



Common
Thread
Quilt
Club

The Common Thread Chronicle

August 2018

Upcoming Meeting: August 13, 6:30 PM

*Kathy Nicklas, Quilter, Embroiderer and
Knitter Extraordinaire*

Common Thread Quilt Club exists to promote quilting camaraderie in the Parker area through programs, sharing of skills and community service projects

QUILTS AND HAND WORK TRUNK SHOW

To finish off the summer, we will have local quilter, embroiderer, and knitter, and Embys member, Kathy Nicklas, give a trunk show of some of her wonderful quilts, along with some other pieces of her hand work.

Kathy has been doing embroidery and knitting since she was a child, and took up quilting as an adult. Along with pieced quilts, there will be hand appliqued quilts, quilts with wool work, some with embroidery and embellishments. And there will be examples of her knitting and Brazilian embroidery work. She is prolific! Come be challenged and inspired.

We also love Show and Tell items that you bring! Hospital bag donations always appreciated.



14th Anniversary

To celebrate the 14th anniversary of Common Thread Quilt Club, join us before the meeting at 5:00 for dinner at Cheddars Restaurant, located at Parker and Arapahoe in the southwest quadrant (Cornerstar Shopping Center).

Please RSVP by noon on Monday to:

skcur@earthlink.net

SUMMER CHALLENGE REVEAL

August is the deadline for the Summer Challenge. Please bring in your creations to show the group. If you have had a hard time with this challenge, it has been basically about balancing Value. Let's see what you did with this!

Common Thread Quilt Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Parker Adventist Hospital, 6:30 PM

Don't Forget to Bring:

- Nametag
- Show and Tell (especially Summer or flowers theme!)
- Challenge Project
- Bag Donations for the Hospital



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Looking Ahead . . .

Sept. 10, 6:30 PM Jeananne Wright
Feedsack Quilts

Oct. 8, 6:30 PM RMQM Tula Pink Presentation
and Project
Fall Challenge Reveal

Please Note: Check the hospital's board as to the room assignment the night of the meeting. We are scheduled for Inspiration A most nights, but sometimes the hospital reassigns us at the last minute.



Leadership Meetings:

Sept. 6, 5:30 PM Park Meadows Food Court

Oct. 4, 5:30 PM Park Meadows Food Court

These meetings are open to any member who would like to contribute further to the club with ideas and other help. We meet at a table close to the fireplace in the great hall of the Food Court.

Common Thread Quilt Club in "The Early Days"

Common Thread Quilt Club got its start in 2004. In August, four women met in MaryBeth's home to decide how to start a new club in Parker. Shirley Shannon, Renee Anderson, Heather Meyers, Judi Maxwell and MaryBeth were the first members. They met at the Parkglenn Fire Headquarters for the first official meeting, which became its longtime home until the facility was sold about ten years later.

The club did not have guest speakers for about a year. They realized they needed to collect dues for a variety of reasons (including speakers). Early on, they had a Friday Night "Fuzzy Slipper Party", which was mostly a sew-in. They had a baked potato potluck. There was a "wear a hat" night. They began Member's Showcase, which is a tradition to this day. Judi found fun ice breakers to start the meetings.

They also organized their own "Shop Hop". Judi contacted the stores from a list of shops the ladies predetermined and asked for a discount. She also prepared a question (Scavenger Hunt?) for each shop, such as "How Many Bolts of Red Fabric?"

Margaret Philpot organized a games night. They had two "Collections Nights", and The Ugly Quilt Contest. And they organized a trip to see the quilts at the capitol in Denver.

Heather John adds that Judi Maxwell designed the logo and unveiled it in the September 2005 newsletter (so, by one year after starting the club, there was a newsletter being put out). In February 2006 the program was Paper Piecing instruction by Diane Zirin. Sonya Rosenthal presented Embellished Postcards the next month.

April 2006 was Fat Quarter Shuffle by Roxann Bennett. In August 2006 they had a guest speaker, Pat Melani presenting a program on the history of Hawaiian quilting. Nobody knows for sure if she was actually the first official guest speaker.

Obviously there was a lot of fun, creativity, and member participation in the early days of the club. A number of members have moved out of the area. Some have found other groups in the area. But we hope Common Thread Quilt Club will continue on into the following decade with new inspiration and we welcome new faces. If you would like to make suggestions for activities, please contact one of the leadership names on page 2. We appreciate your participation.

*Quilting, Fiber Events and Exhibits
Colorado*

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum <https://www.rmqm.org/>

Pieced Together: Patchwork Quilts from Russia

Evolutions Winner 2017 Solo Show -- Jill Kerttula

Both run through October 20

Quilter's Treasurers RMQM Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, August 18, 9 AM to 1 PM

Lincoln Center <http://www.lctix.com/exhibitions>

Fort Collins, CO

36th Annual New Legacies: Contemporary Art Quilts

Thru September 1



Colorado Quilt Council “Quilt-A-Fair”

http://0383cc6.netsolhost.com/wordpress1/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Newsletter-8_2018-online.pdf

Boulder County Fairgrounds

September 21-22, 9 AM to 5 PM

Echter’s Quilt Show

57th Avenue & Garrison, Arvada 303-424-7979

October 5-7, Please check with Echter’s Garden Center for store hours

For various summer events in the U.S. go to: <https://festivalnet.com/>

Quilt Websites Worth Checking Out:

The National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY
<https://quiltmuseum.org/>

Pacific Northwest Quilts & Fiber Arts Museum,
LaConner, WA
<https://www.qfamuseum.org/>

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles
<https://www.sjqquiltmuseum.org/>

New England Quilt Museum
<http://nequiltmuseum.org/index.html>

Texas Quilt Museum
<http://texasquiltmuseum.org/>

Hawaiian Quilt Museum
<https://konahqm.org/>



Fabric Manufacturers' Websites:

Look up some of your favorite quilt fabric manufacturers (Moda, Hoffman, etc.). They will usually have free quilt patterns available for download, often connected with their fabric designers and lines of fabric.

https://www.thecalicocottagequiltshop.com/content/Free_Patterns/1008

<https://www.quiltersstore.com.au/freebies/FreePatternsFabricManufacturers-368/>

<https://www.fabricdepot.com/attrib/manufacturer/quilting-fabrics>



Though we're still in the heat of the summer, a couple of our fall projects need to get kicked off in September (right around the corner!)



We need a **Stocking Coordinator**. This involves contacting the Parker Task Force to see how many Christmas stockings they would like donated this year. The club usually has a sew day in the fall, and Kathy could arrange a work space. Plus, you would promote the stocking drive over the next couple of months. Last year, many more stockings were donated than anticipated or promised! The Task Force was thrilled. If interested, please contact one of the leadership team members or email skcur@earthlink.net

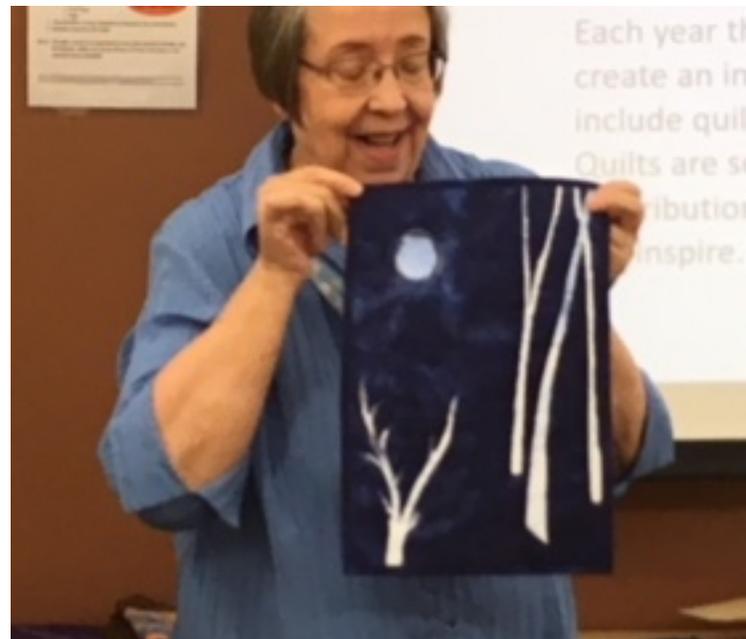


November is our **Annual Fundraiser**. If you'd like to help organize this event, or if you have some ideas for updating our fundraiser (generally, a Silent Auction), please contact one of the leadership team members on page 2, or email skcur@earthlink.net

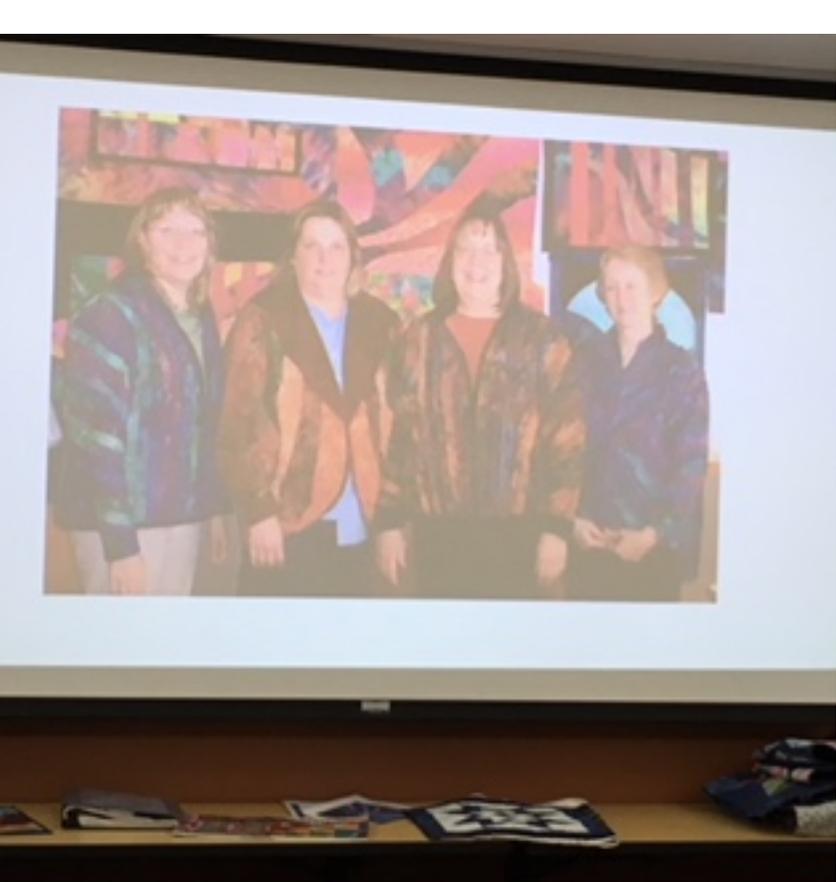
Photos from June's Meeting

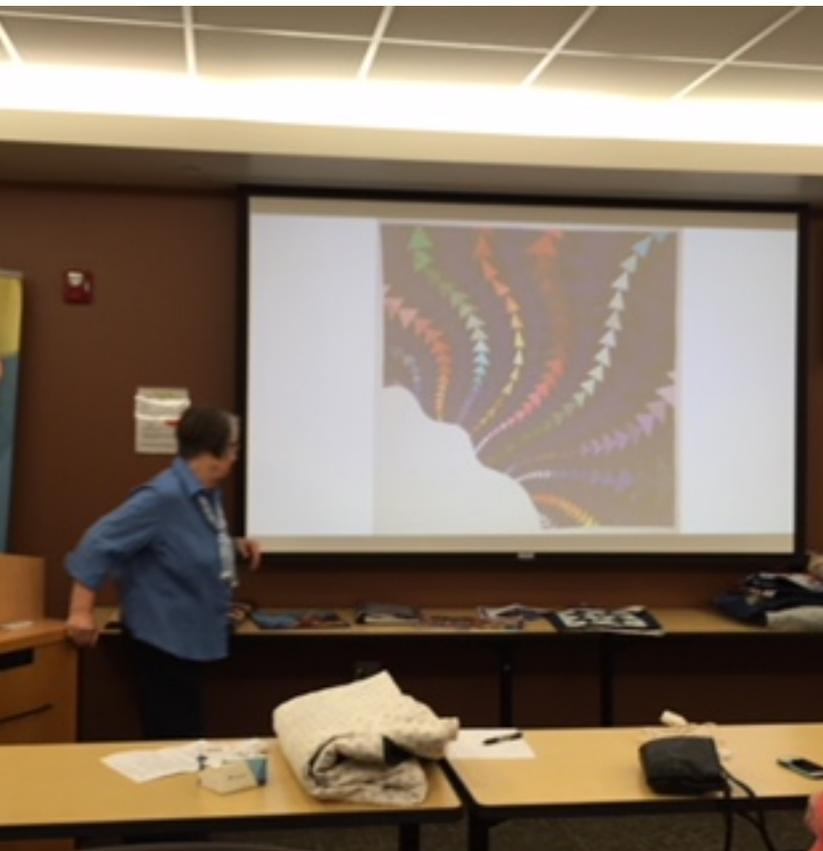


June's Speaker, Leslie Johnson, started out with more traditional quilts

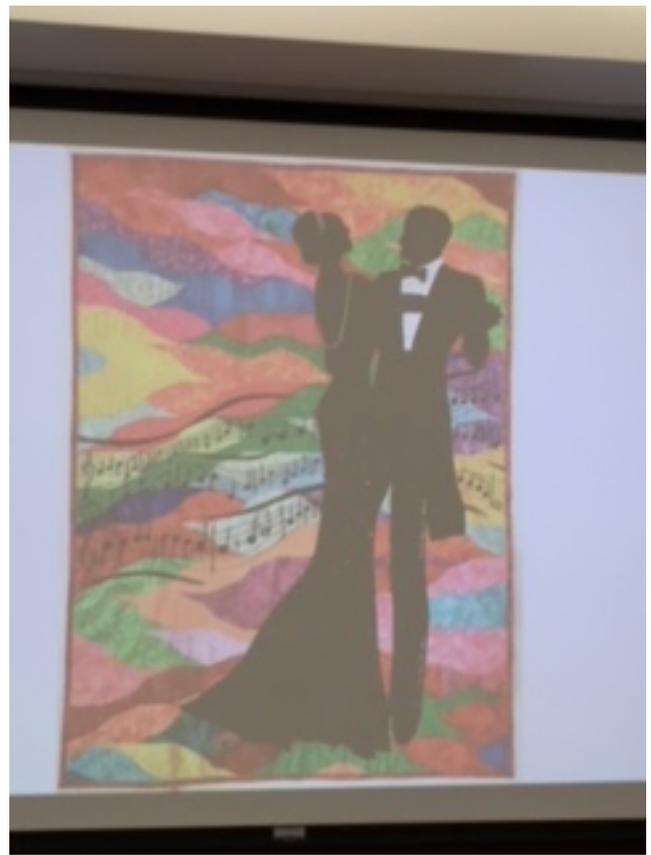
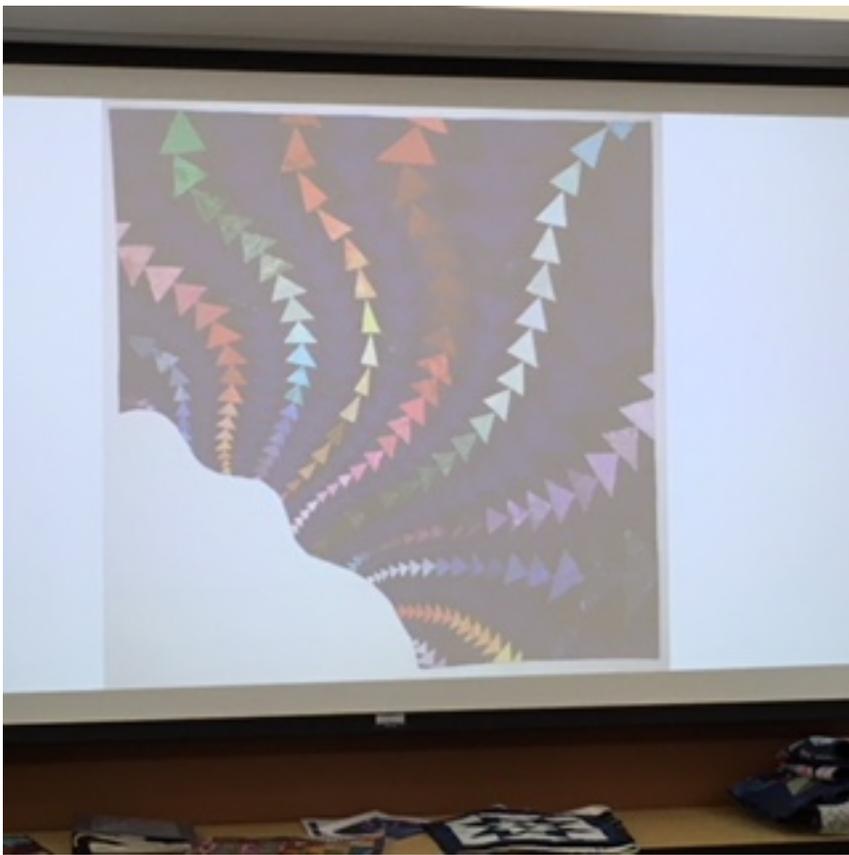


Leslie then progressed to quilts she designed, primarily because of "quilt retreats" with her three sisters, a yearly get-together they have done for years





What we didn't get to see in person were her Paducah award winning quilts, which are on the road and on display in various locations. She did explain briefly how she designs these larger creations



“The Ones That Got Away”
(or, what we didn’t see in person)

Show and Tell



Jacqui’s cat quilt



Ethel’s creative solution to enlarging a small quilt pattern



Cathy's creative handiwork

