

It was not enough for Jo Inzer. In January of 1981, I was one of a group of 6 women invited to lunch at Jo Inzer's house to discuss ways we might all have quilts finished in time for our first show. We soon added an 8th member! By the time lunch was over, a plan had been hatched to that end. Every two weeks, we made blocks for one of us which got us going on our quilt.

Once the quilt top was ready, we would gather at that home, put it on a frame, then return 2-3 more times to make some progress. Within the year, we all had quilts at home to quilt either as a group or individually. We made our goal of all having finished quilts for the 1983 quilt show and I had a queen sized quilt for the brass bed. (Clay's Choice, only 3 fabrics, also, juried into the first AQS, Paducah quilt show and won the grand prize sewing machine at the Daisy Kingdom quilt contest, as well as ribbons at the Fair.)

Jo Inzer's young and very active twin boys called us "Mom's Quilters" and it stuck. Our small group has lost and added new members and overall doesn't quilt as much or the same as it once did 40+ years ago. But, as

of March, 2023, there are 11 of us meeting once each month on First Thursday, sharing our lives and projects.

Following the Spring of 1983 EGA/Quilt Gems Quilt show, the quilt group broke away and started Boise Basin Quilters. The first order of business was again, to make a quilt and raffle it off in order to raise funds for a quilt show. Boise Basin Quilters' first quilt show was "Pieces Lives: Quilts 1986".

A big part of our charter was to bring awareness of quilting to the Treasure Valley. We showed quilts in many public places including the Capitol Building and invited nationally known quilters to Boise to teach and lecture and promoted those lectures to the public. We made quilts to commemorate the major events, such as the National Governors Conference when held in Boise. And, we held Ada County documentation days followed by a show in 1990 featuring the many special quilts that were uncovered in the process. Those files are now housed at the Idaho State Historical Society.



### Mom's Quilters' Christmas 2022

These are members now gathering once each month. Left to right: **FRONT ROW: Marilyn Dorman, Jill Beaman**, current BBQ member; **Linda Dixon**, Charter BBQ Member, active member; **BACK ROW: Cheryl Little**, Charter BBQ Member, past Chair, active BBQ member; **Kathy Quinn**, Charter BBQ Member, past Chair; **Donna Anderson**, past Chair; **Ann Swanson**, current member; **DuAnn Wright**, joined BBQ 1984, current member; **Pam Jones**, Charter BBQ Member; and **Chris Walter**, Charter BBQ Member. (3 Past Chairs and 5 Charter BBQ Members) **Not pictured: Jacque Riddlemoser**, Charter BBQ Member.