilt retreat this spring where you could work on your challenge quilt. Even better news, the CHQ retreat will have a prize drawing for one lucky quilter that pays for next year's quilt retreat.

We still have a position open - Hospitality! We are looking for a fun-loving person that likes to play, doesn't mind

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2026 CHQ BOARD MEMBERS

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Challenge 2027 Chair	Vacant
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Come join the CHQ team! It's the best way to get to know other members.

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pushing the snack cart and thinks planning a Christmas party is joyful. Please let one of the board members know if this describes you.

A committee was formed last year to work on updating CHQ By-Laws. This is always a fun and lively task, but we will ask the General Membership to review them and hopefully in February vote on them. More in housekeeping, we are getting serious about putting CHQ under a 501-c-3, with Diana Clark at the helm. We are hoping to accomplish this in the second quarter of 2026. Being an official not-for-profit opens many doors and opportunities for CHQ.

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

A lot going on in 2026, and I'm looking forward to working with everyone, if you have any questions please contact me at underthebluesky92@gmail.com



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Block of the Month

Beginning January 2026



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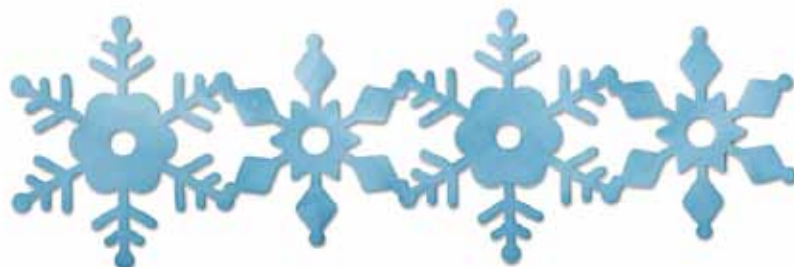
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Information from Your 2026 **OPPORTUNITY QUILT COMMITTEE**

CHQs 2026 Opportunity Quilt Committee led by Mary Ellen Little as Chairman, along with members Kathy Holt and Marci Rulon, have selected, purchased and cut the official quilt for 2026. Using the fabric line Celebrating 250 Years by Scott Flanagan for Banyan Batiks and using the pattern Grand Ole Flag by Scott Flanagan from the book "Forever Fabulous Fat Quarter Quilts" as a guide, we hope to design and present a quilt to celebrate 250 years of the USA.

Fabric has been cut and will be divided into an "A" block and a "B" block, then placed into baggies for distribution at our January meeting for members to assist with the construction. We ask that members take a precut block or two and construct that block based on instructions placed in their baggie. Please prepare your blocks as soon as possible, as the committee would like to have the quilt top finished by March, 2026.

Don't forget to pick up your precut block at the January 2026 meeting! If you have any questions, please contact committee members for more information. Thank you ALL.

TREASURER - Gina Vining

It is time to pay annual dues to the guild for 2026. Dues are \$30 for the year. Please pay your dues at the registration table. We have preprinted forms already filled out for you, so you can proofread what we have in the roster. The membership form is also online at chquilters.org (Bottom Right side of the page)

If you prefer, you can mail your form and dues to:

CHEYENNE HERITAGE QUILTERS
PO BOX 21194
CHEYENNE, WY 82003

Please Pay Dues Now



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

January 5, 2026	Cleata Zlenka and Debbie Przymus Trunk Show
January 19, 2025	Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
February 2, 2026	Deb Koerwitz, Keith Blaney and Cindi Young Bits and Pieces
March 2, 2026	Kathy DeRouchey , Panel Quilts
April 6, 2026	Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Trunk Show 1930's Hard Times/Great Quilts
May 4, 2026	Dana Jones, Dana Jones Quilts - Color the World with Quilts
May 5, 2026	Tuesday, Dana Jones - Workshop - Fabulous Free Form

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.

Fabulous Free Form By Dana Jones, Dana Jones Quilts

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Hosted at - TBD

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

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)



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Marcia Stewart

January 2026 Have you thought of a New Year resolution? Mine is to sort out my fabric scraps for some scrappy quilts. To all the gals that let me do the quilting of their quilts, Thank You. I love to see what you made and enjoyed quilting them for you.

November was a rough month for our family as our oldest boy Brian passed away age 53 on Nov. 4, 2025. Thank You to my quilting friends for your Prayers for our family during this time.

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.

Individual one on one workshop for those who are learning to sew. Also those who would like to make their first quilt. Give me a call and we will get you started. Feel free to text me at 308-641-8638.



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.

January 21, 2026 May 20, 2026 September 16, 2026

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

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.

January 9, 2026

None in July

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

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DECLUTTER AND SHARE -

Judy Gilmore

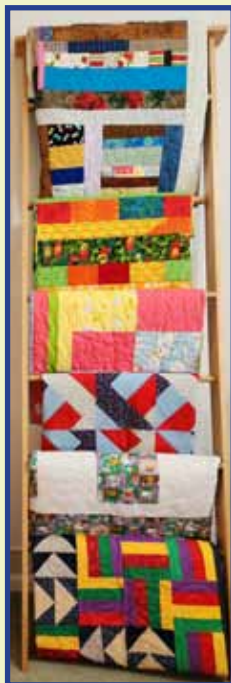
It seems we have members who have things they don't want anymore, so this is a way to share those things with each other. We'll list your name and a short description of what you have available in the newsletter. We don't need to include phone numbers, or addresses if you don't want to have them online,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

Contact Judy at

if you have trouble downloading the roster or have something for the Declutter and Share list.



For Sale - Dated November 5, 1936 Vintage Singer Featherweight, perfect condition. Original manual and some accessories included. Original carrying case. \$585.00. Call Esther 307-631-8092



COMMUNITY QUILTS - Donna Dolan & Diane Beffert



Our Community Quilts committee has been extra busy this last two months. We've found some new places to share our work with.

Remember that you can suggest new organizations to receive quilts that the group makes. Kathie K. found out that the new fire station on Happy Jack needed bed covers so we gave them 11 quilts. And Laraine suggested we help St. Paul's Church. They build twin size beds for children without one, and they needed more bedding. (See the photos below.)

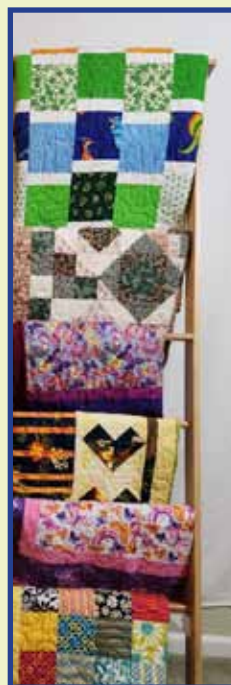
We've continued to give quilts to our regular agencies. Safe House, Safe Harbor, Life Choices, Seniors, and Women's VA requested quilts in December.

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"

Meeting at the library to sew has been a success. We've even had ladies stop in to see what we're doing on second Wednesdays and some have helped us quilt, even though they haven't joined CHQ. They want to help our community, too.

We could use more crib-sized quilts at this time.
Thanks to all those who have contributed.





Around the Block QUILT SHOP

January

Learn to Use the Flying Geese Ruler

Sat Jan 3, 1-4 free demo

Knitting: Stranded Hats Sat Jan 10 1-4 Free

Bison Wall Hanging Saturday Jan 17, 10:30-4

4-Quilts in One Book Jan 24, April 25

(Aug TBA, Nov or Dec TBA) \$45

Penguin Quilt Sat Jan 31 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

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NEW MEMBERS' CORNER - Sharon Waring

There are several ways that we try to communicate with members. We have a website (chquilters.org) with general information about the club as well as recent newsletters which have the best information about what the club is actually doing and the dates we are doing them. Our website is open to the public, so if you have a friend who is interested in the club, be sure to refer them to the site to learn about us.

We also have a Facebook Group, which anyone with a Facebook account can join. You do not have to be a member of CHQ to belong to the Facebook group, but the administrators will have you answer a few questions before approving you.

Once you join CHQ your email will be added to our club email list so you can receive email reminders about meetings, newsletter postings, and other things. We try to keep these emails to a minimum and need your help with this.

Our email is a bit quirky, in that if you reply to a message sent to you from members@chquilters.org, we won't know that

it was you who sent the email, unless you sign your name, because our email client removes your email address and replaces it with the club's email address.

We're glad you are here and we are looking forward to communicating with you.



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.



Thanks so much to Michelle Hubbard for taking these Show and Tell photos for Judy this month.



Sylvia G.
Virginia Dale
Raffle Quilt



Gwen H.
Two Community
Quilts



Devonna R.
Christmas Table Runners



Gwen H.
Scott Flanagan
Quilts

SHOW & TELL- November 3, 2025



Cathy J.
Mystery Quilt



Brittany H.
"Two Twins" Quilts



Cathy J.
Tablerunners



Julie S.
Halloween Embroidery and
English Papers Piecing



Kathie K.
Bed Quilts



Sharon W.
Mondo Bag



Diana C.
Mondo Bag



Cindi Y.
*7" Crazy Curves
Quilt*



Diana C.
Quilt

SHOW & TELL-

December 1 2025



Gale D.
Appliqué Quilt



Gale D.
Calendar Quilt



Cynthia H.
Community Quilt



Cynthia H.
*10" Squares (Layer
Cake) Quilt*

DECEMBER 1, 2025 - Christmas Party



Winning Sweaters



Big Winner



Hospitality Committee
Kathie K. and Cindy L.



Strip Poker Shenanigans



NOVEMBER 3, 2025 PROGRAM - Marcia (Martie) Nowell, AKA "The Quilt Lady"



Martie Nowell, aka "The Quilt Lady" is a quilting instructor and a Certified Instructor for Studio 180. She lived most of her life in Idaho, but now lives in Northern Colorado where she works at Wild Oats Sewing Company.

Wild Oats Sewing Company is active in NOCO Shop Hop featuring many of the shops in Northern Colorado. Martie is excited to meet new quilting friends to share ideas and knowledge.

A large quilt panel featuring a repeating geometric pattern. The pattern consists of a central square surrounded by a border of smaller squares, each containing a different geometric design. The colors are primarily blue, white, and yellow.

Please join us for the

GRAND RE-OPENING

— January 6, 2026 —

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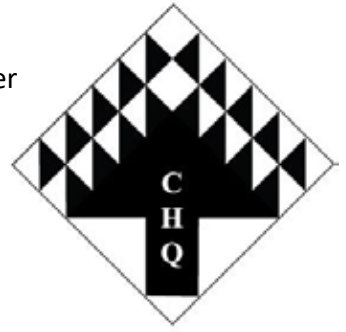
CHEYENNE HERITAGE QUILTER REGISTRATION FORM

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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