

Washington State Quilters Stitch 'n Time

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General Membership Meeting

CenterPlace

2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

January 22, 2026, 1 pm and 6 pm

Workshops: Friday, January 23,
2026, 9-4;

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9-4



WSQ Presents Charisma Horton

January 22, 2026, at 1:00 and 6:00

Charisma is an award-winning professional longarm quilter, prolific pattern designer, fabric designer, and nationally recognized teacher. Her work spans a wide range of styles—from charming, folksy hand embroidery to bold, colorful modern quilt designs—reflecting her passion for creativity and craftsmanship.

Based in Deer Park, Washington, Charisma lives on a homestead with her husband and their vibrant family of six children and several grandchildren who lovingly call her "Oma." Her quilt studio is a unique and joyful space: a renovated horse barn she transformed and



painted pink—true to her signature style.

Charisma's designs have been featured in numerous publications, and her approachable teaching style has inspired quilters across the country. Whether she's behind a sewing machine, designing fabric, or sharing her knowledge through classes and retreats, Charisma brings warmth, skill, and a deep love of quilting to everything she does.

<https://CharismasCorner.com>

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 Charisma's lecture and trunk show. Charisma will be selling patterns & kits at the General Meeting.



President's Message

And just like that it is 2026. Welcome to a new year for our Washington State Quilters Spokane. The last 2 years under the leadership of Dina Pappas, we have grown a lot. We have 408 members which is getting us back to our PreCOVID status, and we have now a full roster of Executive Board members. We are pleased to have a Second VP for the Quilt Show, Paula Ferry. She is actively working to make this year's show a true Destination. We have also added a Bus Trip/Retreat Chair with a committee that is very busy planning some fun adventures.



As for me, I am humbled that I have been chosen to be your president and have a couple of challenges for you all.

You may not know that I am a retired Army nurse, so Veterans' causes are special to me. The Washington State Veteran's Home here in Spokane and the Community Living Center at the VA hospital could use around 120 throw size quilts to wrap these folks in a little comfort. What I am asking is for each of you to make one and bring it to me for distribution. Even if you can just make a top, I will quilt and bind it for you.

My other challenge is for each of you bring in a new member. I know you all have a buddy that enjoys this craft and many hands make light work.

Let's have a fabulous year of growth and compassion.

Cathy Anderson

From Nominations Chair

Warm Greetings & Best Wishes to the 2026 WSQ Board! Thank you for your willingness to serve the general membership. Your service brings quality programs to our local community and carries out the WSQ Mission to promote & enhance the art of quilting.

We have three Co-chair openings on the 2026 Executive Board: Co-chair President, Co-chair Secretary, and Co-chair Treasurer. These duties assist the executive board members as needed. Co-chairs are not obligated to become the next President, Secretary or Treasurer if a vacancy occurs. We are simply looking for people with skills to strengthen our executive board and share the load.

Please see Cathy Anderson about assisting her with her Presidential Duties.

Please see Clara Strom about assisting her with her Secretary Duties.

Please see Dina Pappas about assisting her with her Treasurer Duties.

The Historian and Newsletter Editor also need co-chairs. See Ruth for more info.

Dina Pappas, Nominations Chair



Happy New Year 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 members. Your past participation and enthusiasm have helped shape our vibrant quilting community, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support.

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!

Patty Yedinak, 1st VP

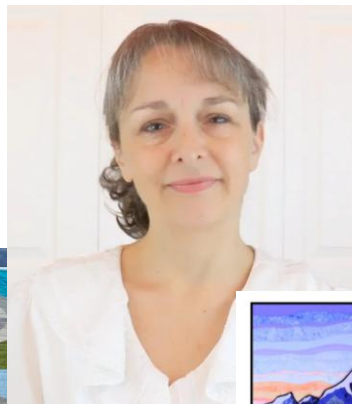
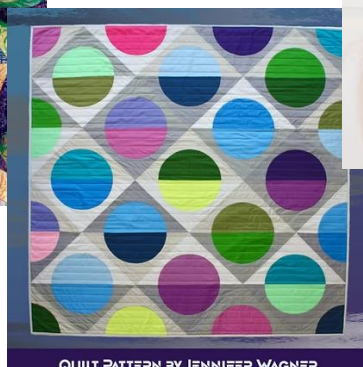
Sign-up for workshops now! <https://wsqspokane.org/events/>

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

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

September 2026: **Jaimie Davis** (Inktense watercolor pencils & landscapes). **“Fresh Fish”** workshop and **“Layered Landscapes”** workshop.

<https://loopytulips.com/>



WSQ-Spokane Workshop Registration 2026

*****NEW LOCATION*****NEW LOCATION*****

Jan 2026: Charisma Horton *(Hand embroidery on Wool & Modern Quilts)*

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

_____ Penny Notes 2.0 <i>(Hand embroidery on Wool)</i>	\$65	1/23/2026	9am – 4pm
_____ Live Boldly <i>(Colorful Modern)</i>	\$65	1/24/2026	9am – 4pm

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

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**

_____ Workshop Master Curved Piecing - “Many Moons”
\$65 7/24/2026 9am – 4pm

*Mandatory Pattern Purchase \$12 to be paid to instructor

_____ Workshop 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 <i>(Inktense watercolor pencils)</i>	\$65	9/25/2026	9am – 4pm
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*Mandatory Kit Fee \$30 to be paid to instructor + purchase of Inktense pencils required

_____ Layered Landscapes <i>(Landscape)</i>	\$65	9/26/2026	9am – 4pm
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*Mandatory Kit Fee \$25 to be paid to instructor

See: <https://loopytulips.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.**

Charity Central

January 2026

Happy New Year from Charity Central! In 2025, we donated 425 quilts to the greater Spokane Community. It's a long process to get quilts from conception to home and every little bit that you do to get them there is much appreciated. Thank You!

I am pleased to announce the “**Charity Central Kit**” category at the WSQ Quilt Show. Pick up a kit from Charity Central, piece it, quilt it, bind it, and enter it in this category!

The rules are:

1. Quilt must be made from a Charity Central Kit. We ask that you include the pattern with the quilt when you drop it off so that the pattern can be displayed with the quilt.
2. Piecer will provide the backing and the binding. Both should be scrappy or something from your stash.
3. You can use free hand or computerized quilting. It must be an edge-to-edge design, and pantographs are a great way to do that. Straight lines with your walking foot are considered an edge-to-edge design. No custom quilting, no ruler work. It is a charity quilt after all!
4. It can be quilted by the piecer or someone else, using scrap batting. We will have a list of volunteer quilters who will quilt it for you for free. I would encourage you to try quilting it yourself, but if you really don't want to, you can have someone else do it for you.
5. Drop off where you like and pick up as usual. If you would like Charity Central to pick your quilt up for you after the show, leave your receipt with us at our booth. We will return ribbons, pins, or anything else that is attached to the quilt at the January WSQ meeting.
6. Ribbons will be awarded by WSQ for the piecer and by INMQ for the quilter. We ask that the ribbon winners, and everyone else, present their quilts at the January Show and Tell before donating them to us.

This is meant to be a fun, beginner category to encourage everyone to enter the Quilt Show. Charity Quilts are a means to try new things! The backing, binding, and batting should all be scrappy so that it doesn't cost anything. We have been working on a large variety of kits, some easy, some not. Choose whichever one you like and strut your stuff for Charity! What will you create? We can't wait to see!

Kathleen Woods, Charity Central Chair

Fair Ribbons Committee

WSQ will again support ten local fairs in 2026. We provide first and second place ribbons as well as a monetary award to the first place winner. Pictures of the winning quilts from 2025 are posted on the WSQ website under the 'Events' drop-down tab.

Plan now to support at least one of these fairs by entering a quilt. By participating, you are supporting the fair and letting the public know that quilt making is alive and thriving in the Inland Northwest and letting the fairs know that you appreciate them including the quilt display as part of their fair!

Each year several of the fairs ask for the names of individuals who might be interested in judging quilts. WSQ will be offering a 'class' to learn more about judging. WSQ member Beth North will give us the basics – you won't be a 'certified' judge at the end of the class, but you will know enough to be able to judge if you are so inclined. The class will be held on Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at the Spokane Valley Library, 22 N. Herald Rd from 6-8pm. There is no charge for the class, but there will be a limited number of seats. Please email **Cheryl Moriarty**, Chair, at fair.awards@wsqspokane.org to reserve your seat.

Quilt Show Reports

Kaleidoscope of Colors

Hi everyone. Our 2025 Kaleidoscope of Colors Quilt Show is now in the history books. We had many firsts this year and appreciated everyone's hard work and patience in working out the bugs. We had 50 vendors this year. We had a hard deadline this year for entries and the total number of quilts entered after withdrawals was 414. Attendance totaled 2888. Re-entries on Saturday were 203 and on Sunday were 213. Online ticketing worked great with 704 General Admission tickets sold, 55 Class tickets sold and 16 Meet and Greet tickets sold. We had 6 different teachers this year thanks to the grant. We had many positive remarks for the Demos this year. We are still getting the numbers for income/expenses. We heard many positive remarks regarding the show, including some from the vendors who said they made almost the most if not the most ever at a show. They really love our show. We just want to thank everyone for their support of us this year. We also would like to welcome and thank Paula Ferry for volunteering to be the 2026 Quilt Show Chair and her Co-chair Connie Garrison. We're looking forward to seeing their vision for the show and encourage everyone to volunteer. If you've never volunteered you're missing out on some fun times with other guild members.

Jan and Sheri



BUT WAIT. THERE'S MORE...

Planning has begun for Quilt Show 2026. Our meeting dates for the 2026 will be: February 11, May 13, July 8, and September 9...all Wednesdays. They will be held at CenterPlace from 6pm to 8pm. Please mark your calendars. You are needed to make this event the Spectacular that's anticipated each year. Featured Quilter will be Renee Miles from Yakima, WA. Renee has been a WSQ member for a few years now, and has been entering her ribbon-winning quilts into our show for several years.

Paula Ferry, 2st VP, Quilt Show Chair
Connie Garrison, Co-Chair



WSQ 2026 Challenge

Surprise! Surprise! We have the fabric for this year's show challenge. Packets will be available at the January meeting for \$3.00. That gives you 3 more months to complete your entry.

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.





Upcoming WSQ Quilt Retreat

Mark your Calendars

Come Join the Fun!

The Fabric Patch Retreat Center

Soap Lake, WA

August 19-22, 2026

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 armless, 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, and personal incidentals.

The fee includes three nights and four full days of quilting.

Eight meals, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two lite lunches. Located on beautiful Soap Lake.

Space is limited so register early and invite your quilting friends.

Cost:

Double Occupancy- \$440

Registration Opens March 1, 2026

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.

More information will be provided
at the January 22, 2026 General Membership Meeting
and on the WSQ Webpage

WSQ Calendar

WSQ Board Member meetings

January 14, March 11, June 10, August 12, December 9, CenterPlace, 6 - 8 pm, room 108.

General Membership Meetings

January 22, April 23, July 23, September 24, CenterPlace 1 pm and 6 pm

Newsletter Articles Due

March 16, June 15, August 17, December 15

Quilt Show

October 16-18

Quilt Show Board meetings

February 11, May 13, July 8, and September 9, CenterPlace, 6 - 8 pm, room 108

SHOP HOP PLANS



Shop Hop 2026 Patchwork & Pit Stops

Get ready for a delightful four-day adventure through the hills and valleys of the Greater Spokane Area and beyond. This year's Shop Hop, '**Patchwork & Pit Stops**', is scheduled for **May 6-9, 2026**. The Shop Hop is guided by a new Committee:

Chairperson **Elizabeth Culver**, along with **Karen Goodson, Shelly Tansy, and Vicki Trudel**. Together they're curating a relaxed, safe adventure that lets you wander, chat, and discover new shops & treasures. Over **30 local shops** have already received invitations, and the full list of participating stores will be unveiled in January—so keep an eye out!

Staying in the loop has never been easier: Click [Shop Hop 2026 WSQ](#) for the website page or simply scan the QR code on our rack cards, flyers, or the WSQ newsletters, and you'll receive instant updates on the Shop Roster, the custom Route Map, and other Shop Hop surprises for 2026!. Whether you're a long-time Shop Hop fan or a first-timer, there's something for everyone.

Mark your calendar, grab a comfortable pair of shoes, and let **Shop Hop 2026** become your springtime tradition. More details are coming soon—stay tuned, stay curious, and let the patchwork of our Area Quilt Shops weave a memorable experience just for you!



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.

We look forward to seeing your work!

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@wswpokane.org or any of the contact persons listed below.

LOCATION	GROUP NAME	TIME/PLACE	New memb	CONTACT PERSON
Blanchard ID	The Blanchard Stitchers	3 rd & 4 th Tuesday 10-2pm Blanchard Comm. Center	Yes	Penny Funkhouser 1-206-799-8964 plfunkhouser@gmail.com
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 jcorder121@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	Yes	Kathie Ogden 509-262-0345

		Arden Comm. Hall		
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@welcomhomegov.org
OPEN TO ALL Spokane WA	Inland Northwest Machine Quilters	Hillyard Comm. Center 4001 N Cook. St 3rd 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, jimlorea@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

A Quilter's New Year's Resolution

My 2026 New Year's Resolution
is to finish all the quilt projects from 2025
that I should have completed in 2024
after starting them in 2023
from the fabric I bought on the Shop Hop in 2022
while having the patterns for them since 2021

Block Exchange

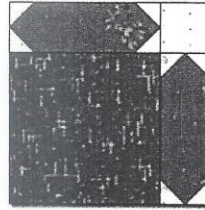
Morning Star

WSQ Block Exchange for January 22, 2026 meeting

Free pattern provided by www.quilterscache.com

A 1914 block-that-isn't-a-block!... In the case of this pattern, it is the sashings that make the pattern!

Let's have scrappy fun! Use warm colors, neutrals.



The instructions below will give you one 12" finished block (12 1/2" unfinished)



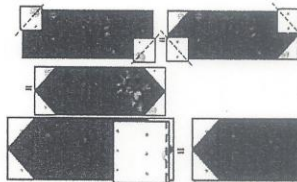
Cut one fabric 9-1/2" square (Medium to dark fabric)



Cut two pieces 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangle (medium to dark fabric. These do not need to be the same colors!)

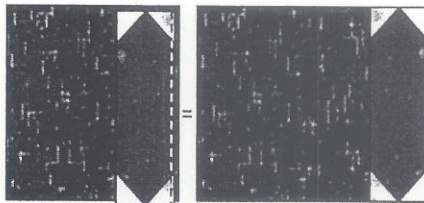


Cut eight 2" squares and one 3-1/2" square (light neutral fabric)



For the sashing: draw a diagonal line across each 2" square. Line up against each corner and sew on the line as shown. Trim 1/4" seam allowance. Press towards the rectangle. Repeat on all 4 corners of both rectangles.

Sew the 3 1/3" white square to one sashing strip.



Sew the other sashing strip to the side of the 9 1/2" block, then sew the top strip to the bottom.

Questions:

* Please reach out to Shawna Troyer (Block Exchange Chair) block.exchange@wsqspokane.org

*Online instructions can be found www.quilterscache.com/M/MorningStarQuilt.html

*How block exchange works: Bring in 1 or more completed blocks to the next meeting and each block turned in gives you one raffle entry for a chance to win blocks; winner will be drawn at the evening meeting.

Do you LOVE our Door Prizes? These wonderful quilt shops donate some of the prizes for our General Meetings. Support them and let them know you appreciate them.

The
**Quilting
Bee**

Valley, WA 99037one:
509-928-6037



16002 E
Broadway
Ave
Spokane

Quilt Patch Lane 409 W Hastings Spokane, WA 99218

(509) 467-0133 info@quiltpatchlane.com



243 West Broadway,
Reardan, WA 99029-8664
(509) 990-7670

5609 US Hwy 2
Priest River, ID 83856
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Teresa@cuppateaquilting.com



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January is the busiest membership meeting for **renewal or joining** WSQ. If you want to avoid the lines to pay your 2026 dues, register online today! Please note 2026 Membership cards will not be mailed out so please come by and pick up your card at the membership table. We will also have packets to make your name tags. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting!



**Washington
State Quilters**
Spokane Chapter

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ___ **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.

**BUDGET
2026**

GENERAL BUDGET

Income

Admissions at Door	200.00
Retreats & Bus Trips	22,000.00
Charity Central	1,700.00
Fundraising	8,500.00
Bank Interest (all accounts) - CD Interest	600.00
Membership Dues	15,000.00
Mystery Quilt	1,100.00
Newsletter Ads	150.00
Newsletter Printing Income	400.00
Shop Hop	3,500.00
Workshops	9,600.00
Yard Sale	2,100.00
Other - (From Quilt Show Budget)	2,194.00

TOTAL INCOME 67,044.00

Expenses

Annual Board Gifts	350.00
Annual Gift, President's quilt	0.00
Block Exchange	25.00
Retreats & Bus Trip Expense	18,500.00
Center Place Meeting Room	7,500.00
Charity Central	1,700.00
Finance Committee	250.00
Fundraising	5,500.00
Historian	50.00
Hospitality	100.00
Insurance	1,700.00
IT, Zoom, Social Media	600.00
Membership	100.00
Mystery Quilt	825.00
Newsletter	800.00
Nominations	0.00
Permits & Licenses	250.00
President	100.00
President's Discretionary Fund	300.00
Professional Services	900.00
Public Relations	1,200.00
Quilt Promo - Fair Awards & Ribbons	630.00
Quilting Bees	200.00
Secretary	50.00

QUILT SHOW BUDGET

Income

Admissions	50,000.00
Boutique	18,000.00
Challenge Income	100.00
Classes	15,000.00
Judging Fees	2,000.00
Merchant Mall	40,000.00
Special Events	4,000.00
Other (From 2026 Grant)	22,497.00

TOTAL INCOME 151,597.00

Expenses

Admissions	450.00
Art Work	1,000.00
Ballot Counting	300.00
Bank Charges & Visa Processing Fees	3,000.00
Boutique	470.00
Chairman	500.00
Chairman - Board Gifts	300.00
Challenge	225.00
Consignment (Boutique)	13,500.00
Classes	10,000.00
Demos	2,020.00
Devices/Online Ticketing	
Equipment	5,000.00
Fairgrounds/Venue	47,000.00
Fire Marshall & Electrical	200.00
Honorarium	300.00
Hostesses	350.00
In Memorium	70.00
IT Dues & Subscriptions	500.00
Judge Fee	1,500.00
LCD	35,000.00
Merchant Mall	690.00
Other Expense (to General Budget)	
Professional Fees	500.00
Programs	3,600.00

PO Box rental & Postage	300.00	Props/Decorations	275.00
Shop Hop	3,500.00	Publicity	5,000.00
Speakers	7,264.00	Registration	624.00
Storage Unit	600.00	Ribbons	950.00
Treasurer	1,500.00	Sales Tax (Boutique)	1,638.00
Website	1,700.00	Security	25.00
Workshops	8,950.00	Set up/Take Down	1,500.00
		Social Media Marketing &	
Yard Sale	1,600.00	Advertising	5,000.00
		Special Exhibitions	1,000.00
		Special Quilt Show Evening	
		Events	6,000.00
		Stash Check	50.00
		Storage Unit	1,900.00
		Vendor/Volunteer Refreshments	1,160.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	67,044.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	151,597.00
Estimated Surplus(Deficit)	0.00	Estimated Surplus(Deficit)	0.00

Notes to 2026 Budget

On December 1, 2025, the budget committee consisting of Dina Pappas, Cathy Anderson, Paula Ferry, Sheri Woehrle and Jan Benshoof met to prepare the 2026 WSQ budget.

The process of preparing the budget consists of the committee carefully comparing the current year's budget with the actual income and expenditures as of the date of the meeting (which usually is early November) and then we review the 2026 budget requests provided by the various committees for both the General and Quilt Show budgets relative to that comparison as well as the needs of the guild. Then the budget is prepared for the presentation to the board for approval.

The 2026 WSQ Budgets were presented to the board on December 3, 2025 and after discussion, both budgets were unanimously passed.

Listed below are comments, changes or additions related to the 2026 budget:

General Budget – For 2026 we are focusing on a membership drive to continue to build our members and have chairs for committees left vacant by lack of volunteers. We have had several changes which are outlined below but we continue to be a strong and very active guild. Our board often discusses ways to draw in younger quilters as they will bring fresh ideas to the guild and support volunteerism. Preliminary numbers show that WSQ had an overall net profit in 2025 which helped rebuild reserves as well as pay for many of the sponsored events the guild provides to members.

Retreats & Bus Trips – In 2024 and 2025 we had no Retreat or bus trip chairperson, however for 2026 we have a new chairperson with a committee who have come up with some very fun events. As a result, this was funded to cover the expected expenses. We look forward to hearing what they have planned for the guild. They have already presented several extremely fun events so be sure to sign up when they become available.

Membership – Our membership has remained steady for the past few years, however it is still lower than pre-pandemic amounts. Membership dues are important as this is the General Budget's primary fundraising committee that supports most of the expenses in this budget. Your annual dues cover such sponsored events as the national speakers, Quilting Bees, Shop Hop, Yard Sale and many other events. For 2026 the committee and board discussed ways in which we can encourage new and/or existing members to join or renew. With a lower membership, we have fewer volunteers to man the committees necessary to run the guild and do the fun events our members enjoy.

Mystery Quilt – The Mystery Quilt has proven to be a popular addition for our members. It has grown and there is a category in the quilt show to display completed mystery quilts. The Committee funded it for 2026 to continue the fun and enthusiasm.

Newsletter Ad Income – WSQ has an actual maximum income amount as per the IRS limit of \$1,000.

Unfortunately, in the past few years, fewer and fewer people have paid to advertise in our newsletter. The cost is very inexpensive, and if you are interested, you can contact our current Newsletter Chair, Ruth McCormick, to place an ad for your business in the Newsletter.

Newsletter Printing Income: This is the additional amount paid with membership dues for those individuals who choose to pay for a printed newsletter.

Quilting Bee – This committee has been hanging on with our President organizing quilting bees at various libraries. For 2026 we have a new Quilting Bee chair who will be looking for a more permanent venue and to return the Quilting Bees to the previous well attended and fun day for both members and non-members. If you're interested in attending, the dates and locations are printed in the newsletter.

Yard Sale – The Yard Sale continues to be one of those events that are very popular to our members and is continuing to be funded for the future.

Miscellaneous – There were many committees that have had a budgeted line item that shows zero budget. This is at the request of the chair and/or not really having a budget requirement. We continue to list it so that if a new chair comes in, a budget is available should they need it.

Other - We always include a budgeted line item in both the General and Quilt Show budgets – which is 'Other'. This is the amount of expected profit we need from the Quilt Show to fund the shortfall in the General Budget not covered by Membership Dues or other fundraising activities.

Quilt Show – We made significant changes to the 2025 show to bring more attendees in and enjoy one of the best and biggest shows in the Pacific Northwest. Many of these changes were the result of a grant from the Spokane Valley Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). Listed below is a recap of the show as it affects the budget for 2026 with added information on the things the LTAC grant allowed WSQ to add to the show.

Boutique – The Boutique is a favorite among our show attendees and more of our talented members and non-members are consigning to sell at the show. In 2025 the Quilt Show committee moved the boutique to Bay 3 and provided a larger space. This was very well received, and the cost is included in the Fairgrounds expense budget. There were added expenses funded to cover necessary items for the larger space.

Special Events -Evening – The goal with the grant funds is to make Washington State Quilters quilt show a 'destination event'. To do this, the committee looked at things larger shows do to encourage overnight stays in Spokane. A special event of some kind during the show seems to be something most larger shows do. We were a bit late in organizing our event in 2025, so it was not as well attended as we had hoped but we are changing it up a bit for 2026 and will advertise early and often. For 2025 it was a Meet & Greet which was an opportunity to meet our instructors for show classes, and buy items from them as well as enjoy fun games, catered food and adult and non-adult beverages. We have a good committee on board for 2026 with lots of fun ideas to make this a fun and well-attended show event.

Classes – As the result of receiving the 2025 LTAC grant funds, we built on the last year's classes by moving the classes to Ag Building A at the Fairgrounds and made all classes all day. This was popular and many classes filled with several not having as many attendees. For 2026, we will continue to be in Ag Building A. Our surveys showed that people liked the all day classes but also wanted some shorter classes as well. Because this space is large it will easily accommodate this plan. We are sending out emails for instructor proposals and know we will have great choices for both all day and shorter classes for 2026. The Quilting Bee generously donated machines to use during the classes which were available for purchase at the end of the show. The goal for our classes is to encourage out-of-town show attendees to come and stay for 1 or more days during the show. This is the primary goal for our grant compliance as well as to continue to build our show and make it a destination show.

Vendors – As you know vendors also bring attendees to our show and we have always had great vendors. However, our attempts to try to bring in vendors who go to the bigger shows have always been a problem due to our show falling either one or two weeks after or for 2025, a week before Houston Quilt Market. Most vendors that attend Houston say it is just too hard to do both. However, for 2026, Houston has stopped doing quilt market all together - forever. This has opened a huge opportunity for WSQ to attract those vendors who have previously been unable to attend our show. We have a new vendor chair taking over for Carolyn Kruger who has manned this position for decades and the vendors all love her and her co-chair Loreen Boornazian. Our new chair is excited to have the opportunity to obtain these new vendors as well as to keep our normal vendors coming to our show.

Capital Account – The Capital Account is a savings account funded by excess profits from the Quilt Show, not used to balance the General Budget. This account was set up to cover one-of-a kind expenses for both budgets. During the 2024 show, the Spokane Fire Marshall informed our quilt show chair that our current hanging system for our quilts was no longer acceptable and we would have to change it for 2025 to be in compliance to get a permit. Without doing this we would not be able to have the show. So in 2025 the board approved the purchase of a new, compliant hanging system which would come out of this savings. Sheri Woehrle and Jan Benshoof were able to find a reasonably affordable system, and we used it in the plaza for 2025 and we will use it for the entire show in 2026. We added additional funds in the budget to cover more hangers and extra drapes. The board also approved funds for signage. Any other costs for equipment or supplies will be covered under the LTAC grant funds for 2026.

LTAC GRANT 2025/2026– As previously reported, the Grant committee presented and received the LTAC grant for 2025. This grant was used to expand the show with the goal of bringing in more attendees, particularly from outside the area who would stay in local hotels/motels. These new additions are listed above. In late October we presented and received a grant for 2026. The goals as presented were similar to 2024 and 2025 with the addition of possible adding more space for classes and for new vendors should it be needed. Also, we will continue with outsourcing our social media marketing and advertising for show related posts. This was very successful in 2025 and we will continue and expand this advertising with the goal of encouraging out of town guests to come and stay in local hotels, shop in local stores and enjoy all that our WSQ Quilt show has to offer.

What is the LTAC Grant: The LTAC Grant is also known as the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. This grant is funded by the City of Spokane Valley and awarded to various non-profits or other organizations to put ‘heads in beds’ as they say. This is a grant to promote tourism for the City of Spokane Valley to utilize the hotels and motels. The 2026 contracts have not been prepared by LTAC or signed and most likely will not be until January of 2026, so at this time the final amount is estimated as far as the budget approval is concerned. [If you read any of these notes, come see Ruth at the meeting for a little gift!]

I would like to thank my committee for the help and insight they provide in the preparation of this budget as well as our board for the hard work they do throughout the year to support the guild.

Cheryl Clossin
Finance Chair

WASHINGTON STATE QUILTERS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 25, 2025

Meeting was brought to order at 1 pm and 6pm by Cathy Anderson, who was acting as president for Dina Pappas, who was unable to attend. Minutes were approved as printed by both the afternoon and evening members. The Volunteer of the Quarter is Linda Jackson. She received a voucher for a future class of her choice and a certificate. Thank You, Linda for your hard work and for volunteering.

Executive Board Reports are as follows:

First Vice President Glenda was not available, but Kristin reported that in January we will be having Charisma Horton from Charisma's Corner from Deer Park. Charisma is a quilter and a pattern writer. In April we will have our very own Cheryl Clossin, who does beautiful hand embroidery. In July we will be presenting Jennifer Wagner from Snap Dragon Quilting, Jennifer is a quilt pattern writer and instructor. In September Jaimie Davis from Loopy Tulip Designs will be with us. Jaimie has taught many classes and is also a lecturer. Our guest speaker today is Judy Gaultier. She will be presenting her lecture and quilts for us today. She will also be having 2 classes this weekend, Friday and Saturday. If you wish to attend, check to see if space is available.

Treasurer Cathy reported that the accounts are all balanced. If you have any vouchers to be paid, please send them to her ASAP, so you can get paid in a timely manner. Also, she is asking that you cash your reimbursement checks within 90 days. It will be especially important in November when the boutique payments go out, so the 2025 accounts can be balanced, and the year gets closed. We want a smooth turnover for our new treasurer in 2026.

Second VP Quilt Chair Janice Benshoof reported that the dates are set for the quilt show on October 17-19, 2025. October 16, will be set up day. If you are interested in helping set

up the quilts, please sign up. We are still taking volunteers. For the bagging party, we had 27 members volunteer. Thank you all. We couldn't have done it without you. We have 428 quilts entered into the show. There are still many spots available for the classes. Please don't wait till the last minute to sign up. This year we have many giving demos. One of those teachers is our featured quilter Robin Long. Also presenting are Kari Matthews, Melissa Bates, Connie Spurlock, Laura Estes, Susan Smith, Deb Waldher and Julie Slogan. They will be speaking on a variety of topics. Plan on participating and learning something new or getting a refresher.

Today is the last day to sign up consignment items for the Boutique. Please enter all your items at once on the website. If you need help stop by the table in the back, and we can walk you thru it. We are still in need of Volunteers. So far we only have about 40% of the volunteers needed. There are many types of positions available. If you need a sit down job, we have those; if you want to stand, we have that also. If you love to meet people, we have a meet and greet positions or if you want to be a hostess. Please see Paula Ferry or Cheryl Clossin. We still have spaces available for the Merchant Mall. We will be needing help in transportation. We need some strong bodies to help load and unload after the show on Sunday. Next year we will need a pair of volunteers to take over the job of Transportation. Our current team will be stepping down due to health issues. Now is the perfect time to follow them around and learn what it takes to do this job. This year we will have the traveling exhibit again from Cherrywood called "Poppy". They will be bringing in their award winning quilts, with their special color fabrics and designs. For those who use social media, please like and share and follow our posts so that we can get more exposure. Thanks again everyone who has volunteered. We appreciate each and everyone of you.

In unfinished business Paula Ferry reported that we now have our Board of Executives for 2026: President, Cathy Anderson, 1st Vice President, Patty Yedinak, Treasurer, Dina Pappas and Secretary, Clara Strom. We are in need of a 2nd Vice President Quilt Show Chair. If anyone would like to volunteer for position, please speak to our current show chairs or to Paula Ferry.

In New Business we still need a volunteer to do Shop Hop, Bus Trips/Retreats, Public Relations/Social Media, Raffle Quilt 2026, and Raffle ticket sales for 2026. If anyone would like to volunteer for any of these positions, your help is greatly appreciated. Remember everyone, we cannot have a quilt show without Quilt Show chairs. Seriously, think about volunteering; maybe you and your bestie would like to take on a challenge and meet many wonderful ladies who do this for the love of our craft....Quilting. Block Exchange winner for this quarter was Teresa Johnson. Congratulations Teresa.

Fair Ribbons Committee Cheryl M. reported that all of the local fairs that WSQ supports have been held. Pictures of all but one of the 1st place winning quilts have been posted to our website. Most of the monetary awards have either gone out or have been requested. I will follow up with the last 2 fairs to get the appropriate paperwork from those winners. Thank you to all who supported one or more of these fairs by entering your quilts. By participating you are supporting the fair and letting the public know that quilt making is alive and thriving in the Inland Northwest and letting the fairs know that you appreciate them by including the quilts that are displayed as part of their fair. Also, some of the fairs contacted WSQ about individuals who might be interested in Judging quilts. The WSQ board has decided to hold a class sometime this winter to learn more about judging quilts. Keep an eye out on the newsletter and the WSQ email "blast" for more details.

We had show and tell, awarded door prizes and took a short break. And welcomed our guest speaker. Our afternoon meeting was adjourned at 3pm, and our evening meeting ended at 8 pm. [If you read these minutes, come see Ruth at the meeting for a little gift!]

Respectfully submitted

Ernie Crann

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