

Upcoming Quilt Events April 2026

If your group wants free publicity, get details to me **BEFORE May 8, 2026** – early submissions are appreciated. My notes go out to about 500 quilters for lots of FREE publicity.

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## 42ND ANNUAL NEW LEGACIES: CONTEMPORARY ART QUILTS

This juried exhibition features the current work of the finest national contemporary quilt artists, June 26– August 28, 2026. Art quilts accepted will exemplify innovation in quilting and surface design techniques as well as excellence in artistic composition and craftsmanship. The goal of

the **LINCOLN** center

the exhibition is to recognize the world's finest contemporary quilt artists and to advance the art form.

Deadline to Apply: April 20, 2026. Apply on Call for

Entry: [https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals\\_unique\\_info.php?ID=17153](https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=17153)

Exhibit Dates: June 26–August 28

The Opening Reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 4 – 6 PM. Awards Presentation, 5PM.

The Lincoln Center Art Gallery 417 W. Magnolia St. Fort Collins, CO 80521

Gallery hours: **ONLY** Wednesday and Friday, 1-6 p.m. <https://www.lctix.com/art-gallery/>



Butterfly by Brian  
Clements



Chatelaine by  
Jason Cromwell



Flow by Peter Byrne

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUILT MUSEUM  
GOLDEN COLORADO** Galleries close to  
public on April 9 at Noon -for the special  
event

**APRIL 19 SUNDAY – CLOSED for EXHIBIT  
CHANGE -- APRIL 20 Opening day of NEW  
EXHIBITS**

**May 9 Museum closed**

**MEN'S EXHIBIT 2026** is RMQM's 18th exhibit of quilts made by men since its opening in 1990. This biennial tradition lives on as visitors love seeing quilts made by men!

**CONVERSATIONS** - A Solo Exhibit by Carol Ann Waugh

Carol embarked on this series of quilts to document her life by looking at important events that took place during significant years in her life. Starting with 1948 and ending in 2014, each piece takes the viewer on a journey through the past, touching on inventions, science, famous and infamous people,

women's achievements, and popular culture. When people view these pieces up close, they naturally start conversations as they try to interpret the words from their knowledge base.

**April 12 – Sunday at the Museum** Brian Clements has created at least a 100 quilts mostly just for fun. Each year he challenges himself to create something extra-fantastic for the county fair and other exhibits. He has had quilts in several of RMQM's Men's exhibits, as well as other regional, national and international quilt shows and museums. He has even ended up in a few magazines! Brian has long arm quilted for clients for 10 years. His ability with longarming is evident in his exhibit quilts, as it adds an additional layer of artistry to each of his quilts.

Brian will share some of his best insights, tips and wisdom at our **Sunday at the Museum lecture. Join the fun. Register at [RMQM.org](http://RMQM.org)** The 2nd SUNDAYS of most months RMQM hosts Sunday at the Museum lectures, free for members and \$15 for non-members.

**New EXHIBITS April 20 – July 18 – Celebrate America's Birthday with these traditional American quilts from the permanent collection of Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.**

**Medallion Quilts by Cindy Vermillion Hamilton ---** Cindy is a self-taught folk artist bringing new life to traditional quilt design using unique arrangements of color and pattern. Cindy has won numerous awards and has designed quilts for a fabric company as well as having her quilt images on magazine covers such as Quilter's Newsletter, and has quilts in several museum collections, most recently Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado.

**It's All About...the Face, the Place, the Story by Phyllis Cullen ---** A retrospective collection of quilts by an artist with her own diverse set of voices, of portraits, animals, landscapes, messages and stories. Phyllis is an internationally known artist, author, instructor, curator, mentor, activist, and retired physician. Her books on fabric portraiture It's all About the Face and More Than Just a Pretty Face, complement her ongoing virtual and in-person worldwide teaching, curating and sales. Phyllis currently resides and works mainly in Southern California.

**April 30th – Volunteer Open House – 5-7pm in the Gallery** – Find out where RMQM needs volunteers to accomplish outreach, education, and all the events. Many opportunities, both regular and periodic.

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**May 9– Fabric & Friends Annual Fundraiser Auction and Luncheon ---** RMQM Celebrates Colorful Colorado with an amazing Silent Auction and fun to start the day, followed by the Luncheon and Live AUCTION – MC'd by David Taylor! This is our major fundraiser for 2026 and YOUR attendance will help RMQM greatly! MUSEUM CLOSED the day of the Fundraiser. Tickets on Sale at [RMQM.org](http://RMQM.org).

**Kid's Kamp 2026** has grown some more – requiring additional donations of fabrics and some additional volunteers! If you can help with either, please call RMQM to learn more.

Hours: 10am to 4pm daily except Sundays when RMQM opens at 11am. **(Closed April 19 & May 9).**  
200 Violet Street, Suite 140, Golden, Colorado 80401 303-277-0377 Members Free- Non-Members \$12, (+65) \$10, 6-12 \$6, and under 6 Free Visit [RMQM.org](http://RMQM.org) for special event closings, and other details for planning your visit.



**QUAKING ASPEN QUILT GUILD ---NEW LOCATION IN 2026 Twisted Stitches**, 405 Center Drive, Superior CO 80027 (In the same center as the Superior Costco & Michaels.) There is plenty of free parking. Members no charge, guests \$10.00. In person (and via Zoom for members only). Doors open at 11:30, the meeting starts at noon, followed by show & tell, snacks and more.

**April 16 General Meeting, Business Meeting and Elections.** April is the QAQG annual business meeting & elections of officers to fill the outgoing Executive Board positions. The highlight of this meeting is the annual Challenge Quilt reveal. This year's challenge is to create quilts that celebrate our nation's 250 birthday. Visitors are welcome to come to see how this dynamic group operates.

**May 21 General Meeting Back Talk Lecture and Trunk Show Colleen Carlson via Zoom.**  
[www.quiltjudgecolleen.com](http://www.quiltjudgecolleen.com).

Colleen is a renowned Certified Quilt Judge. This lecture was developed for QuiltCon 2024 and is now her most requested presentation. All quilters from experienced to beginners will surely learn something new from this program. Colleen brings insight to how we piece backs, how to choose fabric for durability, to adding quilt labels and hangers. We'll gain a fresh perspective on how we choose our quilt backs.

For more information: [vp-programs@quakingaspenquiltguild.org](mailto:vp-programs@quakingaspenquiltguild.org) QAQG website:  
[quakingaspenquiltguild.org](http://quakingaspenquiltguild.org)

*Twisted Stitches*

Learn more about all events and classes at **Twisted-stitches.com**. Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 10-4, or by appointment for special events.

Whether you're hosting a meeting, planning a sewing circle, or organizing a creative retreat, the space was built to support the way artists, crafters, and fiber enthusiasts work and connect. Enjoy comfortable workstations, bright lighting, design walls, cutting tables, and comradery. Also, classes and longarming support, training, and rentals.

Join Twisted Stitches and The Quilt Store for a charity quilting session the **morning of April 25 to benefit ABC Quilts 4 Kids**. Held at Twisted Stitches.

**Please save the date for upcoming art quilt workshops:**

**Denise Labadie**, an internationally recognized art quilter, has a naturally engaging and warm teaching style. She will be conducting two workshops in early June:

Fabric Painting (June 2 and 3) and her five-day Art Quilt Design Intensive (June 8 –12), with intensive focuses on quilt composition, working from photos, alternative quilt construction techniques, texturing, and finishing techniques.

**Dana Jones** will be leading an art quilt retreat "Peace Cranes Over Hiroshima", June 19-21. Create a Foundation Paper Piecing quilt top while learning about negative space and using color value to create three-dimensionality.

Consider entering your quilts in your local county fairs this year. Some counties (like Boulder) have judging open to the public. Watch for your counties dates & visit the exhibits.

**2026 Boulder County Fair Quilt Show** <http://boco.fairentry.com>  
Registration Opens May 15, 2026 Registration Closes July 2, 2026

Check-in Time: Monday, July 27, 9am - Noon and 4pm to 6pm  
Judging (Open to Public): Tuesday, July 28, 9am until done  
Open to Public: Thursday, August 6 - Sunday August 9, 10am - 10pm  
Release Time: Monday, August 10, 4pm - 6pm

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The biennial **Mesas to Monuments Quilt Show** will be held **May 1-2, 2026**, at the Grand Junction Convention Center. Our goal is to have over 200 quilts with a wide variety and expertise. We are a nonjuried show. Show entry \$8.00 (12 and under free).

In addition to the quilt beauties, each day will have an antique bed turning at 11 a.m. plus a trunk show at 2 p.m. There is also an appraisals booth & Kids of all Ages Educational and Touch Center.

We have viewer's choice awards, a silent auction (or buy-it-now), 18 vendors from across the state and Arizona (listed on our website). As always, our SSQ boutique will be piled high with goodies, and our vendors are sure to bring items to help complete your gift lists for the year (even if the gift is just for yourself!).

Our website also gives information on where to stay and hotel discounts on two hotels right next to the convention center.

Concessions to include sandwiches and salads are available through the convention center.





## **COLORADO QUILTING COUNCIL**

[www.ColoradoQuiltingCouncil.com](http://www.ColoradoQuiltingCouncil.com)

Monthly meetings usually include a special guest speaker. Most meetings are in person and via Zoom, for members only. (So, consider joining and enjoy 10 well known speakers from the comfort of home.)

Registration begins at 9:30. Business Meeting and Program begin at 10AM. In person guest fee \$10. Visit [coloradoquiltingcouncil.com](http://coloradoquiltingcouncil.com) for information about membership, meetings and workshop pre-registration.

**10 a.m. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Meeting via Zoom. Captivating Compositions Deborah Boschert**

### **April CQC Zoom Workshop**

Graphic Landscape Fabric Collage- with Deborah Boschert **via Zoom.**

This is a lively introduction to design and composition in which Deborah introduces eight classic compositions and shares inspiring examples from traditional, modern and art quilting, plus additional examples from fine art. CQC members and guests will learn how using these compositions can generate ideas for fabulous, original work. Apr 26 9 AM – 4 PM

For more workshop information and to sign up: <https://www.coloradoquiltingcouncil.com/event-details/graphic-landscape-fabric-collage-2>

CQC Members- \$65 Non-members \$ 95



**Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival is at Douglas County Fairgrounds** and Event Center 500

Fairgrounds Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80104 Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

May 28 – 30. 10 AM - 5 PM Thursday & Friday 10 AM - 4 PM Saturday.

There will be numerous vendors from many parts of the United States. Entry fee is \$15.00 for 3 days.

Visit the website Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival, Castle Rock for a \$3.00 off coupon for admission. Coupons are also available from Cotton Sandwich Quilt Shop, LLC.

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