

# President's Update

Summer 2019

By Nancy Parker

Summer has finally arrived so now is a great time to split our time between outdoor activities (hopefully in the morning or in the shade) and those that can be done indoors. I am getting more sewing done recently and it feels wonderful! I hope your summer has already included special times with friends, family and travel.

I decided it might be wise to remind you all of the wonderful activities and opportunities we have as LNCQ members still to come in 2019. Be sure to add these to your calendars so you don't miss any of them!

The next exciting event planned is our **Surprise Party**, Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th. The more I think about this, the more excited I become. I have been fortunate enough to attend many quilt retreats and sometimes a 'surprise element' has been included. These are the little treasures and treats that suddenly appear at your sewing station or the special guest who pops in for the afternoon. Well, Patti has taken that concept to a new level! With this retreat, the whole experience gets to be a surprise, and I can hardly wait. All we know is that we will make two projects in two days, enjoy two meals together and spend Saturday with a qualified quilting instructor we have yet to meet. With LNCQ covering a portion of the cost, members get all this for only \$80. A bargain for those of us who are willing to trust Patti's excellent judgement. Registration opens Monday, July 15th and closes on July 22nd and there is room for all who want an end of summer adventure. Thanks for all your hard work on this, Patti!

## General Meetings:

Our meeting May 6th featuring Suzanne Marshall was fabulous. Several of us turned up in the morning to learn her unique technique for hand appliqué. Even those who don't love doing appliqué enjoyed learning from such an enthusiastic and skilled instructor. After lunch, we were thrilled with Suzanne's trunk show and the wonderful stories so many of her quilts reflect.

Our next meeting will be August 5th at the Best Western in Loveland. You can start your day by arriving at 8:30 for the workshop Sissy has planned. To see the lovely basket you can make, go to the link on the first page of our website. Registration is open until July 26th. Then, our 1:30 meeting will involve a brief business meeting conducted by Pat Limberg (I will be in Dallas at a quilt retreat), Quilter's Bingo and pie eating. What could be better?

November 4th, Kate Colleran, who lives near Denver, will present, "Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer". following a morning workshop. For the workshop, she has designed three new patterns attendees can choose from, all being released that day! What a wonderful opportunity for us. More information on this will be coming soon.

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

### Retreats and Events:

The 3rd Annual Barn Retreat was a terrific success with a lot of fun and a bit of sewing taking place in the lovely barn at the Highland Meadows Golf Course. The weather even cooperated this year, making the climate much more pleasant than it has been previously.

As mentioned above, our next event is the Surprise Party, September 6-7. Registration forms were emailed last week. I hope to share the fun with many of you.

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!

### Community Service:

The next Community Sew day is next Tuesday, July 16th at Stitches in Loveland. Come and sew anytime from 10-3. Glenda will have kits available if you are all caught up on your Community Sewing projects. Next, she has scheduled to events at her home in Windsor (5062 Crater Mountain Circle), September 13th - kit making day, and come choose a back.

I will end with the news that we are now up to 120 members. Welcome! to all who have joined for the first time. You can view/download our address/phone list on our website by clicking on the **Members Only** link. The User Name is **LNCQ2019** and the Password is **1stMondays**.

Have a fabulous summer, full of memories and quilting :) I will see you soon,

Nancy