



Washington State Quilters Stitch 'n Time

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General Membership Meeting CenterPlace
2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

April 23, 2026, 1 pm and 6 pm

Workshops: Friday, April 24, 2026, 9-4;

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9-4

WSQ Presents Cheryl Clossin

April 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Afternoon Lecture: How shopping for curtain fabrics became my 25-plus year applique and quilting journey.

Evening Lecture: How I quilt my heavily appliqued and embellished quilts.

Cheryl started quilting in 1998 when she wandered into the Quilting Bee to buy fabric to make kitchen café curtains and saw a fusible applique block of the month. She had never made a quilt block and never appliqued but her love of applique was firmly cemented after that class.

She has been a member of Washington State Quilters since approximately 1999. Her passion is needle turn applique, wool applique and art quilts. Cheryl also loves wool applique and adding embellishment stitches to all her wool projects, even primitive wool applique.

After paying to have her first quilts quilted, she took a few classes on machine quilting on a domestic machine and now machine quilts all her projects so she can create detailed and intricate quilting designs with thread that enhances her applique and embellishments. She currently quilts on a Bernina Q20 which is non-movable (she moves the quilt not the machine).

While Cheryl doesn't currently have a website, she can be found on social media at the following addresses: Instagram: @cherylmc9: YouTube: glamquilter8

Be sure to join us at Center Place in Spokane Valley for one or both WSQ General Membership meetings at 1 pm and 6 pm for Cheryl's lectures and trunk show. Cheryl will be selling kits, patterns, threads, & workshop supplies at the General Meeting.

The Friday April 24, 2026, workshop will be "Fearless Applique and Embellishment." This is a beginner friendly to intermediate appliqué & embellishment class. You will learn the basics of traditional needle turn appliqué, including preparation, needle turn basics and how to use notions and tools to make leaves, stems and circles easy and fun to add to your project. You will learn traditional freezer paper appliqué for needle turn. This is a great class to hone your skills or learn a new technique using some great tools.

In the second half of the class, we will add embroidery and some beading to your appliqué block. You will learn basic and easy embroidery stitches to add interest and texture to your appliqué as well as a few more complicated stitches that are easy to master.





The Saturday, April 25, 2026, workshop will be “Wool Appliqué The Sue Spargo Way”. In this class you will learn many common stitches used in wool appliqué on this darling project including the 13 stitches on this project. You will also learn the basics of wool appliqué, including how to prep, types of wool, how to mark your piece and then we will move on to learning the embellishing stitches. You can use these stitches to add interest, texture and depth to your projects and quilts.

Please note our new workshop location: Hampton Inn, 16418 E. Indiana, Spokane Valley, WA 99216. Workshops run from 9 am to 4 pm (doors open at 8:30 am), with lunch scheduled from 12 noon to 1 pm. There are restaurants conveniently located near the hotel, or you are welcome to bring your own lunch if you prefer. If you have any questions about registration or would like more information about the workshops, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to learning, sharing, and celebrating with you—and can't wait to see you there!

President's Message

Finally, Spring is upon us, and it is a great time to be a member of WSQ. We have had a lot going on from a bus trip, Charity Central, Yard Sale, Quilting Bee. And we have lots to look forward to starting in April, There's our Shop Hop with a great lineup of shops, plus the All Pacific Northwest Shop Hop with several local vendors participating. Quilt show registration begins in April as well. Coming up in July our meeting will be an open house meaning guests will be able to come at no charge and see what we are all about and hopefully join and maybe even be a volunteer for the October Quilt Show. We also have great speakers and workshops planned. Showcasing our local talent has been well received.

I am still taking quilt tops or finished quilts for the VA hospital and the State Veterans Home. I would also like to thank the board for voting to donate one of the surplus cash registers to be used at the VA hospital for their popcorn sales.

Keep the creative juices flowing and enjoy the new and blessed season.

Cathy Anderson



Hello Spring from 1st VP, Speakers & Workshops

WSQ is delighted to invite everyone in our community to join us for an exciting lineup of upcoming lectures and workshops. Our selection includes a variety of topics such as hand work, modern quilts, embroidery, applique, embellishments, wool, curves, foundation paper piecing, watercolor pencils, and landscapes. We encourage you to explore these opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection with fellow quilters. Your past participation and enthusiasm have helped shape our vibrant quilting community, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support.

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Patty Yedinak
1st VP

Sign-up for workshops now! <https://wsqspokane.org/events/>

April 2026: **Cheryl Clossin** (Needleturn applique, embellishments, & wool applique). “**Fearless Applique & Embellishments**” & “**Wool Applique the Sue Spargo Way**” workshops.

July 2026: **Jennifer Wagner** (Curves & foundation paper piecing). “**Mastering Curved Piecing – Many Moons**” & “**Foundation Paper Piecing Basics – Hexagon blocks**” workshops. <https://snapdragonquilting.com/>

September 2026: **Jaimie Davis** (Inktense watercolor pencils & landscapes). “**Fresh Fish**” & “**Layered Landscapes**” workshops. <https://loopytulips.com/>

January 2027: **Lisa Mortell** (A Stitching Adventure) “**Secret Garden – A Stitching Adventure Day 1**” & “**Secret Garden – A Stitching Adventure Day 2**” workshops. <https://lisamortell.com/>

WSQ-Spokane Workshop Registration 2026 & 2027
Hampton Inn 16418 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

April 2026: Cheryl Clossin (*Needle turn applique, Embellishments, Wool Applique*)

****Hampton Inn 16418 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

_____ Fearless Applique & Embellishment \$65 4/24/2026 9am – 4pm
_____ Wool Applique the Sue Spargo Way \$65 4/25/2026 9am – 4pm

July 2026: Jennifer Wagner (*Curves & Foundation Paper Piecing*)

****Hampton Inn 16418 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

_____ Master Curved Piecing - “Many Moons” \$65 7/24/2026 9am – 4pm
*Mandatory Pattern Purchase \$12 to be paid to instructor
_____ Foundation Paper Piecing Basics– “Hexagon blocks” \$65, 7/25/2026 9am- 4pm
*Mandatory Pattern Purchase \$20 to be paid to instructor

See: <https://snapdragonquilting.com/>

Sept 2026: Jaimie Davis (*Watercolor pencils & Landscapes*)

****Hampton Inn 16418 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

_____ Fresh Fish (*Inktense watercolor pencils*) \$65 9/25/2026 9am – 4pm
*Mandatory Kit Fee \$30 to be paid to instructor + purchase of Inktense pencils required
_____ Layered Landscapes (*Landscape*) \$65 9/26/2026 9am – 4pm
*Mandatory Kit Fee \$25 to be paid to instructor

See: <https://loopytulips.com/>

Jan 2027: Lisa Mortell (*Stitching Adventure*)

****Hampton Inn 16418 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

_____ Secret Garden – A Stitching Adventure Day 1 \$65 1/29/2027 9am – 4pm
_____ Secret Garden – A Stitching Adventure Day 2 \$65 1/30/2027 9am – 4pm

See: <https://lisamortell.com/>

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make check payable to WSQ and enclose

Questions??? email Firstvp@wsqspokane.org

Please Mail to: Patty Yedinak 15526 N. McKinnon Rd. Mead, WA 99021

WORKSHOP NOTES:

- You are not registered for a class until you have paid.
- In case of cancellation, a refund can only be given if we have at least a 45-day notice...if less than that a refund will be given if we can fill your spot.

Quilt Show 2026 Threadsetters

We had our first quilt show committee meeting in February, and we're now on our way to producing our 2026 quilt show. In case you hadn't already heard, our theme is "Threadsetters"...Set the Thread...Set the Trend. Our Featured Quilter is Renee Miles. Renee is a prolific quilter who has won numerous ribbons at our show over the years. Her quilts are stunning!



Our committee is planning some new surprises for our quilt show attendees this year. Stay tuned...we may (or not) let some cats out of the bag to pique your interest!

Sign-ups for quilt show volunteers will begin at the April 23 membership meeting. Make sure to volunteer early, so that you get the day and time for the position(s) you'd like to have. We're in the process of hiring instructors for this year's show. We'll be holding at least 4 classes per day. The classrooms will again be in the Ag Building just north of Bay 1. Elmer's glue??? Say it isn't so! How can we possibly use Elmer's in our precious quilt??? We must investigate this travesty further! Designing and printing our own fabric? No way...but yes, we'll have a class where you can do just that. Painting on fabric? Barn Quilt Painting? All of this and more! Stay tuned for class registration, which will start sometime in the Spring...register early to get the class(es) that you want to take.

Connie Garrison, co-chair for the quilt show, has worked very hard. Our show pin and first 100 pin have been designed and the designs are off to the maker. The T shirts have been selected and you will have an option to purchase on line. The posters and flyers are designed and ready to be printed. We have a special quilt challenge in which 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will win money.

Vendors are getting back to us and confirming.

Hooray for Connie! I couldn't do this job without you!!!

We've hired a Certified out-of-state judge for our show this year. We'll include more information on this later. You can choose to have your quilt judged on the registration form. You will need to check the box and then enclose the dollar amount in an envelope when you register your quilt or you can pay online by credit card. She will also judge the grant challenge, which is juried.

Prize money will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as well as Honorable Mention. You can find the list of rules on our website.

Quilt registration will begin on April 23 and end on August 2. Five quilts are allowed for each entrant. We will close registration early if we receive our limit of 500 maximum.

We are Busy, Busy! Get ready, get set, go! No time to waste!

Paula Ferry, Quilt Show Chair

Unique Opportunity

Stevens County will be hosting a community celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence 250th anniversary on July 4th, 2026. The celebration will include a quilt display. There are no requirements such as theme, size, old or new, etc. – it will just be a variety of quilts on display. The quilts will be kept inside and monitored at all times. If you would like more information or to coordinate loaning a quilt to them, contact Lori Matlock at

LMatlock@stevenscountywa.gov

Charity Central

We distributed almost 200 quilts this quarter. We have approximately 150 quilts in need of quilting. These have backing and batting provided. We have about 150 quilt tops in need of backing, batting, and quilting. If you think it is taking a long time before you see a picture of your finished quilt being given away, that is why. We have a large backlog of quilts, and that is a good problem to have. Thank you for your contribution to this problem. You do more good than you know.

We are no longer receiving fabric donations from Shabby Fabric. They would still like to help us out so they told us to give them a couple of weeks' notice and they will "put something together for us." I have decided to let that rest for right now and work on using up the fabric and appliques that we have already received. We are now accepting fabric donations from others, and you have been very generous. We have received lots of fabric donations along with the usual orphan blocks, kits, UFOs, and tops. Some have donated bolts of both batting and fabric, and we are very grateful for that.

I have been working on the pounds of appliques that Shabby Fabrics has donated in the past. We have semi complete kits of the Snowman Village Table Runner and the Snowman Lane Table Runner for sale. We have been putting together kits of other very intense and detailed appliques and are concerned that they are not appropriate for Charity Quilts, too much applique to stitch down. We are also concerned that they are so cute, you will decide that you need to keep them and substitute something less cute. Because I don't trust you, and because I don't want to interview everyone who volunteers to do one of these kits, we have decided to offer them for sale. You can keep the really cute kits with a clear conscience, give them to your grandchildren as needed. Then I won't have to grill you about your intentions! It works for everyone. Come see the great stuff we have available; you will be glad you did! We will also have a complete quilt made by the Hmong people for sale in a Silent Auction. You record your bid on the item and keep checking to be sure you have not been out bid. At the end of the meeting, you write us a check for your winning bid and take your new quilt home.

It was last April that I gave out the "Blue Bird Blocks". These were blue snowman bodies that you were supposed to fuse and stitch down and then draw in the details with permanent marker to make them into birds. I gave out 10 sets of blocks and only three have been returned, so if you could find your set of blocks, get them finished, and return them, I would be most grateful. I think a year is long enough, don't you? And you wonder why I don't trust you with the cute appliques!

How is your kit coming for your Quilt Show entry in the Charity Central Kit Category? If you haven't started it yet, we have lots of great kits for you to choose from! I hope you will join us in this beginner category and make us a quilt. There are 15 Kathleen's Collection Patterns available on the WSQ Website and on the Charity Central Facebook page. These are the patterns we use in our kits. They are for you to print out for yourself to help you use up some of your stash. If you can make a back as well as a top, that would be grand! It would also move your quilt along the pipeline a little faster. We have workdays about twice a month, and you are always welcome to join us. The dates are posted on the WSQ Website under Events and announced on our Facebook page. There are new people at almost every meeting, and they must be having fun because they often come back!

Thank you so much for all you do for Charity Central. We couldn't do it without you. So, bring your checkbook, your tops and quilts, and your Blue Bird Blocks to the next meeting. Can't wait to see you!

Kathleen Woods, Charity Central Chair

Fair Ribbons Committee

Just a reminder that WSQ will again be sponsoring 1st and 2nd place ribbons and a 1st place monetary award to each of ten local fairs this year. Our WSQ by-laws read, in part, that our purpose is "... to promote and enhance the art of quilt making by exhibitions, lectures, and workshops offered to the organization membership and the general public". We have been supporting local fairs in the Inland Northwest in this manner for over twenty years. Once we receive a picture of each winner, it is added to our WSQ website; right now you can see the winning quilts from 2022 through 2025 on the website. Over the years, we have received numerous thank-you notes from award winners who were pleased to receive the beautiful ribbons. By supporting the fairs, we are promoting quilt making and sharing the quilts with the general public, so make plans now to enter your quilt(s) in at least one of the fairs.

Here is a list of the fairs we support and their dates for 2026:

Ferry County Fair, Republic, Wa 2-6 September
Grant County Fair, Moses Lake, Wa 18-22 August
Lincoln County Fair, Davenport, Wa 20-22 August
North Idaho Fair, Coeur d'Alene, Id 21-30 August
Northeast Wa Fair, Colville, Wa 27-30 August
Palouse Empire Fair, Colfax, Wa 10-13 September
Pend Oreille County Fair, Cusick, Wa 20-23 August
Southeast Spokane County Fair, Rockford, Wa 25-27 September
Spokane Interstate Fair, Spokane, Wa 11-20 September
Wheatland Communities Fair, Ritzville, Wa 27-31 August

In addition to past winners, you can go to the WSQ website to find a link to the exhibitor guide/entry forms for each fair. Many of them have not yet been updated for 2026, so check back periodically.

WSQ 2026 Challenge

Surprise! Surprise! We have the fabric for this year's show challenge. Packets are available at the April meeting for \$3.00. That gives plenty of time to complete your entry.

Another Great Opportunity

Hello Spokane Area Quilters

I am a Public Services Manager for Spokane County Library District and am responsible for planning programs and workshops for our community. In September, we will have a temporary loan of a long-arm quilting machine for our Lab at the North Spokane Library (44 E Hawthorne Rd, Spokane WA). I am looking for local quilters and sewists who would be interested and willing to provide some classes/workshops in some basic quilting skills, quilt history, and also provide some 1:1 coaching for new quilters on their projects. Email is the best way to reach me. I would also be happy to meet in person to discuss more details. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Gwendolyn

Gwendolyn Haley, Public Services Manager | Spokane County Library District

4322 N Argonne Rd | Spokane, WA 99212

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SPOKANE CHAPTER



WSQ Quilt Retreat

Come Join the Fun!



Submitted by: Susan Olson, Bus Trip & Retreat Chair

The Fabric Patch Retreat Center

Soap Lake, WA

August 19-22, 2026

There are still spots available for the retreat, but space is limited.

Cost: Double Occupancy-\$440

Registration is now open at wsqspokane.org.

A \$200 deposit is required to hold your spot. Because the retreat center requires payment in full 90 days prior to the event, the balance of \$240 will be due by May 1. Or, you may make one payment of \$440 when you register.

The Bus Trip/Retreat committee has many fun things planned for the retreat, with lots of time to sew. This quilt retreat center was designed to be just that, a quilt retreat.

All the beds are Serta mattresses, and plush bathroom towels and bed linens are provided. Each quilter will have two tables, an arm-less, rolling chair, and flannel design walls. There are two tall tables with large mats, four ironing boards with irons. So, all you have to bring for this retreat is your sewing machine, sewing notions, projects and personal incidentals. The fee includes three nights and four full days of quilting.

Eight meals, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two lite lunches.

Thank you to the Bus Trip/Retreat committee members who have done so much.

For more information on the retreat, contact bus.trips@wsqspokane.org.

The retreat will open to non-members on April 6, 2026, if space is still available.

Door Prizes From

**The
Quilting
Bee**

16002 E Broadway Ave
Spokane Valley, 99037
509-928-6037

Quilt Patch Lane

409 W Hastings
Spokane 99218
509-467-1333

32TH ANNUAL FRONEN STEPPDECKER ODESSA SPRING FLING QUILT SHOW

Not Just Another Small Town Quilt Show!

When

April 24th and 25th, 2026
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where

Odessa High School Gym
Odessa, WA

Admissions ~ \$5.00



Featuring

- Door Prizes - People's Choice Awards
- Challenge Quilts
- Over 200 Quilts & Wall Hangings
- Quilting Demonstrations
- Also: Yard sales and other events within Odessa

Featured Quilter Janet Nesbitt



www.odessaquiltclub.com

WSQ Calendar

WSQ Board Member meetings

June 10, August 12, December 9, CenterPlace, 6 – 8 pm, room 108.

General Membership Meetings

April 23, July 23, September 24, CenterPlace 1 pm and 6 pm

Newsletter Articles Due

June 15, August 17, December 15

Quilt Show

October 16-18

Quilt Show Board meetings

May 13, July 8, and September 9, CenterPlace, 6 - 8 pm, room 108

May Quilting Bee

Moran Prairie Library
6004 S Regal St, Spokane WA 99223
May 2, 12:00 pm–6:00 pm

Come enjoy a fun-filled day of quilting, door prizes, and potluck lunch/afternoon snack. Everyone is welcome! You need not be a WSQ member to attend the Quilting Bees! There is no Guest Speaker scheduled.

- Bring a project to work on. Space for sewing machines is available, but do bring a power strip for your machine. Ironing board and iron are provided.
- Fat Quarter Drawing: April Showers bring May Flowers! Bring two floral fat quarters to be entered into a drawing to win all.
- Bring a dish to share for our potluck lunch (or afternoon snack due to time of day) as well as a plate & utensils.
- Show and Share a finished or unfinished quilted item.
- We have door prizes.

Questions about the Bee? Contact Shawna Troyer at quilting.bee@wsqspokane.org

General Quilting Bee Information: I'm working on locating a new, permanent home for our guild. If you have suggestions please email quilting.bee@wsqspokane.org and I'll add it to my list to call on.



243 West Broadway,
Reardan, WA 99029-8664
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3916 E Chattaroy Rd
Chattaroy WA 99003

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Your Door Prizes from These Great Shops

julishogan@gmail.com

Hello Mystery Quilters!!!

We are back on for another WSQ Mystery quilt! I will send out the fabric requirements and first clues after the April 2026 Workshops. Clues will go out again in July, September, and then January 2027. The final clues and the reveal will be in April 2027. The cost is a mere \$10 for the whole mystery. We will arrange to have a private FB page again, for inspiration, questions, and encouragement. Hope you will join us!

Darlene Mossman

Fantastic Fibers 2026 Call For Entry

The Yeiser Art Center of Paducah KY is excited to share that their call for Fantastic Fibers 2026 is now live! We hope you'll consider applying or sharing this opportunity with your creative community. Fantastic Fibers is an international juried exhibition showcasing a wide range of outstanding works within the fiber medium. As one of Yeiser Art Center's most innovative and celebrated annual exhibitions, it continues to inspire fine artists, quilters, and textile art enthusiasts around the world. Open to all artists 18 and older, this exhibition welcomes contemporary and innovative works that use fiber as the primary medium or concept. What began in 1987 as a wearable art show has evolved into a compelling mix of traditional and nontraditional works created from natural or synthetic fibers, as well as pieces that conceptually engage with fiber. For more information and to apply, please visit the link below: Application

Link: https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=16465 Please feel free to reach out with any questions at office@theyeiser.org. The Yeiser Art Center, located in Paducah KY, is celebrating 68 years.

SMALL GROUP SCOOP

WELCOME 2026, if you are interested in joining a small group to meet new people and maybe learn a new technique. Check these groups out, some are accepting new members and may be near your home. If you need any other information, contact me, Ernie at small.groups@wswspokane.org or any of the contact persons listed below.

LOCATION	GROUP NAME	TIME/PLACE	New memb	CONTACT PERSON
Blanchard ID	The Blanchard Stitches	3 rd & 4 th Tuesday 10-2pm Blanchard Comm. Center	Yes	Penny Funkhouser 1-206-799-8964 plfunkhouser@gmail.comhatt
Chattaroy, WA	CCC Charity Quilters	Mon 10- 2pm Chattaroy Church	Yes	Ruth McCormick 509-590-6463 sewnsmart@gmail.com
Cheney, WA	Cheney Country Quilters	Monday 1 – 3 at Wren Pierson Bldg.	Yes	Judy Corder 509-290-4310 jccorder121@gmail.com
Cheney, WA	Cheney Frayed Edges	1 st & 3 rd Monday 6:30pm United Methodist Church	Yes	Donna Lythgoe Cheneylythgoe@gmail.com
Colbert, WA	Quilt Charmers	Wednesday 9:30 -3:00pm St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Yes	Linda Plett 509-951-2172 lindaplett@icloud.com
Colfax, WA	Whitman Sampler Quilt Guild	2 nd Tuesday 6:30 pm Palouse River Quilts	Yes	Michelle Beckman 509-397-2278 motqltr2@yahoo.com

Colville, WA	Colville Piecemakers	3 rd Monday 1:30pm Arden Comm. Hall	Yes	Kathie Ogden 509-262-0345
Deer Park, WA	Fat Quarter Quilters	Tuesdays 10-2 pm Faith Lutheran Church	Yes	Lorraine Ader 509-953-6509 geminis4262@gmail.com
Grand Coulee, WA	Coulee Creators	2 nd Monday 10-4pm Former Middle SCH.	Yes	Marlene Oddie 509-386-5715 marlene@kissedquilts.com
Ione, WA	Forgotten Corner Quilters	1 st Tuesday 6:30 pm Ione Cath. Church	Yes	Shirley 509-446-2429 landpzimm@gmail.com
Newport, WA	Me Too Quilt Squad	2 nd Thursday 10am American Lutheran Church	No	Diane Strand 509-447-4013 strandpe@gmail.com
Newport, WA	Welcome Hm Vets Quilts of Valor (QOV)	1 st Tuesday and 3 rd Friday of each month 11- 4pm Hospitality House 216 S. Washington Ave,	Yes	Darlene Mossman darlene@welcomhomeqov.org
OPEN TO ALL Spokane WA	Inland Northwest Machine Quilters	Hillyard Comm. Center 4001 N Cook. St 3 rd Sat. of Jan., Mar, Sept, and Nov. 2 nd Sat. of June	Yes	Patty Yedinak 509-979-0281 president@INMQ.org
Post Falls, ID	North Idaho Quilts of Valor	3 rd Monday 10-3pm PF American Legion	Yes	Giannine O'Connor 530-515-4111 patrioticpiecers@gmail.com
Rosalia, WA	3 rd Tues Quilt Club	3 rd Tuesday 6 pm Pinewood Cottage	Yes	Marianne Morke 503-960-2554 mamorkve@hotmail.com
Spokane, WA	Charity Central	Check Charity Central Facebook page for dates and times and locations	Yes	Kathleen Woods charity.central@wsqspokane.org
Spokane, WA	Hand Applique	2 nd Tues of Month at The Hive. Please contact us for time and door code	Yes	Lorean Boornazi, jimlolean@cet.com Sherry Thompson, sherrysews@gmail.com
Spokane, WA	Sandbox Quilters	Tues 9:30-2:30 Corbin Sr. Center	Yes	Chris Millspaugh 850-982-3945 chrismillspa@gmail.com
Spokane, WA	Greater Spokane Quilts of Valor	Varies-members contacted by email	Yes	Diane Watters 509-993-4590 spokane.qov@gmail.com
Spokane, WA	Inland NW Modern Quilt Guild	3 rd Sat 10-2 pm Corbin Sr. Center	Yes	Katie Larimer 509-768-3579 info@inmodquiltguild.com

**Wear Your Name Badges Proudly!
Enter drawings at events to win a prize!**

Make your WSQ Name Badge, embroider your name on the front. Wear it proudly to each WSQ event and enter your name to win a door prize. Help us introduce ourselves and meet new people.



Block Exchange



ARKANSAS CROSSROAD



(VALENTINE'S EDITION)

WSQ Block Exchange for April 23, 2026 meeting

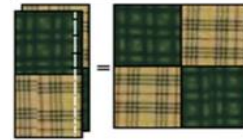
Pattern adapted from www.quilterscache.com

Supplies: Colors: think Valentine's Day.

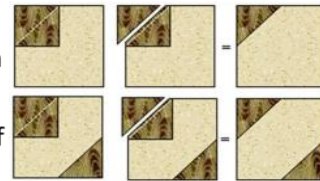
- **Dark** One 3 ½" x 14" strip
- **Medium** Two 3 ½" x 14" strips
- **Light** One 6 ½" x 13" Strip (Cut into two 6 ½" squares)

Directions:

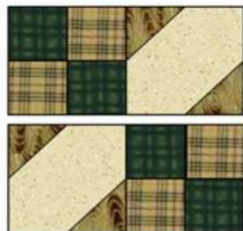
Stack one medium and one dark strip together, sew along long edge using scant ¼" seam. Press towards the dark fabric, then cut 4 rectangles (should measure 3 ½" x 6 ½"). Sew these into four-patches.



Second medium strip: cut into four 3 ½" squares, then draw a diagonal line across the back. Snowball these with the 6 ½" squares, sewing ON the marked line. Press towards the dark fabric. (BONUS: you can use your cut off corners to make mini pinwheels)



Layout your four squares to form a "road"



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Your Door Prizes from These Great Shops



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2026 WSQ Membership Registration

Welcome to WSQ!

Dues are \$35 for a calendar year. The newsletter will be emailed to you quarterly. You can have it mailed to you for \$15.00 to cover postage. You can pay in person at the next WSQ meeting, mail this form and a check made out to **WSQ**, or sign up online at wsqspokane.org.

Renewing members only: please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

New members: We will prepare a packet for you and WSQ will pay the postage.

Guest Fees: \$15 at the door

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- New member (\$35)**
- 2025 member (\$35)**
- Returning former member (\$35)**
- Mail the newsletter (\$15)**
- Change in information**

Total of membership and mailed newsletter is \$50.

WSQ membership runs on a calendar year from January through December. We do not prorate.

You may renew/join at the September or January meetings for the upcoming year.

Mail Check to:
WSQ Membership
PO Box 7117
Spokane, WA 99207
or

Sign up online: wsqspokane.org

If you haven't renewed by the end of February, you will be dropped from the roster and you will no longer receive the newsletter, be able to participate in the yard sale or the boutique, register early for workshops or enjoy the many other benefits of WSQ membership.

WASHINGTON STATE QUILTERS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 22, 2026

The meeting was brought to order by Cathy Anderson, President, at 1:00 pm. WSQ Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as printed by both afternoon and evening members.

Welcome to all, and a reminder from the President: if you are sick, please stay home or wear a mask. An evening Zoom meeting is available if needed. Please silence your cell phones. There are no displays in the room today.

The 2026 Budget was approved and unanimously passed. If you have any questions, Cheryl Clossin.

The Volunteer of the quarter is Kristel Naylor. Since joining the guild, Kristel has been a breath of fresh air. As the co-chair for Membership, she greets newcomers at the meetings like they are family, introduces them to members while showing and explaining various committees. During the 2025 Quilt Show, she made herself available to all committees and spent multiple hours doing the attendance surveys when no one else was available. We look forward to many great things ahead for her.

Executive Board Reports

Speaker and Workshop—Patty Yedinak and Glenda invite you to dinner between meetings at Twigs with Charisma Horton. There are still some openings for Charisma's workshops on Friday and Saturday. Please sign up and have some fun. Upcoming speakers and workshops: April 23, our own Cheryl Clossin; July 23, Jennifer Wagoner (she will have 2 different lectures); and Sept. 24, Jamie Davis (also has 2 different lectures). You can find all the details on our website wsqspokane.org

There is a NEW location for all workshops. The Hampton Inn 16481 E. Indiana Ave., Spokane Valley.

Quilt Show—Connie Garrison and Paul Ferry. The Quilt Show dates are October 16-18, 2026 (set up day is Oct. 15) The Theme is Threadsetters - Set the thread, set the trend. The featured speaker is WSQ member and prolific quilter Renee Miles from Yakima.

We expect posters and flyers to be coming in April. The next Quilt Show planning meeting is Wed., Feb. 11, at 6:00 pm at Center Place in Room 108. Everyone is welcome to come and to volunteer on one of the committees that make the quilt show happen. There will be a Challenge sponsored by our LTAC Grant that was awarded to us by the City of Spokane Valley. This challenge will be juried and judged by NACQJ Certified Judge. There is a \$20 non-refundable entry fee required. A full list of rules and an entry form will be available on our website a bit later. General information: -Most interpret the theme "Threadsetters," which celebrates innovation, originality, and boundary-pushing creativity in quilting. -Each entrant will use metallic thread in a predominant way and at least one of these to embellish their quilt...painting, beads, fibers, or recycled materials. -Must be an original design and sole work of the entrant. -Open to both WSQ members and non-WSQ members. -Can have any shape, but it must have a 96" perimeter. -Must consist of 3 layers (top, batting, and backing) quilted by hand or machine. -Quilts must NOT be framed with wood, metal, etc. -Any of these techniques is allowed: icing, applique, embroidery, mixed media, embellishment. -\$20 non-refundable entry fee required at time of entry. -Entry deadline is July 15. Two high-quality photos must accompany your entry form for jurying. -Notification of acceptance will be on August 1. -The delivery of quilt deadline will be September 24 at the membership meeting or September 30 for drop off or mail-in. -Prize money will be awarded: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$350, 3rd Place \$250, and Honorable mention \$100.

Still NEEDED for the Quilt Show: a Demonstration Chair and Take-Down Chair, and a Graphic Designer.

Treasurer Report Dina Pappas

The budget has been balanced, and we have money in the bank. Text with any questions.

WSQ Shop Hop 2026 Elizabeth Culver and Vicki Trudel

The Shop Hop Theme is Patchwork and Pit Stops and will be from Wed. May 6 - Sat. May 9. There are 27 participating shops. You will find an Interactive map with a list of shops on the website, cards in stores and QR code to shop virtually. Posters and cards are ready to go to shops and libraries. Fabric Shop in Ephrata. (evening meeting still need 3 bags to be delivered. Please check to see if you can deliver these.) Most shops 9-5 open all 4 days

Fundraising Ernie Crann and Colleen Musetter announced that Beth Miller is putting on a Quilt Judging class of 20 people. It is a 2 hour class. You will not be a certified quilt judge, but you will learn what judges do, and it is a free class. Colleen has the signup information.

NEW Announcements

Newsletter Report: Ruth McCormick needs a technical person to help her with the WSQ Newsletter. She also needs proofreaders. If you are available to volunteer please contact Ruth.

Member Lisa Cox announced a Teddy Bear Quilt program at the Shade Library April 11th from 1-2:30 pm. There will be another room booked at 6 pm for volunteers to sew together the teddy bear quilts. Please let her know if you are interested by emailing at asileerol@hotmail.com. You will need to fill out a Volunteer Form for the library if you are interested in working with the children.:

The WSQ Yard Sale is on Saturday, March 28, 8:00- 11:30 am at Spokane Community College in the Lair Bldg. Yard Sale Table forms are available in the back, or you can sign up online. The price is \$35 for one table.

WSQ is in need of some Backup Help. Ruth Danner needs an assistant historian, Holly Knaupft needs an assistant PR/Social Media chair and Clara Strom needs an assistant secretary. In case any of us get hit by a bus, we try to have backups for many of the positions.

Bus Trips and Retreats Susan Olson

The WSQ Quilt Retreat-Aug. 19-Aug. 22 will be held at the Fabric Patch Quilt Retreat Center in Soap Lake, WA. The rooms are double occupancy. Please sign up at the same time if you have a specific roommate in mind, and we will try to put you together. This is an all-inclusive quilt retreat; all accommodations and 8 meals are provided by Gate 17 Vendor. Just bring your machine, sewing projects, and your personal items. All linens and towels are provided. The retreat includes 4 full days of sewing from Wednesday. 11:00 am to Sat. 3:00 pm. Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 light lunches, and 2 dinners. Registration is available today and is \$440.

The WSQ Bus Trip -Friday, March 27th to Tri-city Quilters Guild Show in Kennewick, Deluxe bus, can bring food (and alcohol), \$55 WSQ, and a \$12 Quilt Show entry. We will also visit Craft Warehouse and Quilt Mania. You can bring your lunch or visit local restaurants. Sign-up is open on the website, or there are forms in the back of the room.

Mystery Quilt Darlene Mossman. There is a new Mystery Quilt coming out this year in April. We will start sending out clues after the April 23rd general meeting. There is a Facebook page for members who sign up for the Mystery Quilt. I currently have pins available for the members who entered in 2023 and 2025. There is no year on the pin, but you can order bars with the year date on them. They are inexpensive, but the shipping is \$8.16 so I will be happy to take orders so we can combine them with the shipping. Please email me if you are interested

Charity Central Kathleen Woods

There will be a Quilt Kit Charity Central Category this year.

We currently have 330 charity quilt kits in stock. If you have previously taken a kit and haven't finished it, please return the unfinished projects. There are still some Blue Bird blocks out that haven't been returned. There are 4 quilt kits up front on the stage. If you would like to work on one you need to promise that it will be DONE this year. They will be used as auction quilts to

raise money for deserving organizations. We donated 425 quilts in 2025. We hope to do the same or better this year. I talked to Shabby Fabrics to see if they will still be donating fabric to us, but it does not sound like it will happen. We used up all of our batting and backing this last year, so please donate a backing if you can you donate a quilt to Charity Central. We will be spending a large part of our budget on when batting. Charity Central is now accepting donations of fabric, orphan blocks, etc.! We don't have a scheduled time to meet because we are meeting in library spaces, but we average 2 work days a month. Our next dates are Tues. Jan 27 at 12 pm (sorting day) Fri. Feb 13 at 1 pm and Thurs. Feb 26 at 12 pm. The meetings will be posted online. You can check the Facebook page too. Join and follow us to see the quilts and stay connected. All quilts are photographed at each stage. Kathleen's patterns will be available soon to download.

Block Exchange and Quilting Bee Chair Shawna Troyer The next WSQ Quilting Bee will be held Feb. 28 at Otis Orchard Library, located at 22324 Wellesley Ave. Otis Orchards from 10 am to 6 pm. Bring your projects, come join us.

Next month's Block Exchange pattern is available in back, finish, and turn in for drawing in April. The block is a Valentine version of the Arkansas Block. Have fun!

WSQ Quilt Show Challenge-Naomi Hall. The packets are ready, so you will have 3 extra months to complete your challenge quilt. The kits are \$3 each. The theme is "A Tisket a Tasket". Show us what's in your basket." Create a basket with fabric and fill it with whatever is in YOUR basket. You must use a recognizable piece of the kit fabric. Fill with eggs, flowers, sewing, laundry, etc., anything, but it must be a 24 x 24 square. Use any technique or embellishment as desired. This will be entered in the WSQ Challenge category. Any questions, call Naomi or Mary Ann.

President Cathy Anderson asked that WSQ members consider donating 120 quilts to the Veterans Home. She sees the men often. They do not have to be red, white, and blue, but most of the residents are men, and they like bright colors too. Please contact Cathy if you would like to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Clara Strom
Secretary 2026

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