

Chapter History of Worland Threshold Singers

2025

Chapter Formation

In the fall of 2018, a sleepless night led Sherryl Ferguson to a Washington Post feature about the Threshold Choir. Deeply moved by the article, she felt called to bring that work to her community. The next day she contacted her singing friend Marsha, and together they decided to pursue the idea.

With guidance and mentorship from Susan Smith in Tallahassee, Florida, the two friends began learning and memorizing Threshold repertoire. They trained, practiced blending, and recruited additional singers. Sheryl and Marsha took on co-leadership roles and committed to learning the practice of bedside singing.

Gathering and Launch

In April 2019, Sheryl and Marsha attended the Threshold Southwest Gathering in Tucson, Arizona, where they met other Threshold Singers and experienced Threshold in its fullness. That July the Worland chapter officially launched with five singers, becoming the first and only Threshold Choir chapter in Wyoming.

Membership

Over time at least six members have cycled through the chapter. At present the chapter includes two charter members plus two newer singers. The singers have all have a good ear for blending and love learning more and more core songs for bedside singing.

Community Singing Activities

Although Worland is a small rural town of about 4,500 people and lacks a local hospice, the chapter found creative ways to share Threshold music and serve those in need.

Recent singing activities have included:

- Bedside singing at Worland Health and Rehab Center, in private homes, and at the local hospital
- Several Gift of Song song baths, a Grief Share gathering, and participation in a Peace and Justice conference
- Weekly bedside singing via Zoom for a friend and her dying sister in another state, sustained across many weeks
- A monthly Zoom Sing with the California Diablo Valley Chapter, begun during the pandemic and continuing as of this writing
- Singing at three memorial services or funerals in the past two years
- Opening the group to the wider community as a Song Circle in winter/spring 2025 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Threshold Choir

Continuing Connections and Legacy

The Worland Threshold Singers chapter takes pride in its mission to bring solace through song. From a late-night discovery to a fully formed chapter, its journey reflects creativity, commitment, and a deep desire to minister to its rural community. The chapter remains connected to the wider Threshold network and continues to adapt, learn, and share music wherever a listening heart is needed.

2020 Worland Threshold Singers. Judy Martinson, Liz Jolley, Marsha Hill, Sherryl Ferguson, Tracy Myers



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