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Lincoln Quilters Guild

August 2024

From the President

Here's hoping that by the time our August meeting rolls around we'll have a break from this heat, but even the heat doesn't diminish my desire to quilt! This issue has lots of important info so get settled in and have a read!

Welcome New Members!

We are so happy to welcome the newest members of the Lincoln Quilters Guild: Marilyn Grotrian, Tanna Kinnaman, Goldie Manning, and Helen Twardzik.

Lancaster County Super Fair

It's always amazing to see the gorgeous creations of our members at the fair, but some of us may not have been able to get out to the fairgrounds. If you were part of the quilt exhibit fun at the fair, we would love for you to bring your quilts to our Monday meeting so we can do a quick county fair quilt parade to follow in the footsteps of our Cuddle Quilts creators and give everyone a chance to take a quick look at the enormous variety of talent featured this year!

Programs & Workshops

Our August speaker is Laura Piland of Slice of Pi quilts. Every quilt in this show features a unique and different technique. Bias tape applique, fabric weaving, quilt as you go, prairie points, and 3-D elements are just a few of the many examples included in the show. Be prepared to be inspired and leave ready to try something new in your next quilt. Laura's workshop will include an option to make her very popular Exploding Heart Quilt pattern. Learn more [here](#).





**Workshop Project
(selection of two options)**

Our September speaker is Connie Lange, a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. Connie will share a bit of her quilting journey and feature her signature technique of fussy cutting that enhance Judy's designs. Learn more [here](#).

Our Vice Presidents for Programming will have a table set up at the meeting so you can get signed up for all of the wonderful workshops we have coming up!

Program Assistance

Our Vice Presidents for Programming will be asking for a little help during our meetings, so get your arms and shoulders in shape! We're in need of members to help serve as holders and folders during the program and show and tell. So share a little of the weight (of the quilts) to help make our meetings run!

Bess Streeter Aldrich House Quilt Show

"Mother Nature's Quilt Show" is the theme of the 2024 summer exhibit at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House, 204 E. F St., in Elmwood.

More than 100 quilts are on display at the beloved author's home, some from as far west as Gordon and McCook. Quilts also came from Ashland, Elkhorn, Fremont, Hebron, Lincoln (including some of our Lincoln Quilters Guild members), and the Otoe County Historical Society. The popular biennial event demonstrates renewed interest in quilting in recent years.

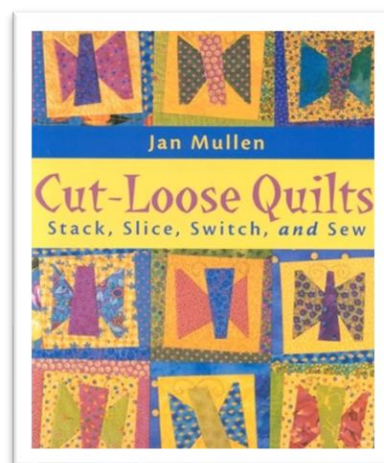
You have a few more days to enjoy the quilts on display at the 102-year-old, Prairie Mansion-style Aldrich home through Aug. 25. Hours are 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Admission is \$5 per person.

You can find out hours and other information at their [website](#).

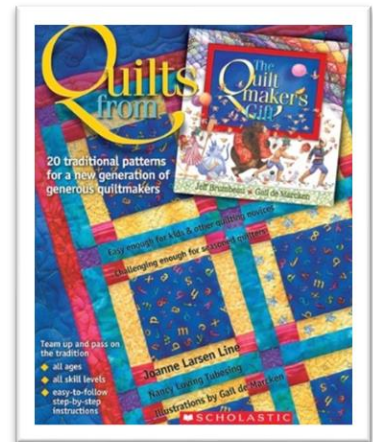
President's Picks (from the library)

Lest you forget about our LQG Library, I'm here to remind you and share a couple of my favorite books from our guild's collection! We'll be making a bit of a change to library operations. The resource room where our collection is stored will be open from 6:30-6:55 prior to the start of the meeting for you to go down and sign out a book on the honor system, and boom, returns at the following meeting is on the honor system as well. You can see the list of our [library collection](#) on our guild website and plan out which books you'd like to check out ahead of time.

My first pick is called *Cut Loose Quilts* by Jan Mullen. This book was largely influential into my leap down the improv quilting rabbit hole! Her Wedding Ringz method was my very first improv-ish undertaking and I was hooked.



Quilts from the Quiltmaker's Gift is my second pick. This book features so many beautiful patterns that you'll see in the wonderful Quiltmaker's Gift storybook. One of my favorite things about this one is the numerous color variations they feature of each quilt included to really give you an idea of the possibilities. There is also a bit of a sentimental attachment as so many of the quilts were created by very talented quilters in my former northern Minnesota and Wisconsin home around Duluth.



Help Wanted

The work of our guild takes some cooperation and commitment of many volunteers and it's the time of year when we need you to step up and help with the continuing work of our guild by serving on a committee or our board. If you have questions or are interested in serving, please contact any of us on the board or nominations committee.

Threads Across Nebraska

It's that time of year again - Threads Across Nebraska is almost here! This annual event is taking place at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney on October 4 & 5. Our guild has again been invited to contribute 10 large and 10 small quilts for the show. If you would like to have a quilt included in this year's event please bring it to the September meeting so we can arrange to have them transported to Kearney and please fill out the registration form included with this month's Plain Print.

[Threads Across Nebraska quilt registration form](#)

Art Market Donations

Art Market at the IQM is November 15, 16. Donations for the Friends Table may be brought to the LQG meetings on August 12, September 9, and October 14. They may also be delivered to Connie Soucie - call at 402-817-9144 for arrangements. Donations will not be accepted after November 4th. Please do NOT take them to the IQM.

Cottonwood Quilters Studio Tour Tickets

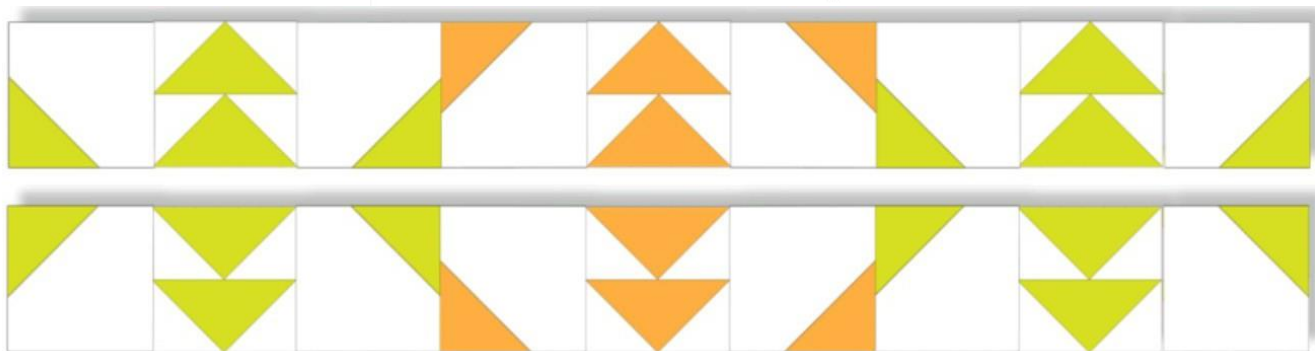
A representative from the Cottonwood Quilt Guild will be at our meeting this month to let us know about their upcoming Studio Tour in the Omaha area on October 5. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase at our meeting.

Block of the Month

August Block of the Month

Medallion Frame #5

2 - 36" x 4" finished strips



A visit to the guild homepage will bring you to our mystery [Block of the Month](#). Follow along and complete the pattern from the comfort of your home quilting studio, or if you want to join with other guild members, you can come to the Bernina Sewing Center of Lincoln on the fourth Friday of the month at noon and work on your blocks together. And you can always bring your blocks to the meeting to show them off and compare color and fabric choices! If you choose to complete all blocks you'll need approximately 2-3/4 yards of Fabric A, 1-1/4 yards for both Fabrics B & C, and roughly 5/8 yard for a border if you choose to add one to the finished 44" x 52" finished product.

Lincoln Quilters Guild Meeting
Monday July 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm
SDA Church, Lincoln, NE
Minutes

President Tammy Hensley called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

103 Members present
3 guests
4 new members –
200 Total membership

Old Business

Minutes of the March 2024 meeting were included in the May Plain Print. There were no changes, minutes approved as sent. Treasurer's report for the month of March was also included in the Plain Print. There were no corrections and the report was filed for audit.

New Business

President-Elect - Vicky Skuodas

- Thank you again to everyone who contributed to **Give to Lincoln Day**. There are so many worthy groups and charities to contribute to so we are very grateful for the support and our guild received over \$1,800 in donations.
- **The Bess Streeter Aldrich House Quilt Exhibit** has begun and continues through August 25 and includes some of our members' contributions as well as from all across Nebraska. You can find links with more information in the Plain Print with more details.
- **Our Advisor, Nancy Anderson**, has asked us to remind everyone to consider serving as an officer for open board positions next year as well as on open committee spots. Ask any of the current board or committee chairs if you have questions.

Committee Chair Announcements

Newbie Group – Mary Jane Kermmoade

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. Most meetings are at the Gere Library on 56th and Normal, from 6pm to 7:45pm

Cuddle Quilts – Vicky Skuodas

Huge thanks to all volunteers! And those who help on their own!
Pick up a kit at the table, or use up your stash and help those less fortunate.

Needed:

45”X60” quilts. Preferably fun, bright, and happy colors. Any pattern, some are on the website, any method-hand, machine, longarm or applique.

Who: Men’s/boys quilts are always needed.

Kindergarteners in low-income schools.

Foster Care Center – infant to teens

When: Cuddles meet the first Fridays from 9-2: lesson at 10:45, Show & Tell at 11 and lunch after.

Awards Committee – Lisa Burham

The awards committee wants to remind you all about the Awards our guild has available and what the Awards process is. Fill out a nominations form found on the LQG website. These forms must be submitted on or before Sept. 1, 2024. They can be mailed to the guild post office box or hand delivered to Tammy Hensley, President on or before that Sept 1 deadline. There are 3 different Awards that can be given:

LQG Shining Star – This award is given to a member of our guild for a significant contribution to the guild for a single project or for an on-going project.

LQG Bright Star – This honor is awarded to a member for consistent achievement and continuing involvement for the betterment of the guild over a period of time.

LQG Life Member – This is the highest honor given to an LQG member. It is awarded for a lifetime of achievement in the quilting world and/or significant contributions to the Guild.

Please think about our guild and who we can honor for their hard work and devotion to the Guild. The guidelines and forms are on our website – lincolinquiltersguild.org.

Nominees must receive more than one nomination to receive an award. If more than 1 member signs the form, then each signature is considered a separate nomination. Thank you. Awards will be presented at our October meeting after approval by our Board.

IQM Liaison Report – Connie Soucie

Exhibitions currently at the IQM,

Feed sacks until July 27th

Sue Spargo until September 4th

Best of Show: Nebraska State Fair Quilts until September 18th

Option Expedition by Victoria Findlay Wolfe until December 14th

Rebound, Renew, Reimagine: Manhattan Quilter's Guild until December 14th

Newest exhibition – Rachel Hayes - installed very recently:

Tulsa Oklahoma based artist, Large-scale panels, using polyester, nylon and cotton fabrics. One is on the OUTSIDE of the IQM – probably 35 ft high – attached to the top of the IQM flows down to the ground. Other pieces of the exhibit are inside floating above the stairs going up to the reception hall and along the rails. She has shown in Virginia, New York Roswell, NM, Kansas, New Hampshire and now Lincoln NE. Her work has been covered in the NYTimes, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Artforum just to name a few.

You can also see all of the exhibits on the website which shows you how you can click on the exhibition and to a "virtual gallery" and have an actual walkthrough, or see a gallery of pictures of the exhibition.

Art Market – November 15-16 at the IQM (Friday & Saturday)

Targeting 18 artists for the event, contracts already being received.

Last year over 600 people attended, last year gross sales were around \$28,000, almost 12% higher than previous year. Net profit \$15,235.

Where we need your help:

Spread the word – Rack cards available in the room. Give to friends, family, neighbors, quilting groups, etc.

Donation criteria is listed on the blue card.

Volunteers – to help make the event successful.

Other fun facts: In the past year (July 2023 thru June 2024)

About 22,000 admissions

515 members of the IQM – BTW if you are interested in membership, a card with information is on the info table.

Over 3,000 4th graders from LPS visited

17,900 followers on Facebook

30,000 page views of the website page

Give to Lincoln Day for the IQM was about \$11,000; and the ABE Lincoln Mural was installed on the west wall of the Lied Center.

Mini Raffle – Natalie Cummings & Carolyn Garner

Lancaster County Fair – Sheila Green

Registration is open for the Lancaster County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair so get your quilts entered! Go to SuperFair.org to register now through July 25.

Check in Tuesday July 30

White Glovers August 1-4

Contact Cindy Brenning by phone or text at [402-429-4466](tel:402-429-4466)

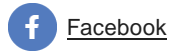
Programs (Rebecca Brooks & Jacque Riese)

We are pleased to introduce Rita Meyerhoff. Rita has loved hand work since she was a young girl, especially cross stitch and embroidery. In 2005 she began taking classes on Crazy quilts, and in 2008 she bought a long arm and started her business, "Heaven's Quilts LLC." In recent years she has opened an Etsy store to sell her embellishments: lace, trims, buttons, flowers, appliques, etc. She loves creating anything from full size quilts to pincushions, Rita has taught classes and demonstrated quilting all over Colorado. She has won numerous awards for her quilts in local Colorado quilts shows, and one Crazy quilt was juried and accepted in the Houston International Quilt show in 2015. The Denver Art Museum displayed one quilt for 6 years. In April 2019 Rita was the featured quilter at the museum's collections and fund raisers.

Thank you Rita, for an enlightening program!

Tammy adjourned the meeting to Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted by Janiece Goin



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