

<h1 style="margin: 0;">NCW Quilt Guild</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">North Central Washington, Wenatchee WA</p> <p style="margin: 0;">2nd Quarter Newsletter, March 2026</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Meeting Dates:                    March 25, 2026             April 15, 2026*             May 6, 2026*             *See note below             Doors Open 5:30 p.m.             Pybus Public Market, Community Room</p>
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<p style="margin: 0;">Important Details:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Our mailing address is:          North Central Washington Quilt Guild          P. O. Box 2715          Wenatchee, WA 98807</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Membership Renewals are due no later than          March 31, 2026.</p>
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General Membership meeting dates for 2026:

January 28	<b>February 18*</b>	March 25	<b>April 15*</b>
<b>May 6*</b>	June 24	July 29	<b>August 19*</b>
September 30	October 28	<b>November 18*</b>	December-no meeting

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

**NCWQG Officers for 2026:**

President:	Wendy Smith
Vice President:	<b>VACANT</b>
Secretary:	Sue Nash
Treasurer:	Louise Brown
Asst. Treasurer:	Marin Johnson
Past President:	Sue Nash

**Committee Chairs:**

Comfort Quilts	Mary Kidwell and Carmel Wakeman
Block of the Month	Diane Mitchell
Fabric & More	Ginette Lacasse or Diane Mitchell & company
Membership	Robin Simmons and Mary Lou Kimpel
Quilt Festival '26	Heidi Thaut, Chair ( <b>needs co-chair</b> )
Programs	<b>VACANT</b>
Raffle Quilt Sales	Joanne Burke and Carol Bigelow
Retreats	Jan Kuestler
Round Robins	Dana Schmidt
Sunshine	Pat Koehler

Webpage	Kristy Clare
Workshops	Linda Riesterer
Newsletter	Cassie Black
Greeters	Susan Stephens & Terri Dunscomb
Historian	Kari Black

<b>Attendance:</b>	Members:	Guests:	Volunteer Hours:
January	83	7	TBA
February	66	1	TBA

## Round Robins: Dana Schmidt, Coordinator

Our guild is a large and diverse group of creatives. We formally meet once a month and our meetings are lively get-togethers. The meetings are busy, loud, informative and fun, but not exactly a great spot to get to know one another, especially for new members. There's where the Round Robin (RR) comes into play

All members are welcome and encouraged to be a part of a RR to help enhance their guild experience. The RR is where you get to know one another and develop close friendships. The RR can be any focus you choose. It doesn't even have to be fabric or project related. And, if you know someone who isn't a guild member but wants to be a part of the RR, that's okay too.

We are in need of some new RR's and Dana Schmidt has graciously stepped up to help coordinate (new) members and (new) groups. She will be at the membership meetings asking interested parties to sign up and give their details to get plugged into a RR. Even if you have been a member for a while, maybe now you're at a stage where you'd like to join.

If you are willing to host a small group in your home, let Dana know. She'll help get a group together! Thank you Dana for volunteering for such a vital role.

## Workshops: Linda Riesterer

**Important note:** For more detailed information and photos about these classes, please go to our website. Go to the Activities drop down menu and click on Workshops.  
<https://www.ncwquilt.org/>.

Notice: The **Seminole Piecing Workshop** with Darlene Johnson scheduled for March was canceled and will be rescheduled. The new date will be announced and those who signed up and have paid will have the first opportunity to sign in with the new date. However, there was still room in the class and if you are interested, please contact Linda Riesterer.

## **Paint Your Own Barn Quilt**

with Danisha Miller from Reardan, Washington

May 23, 2026

10:00 to 4:00

Class fee is \$155.00 and includes everything needed.

Create a 2' x 2' painted quilt block ready to be hung outdoors or indoors. Danisha provides all supplies: boards, exterior paint, paint brushes, tape. All you have to do is paint and have fun!

Choose one of 16 different patterns and she will bring the board to the class with the pattern all drawn for you. Please go to the Website to see the pattern choices available to pick from.

To sign up for the class, send payment and your choice of blocks to: Linda Riesterer, 1800 Pitcher Canyon Road, Wenatchee, WA or sign up at the January, February or March meetings. The deadline to sign up is March 31, 2026.

## **Elegant "Skinny Stitches"**

with Lisa Jenni (guest artist at our 2024 quilt show)

June 25, 2026

The time and place is to be determined. Please go to the Website for photo and details.

## **Roping Bowl**

with Diane Garlini

September, 2026

Make a bowl with roping and a jelly roll. More details (date, time, cost, etc) to be announced later.

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.

## **BOM Squad (Block Of the Month): Diane Mitchell**

We meet on the first Friday of each month (10-4) at the Eastmont Fire Station (new location for 2026). This group is open to everyone and every ability. The objective is to 1) have fun, 2) meet other members of the guild, 3) learn new skills and techniques and 4) learn from each other all while making blocks/quilts for comfort quilts.

Bring your lunch and beverages, basic sewing needs/tools, your machine, fabric if you want to donate it. Ironing and cutting stations will be provided. Please do not go out and buy fabric for these workdays. The goal is to use scraps. Some fabrics will be provided if your don't have scraps to use (who would be in that situation?). Plan to make as many blocks as you want.

The April BOM will be using orphan blocks to create bags to be sold at the quilt show artisan market. Diane has some orphan blocks available, but if you have your own to donate, bring them along with any coordinating fabric(s) you wish to use.

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

We are keeping up with the times and are asking palliative quilts to be no smaller than 45" x 60". Yes, this means the dreaded backing enlargement necessary to make a quilt that is at least 45" wide. Just cut the fabric down the middle, lengthwise and in the middle, put in a strip of the same or contrasting fabric to make it wider. Or use some orphaned jellyroll strips and your extra cutting is done for you. You can do it!

If you are working on a palliative quilt and the top is not quite 45", put an extra border around it and there you go. Borders will become your new best friend. And feel free to hand in backing fabric with your pieced tops. That helps us out a lot.

We are also enlarging our baby/toddler quilts. Earlier we were making the requested newborn size but now we are asking for baby/toddler size close to 36" x 42". It doesn't take long for those babies to turn into toddlers and this size will suit them for several years. Again, use those borders to easily enlarge your quilts.

Thank you for caring for our community through Comfort Quilts!

Here's the total numbers of donations made through Comfort Quilts for 2025

Quilts:			
Large Twin	1	Adult Palliative	238
Regular Twin	2	Child Palliative	17
Small Twin	11	Chief for a Day Palliative	7
Baby	40	Fidget/Sensory Lap	79
Raffle (for other groups)	5	Wall Hangings/small	2
Blankets:			
Baby	149	Small Twin	23
Misc:			
Swaddle Wraps	13	Pet Beds	16
Pillowcases	168	Placemats	40
Window Coverings	192		

That's some impressive generosity in action. Thank you Mary for the tally.

## **Fabric & More: Ginette Lacasse and Diane Mitchell**

Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2026 9-5  
First United Methodist Church, 941 Washington Street  
Wenatchee, WA

The Fabric & More people are accepting donations at each meeting or by arrangement (contact either Ginette or Diane). Also, we now accept cash or credit/debit card payment at the sale (3% fee to use cards).

Gin and Diane ask that all guild members help advertise the sale by posting sale signs in their windows (house and car). Diane has the small posters available.

Gin reports that a Singer Touch & Sew Deluxe Zig-Zag sewing machine (model 600) has been donated to the guild to be part of the sale. The machine appears to have all the accessories and the owner manual. The machine is installed in a wood cabinet that is in great condition.

Please see the guild's Facebook page for photos and more details. The machine is available to guild members until March 10 and then will be listed in Wenatchee MarketPlace. \$200 cash. Contact Ginette at 425-337-3437 and leave a message.

## **Membership: Robin Simmons and Mary Lou Kimpel**

Membership ladies encourage everyone to check the roster and make sure your contact info is current and correct.

Please make sure to mail your renewal form (yes, they really want the form to be included) and include a stamped, return addressed envelope so Membership can mail your new cards to you. Be kind to your VOLUNTEER membership committee members.

## **Quilt Show 2026: Heidi Thaut, Chair**

"No Place Like Home"  
August 14 and 15, 2026 Friday and Saturday  
Town Toyota Center  
Wenatchee, WA

### Sponsorship

I am thrilled to announce our first quilt show sponsor: Nick McLean Real Estate Group ([nickmcleanrealestate.com](http://nickmcleanrealestate.com)). Nick and his team contributed at the "Presenting Sponsor" level of \$750. His contribution will help pay for much needed banners that will include his company name. I've included our full sponsorship levels flyer in this newsletter along with our quilt show poster. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring our show this year, Diane's contact information is included in the flyer. Thank you!

Please view the sponsor poster at the end of the newsletter. There is a PDF file available for printing.

### Positions Open

We currently have all but two chair positions filled. We still need a **Program Chair**. I have the previous documents from past quilt show programs. You don't have to be a document pro. Linda R or I can help you through the process. We also need a **Silent Demo Chair**. I am calling this "Q&A Quilters". These volunteers work on their sewing project at the end of a few quilt display rows, provide a friendly face and answer questions from show visitors.

### Judging/Voting

We will have public voting for quilts this year. More information to come at a later date. I am looking for *official judges* of various categories as we have done in the past. If you know of someone who would be part of a great judging team with knowledge of varied quilt and quilting techniques, please let me know. My contact info is below.

As always, if you have questions or if you heard something and want to check the facts, please call, text or email me directly at [heidi.thaut@gmail.com/520-306-8382](mailto:heidi.thaut@gmail.com/520-306-8382). I am currently in the Palm Springs area until late April, but I am easily available. Thank you Diane Garlini, for being at the meetings in my place while I am out of town.

### Featured Quilters

Terry Murphy is our own guild member featured artist focusing on her beautiful modern quilts and our Guest Artist is Jean Gustafson with a show of her quilts and fiber art.

### Raffle Quilt 2026

Our 2026 Raffle Quilt is called "The Flower Garden", pieced and appliqued by Mary Rozendaal and Pat Koehler, quilted by Nancy Freese. Tickets will be available for members to pick up at the March meeting. The quilt will be on display on March 21 at the Pybus Non-Profit Day. We are not allowed to sell tickets there, but interested parties can see the beautiful quilt up close and we can advertise our guild and the Fabric & More Sale, where tickets will be on sale.

## **Spring Retreat, 2026**

Thursday thru Saturday, April 23-25, 2026  
The Winthrop Barn, 51 State Rte 20, Winthrop, WA 98862  
\$50.00 for all 3 days

You can mail your check in to reserve your spot: Angie Sherwood, 59 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. If you have any questions, please call Angie at 509-630-1791. We need at least 35 people to attend. Invite your friends!

You are responsible to make your own accommodations. Check out some of the options at [www.methowreservations.com](http://www.methowreservations.com).

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 will begin 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.

## **Sunshine: Pat Koehler**

If you hear of or know of someone who could use a card of encouragement, please contact Pat at [kpkoehler@nwi.net](mailto:kpkoehler@nwi.net).

## **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.

## **Help Needed:**

As you know, we have a gmail account and it is available to the general public. We get a variety of requests via the account. One request is for a member to make a quilt (hired) for someone. Another frequent request is for repairing a quilt.

It would be extremely helpful to have a list of possible sewers to refer the requests to. Having your name on the list would not be an obligation to sew, simply a list of people who might be willing to do some quilting for hire. You would set the price and timetable for the project.

If you are interested in being on that list, please let the editor know via email. Thank you!!!

## **Out and About:**

Here's the first show I've heard about for 2026. It isn't too far away miles wise and date wise.

Quilters Anonymous 44th Quilt Show

# Surrounded by COLOR

March 13–15, 2026  
 \$15 Admission • Good for all 3 days  
**Evergreen State Fairgrounds**  
**Monroe, Washington**  
 Details and Tickets at: [QuiltersAnonymous.org/Quilt-Show](http://QuiltersAnonymous.org/Quilt-Show)

Quilters Anonymous Guild  [www.QuiltersAnonymous.org](http://www.QuiltersAnonymous.org)

Poster for Sponsorship:

NCW Quilt Guild QUILT and FIBER ART SHOW  
 August 14 & 15 2026 at Town Toyota Center Wenatchee, WA 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Sponsorship Levels

Presenting Sponsor \$750 includes:

- Name and logo on quilt show banner
- 10 show tickets
- Print Advertising\*
- One Booth 8 x 10

Community Sponsor \$450 includes:

- One Booth 8" x 10"
- 10 show tickets
- Print Advertising\*

Supporter \$175 includes:

- 5 show tickets
- Print Advertising\*

Donor \$100 includes:

- 2 show tickets

\*Print advertising Includes: Logo and name in show program. Named as sponsor at monthly guild meetings up to show date.  
 \*Sponsors and Supporters must commit by April 1, 2026 for advertising benefits.

Contact Diana Garlini (Advertising Chair) at [dgarlini@gmail.com](mailto:dgarlini@gmail.com)

 [ncwquilt.org](http://ncwquilt.org) Thank you! 

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