



Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild

Washonaji Quilt guild

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" In Memory of our Wa Shonaji Quilt Angels."



Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild was founded 23 years ago by Helen Kearney. The guild has been privileged to include numerous members with unbelievable talent. As the Newsletter editor, I had the privilege to know some of these people and the opportunity to see their work. This following Angels are remembered.

Kenneth Roper
Lori Loucks
Nanette Simonds
Glen Lyday
"Opalanga" Donnie Jessie Pugh

Ida Schenck
Jo McLaurin
Althea Redd
Brenda Breland
Irma Weekly



President's Corner



As the year 2017 for Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild winds down, we can say that so much has been accomplished by our membership. Did I say Wa Shonaji is **AWESOME**...

Beginning in **January**, Steve Bowley taught a class on Artist Trading Cards (ATC). "These cards are miniature works of art." As a result of this class, we were able to have a display at our Annual Exhibit at Blair-Caldwell African-American Research Library of cards made by a variety of members. **January** also was the beginning of our Block Exchange facilitated by Helen Kearney. Adrienne Bryant finished the piecing of her blocks at the Retreat, and Barbara Robinson showed her pieced top at the Christmas Luncheon. Many of you have your ideas formulated as to how you will complete your quilt. The "Women of

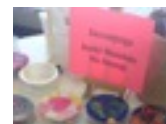


Influence" Block of the Month (BOM), facilitated by Artie Johnson was/is an ongoing project. Many of our "overachievers" have their tops finished, and in some cases, already quilted. **February** we were graced with our own member, and Storyteller Cassandra Sewell, who did a powerful rendition of her family's story/genealogy and also the story of Harriet Tubman. **The remainder of the year** was filled with exciting programs which included Sew-In's, Kid's Day, Paper-Piecing, facilitated by Brenda Ames, a Doll Show featuring a collection of dolls from our members, Iris Hawkins, Mary Lassiter, Geneva Lottie, Cassandra Sewell, and Marcia Walker, *Make and Take* for our **Christmas in July** program, facilitated by Susan Morrison, and as a bonus, Mrs. Loretta Burleson brought in a quilt made by a relative, which depicted her family's genealogy within her Family Tree quilt. Bargello revisited, facilitated by Marcia Walker was a class we all wanted/needed a refresher on. What a surprise it was to see so many beautiful pieces evolve from that class. Our new members, Stephanie Hobson and Laura Buchanan left me and many of us wondering, "How did they do that."

Our annual **Documentation Day** was a success. We had 30 or so quilts documented. Thanks to Edith Shelton for organizing this event.

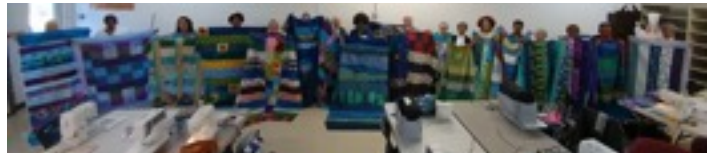
Other highlights included:

- Trunk Show at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in **February** was a huge success. Our Trunk show drew the largest audience ever for their Sunday at the Museum series.
- Trunk Show for the Smoky Hill Quilt Club in **June** was also successful.
 - *Did I say Wa Shonaji is AWESOME?* As always the Chorus is the added bonus for our Trunk Shows.
 - We will be presenting a version of our Trunk Show to the Front Range Contemporary Quilters on February 19, 2018.
- Brenda Ames and I gave a talk on quilting to the Beta Gaveliers at the installation of their new officers for 2017. Our own Susan Morrison invited us and was



installed as the President of the Colorado Association of Parliamentarians, Englewood, CO Chapter.

- Exploring Quilting with Kids for the Colorado Quilting Council in **May**.
- Donated Fidget Quilts to the Namaste Home Health and Hospice Center. Thanks to Connie Turner for taking the lead on this project.
- Participation in the Bead Bazaar at the Denver Mart.
- Our Membership this year grew to 48 members.
- Participated in Quilts for Hurricane victims at EQuilter in Boulder.



- Wa Shonaji Sent quilts to *our members'* relatives in the US Virgin Islands who were affected by the hurricane.
- The annual Retreat at Highlands Presbyterian Retreat Center was a blast. WE had so much fun and thanks to Karen Blackmon for organizing the Retreat again this year. IF you have never attended, plan to do so in 2018. You will be amazed at the bonding we do at Retreat.
- This year for our annual exhibit, you asked to “*Do It My Way*” and that you did!!! This exhibit may have been *one* of the best yet. It was filled with wonder and creativity.

To the Executive Board and Committee Members:

As we closed out the year with our annual Christmas Luncheon, I wish to thank *each of you* for your support. Without you, the Guild would not be what it is. It is just remarkable that this Guild has been in existence for 23 years, and has grown stronger each and every year. As you know, we have a committee in place that is already making plans for the celebration of our 25th year in 2019. I'm excited and hope you are too. The talent within Wa Shonaji is just outstanding. Did I say Wa Shonaji is AWESOME?



For those of you who will be leaving the Board or a Committee for 2017, thanks for your service and commitment to Wa Shonaji for the number of years you have served. You did your job with dignity, grace and fortitude. For those of us who are repeating the cycle, we have much work to do in 2018 and I know with your commitment and integrity, we will get it all done, and then some. For those of you who are new to the Board or a Committee, let me say up front, that this is a WORKING Board. WE look forward to all that you will offer to the Guild and I know your commitment to service will be rewarded by the excellent job you will perform on behalf of the membership.

To our membership:

WE will hit a milestone in 2019, as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a Guild. Consider running for an office and make it known to the Board, so that we can mentor you where necessary, and have you ready to serve in 2019. I am asking *each and every member* to participate in 2018 in some way that will prove to be beneficial not only for yourself, but for the good of the membership

In closing, I want to say that the Christmas Luncheon was outstanding. It was a change from what we have customarily done, and change is always good. Camilla, thanks so much for your organizational skills and for those who *in any way*, made our luncheon AWESOME. Seeing the quilts made by members on parade, and some of the ones from our own collection was so refreshing.

Thanks also to those who made a block for me, as your president. They are just beautiful and I can't wait to put them into a quilt. *I'm just saying...* I think there are about 20 or so blocks that are out there in the *Construction Zone*. I do hope your *building permit* has been approved, and has *passed inspection*, and your "wonky house" will be with me soon.

I know it is a tight market here in Denver, but I know you have been pre-approved (by Camilla) for your mortgage.

The Elected Officers for 2018 are as follows:

President - Joanne Walton
 VP Programs - Camilla Edwards
 Secretary - Geneva Lottie
 Membership - Sandra Coleman
 Treasurer - Nannette Locke
 Historian - Christine Jacques
 Parliamentarian - Susan Morrison
 Newsletter Editor - Pennie Estrada
 Librarian - Stephanie Hobson
 Past President - Milinda Walker



*“Whatever is beautiful,
 Whatever is meaningful,
 Whatever brings you happiness,
 May it be yours this holiday season,
 and all throughout the year.*

Sewfully,

*Joanne C. Walton,
 President - RMWSQG*



PERSON OF THE QUARTER



IRIS A. HAWKINS

Person of the quarter IRIS HAWKINS

When I first read Iris Hawkins biography, to say I was impressed is an understatement. We have a real powerhouse in our guild.

The following is an edited excerpt on behalf of Iris who was the 2017 Eleanor Gehres Award Recipient

This annual honor recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the Denver Public Library Western History Collection.

Iris has served as a volunteer and a docent with the Denver Public Library since 1992. As a member of the Black Genealogy Search Group which had been founded at the Denver Public Library, she was already interested in family research. Iris served as president of the Black Genealogy Search Group, and is a frequent contributor to the society's quarterly, *Black Tracks*. She's been the newsletter manager since April 2006, and also served for many years as the Library Liaison between the Colorado Genealogical Society and the Genealogy Collection of the DPL.

Iris holds a Masters of Social Work from the Graduate School of Social Work, New York University. Arriving in Denver from New York in 1991, she assisted the counselors at George Washington High School working with juniors and seniors. Using her skills and interests she's participated in the national conferences of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. Hawkins further honed her research skills by attending the national conferences of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Iris was cited in *The Power of Black Women: Progress, Predicaments and Possibilities*, a paper presented at the Anniversary Conference of the Association of Black Women in Higher Education, Inc, May 5, 1988, held in New York.

Iris, along with 4 others, transcribed and published *The American Woodmen Insurance Ledger: 5 June 1901 to 31 July 1907: Index*, 2007.

As an active volunteer Iris worked on the *Colorado Brides Project*, an index to all Colorado marriage records from 1859 through 1939. This resulted in the *Colorado Marriage Index*, a major resource for Colorado genealogical and local history research.

Iris assists researchers and contributes not only to the local and national genealogical communities but her talents serve the Western History researcher.

Iris was consulted and involved in *Black Genesis: A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy* in 2003 and is the noted author, editor or contributor of several works some of which include

- *1870 Colorado Census Index of Minorities*, 2001.
- *Colorado Statesman: Index of Funeral Notices, Obituaries, and News Articles: 29 October 1904 – 17 April 1954*, 2001.
- *Five Points Neighborhood of Denver: All Name Index*, 2001.
- *A Genealogy Book for Young African Americans and Others of African Background: A Beginning Guide to Collecting Family History*, 2002.
- *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917 – 1918. Minorities Enrollments*, Colorado, 2003.



EVER WONDER WHY QUILTS COST SO MUCH? HERE IS THE BREAKDOWN
AS CALCULATED BY LINDA WHITE

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 71" x 81" Quilt

Based on the Manipura Quilt where I kept strict track of time

<http://gaillizette.com/2016/11/manipura-quilt-finish/>

Material Costs:

Fabric for top patchwork: 10.5 yards @ \$11/yard = \$115.50

Fabric for backing: 2 yards @ \$18/yard = \$36

Batting: 2 yards @ \$18/yard = \$36

Fabric for binding: 5/8 yards @ \$11/yard = \$6.50

Thread = \$4

Spray Baste = \$10

Material cost for maker: \$208.00

Construction/Labor @ \$15/hr Labor Rate

Patchwork for top - 71 hours x \$15 = \$1065

Basting - 1.5 hours x \$15 = \$22.50

Domestic Quilting - 12 hours x \$15 = \$180

Make & Attach Binding - hand stitched - 8 hours x \$15 = \$120

Thread for Quilting - \$12

Labor at unskilled* rate - \$1399.50

*skilled craftspeople - \$20/hr and up.

Total cost of quilt: \$1607.50

*** This does NOT include design time, pattern making, educational costs, machine maintenance costs, or utilities. ***

NOTE: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, or a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.



November 2-5, 2017 – Fall Retreat at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, Colorado

Group picture, games, fashionista and more.



Put your right foot in, take your right foot out



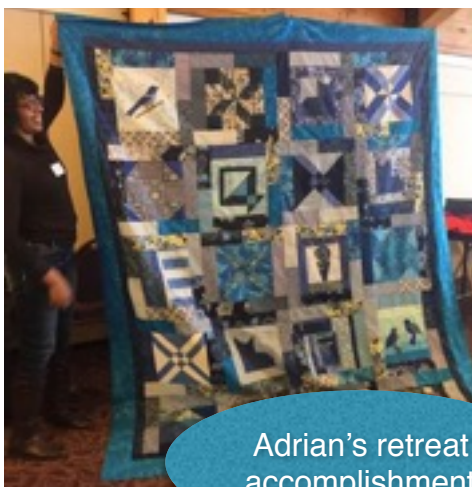
Cool socks Elorise

Sunday Morning Packing to go home



So many awesome over achievers give some of us underachievers something to look forward to doing, completing or wishful thinking.

Linda White completed to quilts - through the binding, 18 tops finished assorted - 1 bag, 1 necklace, 2 scissor bags,



Adrian's retreat accomplishment



Leaving Allenspark



Then.... when we're not quilting, we share some of our other activities

Deployment (South Florida - Hurricane Irma)

Nannette O. Locke
Housing Inspector

On October 9, 2017, I received my deployment confirmation from WSP USA Inc. (as a contract Housing Inspector) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and that I would be traveling to Dallas, Texas for Training and "Badging," then be deployed thereafter in South Florida. Florida is a State like all others with global positioning of North, West, South and East, however, I did not have time to even imagine just where I would be. The areas were West Palm Beach, Lantana, Boynton Beach and Pahokee (48 miles west).

Fast forward, some of you did not know that I was leaving, but I only had 72 hours and with a doggie, one had to concentrate on a babysitter. The Lord blessed me to find Shaun at Aurora Animal Hospital where Danser Minuet is a healthy patient at 11 years old.

I arrived in Dallas, Texas at the designated WSP Disaster Field Operations Office. Upon successful completion of all requirements, I immediately began inspections in the disaster affected area (South Florida) for 27 days to help the communities and individuals recover from Hurricane Irma.

I am grateful for the opportunity to experience the rewarding field work requiring me to be careful and pace myself. I enjoyed meeting the residents of the areas affected by the variety of disaster-related issues. I am most grateful that the Lord blessed me to return to my family and friends.

Thank you for your gift of
Probably Inspired Me!



"Energy" in your community...You

Julie Marsh' experience at retreat

And a grand, productive time was had by all!

That's the bottom line of the Rocky Mountain Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild's 2017 Fall Retreat at the Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center in Allenspark. Twenty-four guild members dribbled in over Thursday, Nov. 2, and Friday, Nov. 3, to spend time together—quilting, eating, laughing, sewing, playing games, cutting, dancing, consulting, and getting to know one another better.

Two quilts were completely finished—with binding—and about 18 tops were completed, plus various other parts of projects. At least two carloads traveled back down the mountain to Lyons Quilting shop where quilters found the perfect fabric—at a discount! Retreat organizer Karen Blackmon supervised several games to help us become better acquainted. She also provided a pattern for a Scissor Satchel—in case we didn't bring enough to do—and even made a game out of distributing the ugly fabrics (Some of them are doozies!) for comfort quilts.

The setting is gorgeous! The center is of course chalet-style with full windows facing, I believe, Mt. Meeker—a breathtaking view, on Friday. On Saturday, the fog was so thick, the mountain completely disappeared. And on Sunday morning, it was obscured by 4 or 5 inches of heavy, wet snow. What variety!

Kudos to Karen for pulling it all together. And thanks to everyone because each woman contributed something special!

Personally it was a great opportunity to sew but I loved learning more about my fellow quilters and laughing. We laughed so hard. What a great bunch of lovely, smart, accomplished women! I can't wait till next year!



Quilting for Family by De Lois M. Powell

Plans are (as you well know) for me to gift a quilt to each of my 10 grandchildren, five boys and five girls. Well, plans have been upgraded to include an adopted niece, my own three children, another familial niece, etc., etc., etc. So, even on my leisure activity (Quilting) I am driven to multi-tasking!

I am doing 12-inch blocks of triangles and squares to complete an 84 x 96 inch quilt for Alicia; 10-inch blocks will form the 90 x 90 inch of “uncontrolled crazy” for Kaya. Seven-inch square, multicolored, paper-pieced blocks will be combined with seven-inch select colors of background blocks to complete a bordered 38 x 80-inch quilt for my niece, Jada. Appliqued elephants, complete with tails and ears, will be placed on 13-inch blocks for my dear, darling Caleb; while button-eyed ginger bread men will be appliqued onto 9 inch-blocks of shades of blue to complete a 54 x 72 inch throw for his twin brother, Joshua.

Eight-inch blocks of jewelry-accented African girls form a 54 x 72 inch piece for my African granddaughter, Mel Yann (her brother, Lebni, wants a sunflower pattern on his quilt). A sixteen block log cabin pattern, arranged as purple and green crosses, is currently crying out for its binding and completion for my daughter, Geneva, mother of the African girl and boy. Well, I am almost there, with additional designs to begin in 2018!

So, you see why even in my leisure-time, I multi-task! O, yeah, just mailed out a “crazy for love” 32 x 39 1/2 inch “completed quilt” to Infinity, my 5 month old, adopted niece.

Whew! In my day job, I am happy that I Do MATH! Thanks sister/brother quilters for an inspirational 2017!



"A Crazy Quilt"

And what is life?
 A crazy quilt:
 Sorry and Joy,
 and grace and guilt,
 With here and there
 a square of blue
 For some old happiness
 we knew --- by Douglas Malloch

Submitted by Dr. De Lois M. Powell

NOW for the 2017 Christmas finale. As stated above by President Joanne Walton, the food was good, the quilt parade was awesome and here is proof.



Camilla opens and welcomes



Mmmmm A little bit of this



I'll have this and this and...

DISPLAYS ABOUND





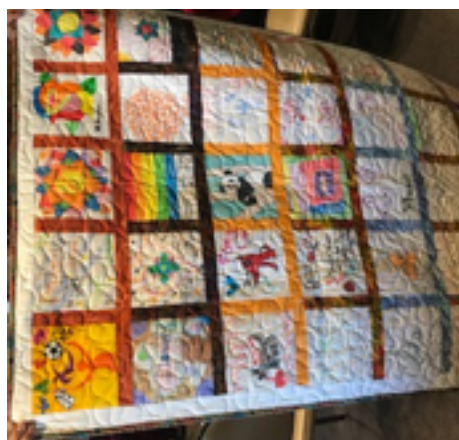
Work,work,work. Is this straight?



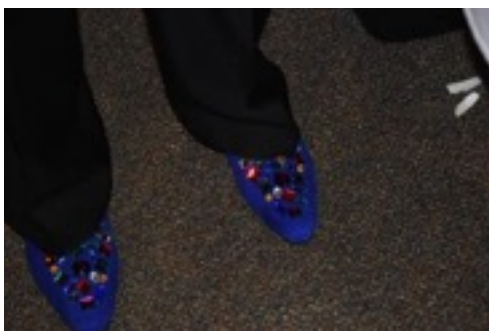
Chris, Brenda is smiling for the camera



Beautiful smiles!



Yoo Hoo DeLois?



Eloris stepping again!



Bouquets, bouquets

Hit Parade





WOOHOO
LOOK WHAT
ARTIE MADE FOR
ME

PRESIDENTS BLOCK -
WONKY HOUSE



HIT PARADE CONTINUED







4th Quarter Birthdays

2 October - Robin Mireless
21 October - Nannette Locke
25 October - Annie Howard
25 October - DeLois Powell
27 October - Karen Blackmon

3 November - Valerie White

5 December - Nanci Vaughn
7 December - Azizau Jones
14 December - Edith Shelton
19 December - Artie Johnson



*A SPRINKLE OF STARDUST TO WISH YOU LUCK
A STAR ALIGHT TO SHOWER WITH LOVE
MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TOUCH YOU
ANEW
MAY ALL THE HOPE BE BLESSED ON
YOU*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

