



# The Common Thread Chronicle

January 2019

*Upcoming Meeting:* January 14, 6:30 PM

Inspiration A Meeting Room  
~ Collectibles Night ~

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

## SHARE A COLLECTIBLE, SHARE A QUILT

We are having an in-house meeting in January, doing something a bit different. Most of us collect something that interests us, even items that are sewing related. Find one or two items that you have enjoyed collecting and bring it/them to show and tell us how you became interested in collecting this type of item.

Also, please bring one quilt that you've made, large or small, and tell us something that appeals to you about this quilt. If you do not have any at home (do you give your quilts away?), bring a quilt item that you have received or bought that you'd like to share.

As always, we will collect any bags you have to donate to hospital cancer patients.



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 a winter theme or wool project)
- Hospital Bags



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*Looking Ahead . . .*

**January 14**      *Collectibles Night*  
Bring a collectible item and one quilt item to show

*Please Note: Check the hospital's information board just inside the garden level entrance for the room assignment the night of the meetings. We are scheduled for Inspiration A most nights, but the hospital may reassign us at the last minute.*

**February 11**      *Quilt as You Go Tips and Techniques,*  
*Julie Yandura*

**March 11**      TBD



*Leadership Meetings:*

Feb. 7,      5:30 PM      Park Meadows Food Court  
March 7, 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

## Quilt As You Go with Julie Yandura

In February, Julie Yandura, a local quilter, will be doing a presentation on Quilt As You Go techniques. She will show you how to break down those larger projects into manageable sections to do quilting on your home machine. She will have samples and tips to put your project into perspective. If you have a quilt in progress that you'd like help breaking down into manageable parts, bring a copy (8-1/2" x 11" would be a good size) of the quilt so she can show how to find the natural breaks or partitions in the quilt. Or bring the quilt top in that night.



Portion of an award winning quilt from QuiltCon 2018 titled *Aura*

## 2019 Activities and Project

A couple of months ago most everyone in the club filled out a questionnaire regarding what you would like to see in the coming year. We are in the process of coming up with ideas over the next year to implement some of these activities and preferences. It was clear that some of you would like to band together for a trip or two to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. And other local trips to quilt exhibits, fairs or quilt shops are in the works. We'll try to work some demos in with the year's programs and project. Any specific requests or quilting event that you hear about let one of the leadership ladies know. And you're welcome to take the ball and run with your own ideas for organized excursions. Get the ladies involved!

## This Year's Project

Instead of bi-monthly challenges in 2019, we are going to kick off a bi-monthly project in the form of a Mystery Quilt, but only part "mystery". As you receive instructions every other month, you will have a clear pattern to follow. Plans are still in the works, but we will give you fabric guidelines and requirements before you get started. Or you can choose fabric as you go, making your project more scrappy. Clear as mud, right? It will make more sense as we hand out the project instructions. There was a large response to having a mystery quilt this year, so get ready...

*Quilting, Fiber Events and Exhibits  
Colorado*

**Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum**

<https://www.rmqm.org/>

*Quilting in Paper - The Art of Jane Mathews*

*RMQM Fabric Challenge*

Exhibits run through January 19

Upcoming:

*It Takes Two to Tango: Collaboration Quilts and All in the Family: Family and Album Quilts from the RMQM Collection*

January 21 to April 20, 2019



Check online for Sundays at the Museum events from month to month

*Western US*

**Road to California**

[road2ca.com](http://road2ca.com)

Ontario Convention Center

Ontario, CA

January 24-27



*Eastern US*

**QuiltCon - The Modern Quilt Guild**

[quiltcon.com](http://quiltcon.com)

Nashville, TN

February 21-24

*Web Wanderings by Ethel Swartley*



**Mason-Dixon Quilt Professionals Network** - <https://www.masondixonquiltpros.net>

Although most of us quilt as a hobby, some of us may dream of quilting as a career, but how? Could we really make a living, enough to live on, doing only quilting? Unfortunately, we probably all know friends who have tried and failed. On the web this month, I came across the Mason-Dixon Quilt Professionals Network and was interested in the way this group of quilters in the Mid-Atlantic Region have banded together to promote each other in making a living as quilters. Their website shows that the women in this group represent a wide range of “professionals” – longarmers, hand quilters, teachers, appraisers, “fiber artists”, and authors. Yet the group is small enough to meet monthly in members’ homes (where I’m not sure what they talk about, but probably quilts!). To help the members promote their businesses, the MDQPN website provides a member gallery where each member can display 1-3 quilts, and the website’s challenge gallery shows how the group uses annual projects much like ours to grow together as artists. The challenge gallery shows a large shot of each member’s contribution alongside a detailed close-up of one segment to show the quilter’s style and skill.

### ***Winter Months Bad Weather Protocol***

During winter months when roads are icy, snowy, or temps are bitterly cold, please check email to see if a meeting has been cancelled. If you usually are not able to check email the afternoon of the meeting, please let Kathy or Jananne know and we will plan to call you in the event of a cancellation. Contact Kathy ([skcur@earthlink.net](mailto:skcur@earthlink.net)) or Jananne ([Garljr534@gmail.com](mailto:Garljr534@gmail.com))

### ***Directories***

There has been a number of requests for an updated directory. We are in the process of getting that put together and will send out a digital file with that info soon.

