



Quilt Guild

srvquiltguild.org

Meeting Time

3rd Thursdays

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30 General Meeting

Meeting Location

Calvary Baptist Church

785 1st St

Idaho Falls, ID

Upcoming Events

June 18 -

Regular Meeting

June 20 -

Chicken Bag Class

July 4th -



July 16 -

Regular Meeting

Christmas In July

Dash-A-Long Reveal

Bring a Friend

July 18 -

Sew Day

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY QUILT GUILD JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

A Sewing Room Chat with the President

Hello Guild Friends!

Summer has officially arrived, and I hope you're all finding time to enjoy the beautiful weather while still sneaking in a little sewing whenever you can! Between vacations, family gatherings, yard work, and everything else that comes with this busy season, I know it can be challenging to find time in the sewing room. Hopefully you're still making progress on a project or two and finding a little creative time for yourself.

We have several fun guild activities coming up.

Our Chicken Bag Class will be held **on June 20th**, and I can't wait to see everyone's version of this adorable project.

Thank you to everyone who signed up!

I've also decided to add an additional **Sew Day on July 18th** at the Masonic Lodge. Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost will be \$5, and we'll spend the day sewing, visiting, sharing ideas, and enjoying some quilting fellowship. I'll be working on my **Quirky mystery bag project** that I picked up in Malad, and I'd love to encourage anyone else who grabbed one of those mystery bags to bring it along and work on it too. It will be fun to see how different everyone's quilts turn out from the same challenge.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our **President's Bus Trip on September 19th**. I am still waiting for the official list of participating Shop Hop stores before finalizing our route, but I wanted to give everyone plenty of notice so you can save the date.

More details will be coming soon!

As always, thank you for helping make our guild such a welcoming, active, and supportive group. The participation at our classes, sew days, and meetings continues to impress me. It truly makes all the planning worthwhile when members show up, learn something new, and enjoy spending time together.

Until next time, enjoy the sunshine, keep those sewing machines humming, and don't forget to bring your latest creations to Show & Tell! Happy Quilting

Christy Christensen, SRVQG President

Getting to Know...

Lana Messinger



Where did you grow up? Salmon, ID

Tell us about your family: Widow, 6 Children and 17 Grandchildren

Describe yourself in 3 words: Friend-ly, Conscieteous

What's your favorite quote: 🤔

Do you have a longarm? Which one?

Yes, 18" HandiQuilter w/ ProStitcher

How did you get started quilting?

My mother and both grandmothers

What do you wish you knew when you first started to quilt?

Contrast of Color Choices

What is your favorite quilting tool and why?

My Bernina, rotary cutter

What's the coolest quilt you ever made?

Over the River - hand embroidery

What is your favorite color pallet? ALL

What do you like about guild?

Like minded friends sharing and teaching each other.



Membership

Hello everybody!

Ruth Haight and Jessican Drennan are our newest members!

Be sure to welcome them next time you see them!

Right now membership sits at 125

Fun Fact: Did you know?

125 years ago, the Commonwealth of Australia was created and Idaho State University was founded.

There are still a handful that haven't paid their dues. If you still need to pay your dues, stop by the membership table at our meeting or mail a check made out to SRVQG for \$25 to me at

Renee Estrada
1437 Alayssa Dr.
Idaho Falls, ID, 83402

Membership cards are available for those who have paid their dues.

Pick them up at the membership table.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out

Thanks,
Renee Estrada



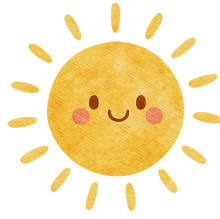
Secret Quilter

Summer is a good time to remember Your Secret Quilter!

Please take a moment to surprise your assigned quilter with a thoughtful gift.

Thank you for helping make this a fun and special experience for everyone!

Susan Collins



Sunshine

If you know someone who is having a hard time, I'm here to help! I am Robin Tate, excited to spread "sunshine" where it is needed. If someone is a bit blue, not feeling well, or going through a hard time, let me know. I want to ensure all members are feeling loved and part of this wonderful quilt guild family.

You can contact me by emailing sunshine@srvquiltguild.org or by filling out a card at the information desk.



Raffle

There's bound to be some super summer fun on this month's raffle table
Remember your stash money to buy some raffle tickets!
2 Tickets for \$1



Education

June's Education--Special Guests Kathy & Serena
Elevate the longevity of your handmade treasures!

Join us June 18 th for an inspiring and educational evening with Kathy and Serena from our own Guild, who will teach us the best practices for folding, storing, and preserving our cherished quilts. Learn professional techniques to protect your heirlooms from environmental damage, maximize your storage space, and keep your collection in pristine condition. Don't miss this opportunity to safeguard your quilting legacy!



Community Support

Christy gave us a Guild Challenge "2026 Hours for 2026" and "100 Quilts".

Don't forget to turn in your hours and your quilts!

Keep track of your community service time, including the time you spend working on quilts to give, and report your time at the next meeting.

Have a quilt or two to donate to one of our awesome community charities, bring it to the community service table at the next meeting and put your name on a ticket.

Our awesome community service chair, Trudy Stubbs communitysupport@srvquiltguild.org, facilitates all of our gifts.

Let's stack the hours and quilts in 2026!

Intraguild

Hello Intraguild Followers!

I am getting very excited for the things that are coming up in the next couple of months.

Don't forget to bring your June Raffle Blocks and Fat quarters.

June Fat Quarter Raffle Colors



This month bring colors of red, white, and blues!
(I'm sorry I have mixed that up so many times)





This Month's Raffle block is I SPY!

For June, don't forget to bring your I Spy Raffle Blocks.

Of course, mine have chickens on them!



Have you been preparing for the Christmas in July meeting?

I have my stocking all ready for the Stocking Swap. I have also come up with a fun way to do the exchange, so I hope that many of you are planning to participate. Remember that I also challenged everyone to **stuff their stocking with a pairing of "stockings" (Socks)**. Fun socks are always fun to receive. However, you are welcome to include whatever you would like in your stocking. Don't forget to read the size requirements in your folder.



Are you working on the Mystery Quilt?

Don't forget to stop by my table and get the next clue!

How about the Color Wash Quilt?

Such a good way to use up even the smallest scraps.

If you missed picking up an instruction sheet, be sure to see me at the interguild table.

The instruction videos are all posted on [the Guild Facebook page](#).

or check them out here:

[Scrap Buster Video #1](#)

[Scrap Buster Video #2](#)

[Scrap Buster Video #3](#)

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I hope to see you all at this month's meeting. Remember the **"Bring a Friend Challenge"**, too. Stop by my table and introduce them to receive a ticket in the year end raffle. Don't forget to stop and pick up your next clue for the Mystery Quilt, as well. See you all there!



And for this month's newsletter nugget,
download this email and [CLICK HERE](#)
Might be a newsletter drawing, just saying...

Shan

President's Challenge

Who is dashing along with me? And how are your blocks coming along?
You should have your pieces sewn into blocks this month! ... then get those blocks sewn together for our Dashing Along reveal at the Christmas in July meeting!!
Dont forget - that July meeting will be at Kate Curley park!!



DashAlong Sew Along

Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

Sew Along with the President – Christy Christensen

Join me for our **DashAlong Sew Along**, a fun and festive quilt project we'll be making together as a guild! This sew along is designed to be easy to jump into, perfect for confident beginners and seasoned quilters alike.

I would like to encourage members to use **Christmas-themed fabrics** and join us for a special **Christmas in July quilt reveal** at our **July meeting in the park**. Imagine seeing all the different interpretations of the same pattern—holiday fabrics, traditional reds and greens, modern Christmas palettes, or even scrappy stash versions!

How the DashAlong Works

- Members will work through the DashAlong quilt blocks at their own pace
- Sew-along guidance, tips, and encouragement will be shared along the way
- This is a relaxed, community-focused project—no pressure, just fun sewing together

You may choose to make:

- **42 blocks** for a finished quilt size of approximately **72" x 84"**, or
- **30 blocks** for a finished quilt size of approximately **60" x 72"**

Layer cake squares (10") combined with background fabric create a bold, churn-dash—style block that comes together quickly and looks great in themed fabrics.

Christmas fabrics are encouraged but not required—the goal is creativity, participation, and quilting together as a guild.

We can't wait to see everyone's DashAlong quilts at our **Christmas in July Reveal!**

Happy sewing,

Christy Christensen

President, Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

DashAlong Quilt Blocks

Use 42 or 30 layer cake squares (10") along with the required background fabric listed below to make a festive and fun Churn Dash quilt.

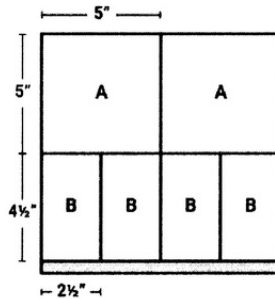
42 Blocks - Finished size 72" X 84" - 3-1/2

yds fabric

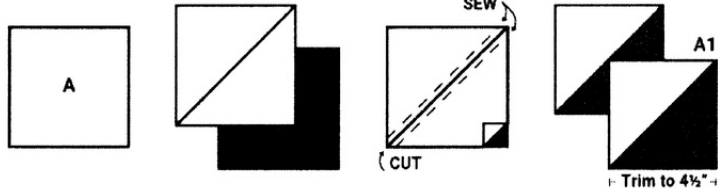
Piece A - cut eleven
(11) 5" x WOF strips
Subcut into eighty-
four (84) 5" squares

Piece B - cut nineteen
(19) 2-1/2" by WOF
strips
Subcut into one
hundred sixty-eight
(168) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"
pieces

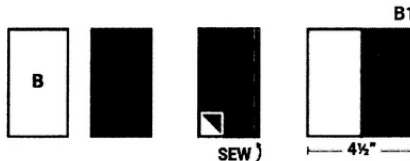
Piece C - cut five (5)
4-1/2" x WOF strips
Subcut into forty-two
(42) 4-1/2" squares



Cut your layer cake according to the diagram. 42 (or 30) 10" squares, depending on desired finished quilt size.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of background A. Pair each background A with print A. Sew 1/4" away from line on both sides. Cut apart on drawn line. Trim to 4-1/2". Make 4 per block.



Each Block
Sew background B and print B.
Make 4 per block.
18" Striped
Subcut 4 1/2

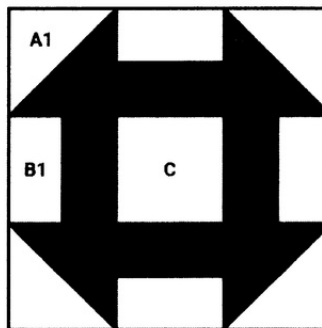
30 Blocks - Finished size 60" X 72" - 2-1/2

yds fabric

Piece A - cut eight (8)
5" x WOF strips
Subcut into sixty (60)
5" squares

Piece B - cut fourteen
(14) 2-1/2" by WOF
strips
Subcut into one
hundred twenty (120)
2-1/2" x 4-1/2" pieces

Piece C - cut four (4)
4-1/2" x WOF strips
Subcut into thirty (30) 4-1/2" squares



Assemble each block as shown in the diagram.

C Blocks Centered
Cut 4 1/2 x 4 1/2



Quilt Retreat

2026 ANNUAL SRVQG RETREAT

October 19th through the 23rd, 2026

There is still time to register for this year's retreat! We are going to Living Waters Ranch, which is just outside of Challis, ID. This is a beautiful facility built by Christopher and Debbie James (Christopher James is the co-founder of Raymond James Financial).

This is a well kept facility which offers a lot of breathing room. Celebration Hall (CH), the activity area, is large with good lighting, both ambient and electric. We have had up to 36 retreaters fit comfortably in this space. There is an abundance of electrical outlets.

Lodging consists of rooms shared with one other person, and each room has it's own bathroom, so there is a reasonable amount of privacy for everyone. In the mini lodge, each room has two twin beds and a bathroom with a shower. In the School of Ministry (SOM) building (parking lot level, currently full), each room has two queen beds and a bathroom with a tub. We are looking into reserving additional rooms in SOM at the lower or creek level. This will be announced if we are able to do it.

We do two meals a day: brunch and dinner. You will be assigned to a meal team with at least one other person, and will be required to prepare only one meal during the retreat. Meals are prepared in the kitchen of the mini lodge.

This is a perfect time to work on holiday projects, UFO's, or anything you like. You will have the option of playing "Left - Center - Right" for fabric in the evenings. A "free table" will be set up in CH, so start gathering your give-aways. There will also be one or two additional games (participation optional) as well as drawings for special prizes. On Wednesday, October 21st, Copper Mountain Quilting from Salmon will have their mobile quilt shop set up in CH. They will be open from approximately 11 AM to 3 PM. And, as always, we will have show and tell.

So what does all this cost? Right now we have 9 spots open in the mini lodge. Mini lodge rooms are \$210.00 per person for the four nights for a shared room. This includes the cost of your room, support of the cost of CH, and miscellaneous retreat expenses. If we are able to secure additional rooms in SOM, cost will be \$340.00 per person for a shared room.

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If you would like additional information please: see me at Guild meeting; email me at ckrsutnam@netscape.net; or call 208-521-4942 so I can send you the official information sheet, which includes a suggested packing list/reminder list. Please see the retreat registration form in this newsletter. A deposit of \$100.00 (a check post-dated to 10/01/26, or cash) will hold your spot. The balance is due on or before the September Guild meeting. You may turn in your fees to me at Guild meeting, or mail to me at: Connie Rafferty, 1580 E. 300 N., Roberts, ID 83444.

We hope you are able to join us in October for lots of quilty fun!

SRVQG RETREAT 10/19-23/2026

LIVING WATERS RANCH

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:_____

EMAIL:_____

PHONE:_____

DEPOSIT:_____ DATE:_____

_____ MINI LODGE (\$210.00 total for shared room) total of 16 spaces available

_____ SCHOOL OF MINISTRY ROOMS (\$340.00 total for shared room) total of 8 spaces
available

ROOMMATE

PREFERENCE:_____

A deposit of \$100.00 will reserve your spot. If you are writing a check, post date it to
10/01/2026.

The balance of your retreat fee will be due at the September, 2026, Guild meeting. School of
Ministry

Building rooms are at parking lot level, thus providing stair-less access to Celebration Hall.
Preference

will be given to those with mobility issues.

KEEP THIS PART FOR YOUR REFERENCE
SRVQG RETREAT 10/19 THROUGH 10/23, 2026

LIVING WATERS RANCH

A shared room in the mini lodge is 45.90 a night (42.50 + 3.40 room tax) for a total of 183.60 for four nights. We have included a fee of 25.00 per person to defray the cost of Celebration hall, which is 250.00 per day. We rounded up the total to 210.00. If you are choosing this option and submitting a deposit of 100.00, you will need to pay the balance of 110.00 by the September Guild meeting.

A shared room in the School of Ministry Building is 78.30 a night (72.50 + 5.80 room tax) for a total of 313.20 for four nights. We have included a fee of 25.00 per person to defray the cost of Celebration Hall, and rounded up the total to 340.00. If you are choosing this option and submitting a deposit of 100.00, you will need to pay the balance of 240.00 by the September Guild meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Connie Rafferty at 208-521-4942 or
ckrsutnam@netscape.net.



Exhibit Schedule Announcement

America the Beautiful, May 13 through September 9, 2026



Quilt Heritage Museum,
110 E Center Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.
Call ahead for seasonal days and hours (208) 776-5254.

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