

Cheyenne Heritage Quilters

# Patchwork Update

## September 2026



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## September 8, 2026 Program—*Hoffman Trunk Show— Amethyst Delight*

The Tuesday, September 8, 2026 CHQ program will be a trunk show from the Amethyst Delight Hoffman Challenge. What is a Hoffman Challenge?

The 2025-2026 - 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoffman Challenge was to use their Amethyst batik collection. Hoffman Challenge participants are required to use a minimum of 5 out of 15 of the named batik collection fabrics in the body of a quilt top or garment in recognizable, but not necessarily equal amounts. Hoffman Fabrics also invites quilters to use other fabrics from any manufacturer in addition to the required challenge fabrics. All participants receive a fat quarter of Hoffman fabric and a Hoffman Challenge Cloisonné pin to commemorate participation. Each year is a new challenge, with new fabric collections chosen by Hoffman Fabrics. See [hoffmancaliforniafabrics.net](http://hoffmancaliforniafabrics.net) for details.

Many of CHQ's own members have participated in the Hoffman Challenge and had their work shown in the traveling Trunk Show. Ask them about their experience and think about taking the challenge yourself!

## President's Message- *Debbie Baldwin*

Thanks to everyone who came to the **Ice Cream Social**. From what I saw, all that attended had a wonderful time. There was lots of visiting, talking and laughter. Robin Dempsey and helper, Angela McPherson, did a fantastic job with all the games.

The ladies from the **Goshen Quilt Guild** displayed their beautiful quilt, gave a talk on its creation and sold tickets for their drawing. We will be taking our quilt to their meeting to sell tickets, too.

It was impressive to see the display of first quilts, last quilts and everything in between. Beautiful work, ladies.

I have made Keith Blaney our **official quilt holder** for the meetings. He seems happy and I know everyone appreciates his help. His height makes a big difference in us being able to see the displayed quilts.

I started a **new challenge** for myself and maybe others might want to follow along. I've picked out several UFO's from my stash. As I finish works in progress, I'll pick out a UFO to finish, too. Maybe I'll be able to reduce the number of projects in the works.

## Opportunity Quilt- *Mary Ellen Little*

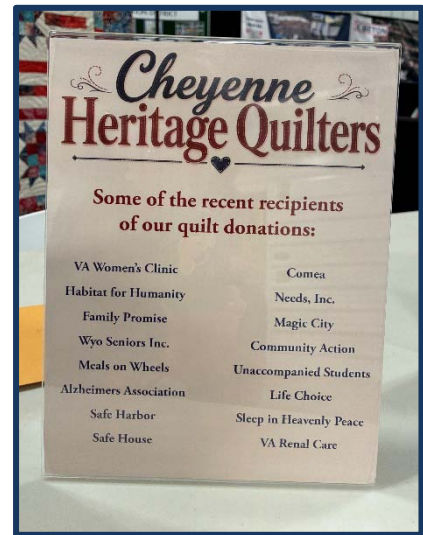
Thank you to all who worked selling tickets at the fair. Overall, the quilt had a good week. So far, we have sold over 3,000 tickets. Many members have not picked up tickets yet, so please see us at the September meeting.



Mary Ellen Little, Kathy Holt and Marci Rulon were the team who pieced the quilt blocks together to create the top, after our WONDERFUL members assisted with the construction of the quilt blocks. Thank you, Members, for your assistance.

Cindi Young lent her talents to quilting this magnificent quilt.

(Photos from the set-up at the fair!)



## Hospitality Committee- *Glenn Baldwin for Sheryl McDaniel*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!! Becky Riley brought 4 gallons of ice cream and many, many members brought toppings. What a great social experience. Once the ice cream and most of the toppings were eaten, Robin Dempsey and Angela McPherson brought out the games, and everyone had a great time. Robin spent a significant amount of time putting the games together and getting all the parts so we could just fly through them. Please tell her what you thought of the camaraderie and just pure fun the Social brought out.

Then we had the Show & Share – Almost everyone (except the guests) brought something to show. Either their first or last or best or worst or favorite quilt, wall hanging, table topper, or art creation. Everyone loved the show. It was spectacular!

## Newsletter Committee- *Kristen Pavelock*

I love seeing everyone's creations during Show and Share! I know the people who enjoy our newsletter on-line do, as well! I want to give everyone credit for their fabulous work, so I am looking for some help. Please write your name and a good description (color/ block type, etc.) of your masterpiece when you sign up. When showing your handiwork, state your name and stand directly next to your quilt. If you don't want to be in the picture with your quilt, let me know! (But you'd better have a good description on the sign-up sheet!)

# 2027 CHQ Quilt Show- *Barb Gorges, chair*



**Join the 2027 Quilt Show committee now or later!**

Thanks to Sandra de Rusha, the 2025 CHQ quilt show chair, I have a big binder of notes from the last show. It takes a whole quilt guild to put it on! If you've never worked on a show before, no problem, we will find you a part to play. Please contact me at [bgorges4@msn.com](mailto:bgorges4@msn.com) to volunteer.

We've already contracted with the church again for **August 18-21, 2027**, avoiding the county fair July 28- August 7, 2027—can't pass up that chance to sell opportunity quilt tickets and publicize our guild and show. Our dates will probably avoid the state fair as well.

I'm gathering a core committee of quilters to help make decisions and chair the major sub-committees. Once we know who is joining us (Sharon Waring, Gina Vining, Laraine Hutchinson, so far), we'll work out a monthly meeting schedule. I also have my own Zoom account if needed.

Next, we need a theme for the show and the opportunity quilt (Mary Ellen Little and Deb O'Grady are designing the quilt). Then we need to review the actual mechanics of collecting, hanging and returning quilts. Also, we will schedule our publicity campaign (Cathy Wissner has volunteered for Publicity.)

The other parts of the show we've come to expect are optional, depending on volunteers stepping forward, but not necessarily having work to do right away:

**Boutique** – Sandra said this was a huge money maker, plus it allowed all of us to clean out our closets and make room for new fabric, books and supplies! The baked goods are also popular.

**Judging** – Find a judge and/or make it People's Choice, decide on categories, prepare ballots and make ribbons.

**Quilt appraisals** – The appraiser could be the same person as the judge or a special guest lecturing or teaching at the show.

**Vendors** – We had no vendors last time, but perhaps we can find another way for local shops to advertise.

**Demonstrations** – These sometimes include quick, takeaway projects.

**Special displays** - These might include featured quilters, a display in memory of a member, Quilts of Valor, and community quilts.

**Quilt challenge** – There are many ways this can be put together. Glenn Baldwin and Dawn Wagner volunteered.

**Door prizes or gift bags** – It requires contacting companies for donations.

**Library quilt display** – The display cases are available to us late April to early June, great timing for advertising the Call for Quilts.

Please contact me at [bgorges4@msn.com](mailto:bgorges4@msn.com) to volunteer.

## Goshen County Quilt Guild 2026 Opportunity Quilt

Members of the Goshen County Guild presented their Opportunity Quilt at our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Their original quilt was born from a paper piecing class and a block that kept popping up on their Facebook feed! The middle medallion block reminded the creators of a windmill. They tracked down the medallion block to TobaccoShedQuilts on Etsy and purchased a few of the quilt block patterns. After many design iterations and fabric stash raiding, they pieced and quilted their 2026 Opportunity Quilt named "Prairie Winds". A smaller quilt made from leftover blocks named "Prairie Breeze" will also be raffled off. Absolutely spectacular quilt! Thank you for sharing it with us!



Cathy Wissner and members of Goshen County Guild.



Documentation on the back of the quilt.



SAVE THE DATE!



**What:** CHQ Annual Quilt Retreat

**When:** Thursday, January 21- Saturday, January 23, 2027

**Where:** LCCC, Union Pacific Room

**Why:** To quilt and have fun!

Fees include 5 meals, your own 6-foot table, electrical outlets, extension cords, ironing tables, cutting tables and giveaway table.

More details and costs in the October Newsletter. Registration opens to CHQ Members first, then everyone else.

Contact Kate Schaumann (kischumann@gmail.com) or Vicki Flack ([sisterbear4@gmail.com](mailto:sisterbear4@gmail.com)) with questions or to volunteer to help.

**What happens at Quilt Retreat stays at Quilt Retreat!**

## AccuQuilt Go and AccuQuilt Supplies for Sale

The CHQ board made the decision to sell our remaining AccuQuilt supplies. So many have gone missing and the cost to replace would be excessive.

The following items are being listed for sale at half price:

|               |                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| AccuQuilt Go. | \$165.00                                    |
| #55017        | 2-1/2" Strip Cutter \$65.00                 |
| #55032        | 3-1/2" Strip Cutter \$65.00                 |
| #55018        | Value Die \$30.00                           |
| #55058        | 8-1/2" Square \$35.00                       |
| #55551        | Go Setting Triangles 8" finished \$65.00    |
| #55399        | Quarter Square Triangle 8" finished \$65.00 |
| #55020        | 6-1/2" Tumbler \$35.00                      |
| cutting mats  | 3 mats total, 10" Square \$10.00 each       |

# List of 2026 Board Members

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| President.....                      | Debbie Baldwin                  |
| Vice President: .....               | Marci Rulon                     |
| Secretary: .....                    | Glenn Baldwin                   |
| Treasurer: .....                    | Gina Vining                     |
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| Challenge 2027 Chairs:.....         | Dawn Wagner & Glenn B.          |
| Community Quilts Chair: .....       | Donna Dolan                     |
| Facebook Chair .....                | Cindi Young                     |
| Greeter/ Membership Chair: .....    | Sharon Waring                   |
| Hospitality Chair: .....            | Sheryl McDaniel                 |
| Newsletter Chair: .....             | Kristen Pavelock                |
| Opportunity Quilt 2026 Chair:.....  | Mary Ellen Little               |
| Opportunity Quilt 2027 Chairs:..... | Mary Ellen Little & Deb O'Grady |
| Community Liaison Chair:.....       | Diane Beffert                   |
| Past President Advisor: .....       | Deb O'Grady                     |
| Quilt Show 2027 Chair:.....         | Barb Gorges                     |
| Website Chair:.....                 | Judy Gilmore                    |



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## Programs—*Marci Rulon*

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| September 8, 2026  | <b>Hoffman Challenge Trunk Show - \$5.00 guest fee</b> |
|                    | Amethyst Delight                                       |
|                    | Tuesday due to Labor Day on Monday                     |
| September 21, 2026 | Board Meeting at 6:30                                  |
| October 5, 2026    | <b>Barb Vedder - \$5.00 guest fee</b>                  |
|                    | Sensational Solid Quilts                               |
| November 2, 2026   | <b>Rachel Miller - \$5.00 guest fee</b>                |
|                    | Documenting Quilts                                     |
| December 7, 2026   | <b>Christmas Party by the Hospitality Committee</b>    |
| January 4, 2027    | <b>Trunk Show</b>                                      |
|                    | Cynthia Helmer & Linda Brunner                         |
| February 1, 2027   | <b>Miters, Hangers &amp; Embroidery</b>                |
|                    | Gwen Harris, Cathy James & Cindi Young                 |



### September Classes

Monthly Minis Sat Sept 5, 1-4  
Witch's Hat Sat Sept 7 1-4  
Paperbag Log Cabin Sat Sept 19 10:30-4  
Falling Leaves Sat Sept 26 10:30-4

Block of the Month 10:30 First 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

Summer Hours: M-S 10-5:30, closed Sunday  
Vandehei Avenue, Suite 120 - 307-433-9555  
*See [aroundtheblockquilts.com](http://aroundtheblockquilts.com) for full schedule*

# CHQ AccuQuilt 2026/2027 Sew-A-Long – Cindi Young

Our September block is Triangles & Squares. You will be making one block in 2 different colorways.

Fabric C Shape 6 Qty 2  
Fabric D Shape 5 Qty 16  
Fabric J Shape 5 Qty 8  
Fabric J Shape 6 Qty 2  
Fabric K Shape 5 Qty 8  
Fabric K Shape 6 Qty 4



Don't forget to post photos here: CHQ Facebook or go to Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Facebook Page, click on tab: Media, Album, AccuQuilt Sew-A-Long 2026/2027.

If you are an organizer like me, there is a mistake in one of the photos on which fabric to use: For the Propeller block, first colorway, the 4 patch should be labeled Fabric G NOT J. Also, I am working on compiling the list of what shape and fabric each block needs. If you would like that now versus each month, please send me an email asking for it.

My e-mail is [cindiyoung69@gmail.com](mailto:cindiyoung69@gmail.com).

I can't wait to see everyone's blocks.



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## Songs of America Quilt Challenge – *Cathy Wissner*

Bound to happen, summer always seems to get away from me and my projects pile up, which is the case for the Challenge Quilt 2026.

I know several of you are still working on it as I am. The deadline is now the November meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, hope you are all working in cool air-conditioned sewing rooms.

## CHEYENNE HERITAGE QUILTERS

### 2026 QUILT CHALLENGE **SONGS OF AMERICA**

MAKE A QUILT THAT EMBRACES THE SPIRIT OF AN AMERICA THEMED SONG.

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## 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.*

*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

*Diane 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

*Diane 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)*

## Open Sew – *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), and extension cords, etc.

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

You will need to call or text Diane Clark 307-630-9913 to be let in.

Sept. 16, 2026

October 21, 2026

November 18, 2026

December 16, 2026

## Paper Piecers – *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.

You will need to call or text Diane Clark 307-630-9913 to be let in.

September 11, 2026

October 9, 2026

November 6, 2026

December 4, 2026

# Community Quilts—*Donna Dolan*



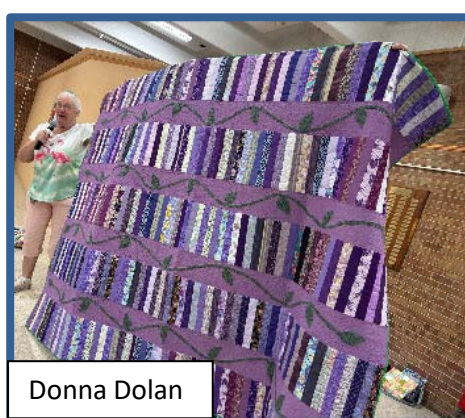
Many quilts were donated to us by BLCK (Blankets for Laramie County Kids), as they dissolved their group. Thank you to them, some of which are in CHQ. We'll be finishing them in the next month or so.

## Community Quilts Sizes

- Baby: 40"x no more than 50
- Lap/Youth: 45" or more by anything but less than twin
- Adult lap quilts: 56" x 76"
- Twin: 63" by 87"

# August 3, 2026 Program—*Ice Cream Social/ Game Night* *Show and Share*

Our general meeting program in August was a lot of fun! We played games, socialized and shared some tasty ice cream with a zillion different possible toppings! Here are a few photos from Show and Share! I'm sorry I didn't catch everyone's names.



Gwen Harris' Quilt



Gina Vining



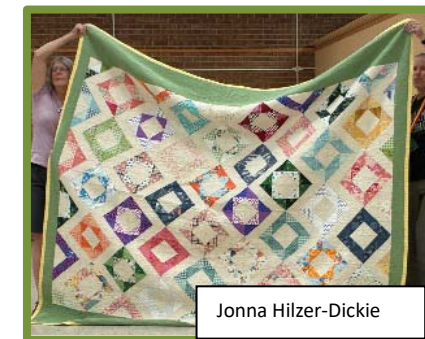
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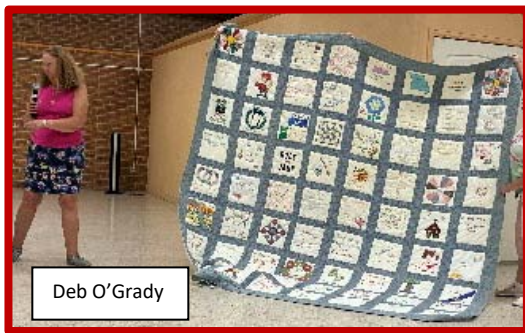
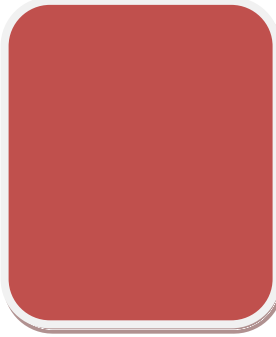
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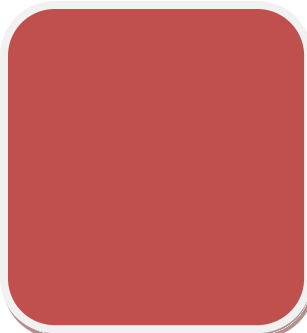
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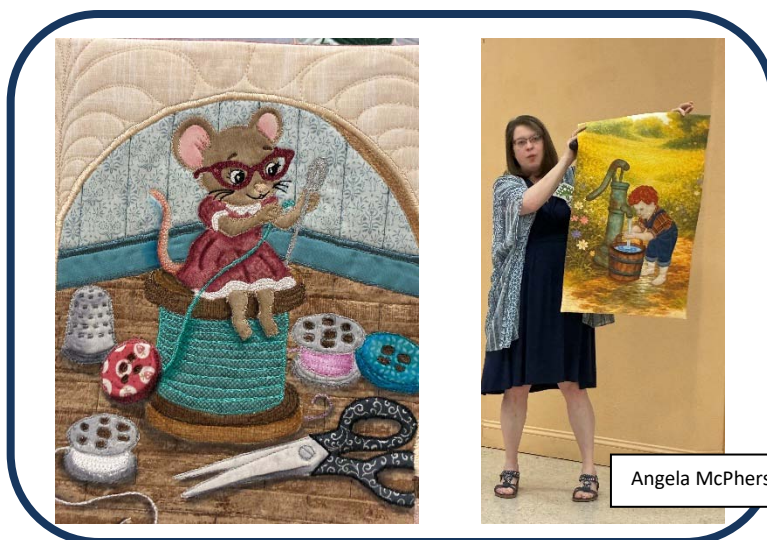
Mona Weeks



Deb O'Grady



Barb Gorges



Angela McPherson

# 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](mailto: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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