



## President's Update By Nancy Parker

Introduction: Thank you for entrusting the leadership of our Board to me this year. I am honored to be able to serve in this way. My task is easy, though, because we have an outstanding Board. Each member takes her job seriously, performing her duties with diligence, creativity and thoroughness. Since I am relatively new to LNCQ, I will share a bit of my quilting journey.

I made my first quilt in the Spring of 1995 as a collaboration with another woman when we were approached by my son's room parent and asked to make a quilt for his teacher, who was getting married. Neither of us had actually made a quilt, but we were both sewers and there was a quilt shop near the school, so off we went for advice. We were given excellent advice, the quilt turned out well and we were off. That summer I signed up for my first class, and made a watercolor quilt that still hangs in my sewing room.

What I have always loved most about being a quilter is the wonderful women I have met who also enjoy this pastime. I love retreats, shop hops, going to quilt shows and taking workshops. There seems to always be more to learn, see and do. Although I am officially retired, I work two days a week at The Fig Leaf and use my earnings to fund my quilt travel. Life is good! Now for the real news...

**General Meetings:** Sissy Young is very forward-thinking and has lined up wonderful speakers not only for this year, but through 2020 as well. She is currently contacting people for 2021. We are being blessed by her strong organizational skills.

Our February speaker, Jennifer Rapaki, was excellent and I came away deeply regretting the fact that we didn't have a workshop with her. Sissy spoke with her about planning to have her back, perhaps to have a workshop on her weaving technique. I know I'll sign up for that right away!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 6th and Suzanne Marshall will be our guest presenter. The workshop will be from 8:30-12:30 and our General

Meeting will begin at 1:30, all in our new meeting place, the Best Western in Loveland.

On August 5th, our 1:30 meeting will involve Quilter's Bingo and pie eating. What could be better? You can start the day by arriving at 8:30 for a workshop/sewing time. The more time we spend together, the better!

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November 4th, Kate Colleran, who lives near Denver, will present, "Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer". following a morning workshop. We have so many talented quilters nearby!

Our last meeting of the year will be our annual Christmas Luncheon, on December 2nd, also at the Best Western.

**Retreats and Events:** Our Retreats/Events Coordinator, Patti Smith, has taken on her task with great gusto. She does an excellent job of providing guidance to each one in charge of a retreat, without micromanaging the situation. The January Sew and Go Home and the April Cheyenne Retreat, Boots and Bobbins, were well run and well attended. I went to the Cheyenne Retreat for the first time earlier this month and enjoyed it immensely. I enjoyed getting to know the lovely ladies I shared a table with, eating the tasty food (including an ice cream cone, of course), seeing the amazing creativity of our fellow guild members, playing LRC, watching the snow fall and taking quilt shop excursions. I'm already looking forward to next year's and have put it on my 2020 calendar, **April 2-5, 2020.**

But, we still have a few more retreats to enjoy in 2019. The 3rd Annual Barn Retreat will be June 3rd and 4th at Highlands Meadows Golf Course. This is another 'come and go' retreat where we bring all our sewing materials on Monday, spend the day sewing, visiting, eating and such. Then, we leave everything safely locked up and head home to sleep, coming back Tuesday morning for more fun together. Don't miss the chance to make new friends, spend time with current friends and get a bit of sewing, all at the same time.

The next event Patti has dreamed up is our Surprise Party. We get to arrive on Friday, September 6th with our sewing supplies and spend two days working on Mystery Projects, even having a Mystery Presenter on Saturday. We will bring home two completed projects, spend many hours talking and

laughing, have a BBQ on the patio and go home Saturday evening finally in-the-know about all she has cooked up. I can't wait!

Our last retreat of the year will be September 30th - October 3rd at Highlands Retreat Center. We will escape our cares and refresh our spirits in the beauty of the foothills below Mt. Meeker. Oh, and do more sewing, eating and visiting! We also love to go on hikes at Highlands, though be careful who you hike with...one group got sort of lost last year!

Please take advantage of at least one retreat opportunity this year. It is the best way to feel a part of LNCQ.

**Community Service:** The last sewing opportunity we have in LNCQ is for Community Service. Glenda tackles her job with gusto and has scheduled sewing days when we can gather together and work on charity quilts. She is also working hard to empty her garage of all the fabric she accepted on our behalf last year. She is very close! Come to a kitting day and help her complete the organization of fabrics into kits so we can easily grab what we need to quickly make another quilt for LNCQ to donate. Her upcoming dates of significance are May 3rd - go to her house and choose a back! (5062 Crater Mountain Circle, FC), May 20th - kit making day at The Ranch and July 8th - sewing at Quilter's Stash. Join in the fun and meet someone new!

I will end with the news that we are now up to 115 members. Welcome! to all who have joined for the first time and welcome back to our regulars. We need you all to continue being an awesome guild. You can view/download our address/phone list on our website by clicking on the **Members Only** link. You should have received an email with the login information. If you have forgotten, just ask!

Thanks for letting me oversee this wonderful group. I hope to see many of you next on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Your LNCQ President,

Nancy Parker