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Lecture Jan. 22, 2015

'Where Did You Buy That Bag?'

Discover which interfacing and purse hardware you need to make detailed and structured bags. Each attendee will go home with an interfacing charm pack of products that Sara Lawson uses to make her bags. Also, see Sara's trunk show of fabulous bags!



ROCKSTAR BAG

Some information about Sara:

Sara Lawson is a bag pattern designer and fabric designer from Chicago, Illinois. She has two fabric lines with Art Gallery Fabrics called 'Jungle Ave.' and 'Fantasia'. She is the author of 'Big-City Bags' and 'Windy City Bags' (the latter due out October 2015), in addition to curated collections with Aurifil threads. Her sewing pattern company is self-published under her brand, Sew Sweetness. You can find more on-line at www.sewsweetness.com.

Workshop Saturday, January 24, 2015

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The pdf pattern includes 23 pages of sewing instructions, complete with 55 step-by-step color photos. **Finished Size:** 9-1/2" long x 10" tall x 7" deep.

Click [here](#) to see more examples.

Calendar

- January 22—Guild Meeting
- January 24—Workshop
- February 2—Board Meeting
- February 6—Newsletter Submissions Due

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KELLY'S CROSSINGS



Baby its cold outside! I knew that was how I wanted to start this month's column. With the plunge in the temperature, the start of the New Year and the whirlwind of the holidays, I found my mind filled with lots of thoughts. I would start writing about something then found myself going in a completely different direction.

Finally, I deleted everything off the page except this one sentence. I sat there forever just staring at it. I had nothing, nada, zilch, zero, nothing witty, nothing brilliant, nothing profound. Panic was setting in and the deadline was fast approaching and yet, it wasn't happening.

So I got up and walked away. Down the hall I trudged and made a left turn into my sewing room. I opened the closet door, stood there and just stared. (very much like Brains and Weather Girl would do as children, when they would come home from school and open the fridge door and just stare inside and say we had nothing to eat.) I finally found a quilt top that I had pieced back in 2001. I found a backing and some batting in my stash that would work and went about layering and basting the pieces together. Hours went by as I worked in total silence with nobody home and uninterrupted. (The cats didn't even bother to wake up and try to help).

Then it hit me –that is what winter is for. A time to reboot, to live quietly with our thoughts and reflect on what we have done in the past and where we want to go in the future. Winter forces us to take a chill pill and slow down and be gentle to ourselves and others around us.

I look back on the last months of the guild and see what we have done-pulled off another great quilt show, revised the look of the newsletter, had some great guest speakers and workshops. Had a holiday party that was filled with good food, good song and good friends, and welcomed some wonderful new members.

Looking forward, I see some amazing things in our future. Planning has already started for our 2016 quilt show. A new website is in the works which will be up and running this spring. We have guest speakers and workshops that will be of interest to new and experienced quilters. A president's challenge which should spark your creative juices. Elections of new officers, a spring retreat that offers the opportunity to enjoy some much needed "me time" and of course you and your wonderful show and tell.

So while it may be cold outside its warm and toasty inside as I wrap myself up in my newly finished quilt and my thoughts of things to come.

Quilt on My Friends,

Kelly Hoyle

February Guild Meeting Annual Member Round Robin

DCQG Member Round Robin 2015

7:00pm

February 26, 2015

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center

Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Our Theme for the evening is Scrap Therapy

Be prepared to bring charm squares to play Left Right Center

Demos will include a talk on scrap therapy and making a hummingbird out of scraps that you will take home.

Demo on making a coffee mug rug out of scraps.

Many more scrap ideas to share.

President's Challenge 2015

This year starts with me issuing a challenge to you. Put on your creative thinking caps and make a quilt that reflects the theme-"AIR". The rules are pretty simple and I hope will stretch your quilting imagination. Good luck to everyone.

THE RULES

THEME-"AIR"

It may be a traditional, modern or art quilt....anything goes and that fits the size requirements.

Size requirements- no smaller than 12" x 12" and no larger than 30" x 30".

The theme "AIR" can be reflected in the pattern (Mariners' compass to nine patch stars... it's all good), AND/OR fabrics used (Spaceships, flowers, flying bugs, birds, nothing but blue fabric? Christmas wall hangings with the night sky and the guiding star? A baby quilt with some star fabric?) It's all okay.

The smallest quilt you can enter is 12" x 12" but it's doesn't have to be square. Let your imagination and creativity run free!

The challenge starts as soon as you read this notice and ends at the May salad supper at which time we will display and vote on , "Most Creative", "Best Interpretation of the Theme", "Best Use of Color",and "My Favorite for no Particular Reason".

Supply List



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Supplies

- ◆ 3/4 yard of Exterior Fabric
- ◆ 3/4 yard of solid fabric for the straps/piping (piping is optional, but solid fabric is still needed for straps)
- ◆ 1 yard of Lining Fabric
- ◆ 3 yards of 20" wide Pellon SF-101 Shape Flex fusible woven interfacing (or light-weight fusible interfacing)
- ◆ 1/2 yard of By Annie's Soft and Stable, available at local quilt shops or on-line (Soft and Stable is a 1/8" thick, foam sew-in interfacing; one of my testers also recommends automotive headliner fabric in place of the Soft and Stable; you can also substitute a needled fleece fusible interfacing for the Soft and Stable, such as Pellon #TP971F Thermolam Plus fusible interfacing)

Optional:

- ◆ 11" x 4-3/4" piece of Pellon #70 Peltex sew-in extra-firm interfacing (for a firm bottom)

Optional:

- ◆ 2 yards of 5/32" cotton cording (cut in half for two 1-yard pieces for piping)
- ◆ Two metal swivel clips (with opening of 3/4" or 1" wide)
- ◆ Four d-rings (with opening of 1-1/4" wide)
- ◆ Two d-rings (with opening of 3/4" or 1" wide)
- ◆ 1/2" magnetic snap
- ◆ 11" or 12" regular zipper
- ◆ Two 9" regular zippers
- ◆ 7" regular zipper

Optional:

- ◆ 4 metal purse feet

Optional:

- ◆ metal rivets with press (I used 8mm double cap rivets and press from MinkusMargo on Etsy)

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Sewn items made from Sew Sweetness sewing patterns may be sold by the home sewist at craft fairs and on-line.

This listing is for a pdf pattern, not the actual finished bag. Upon purchase, pdf sewing pattern will be immediately delivered to your e-mail address.



January 2015 Workshop Photos





DEKALB COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
2015 SPRING QUILTING RETREAT

Where: Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center, Oregon, IL; 1922 Illinois 2, Oregon, IL 61061
Heritage Lodge (That's the nice, new one!).

When: Thursday, April 16–Sunday, April 19, 2015.

Why: Because it's fun, you'll get a bunch of quilting done, and it doesn't cost a ton!

What's Included: 2 or 3 nights' accommodations and meals (Supper: night of arrival; Breakfast: day of departure; Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner all days in between)
(some rooms are handicapped accessible)

We are trying something new this year. The standard package is Thursday evening to Sunday noon (3 Night Program), but we realize that some people have to work. So you can also book an abbreviated package featuring Friday evening arrival with departure Sunday noon (2 Night Program). Rates depend on the number of people in your room (Yes, we will try to line up a roommate for you at your request, but no promises!)

	3 Night Program	2 Night Program
For DCQG members-		
<u>Per person</u> cost, based on		
2 people sharing a room:	\$199.00	\$129.00
Don't want to share a room?		
The <u>extra</u> cost for a single room is:	\$120.00	\$85.00

The cost for non-DCQG members is \$20.00 extra. (And that will make you a member, with all the perquisites, honors and emoluments attendant thereunto!)

Meals: All meals are served cafeteria style, and are really pretty good. If you desire you may request special meals, for which there is an additional charge of \$1.50 **per meal**. (Details are on the application form) You do not have to request an Alternate Meal Choice for all meals. For instance, you may want an alternate meal only for lunch and dinner.

DEKALB COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD 2015 SPRING QUILTING RETREAT

Payments: \$75.00 to confirm your reservation, with balance due by February 15, 2015.

Cancellation policy: \$35.00 cancellation fee if you cancel at any time. If you cancel after February 15, 2015, no refund unless your space can be resold. Membership dues are nonrefundable, but, hey, you get to be a member of the best quilting guild in the State of Illinois!

If you have questions: Contact Carolyn Canon or Mike Groark at QuiltRetreat2015@dcqg.org.

“Sounds great! How do I book?” you may ask. Complete the attached form and send in your deposit.

A Little Information about the Heritage Lodge:

- * Heritage is a very comfortable building.
- * Heritage Lodge sleeps up to 32 people (actually more—most rooms can technically sleep up to 5)
- * “Hotel-style” rooms
- * 16 rooms total
- * 12 rooms have two double beds
- * 4 rooms that are handicap accessible have one double bed and one single bed.
- * 2 Meeting Rooms
- * Upper: Large Meeting Room with Gas Fireplace and Kitchenette 26'x 23'
- * Lower: Small Meeting Room and Kitchenette 17' x 21'
- * Elevator
- * Air Conditioned
- * Each room has its own bathroom
- * NEW Wi-Fi available.
- * Linens are provided.

Note From The Librarian

Hi from the Librarian,

It is a New Year and time for new goals. To accomplish one of my goals for the library I need your help. The inventory of library books is in desperate need of updating. If you have library materials in your possession please return them at the January meeting. I would like to make sure we have all current materials included in the inventory.

In January I will also have an assortment of quilting books available for sale. These books were once a part of the DeKalb Public Library collection. One of our members (thank you for your quick thinking) acquired them and donated them to the guild. The number of books is limited and pricing is by donation. Minimum suggested donation is one dollar. Money from the book sale will be used to purchase new books for our collection. I am also in need of suggestions for books for our library. Please send your suggestions to me at: Librarian@dcqg.org or hand me a note at the meeting.

Classified Ads

Help Wanted

We are looking for 2-3 people to work on the nomination committee. Your time commitment would start this month and last till elections in April. Your tasks would include the nomination process of candidates at the February meeting, reporting to the board all the nominees at the March board meeting and the running of elections at the April general meeting. If you are interested please contact Kelly at president@dcqg.org or at the next meeting.

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Upcoming Programs and Workshops

January 22, 2015 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Where Did You Buy That Bag?
 Sara Lawson

January 24, 2015— Workshop
Rock Star Bag
 Sara Lawson

February 26, 2015
Round Robin and bring 10 charm squares for more Left, Right, Center.

February 28, 2015—Workshop
HAND QUILTING
 January 24 Kelly Hoyle

March 26, 2015—Guild Meeting
“Life Happens and Quilts Result!” Nancy Baker

March 2015 Workshop
MINI QUILT Ann Sands and Monica Gumm

April 23, 2015
Generosity Projects

May 28, 2015
Salad Supper

Hand Quilting Workshop

What is old is new again. With hand embroidery trending right now there is renewed interest in hand quilting, but a more relaxed approach. If you have never hand-quilted before or would like to start again join us as we explore the basic techniques. We'll learn the quilters knot, all about needles and thimbles, batting choices for hand quilting, basic marking, loading our frames, along with the actual stitch. We will also explore what different threads are being used and what actual hand stitching can do to change the whole flavor of your quilt. This is a technique workshop so be prepared to play explore the infinite possibilities of hand quilting.

Supply List for Hand Quilting Workshop

- ◇ 2- 24” pieces of solid color quilting fabric in white, cream or very light pastel
- ◇ 1-24” square of batting (low loft polyester, cotton, or 80/20 is fine)
- ◇ Quilting hoop and stand (if you have one)
- ◇ Thimble(s) of your choice that fits your finger
- ◇ Quilting needles (several sizes if you have them or if you have no quilting needles bring regular sewing needles)
- ◇ Needle threader
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ A spool of regular sewing thread that will contrast with your fabric
- ◇ A ruler
- ◇ A marking pen or pencil for fabric
- ◇ 1-2 Band-Aids
- ◇ Beeswax or thread conditioner if you have it

ANNOUNCING MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Do you own a small business? Do you teach or lecture? Do you have an Etsy shop? Do you have a website? Do you want to reach more clients and do it for low, low cost? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the place for you!

For just \$10.00 Members' Marketplace will run a copy of your business card right here in your favorite newsletter.

Advertising starts August and runs through May 2015. That's 9 great issues for \$10.00! That's less than \$1.15 per month.

You must be a member of DCQG and be the owner of the business to qualify for this outstanding value.

Businesses do not have to be fiber related but DCQG does reserve the right to refuse or remove any business that we deem unfit for this newsletter and the people who read it. Because this is such an exceptional value, no prorated will be applied after August.

HURRY-ACT FAST-SPACES ARE LIMITED!

CONTACT SALLY DAVIS (news@dcqg.org) TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!



DCQG Workshop Sign-Up 2014

Fee: \$40.00 for DCQG Members, \$50 for non-members

Please fill out this form and give it to lone Martin along with your payment at the guild meeting. Any questions, please contact lone at VPProgs@dcqg.org.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Indicate your workshop selection by checking the name of the workshop below. Please write on the check which workshop(s) you are signing up for.

Please make checks payable to DCQG.

_____ **Saturday January 24, 2015 BIG CITY BAGS First Baptist Church 349 S. Third St. DeKalb**

Sara Lawson **\$40.00 WHAT A DEAL**

Full Day 9:00AM-4:00PM Lunch break. Please bring a lunch.

_____ **Saturday February 28, 2015 Hand Quilting: Classic and New Trends**

Kelly Project is New Trends

Saturday 9:00-12:00 DeKalb Christian Church, 1107 South First Street, DeKalb, IL

KELLY APPROVED SPECIAL PRICE \$10.00 for this workshop!!

_____ **Saturday March 28, 2015 Mini Quilt**

Ann Sands and Monica Gum

Half Day Time and locate

Are you a DCQG Member? YES NO

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cancellation Policy: We regret that if for any reason you need to cancel your spot in a workshop we are unable to refund the workshop fee. If you can find someone to take your place, then they would pay you the workshop fee.



DCQG 2015 Quilt Retreat Reservation Form

Please make your check payable to DCQG in the amount of \$75.00 and give it to Carolyn Canon along with your payment at the guild meeting. Any questions, please contact Carolyn at QuiltRetreat2015@dcqg.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Are You a Member?: Yes No Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Please check one choice: I want the 3 Night Package I want the 2 Night Package

Do you require a handicapped accessible room? Yes No

Who will you room with, or do you want the room all to yourself at the single price?

If you don't have a roommate, do you want us to find one for you? Yes No

Do you want an Alternate Meal Choice? If so, please check below, and tell us what meals should be done this way in the "Other Food Allergies/Notes" section:

Vegetarian Vegan No Pork No Beef Lactose Intolerant(No dairy) Gluten Free

Food Allergies--Please check any food allergies you may have:

Milk Eggs Peanuts Tree Nuts Fish Shellfish Soy Wheat

Please be aware that these foods are used in the kitchen at Stronghold. If your allergy is so severe that this may be a problem, note it here:

Other Food Allergies/Notes: _____

DCQG is making the arrangements for this quilt retreat only as a service to its members. It assumes no liability for any acts of negligence by any vendor or other participants, and participants in the retreat agree that in exchange for this service, they will hold DCQG and the individuals who have arranged the retreat harmless for any injuries or damages sustained before, during, or after the retreat. Further, you acknowledge and agree that there are general risks associated with traveling, which are beyond DCQG's control and, as such, DCQG is not liable for any loss, cost or damage you may incur as a result thereof. Furthermore, I hereby give permission to DCQG to use photographs of me and my projects that may be taken during the retreat, in its future promotions and advertising.

I accept the terms of this retreat as specified in this flyer.

X _____

Signature

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Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October. There is no meeting in November and the December meeting is a holiday dinner.

Our meetings are held at the St. Mary's Parrish Annex at 7:00 pm. The address of the Annex is:

210 Waterman Street, Sycamore, Illinois.

Guests are welcome.

www.dcqg.org

