Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild

NOVEMBER 2026

Upcoming Wa Shonaji Programs

November 7, 2026– Lecture with Carol Ann Waugh

No member fee.

Carol Ann Waugh is a fiber artist based in Denver, Colorado. Carol Ann will share how her journey—from making charitable quilts to collected artwork—shaped her artistic voice, her process, and her understanding of quilt-making as both a practical and profoundly expressive medium. You can find more information about her and see a gallery of some of her fiber art at www.CarolAnnWaugh.com

December 5, 2026– Holiday Luncheon

Annual Holiday luncheon at CrossPurpose. **$40**
Payment Deadline: Friday, Nov 12, 2026

Mark Your Calendar!
The Guild's Most Festive Event of the Year is Coming!
The Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 5, 202610:30 AM – 3:00 PM

CrossPurpose - 3050 Richard Allen Ct, Denver, CO 80205, USA

Dress to sparkle and join us for a joyful day filled with delicious food, great company, entertainment, and a fun holiday tradition with Mr. and Mrs. Wright**!**

Bring a $15 gender-neutral gift if you'd like to participate in the game. Guests are welcome to play but must bring a gift to join in the fun.

Event Schedule:

- 9:00–10:30 AM – Dining Room & Quilt Exhibit Setup
- 10:30–11:00 AM – Social Time & Announcements
- 11:00–12:00 PM – Business Meeting
- 12:00–3:00 PM – Lunch & Entertainment
- 3:00–3:30 PM – Clean-up & Exhibit Take down

Buffet Cost: $40 per person. Guests are welcome.

Payment Options:

- In person: Nov 7 meeting (cash or check)
- Online: PayPal option - https://washonaji.org/payments/
- Mailing: to reach Connie Turner not later than November,12 2026

Payment due by 11/12/26
No refunds after this date.

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Stitch, Smile, & Win!

Quilt Guild Gift Basket Chance To Win

Basket 1: The Quilter's Cozy Corner

A comforting collection of quilting goodies and cozy favorites—perfect for settling in, stitching away, and enjoying a little creative time.

Basket 2: Sew Much Fun

A cheerful assortment of sewing-inspired surprises and fun extras to brighten any maker's day.

Get your "chance to win" tickets and choose the basket you'd love to win!

Tickets: $5 or 6 for $25

How to enter: Tickets can be purchased at the 7 November Meeting and/or at the Luncheon from the VP Membership Chair Reniese Johnson

Drawing: December 5th, Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Christmas Luncheon, CrossPurpose

Two baskets. Two chances to win. Endless quilting joy!

-- Reniese Johnson



Membership: Let's Keep the Good Times Going!

Ready for another great year?

Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji is thriving, with membership at an all-time high of 81 members.

Whether you join us in person or connect by Zoom when you cannot attend a meeting, there are plenty of ways to participate, learn, and stay connected.

Membership Benefits

- A free member-led class each year
- Reduced-rate enrollment in the beginner quilting class
- Opportunities to learn from talented quilters and strengthen your quilting skills
- Monthly Zoom access when you cannot attend in person
- Fun prizes during our name tag drawings

Renew for 2027

Find the 2027 membership form on the Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji website at washonaji.org.

Annual membership: $40.

Junior memberships ages 8-17: $20

Piece together another great year by renewing today—and keep the connection, community, creativity, and fun going strong!

-- Reniese Johnson

Celebrating the 2026 UFO Challenge—and Looking Ahead to 2027

2026 Challenge Highlights:

Congratulations to our October UFO Challenge finishers Joanne Walton, Linda White, Lynette Johnson, Wendy Williams, Nonetta Pierre, Daryn Miller, and Elaine Miller.

This year, participants completed 28 projects—or 29 with Adrienne Bryant's project which unfortunately was left at home. Fantastic work! Congratulations to Priscilla Brown, winner of the cash kitty, sewing machine pin, and UFO dice! Honorable Mention: Thank you to Dr. De Lois Powell and President Joette Bailey-Keown for their monetary contributions to the kitty.

Join the 2027 UFO Challenge:

If you would like to participate in the 2027 UFO Challenge, now is the time to choose three (3) projects you want to complete.

Eligible Projects: Quilts of any size, table runners, placemats (submitted as sets only), quilted bags made with a top, batting, and backing, projects from a Guild workshop, kits in your possession as of January 2027.

How It Works: 1) In January, submit your list of three projects**--see the form at the end of the newsletter** 2) Contribute $1 for each project and 3) After the lists and contributions are collected, I will roll the dice. The challenge will run from January through October, allowing three months for each project.



-- Reniese Johnson

New Members

- Janet Shafer & Jackie Snarksi

Sunshine and Shadows

November Birthdays:



3rd – Valerie White
4th – Vicki Tomlin
8th – Nonetta Pierre
25th – Luana Rubin
25th – Teri Washington
29th – Gwendolyn Cobb-Grimes

Happy Birthday! May your birthday be filled with rich jewel tones, crisp fall air and plenty of time to sit by the machine.

October Birthdays:

1st – Pat Allen
5th – Nanci Vaughn
8th – Julie Marsh
10th – Stephanie Hobson
10th– Alan White
12th – Alfreda Kemper
14th – Edith Shelton
15th – Kathy Byers
27th – Sandra Blackwell



Happy Birthday! May your birthday be filled with hot cocoa, crackling fires, and plenty of uninterrupted time at your sewing machine.

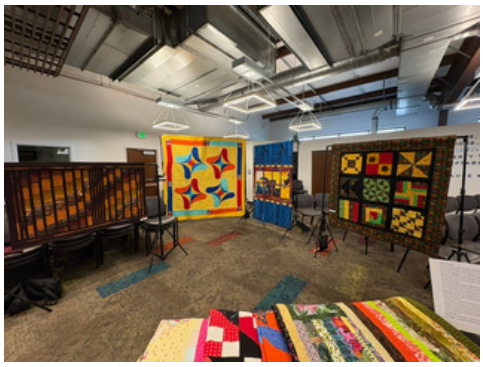
Wa Shonaji Quilt & Art Fair Recap

It was a fabulous affair. We had a great time welcoming our guests and getting everyone involved in the happenings. Our members were great ambassadors. The idea for the Quilt & Art fair was to provide an enjoyable event in which we could educate and involve the community. As a nonprofit, we should serve our community. This can be done through events and providing quilting education. Many of our members and the small business vendors provided an array of products and crafts. The majority of the attendees, members, and business owners said they're looking to do it again. Maybe next year!

--Priscilla Brown

Wa Shonaji Quilt & Art Fair Photos



















Columbine Trunk Show Photos



Another Artie quilt; Columbine president Jeanette Jenks introduces Wa Shonaji's trunk show



Columbine members with quilts by Artie Johnson



Wa Shonaji choir sings "This Little Quilt of Mine"





Wa Shonaji choir singing; Mary Lassiter on the keyboard



Reniese Johnson introduces Joanne Walton

Beginner's Class



Donation Quilts





October Show n Share & Completed UFO's



Quilt by Daryn Miller



Quilt by Elaine Miller



Quilt by Joanne Walton



Quilt by Joette Bailey-Keown



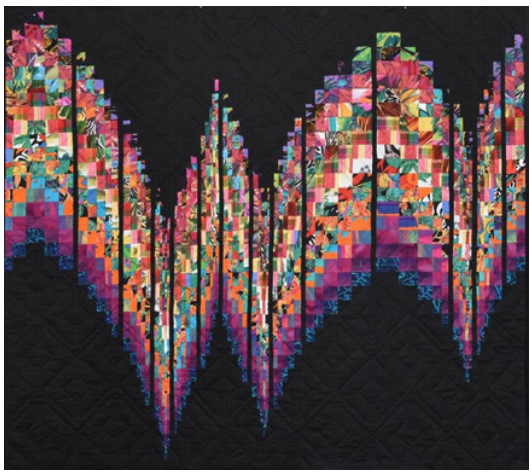
Quilt by Mary Lassiter



Quilt by Lynesha Laws



Quilt by Nonetta Pierre



Tropical Bargello



Quilt by Priscilla Brown

Retreat 2026



Joanne Walton



Chris Jacques



Priscilla Brown



Joette Bailey-Keown



Carolyn Somerville



2026 Retreat Project



2026 Retreat Members

Area Textile Events:

[Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum]

1) Through January 16, 2027– Community presented by Denver Metro Modern Quilt Guild

The Denver Metro MQG is a vibrant community of quilters who love exploring modern design, building skills, and connecting with others who share a passion for creativity. The exhibit is a celebration of togetherness, centered entirely around the theme of community. Each piece on display breathes life into this concept - whether it explores what it means to be part of a collective whole, was created by multiple members of the community, or was brought to life through their shared help.

2) Through January 17, 2026– Crazy for Quilting: Rita Meyerhoff Solo Exhibit

A self-taught sewer and crafter since childhood, Rita Meyerhoff discovered her passion for quilting in 1993 with her first sampler block quilt. Since then, she has mastered a wide variety of stitching techniques, specializing in Crazy Quilting and longarm free-motion quilting, which she also channels into her business, Heaven's Quilts LLC. An award-winning artist and dedicated volunteer, Rita actively supports the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum through fundraising, teaching, and serving on both the installation and collection committees. Experience the full scope of her talent and dedication in this special solo exhibition.

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. RMQM.org – for special event closings, and other details for planning your visit.

[Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild Exhibit]

Through December 12, 2026

Enjoy a special exhibit featuring quilts that honor history, culture, creativity, and community.

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library

2401 Welton St., Denver, CO 80205

2nd Floor – Reading Room

Hours: Monday–Friday, 12:00pm– 4:00pm

Admission is free. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends and family.

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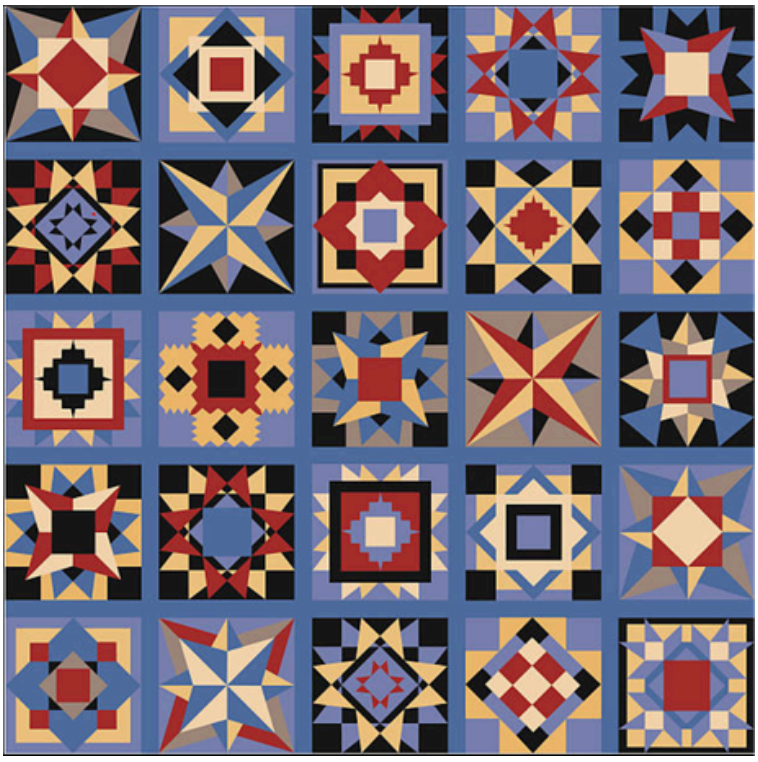
Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quillt Guild

Wa Shonaji provides a warm, nurturing atmosphere to promote an interest in quilt making and other fiber arts primarily from an African-American perspective. We educate ourselves and share our knowledge with others, based on the motto “Each One Teach One.”

We seek to encourage the work and accomplishments of our members and to preserve the tradition, culture, and history of quilting. Rather than judge each other’s work, we learn from it and revel in it.

All quilters, regardless of their interests or skill levels, are welcome. MONTHLY MEETINGS 11 am, first Saturday of each month (unless it’s a holiday) at CrossPurpose, 3050 Richard Allen Court, Denver 80205

For more information, visit www.washonaji.org or email washonaji@gmail.com





Thank you to our contributors Linda White, Reniese Johnson, Priscilla Brown, Elaine Miller, and Julie Marsh for their wonderful additions to this newsletter.

–Editor Daryn Miller

Are you UFO challenged? (Keep this copy)

Ready to finish three UFOs this year? Commit $1 per project.

Name_____ Date_____

List three unfinished projects and pay $1 for each. In January, a die roll will select the order of the numbered project to be completed; complete it within three months. Finish on time to receive your $1 back; otherwise, it goes into the prize pot awarded by drawing at the final Challenge meeting in October 2027. A project is complete when it is fully quilted, bound, decorated, labeled, and ready to use. Each on-time project earns one drawing entry. You must have at least three entries in 2027

Description	Started	Inspiration/Reason
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2		
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