Snake River Valley 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

July 16 -

Regular Meeting

Christmas In July

Dash-A-Long Reveal

Bring a Friend

July 18 (Sat) -

Sew Day

Aug 20 -

Annual Picnic

Kate Curlee Park

Aug 22 (Sat) -

Market Bag Class

Sept 19 (Sat) -

President's Bus Trip

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY QUILT GUILD JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

A Sewing Room Chat with the President

Hello Quilty Friends!

Summer is in full swing, and apparently, so is the Snake River Valley Quilt Guild because we have A LOT going on! First up—our July meeting!

We will be meeting at Kate Curley Park, 300 9th Street, BYOC—Bring Your Own Chair! I will bring a few extra chairs for anyone who isn't able to haul one to the park, so please don't let that keep you from coming!

I am so excited for our Christmas in July meeting and especially our Stocking Swap! I can't wait to see all of the fun stockings everyone has made. Don't forget to bring your finished Dash Along quilt to share! It has been so much fun watching these quilts come together over the past several months, and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone's finished quilts all in one place.

Elections are also coming up! If you have ever thought about becoming more involved in the guild, this is your chance. If you are interested in running for an Executive Board position, please let us know. Our guild runs because members are willing to step up, share their ideas, and help keep all of the fun—and occasionally a little chaos—going!

Speaking of fun and chaos...don't forget about our Sew Day on July 18th! This is an open sew day, so bring whatever project you want to work on and come spend the day sewing with us. Please make sure you get signed up and pay your $5 fee so we can get a good idea of how many people will be joining us. I'll be working on my Quirky Quilt Mystery Bag project, and I know several others have projects they're ready to tackle. We are going to have tons of fun!

We have our Market Bag Class coming up in August, followed by the President's Bus Trip on September 19th. The exact route is still TBD, but the cost of the trip will be $60. Please get signed up and get your spot paid for as early as possible so we can make sure we have enough participation to guarantee the bus. I am excited to see where the road takes us!

Then, before we know it, October will be here, which means it will be time for our Local Quilt-In!

I am SO excited about this event! Three days of sewing, visiting, activities, laughter, and spending time with our quilting friends without having to travel far from home. We have some fun things planned, and I think it is going to be a fantastic weekend.

Whew! See what I mean? We have a lot going on!

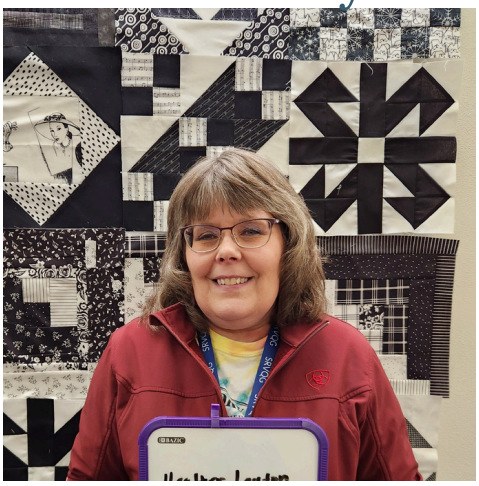
I hope you are enjoying your summer, finding a little time to sew between all of the sunshine and summer activities, and maybe even finishing a project or two. I can't wait to see everyone at Kate Curley Park for Christmas in July!

Happy Quilting!

Christy Christensen, SRVQG President

Getting to Know...

Heather Layton



Where did you grow up? Rigby, ID

Tell us about your family: Husband, married 39 years, a son and a daughter, each married, 5 granddaughters

Describe yourself in 3 words: Kind, Quiet, Loyal

What's your favorite quote: "Be still and know that I am God"

Do you have a longarm? Which one? No

How did you get started quilting?

My mom has quilted since I was young, I had a time where I needed something to fill time and I started to quilt

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

To always buy good fabric

What is your favorite quilting tool and why?

Ruler with lip on the edge

What's the coolest quilt you ever made?

Sampler Type Quilt

What is your favorite color palette? Purple/Pinks

What do you like about guild?

The Ideas!



Secret Quilter

For the next couple of months, we will be having our Guild Meeting at Kate Curly Park.
This doesn't mean our Secret Quilters should be taking the day off!

Remember to bring a little gift for your Secret Quilter so we can continue the fun and make someone's day a little brighter.
Susan Collins



Membership

Hello everybody!
A Big Welcome to Kathy Davidson our newest member!

Right now membership sits at 126

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

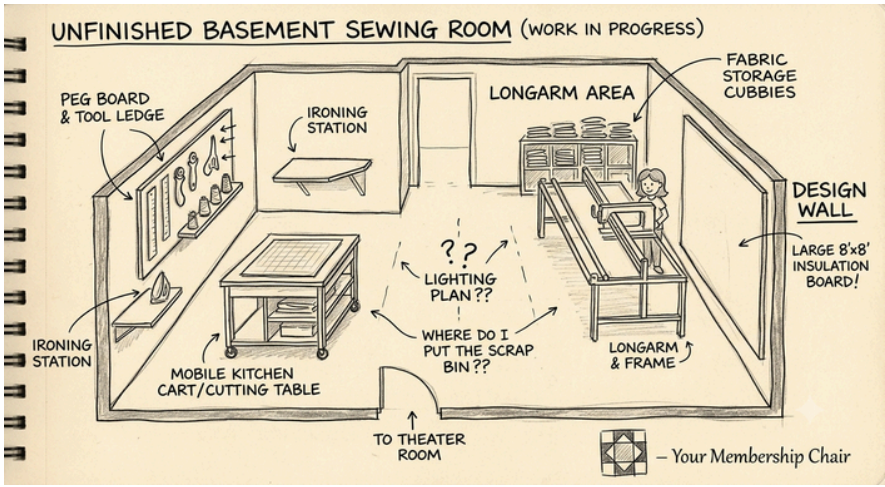
Membership cards are available for those who have paid their dues.
Pick them up at the membership table.
If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out

From the Membership Desk: A Peak Behind the Stash

I have loved getting to know everyone as the membership chair. I especially love seeing all of your talent during #whatchaworkingonwednesdays and show and tell!

This month I'm asking for advice. I'm currently in the middle of construction for my dream sewing room in my basement. As of right now it's still a mess but someday I will have a room with some awesome features including:
A mobile cutting station from a repurposed kitchen cart
Room for a longarm
A picture ledge trim for storing rulers and other tools to keep them handy.





What is your advice?

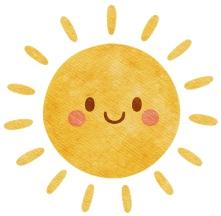
As fellow quilters, what is your advice about this blank slate?

Click this link to tell me: https://forms.gle/D4H5VZWWrjZueuCD8

1. What is something you've done in your sewing space that you can't live without?
2. What are some mistakes you've made that I should try to avoid in my own space?

Whether you've created your own dream studio or you're fighting for space on the kitchen table, I want to hear your tips for making the most of your space!

Thanks,
Renee Estrada



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

July's Education Spotlight: Taming the Scrap Monster

Do your fabric scraps have a way of multiplying when you're not looking? Is your scrap bin overflowing with "too good to throw away" treasures? You're not alone! Join our talented guild member, Alicia Williams, for a fun and inspiring presentation on managing your fabric scraps. Alicia will share clever organizing tips, practical storage ideas, and creative ways to turn those little leftovers into beautiful quilts and projects. You just might leave with a plan to tame your scrap stash—and a few new ideas for putting every last piece to good use!

June's Education FollowUp Resources from Kathy & Serena
Click to Download: Quilt Storage Cheat Sheet



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

Let's stitch up some Christmas magic in July!
But first don't forget to bring your July Raffle Blocks and Fat quarters.

July Fat Quarter Raffle
This month bring colors of Autumn-Colored Fat Quarters!



This Month's Raffle block is Carrie Nation!

For July, don't forget to bring your Carrie Nation Raffle Blocks.



Christmas in July Stocking Exchange!



Get ready for some holiday fun in the middle of summer!

Join us for our Christmas in July Stocking Exchange at the Quilt Guild meeting.

Bring your creativity, holiday spirit, and a handmade stocking to exchange with a fellow quilter. It's a fun way to share your talents, celebrate the season, and add a little Christmas cheer to July!

✨ The Challenge: ✨

Stuff your handmade stocking with a pair of fun socks for your exchange partner to enjoy!

Get creative and choose something festive, funny, cozy, or unique. We can't wait to see all the beautiful creations and colors everyone brings!



Are you working on the Mystery Quilt?
Don't forget to stop by my table and get the next clue!

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How About your 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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Remember the **"Bring a Friend Challenge"**, too.
Stop by my table and introduce them to receive a ticket in the year-end raffle!



And for this month's newsletter nugget drawing, download this email and **CLICK HERE**

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Do You Have a Longarm Quilting Business?

Wendy Skinner, our web manager, will be adding a new section to
The Snake River Valley Quilt Guild Website featuring Local Longarmers

The listing is free for guild members.
If you would like to be listed, please complete the short information survey at this link:
https://forms.gle/fRhq2UE9TxBD1vw38

President's Challenge

There's Still Time! Are you dashing along with me?
Our Dash-Along reveal for The Christmas in July meeting!!
See you 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" - 3-½ yds fabric

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

Piece B - cut nineteen (19) 2-½" by WOF strips
Subcut into one hundred sixty-eight (168) 2-½" x 4-½" pieces

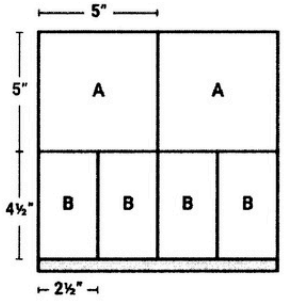
Piece C - cut five (5) 4-½" x WOF strips
Subcut into forty-two (42) 4-½" squares

30 Blocks - Finished size 60" X 72" - 2-½ yds fabric

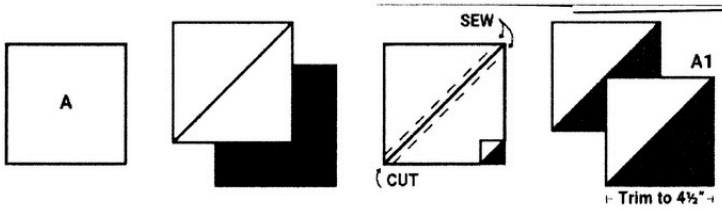
Piece A - cut eight (8) 5" x WOF strips
Subcut into sixty (60) 5" squares

Piece B - cut fourteen (14) 2-½" by WOF strips
Subcut into one hundred twenty (120) 2-½" x 4-½" pieces

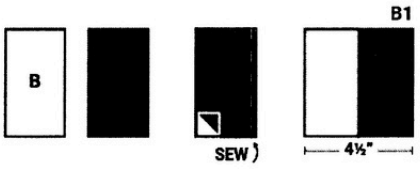
Piece C - cut four (4) 4-½" x WOF strips
Subcut into thirty (30) 4-½" squares



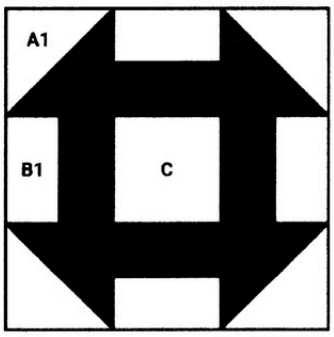
Cut your layer cake according to the diagram. 42 (or 30) 10" squares, depending on desired finished quilt size.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of background A. Pair each background A with print A. Sew ¼" away from line on both sides. Cut apart on drawn line. Trim to 4½". Make 4 per block.



Each Block
Sew background B and print B. Make 4 per block.
18" Strips
Subcut 4½



Assemble each block as shown in the diagram.

C Blocks Centered
Cut 4½ x 4½

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 7 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. This includes cost of the room, support of the cost of CH, and miscellaneous retreat expenses.

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.

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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.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY QUILT GUILD BOARD MEMBERS 2026

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Workshops - Christy Christensen & Celia Weekes
Webmaster - Wendy Skinner

If you are interested in serving in a position for the upcoming 2027 year please contact Christy Christensen.

Find us on Facebook!
See photos of recent Show and Tells from Guild Meetings and Sew-Ins. Or Join our group by searching for Snake River Valley Quilt Guild Group.

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