

LEAGUE OF NORTHERN COLORADO QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

The League of Northern Colorado
Quilts Presents:

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Quilt History-The Fabric of Time

August 7, 2017

1PM

PVREA Building
7649 REA Parkway, Ft. Collins, CO



Lisa Erlandson is a compulsive quilt collector whose habit has led to several quilt-related specialties.

She is an AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles, lecturer, quilt show judge, teacher and quilt historian. She also owns Le Retreat House in Gainesville, Texas.

She learned to sew as a child but considered it punishment (and maybe it was). She re-discovered sewing in the mid-1980s as a drama teacher and made her first quilt in 1991.

Lisa has an extensive collection of antique quilts that she shares during many of her lectures. She has spoken internationally and teaches and lectures at venues from small local guilds to national quilt shows. She also judges quilt shows ranging from county fairs to statewide shows. She is a past president of the American Quilt Study Group.

She wrote the pattern instructions for quilts made by AQSG members and published in the 2013 book "Revival! A Study of Early 20th Century Colonial Revival Quilts" published by Kansas City Star Books. She served as the designer for the latest AQSG book: "In War Time: A Study of Civil War Era Quilts 1850 - 1865."

Lisa has a Master of Arts degree in Public Communication from the University of North Texas.

She taught junior high school, high school and college before deciding to focus on the quilt world.

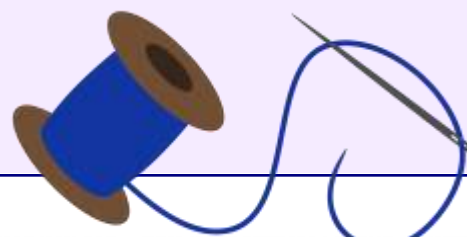


April Community Service Sew Day

Your Board sincerely thanks the following ladies that gave of their time and talents to attend the sew day on April 3, 2017.

It is because of caring members as these that LNCQ is such a giving and fun organization.

Applause to: Heather West, Linda Heier, Robbie Carpenter, Patti Smith, Vonne Zednek, Jewel Nickels, Glenda Prouty, Eileen Maelzer, Rita VanDyne, Nancy Parker and Sissy Young.



LNCQ Cancellation Policy Reminder

We would like to remind all of our members and inform our guests what the policy is for cancellations of pre-paid retreats, events and classes.

There will be **NO** refund given if:

* You have to cancel for any reason after the registration date unless your spot is taken and paid for by someone else.

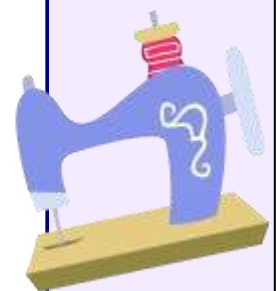
* You have to leave the retreat, event or class for any reason.

* You are a no show

We understand that there are always going to be times when the above happens. We would love to be able to give refunds. Unfortunately, the vendors hold LNCQ responsible for the entire cost and the League cannot afford to cover your fee. We need everyone to fully understand and accept these terms when paying.

We thank you for your continued support and participation in LNCQ.

Your LNCQ Executive Board



Chartered Bus Road Trip

Monday Sept. 11, 2017

Members only / \$35.00

Our first stop will be the *Golden Quilt Company* in Golden, then on to Parfet City Park (walking distance) for a picnic lunch. After lunch we will travel to Broomfield to shop some more at *The Quilt Store*. Our third stop of the day will be to visit A Quilted Corner in Erie, CO.

We will be traveling on a motor coach provided by Royalty Coach out of Fort Collins holding up to 54 passengers. There is a potty on board, food and drinks are allowed on the bus and there is lots of space for our purchases!

There will only be one pick and drop off location. Due to parking issues at retail businesses and limited space at the park and rides, we will be parking at the fairgrounds, parking lot A. Off of Fairgrounds Ave. turn west into the fairgrounds on Arena Circle. The lot is directly across the road from the McKee Building.

The bus will depart at 8:30 sharp and return around 5:30.

Bring your lunch, drinks and a picnic blanket if you wish, your sense of adventure and a shopping bag!

Registration will **OPEN** at the August 7, 2017 meeting/program. Put your check or cash in the envelope and sign the "paid" sheet. You can also mail your check in **AFTER** the meeting to:

Sissy Young
244 Camino Del Mundo
Fort Collins, Co 80524

*The deadline for registering is Thursday, August 31, 2017
A refund will be given only if there is someone one the wait list to take your place.*



Don't Drink the Vodka!

While at Spring Retreat I was doing some shopping at the quilt store and carrying around an expensive bottle of pressing solution. Pattie sidled up to me and put a bug in my ear, one she had received from Eunice. I put the bottle back on the shelf. Following is an article that I came across when I googled "pressing with vodka". Patti has a "story to tell" concerning her bottle of vodka! Ask her next time you see her. ~Sissy~

Spray Starch Alternative:

Taken from www.karensfabricobsession.com

I have grown frustrated with the outrageously priced or the continued clogging of store bought fabric starch. I have been on a mission searching high and low for other alternatives, as I am a little obsessive in making sure my seams are neatly ironed when making my quilt blocks.

I first stumbled across a recipe for homemade spray starch by slowly dissolving corn starch in water. I mixed up a batch, and gave it a test run. It seemed to work alright, but I still wasn't sold and I quickly tired of shaking my spray bottle at each ironing because the starch seemed to settle at the bottom.

Low and behold, I came across Freckled Whimsy's Tidbit Tuesday posting "*Vodka for Starch Spray*". Of course, the title is what caught my eye, and I thought...What the Heck, I'll give it a try.

I figured I would use some rock-gut vodka I had on hand and which I use for various household cleaning projects. There are endless uses for this particular spirit, so keeping a cheap bottle accessible is very handy. Don't use your specialty drinking vodka --- save the good stuff to toast your new discovery!!

Mix 1 part vodka to 3 parts water (i.e. 1/4 cup vodka to 3/4 cup water), and pour into a 16 oz. spray bottle.

I also added several drops of lavender fragrance (do not use fragrance oils as they will spot your fabric) to make it smell pretty. Cap the bottle, and shake to ensure the fragrance is distributed well. Voila! It works great! It smells fantastic!

An Evening with Karen McTavish

I attended the Longmont Quilting Guild's evening with Karen McTavish. I would like to thank Rebecca Weiss, Program Director for the Longmont Quilting Guild, for getting Karen to Colorado. I began following Karen in the 90's after reading an internet article about her work as a long-arm quilter in Minnesota. Since then Karen has put her mark on the quilting world with her own style of beautiful, dense quilting. To say that Karen has been my inspiration is a gross understatement. What drew me to Karen was her obvious struggle in finding her own place in the quilting world. Karen certainly doesn't fit your idea of a quilter with her many tattoos and dreadlock hair. She brought this up during her speech that evening as she told the story of praying for gray hair so she would "fit in" to the quilting world. Instead, Karen forged her own path with unusual style, technique and a personal bravado I find so refreshing. All of her work is hand guided, and for me, being a computer guided junkie, she has again given me the inspiration of reaching beyond my comfort level and trying something new. Thank you time meeting you!



beyond my comfort level and trying Karen. It was a dream of a life-

Lori Willey-Rose Cottage Quilting



League of Northern Colorado Quilter's "FUN"draising Event

MINI QUILT PRETREAT

June 5 and 6, 2017

"The Barn"

Highland Meadows Golf Course, 6300 Highland Meadows Parkway

Doors will open **Monday** morning, June 5th at 8 AM. The sewing room will close at 9 PM Monday night.

Doors will reopen at 8 AM on Tuesday the 6th. Closing time on Tuesday is 6 PM. You may come and go throughout the retreat if needed.

Members \$20.00 / guests \$35.00 (if space available; filled after members deadline of Monday, May 29th.)

There is space for 50 quilters. The **earliest** you may mail in your form and payment is **Monday, May 22nd**. This is first come first served determined by the post mark on the envelope. If more than 50 come in all at once there will be a drawing. (If you have not received confirmation by Thursday, May, 25, let Sissy know. Sometimes they get lost along the way!)

Refunds will be given only if your spot is filled by someone on the wait list.

Space will be reserved for Monday night dinner (Dutch treat) at Pueblo Viejo. If you would like to join us please mark it on the form. A complimentary continental breakfast will be offered both mornings. Feel free to bring your lunch and or dinner on both days or go out for something. The Tavern is close by and food and beverage may be purchased there. You may also order in from anywhere that delivers. Coffee and tea will be available at no charge during the retreat. There is a refrigerator and an ice machine is available. Feel free to bring any food or beverage you wish.

There will be room for your design board and auxiliary table. We will be working on our individual projects. The only interruptions will be to laugh, cheer someone on and eat and drink. (That is a very important part of quilting!)

On Monday, June 5th, Becky Williamson will be offering a class using the "Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star Ruler". You will need to purchase the ruler before the class if you wish to attend. It can be found at www.deb-tuckers-studio-180-design.myshopify.com. Look for the *Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star* ruler. Please contact Sissy at sissylncq@gmail.com to sign up. The class cost is \$10.00 and you will pay Becky at retreat. More info will follow if you sign up.

Everyone attending will be expected to help with the set-up, take down and cleanup. (This venue cost us nothing, so it is the least we can do.) Thanks.

Mini Retreat Registration

Name: _____

Dinner on Monday evening? Y N

Mail to: (make checks out to LNCQ)

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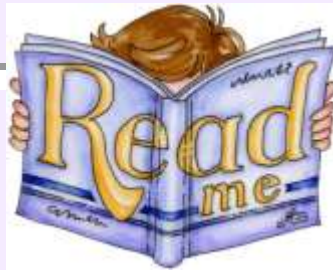
Registration opens on Monday, May 22, 2017

SPRING RETREAT by Kim Darrow

And a wonderful time was had by all! This was my second Spring Retreat and it was just as awesome as the first one. 40 of us gathered at Little America in Cheyenne for four days of almost non-stop sewing, visiting, laughing, eating, and a little bit of ripping out. In addition to sewing, we took our chances with the Left-Right-Canter game rolling dice to win Fat Quarters...winner takes all. Contributing and taking to/from the "Give and Take Table" was great for cleaning out our cupboards and a boost to the budget as well. Also an auction was held for a donated Die Cutting machine and a donated Serger...great deals for the winners and we were able to make some money for next year's retreat to boot. To show off our work we embraced TADA moments... this is when we stand up and shout "TADA" from our seats for completions etc.there's always lots of applause and oohs and ahs, which of course all quilters love to hear! Yes, the retreat was a resounding success as there were absolutely no fistfights or menopausal emotional breakdowns! (This ending sentence from my dear husband...blame him!) post-came



Presidents Corner:



May 2017

I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful snow with much needed moisture!

spring, along with the late

LNCQ has grown to 102 members now and we are so happy to have so many wonderfully diverse quilters among us. The board and committee members made personal phone calls to each member, just to see how they feel about LNCQ. The good news is there were many positive comments made and some very good suggestions also. So, thank you for your input.

The June quilting two-day retreat at the Highland Meadows barn will be an experiment!! Yes, another one. I am going to invite some friends that are quilters but not a part of LNCQ and this is a wonderful time to invite a friend. We will have plenty of room so hope you can come for as long as you would like.

A good time was had by all at the Spring Retreat at Little America!! I also wanted to thank Carolyn, Becky and Lori for taking on next year's Spring retreat! Also, a big thank you to all the Committee members for their enthusiasm, input and commitment to LNCQ.

Look forward to seeing you June 5th and 6th.

Eunice Michalka

2017 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

April 3, 2017.....Community Service Sew Day

*Quilter's Dream, 517 Denver Ave., Loveland, CO
10 AM until 3 PM*

April 20-23, 2017.....Spring Retreat at Little America in Cheyenne, WY

May 1, 2017..... "A Special Event"

*Yellow Creek Designs, home of the "Kindred Spirits Club"
Quilter's Dream, 517 Denver Ave., Loveland, CO 970-461-3452
Short program at 10:00 AM immediately followed by the workshop
\$30.00 for an all day workshop/lunch \$10.00 extra
Registration and pre-payment through Quilter's Dream is required for the workshop*

June 5 and 6, 2017.....Mini quilt retreat

*Poudre Valley REA Bldg., 7649 REA Parkway, Fort Collins
8:00 AM until 10 PM on the 5th and 8:00 AM until 6 PM on the 6th.
Members \$20.00 guests \$45.00 (if space available after members deadline)
Registration and prepayment is required.*

August 7, 2017.....Quilting historian Lisa Erlandson program, "Quilt History-A Fabric in Time"

*1:00 PM
Poudre Valley REA Bldg. 7649 REA Parkway, Fort Collins*

September 11, 2017.....Road Trip by chartered bus

*8:30 until approx. 5:30
\$35.00 bus fee registration and pre-payment required: members only*

October 2-5, 2017.....Fall Quilt Camp at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, CO

Members only

November 6, 2017.....Community Service Sew Day

December 4, 2017.....Christmas party

