NCW Quilt Guild North Central Washington 4th Quarter Newsletter, October 2026	Meeting Dates: October 28, 2026 November 18, 2026* No meeting in December Doors Open 5:30 p.m. Pybus Public Market, Community Room

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General Membership meeting dates for 2026:

January 28	**February 18***	March 25	**April 15***
May 6*	June 24	July 29	**NO MEETING**
September 30	October 28	**November 18***	December-no meeting

*** Attention: these dates are not the last Wednesday of the month**

Attendance:	Members:	Guests:	Volunteer Hours:
September Meeting	88		

President's Note: Wendy Smith

In every stitch and every seam

There lies a joy that's like a dream
A tapestry of colors bright
That brings the world into our sight

With needle and thread, we weave a tale
Of love and laughter, without fail
Each patch a memory, stitched with care
A treasure for all time to share
We gather scraps, so small and dear
And piece them together, without fear
We create a beauty born of heart
That warms us all, right from the start.

The hum of the machine, the snip of the shears
The rustle of the fabric, through our ears
Each step a joy, as we create
A quilt that's cherished, no debate.

And when it's done, we sit and sigh
Our hearts aglow with joy inside
For in this quilt, we've poured our soul
A work of art that makes us whole

So let us quilt, with all our might
And let our hearts, take flight tonight
For in this joy, we find our peace
And make a quilt that will never cease.
-by Sagebrush Quilts

Dear Members:

As we approach another Fall season, the Harvest period of the year, we can glean many of our hard work of the year.

Quilter's projects, quilts, and crafts are their "crops", and we sow them to help others. Just like a farmer cuts his wheat to make our bread. So much of the time we reach out, and give to so many others, but may never see their faces, and still bring joy, and love. A wheat farmer never gets to meet or even eat what their wheat may produce, but it brings them pride.

Our quilt crops are the colorful flower gardens carefully thought about, cut out, sewn to create a tapestry of the most personal piece of art, a one of a kind of crop.

We are so Blessed to have so many fantastic "farmers/sewists" within this Guild. I am so proud of our Diversity, unwavering devotion to our artistry, and the purest form of love in the help of others and each other. This Guild is so incredibly blessed with the amount of love that is given to others through our quilts. With this amount of support for each other and love given to others, we will continue to prosper and grow.

Happy Octoberfest, Wendy

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEM: Darlene Johnson

Winter Meeting dates/times

“I spoke with the Pybus representative about the possibility of moving the January and February meetings to a Saturday morning. He checked the schedule and only the second Saturday was booked on those months. He said weekends were frequently open”. Darlene

As you may be aware, we have over 90 members who do not regularly attend the general membership meetings for a variety of reasons. Many of those members cannot drive at night and at winter meetings, the attendance goes even lower. A possible option for low winter attendance may be a day-time meeting. It is certainly something to discuss and consider. If you have any ideas/questions about this, contact Wendy Smith and/or Darlene Johnson

BOM Squad (Block Of the Month): Diane Mitchell

BOM stands for Block of the Month. The guild pays for rental of the room at the Fire Station – 4th and Eastmont for the rest of 2026. Any guild member is invited to come and work on a project for Comfort Quilts. Diane Mitchell usually supplies a new block idea that is simple to medium difficulty. She often brings fabrics to choose from to make block. (Fabrics have been donated or gleaned from Fabric and More). These blocks will be assembled into a finished quilt and given to Comfort Quilts. Bring your machine, thread, basic supplies, lunch and drinks.

The group consensus is that Malaga Fire Station would be preferred for 2027 if we can get it. The tables are bigger and there is easily room to seat 15-18 sewers, plus refrigerator and Microwave available.

Upcoming dates and projects:

Nov. 6, 2026 More Habitat for Humanity’s small house blocks (Eastmont)

Dec. 4, 2026 project to be determined

Proposed Dates For 2027 are:

Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov. 5 Dec 3

Jean Frank has stepped up to be the Proofreader of the printed pattern to be issued. If she receives the copy early she has been known to sew us an example to show ahead of the workday and sometimes at the meeting. Much thanks for that help.

If you aren’t available to attend the workday you are still welcome to a copy of the pattern; it is part of your guild experience. Some end up posted on the website, but Diane will state computer management of info is not her forte.

Eastmont Fire Station
Community Room
377 Eastmont Avenue
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

This is a fun, dedicated and energetic group. If you are looking for a place to get involved and get to know other members, this just may be the spot for you.

CASA: Mary King

For those making large CASA Christmas stockings, the stocking doesn't have to be a Christmas print. A sports print would also be good. Please bring your completed stocking to the October 28 meeting. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 509-429-0604. Thank you.

Comfort Quilts: **Mary Kidwell, Carmel Wakeman, Marcia Johanson, Sue Nash**

Comfort Quilts exists to bring comfort, rest, cheer and hope to those who receive our lovingly made quilts and blankets. Not only does this happen for those who receive, but it also benefits those who create and give. Did you know participating in an enjoyable activity significantly lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and lifts mood. Thank you so much for your generous hearts. We really are making an impact on our community

Fabric & More: Terri Dunscomb

The Fabric and More team is now accepting donations for the 2027 Fabric and More Sale!

We are looking for:

* Fabric -- quilting cottons and flannels only
* Sewing notions
* Quilting tools
* Patterns (no books or magazines, please)

Please bring your donations to guild meetings and place them behind the Welcome Desk.

If you have a large donation for the sale, please contact Terri Dunscomb (541-815-7352 or tkdunscomb@gmail.com) to arrange a pickup.

We've had a wonderful start to our donations for the 2027 sale and are excited to make this year's event another success. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Quilt Show 2026: Heidi Thaut, Chair

Hello Quilters!

Thank you to all who are willing to help at the 2027 Quilt Show. We had 50 total slips from our September guild meeting with names of those willing to volunteer in some capacity. I will connect with these early volunteers via phone or email as soon as possible. In order to assure the show will go on and to be able to sign the contract with Town Toyota Center (TTC). This show is a well-oiled machine with efficient volunteers. I have contacted all 2026 chairs and their team members regarding their interest in helping next year. I have also emailed Aaron at TTC about the 2027 show dates and am waiting to hear back. We must have a complete team of chairpersons before the end of the year in order to sign the contract.. If you have questions and/or would like to volunteer, please call, email or text me.

We need **Raffle Quilt** chairpersons (see quilt photos attached) and a couple of volunteers to head **Signage** (banner placements).

We are close to a full team of the NCW 2027 Quilt and Fiber Art Show chairs. Woohoo! I'll have the quilt show and team info ready for the October guild meeting. Diane Garlini volunteered to co-chair. Thank you Diane!

Please email, text or call Heidi. (heidi.thaut@gmail.com) 520-306-8382 (It's an Arizona prefix, not spam).





Round Robins: Dana Schmidt

Are you interested in joining a quilting round robin? Get together to visit & share with other quilters. Each group decides its focus, how often to meet, when to meet, & where to meet. Contact Dana Schmidt @ 509-670-0237 or d.schmidt10@frontier.com.

Retreat, Fall of 2026: Jan Kuester

The Fall Retreat is scheduled for Campbell's Resort. The cost will be the same as last year and set up will be the same too. Sign up began at the June meeting. You will be responsible for making your own lodging arrangements, either at Campbell's or otherwise. Remember payment is required at the time of sign up. You've got the October meeting to sign up.

Why attend a retreat?

I attended my first retreat last year at our Chelan retreat and have now been to three. I am certain there are many veteran quilt "retreatees" in our guild who love to go as much if not more than I do. Why attend a retreat? Here is what I have learned from you:

1) You will enjoy the association with other quilters and it is an opportunity to get to know the wonderful members of our guild as well as any guests from other guilds.
2) Retreats give me an opportunity to do a reset and to simply relax.
3) You will have the opportunity to be inspired and learn new techniques and skills from other quilters. Likewise, you can share your skills and techniques to help others.
4) It's a great chance to catch up on UFOs and works in progress (WIPs).
5) Retreats are held in beautiful locations and Chelan is certainly one of those. You can take a relaxing walk and enjoy the peace and tranquility that is easily found there.
6) You'll enjoy learning about how others came to enjoy the art and joy of quilt making.
7) You will get to experience the creativity of others and leave SO inspired!
8) You will leave the retreat refreshed and relaxed with new friends, deeper relationships with "old" friends, and a new level of energy to apply to your quilting projects.

Retreat Status:

1) There are currently 42 registered retreat attendees. We need 49 to pay for our conference rooms and are hoping to have a full attendance of 56. The more, the merrier! We will be opening the retreat to non-members if we don't fill up with members.
2) Please don't hesitate to call Jan Kuester for any questions (808) 895-5274. She will gladly receive your mailed retreat registration form* and a check to secure your table and seat that is waiting for you on the shores of Lake Chelan.
3) *The registration form is found on our website in the "Home" drop down menu under "Forms".

Thank you so much, Jan

Sunshine: Kari Black

If you hear of or know of someone who could use a card of encouragement, please contact Kari at Ludlowlady59@gmail.com.

Website: Kristi Clare, Webmistress

Kristi is updating our website with current information. If you need something put on the website, please send her an email. At the guild meetings, it is very difficult for her to remember everything that needs attention without followup in writing. Do her a favor and send an email.

Workshops: Linda Riesterer

For more information about any of these workshops or to sign up, please contact Linda directly. She will have sign-up sheets at each of the upcoming meetings. Payment is required at the time of sign-up.

If you like participating in workshops and have any ideas for future workshops, please contact Linda or Wendy. It is never too early to get involved.

Leavenworth Quilt Company Coupons

Althea Gyde, new owner of Leavenworth Quilt Company and guild member is offering coupons to guild members good November 1-8, 2026 and February 1-8, 2027. Show your current membership card and copy of the coupon to redeem.





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