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Thursday, January 23, 2014; 7:00pm; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

"DCQG MEMBER ROUND ROBIN 2014"

7:00pm

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Sycamore, Illinois 60178

DeKalb County Quilters' Guild is filled with many talented ladies. This year we have six members who have stepped forward to share their expertise. We will have six stations and you will be able to rotate around to each for a 5-10 minute demo.

This year we will be treated to demo's and from six special quilters. They are...

- Madeline Carpenter - How to make a scarf from a t-shirt
- Ione Martin - How to make a pillowcase
- Jo Ann Russell - Using freezer paper for a paper-pieced block and saving time not having to pull paper and possible "loosen" the stitching.
- Sharon Smith - Very slick way to do flying geese - four for the price of one!
- Marlene Steimel - Glue basting for matching borders and more.
- Mystery Demo...

Forget the weather outside; it's always warm inside our meeting room. Learn a new trick or two and walk away with an "itch to try something new."



DCQG DONATION NIGHT

The January meeting has been designated as "donation night". Traditionally, members bring paper goods/household items such as toilet paper and paper towels to the meeting to be donated to a charity in the community. This year the Board has once again selected Safe

Passage to receive the goodies from the membership. We will be accepting monetary donations in addition to other goods. A partial list of needed items is listed below. A full list can be found at: <http://safepassagedv.org/donate.aspx>

- Toilet paper/paper towels /Kleenex
- Laundry detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes
- Dish soap
- Deodorant
- Bath soap

Let's fill Sandy Hoffman's car this year. Thank you for your generosity!



HARVEST OF QUILTS 2014 QUILT SHOW - OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2014

Show meeting in 2014 will be on the third Monday of each month starting January 20th at Kathi Davis's house. We can use all your assistance any time. Just let us know when you are available!

Chair: Kathi Davis; **Treasurer:** Pat Boesche; **Raffle Quilt:** Sally Davis; **Vendor:** Barb Grant; **Demos:** Sherry Mileham; **Publicity:** Carolyn Canon; **Silent Auction:** Sue Kapperman, Cheryl Stack, Rita Mitchell; **Ribbons (designing and making):** Lizz Ploppert; **Raffle Baskets:** Cheryl Lorden; **Boutique:** Anne Berg; **Food, Special Items, and Extra Stuff:** Sandy Hoffman

If you wish to assist with ANY of the tasks, please just email me!!! Remember you don't have to do this alone, grab a friend and share in the fun!

Chairs Needed: Quilt Take-in, Judging Session, Quilt Release, Show Setup Chair (everyone works), Show Take Down (everyone works).

Kathi Davis
Harvest of Quilts 2014 Chair



QUILTING AT THE CASTLE RETREAT

The annual retreat will be Thursday, April 3 to Sunday April 6. It will be at Stronghold in Oregon, in our usual building. The fee of \$185.00 includes meals and lodging. There are currently 4 spots left as I am writing this. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Canon or Katrina Kobernus as soon as you can, and payment in full is required before your spot is held. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women in the guild, a great way to make time

to do what we love (QUILTING!!!), and a perfect mini vacation! Exact check in time and departure time will be posted next month, and other details as well.

Carolyn won't be at the January meeting, but Katrina is planning on being there.

Carolyn Canon



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2013

Kyra Rider

Happy new year!

I hope you all had a happy holiday season. I can't believe it is over already ☹. I am getting ready to go back to work tomorrow. The semester should be interesting as I will be teaching Calculus for the first time, ever!! In addition to the Calc class, I have three beginning algebra classes at Kishwaukee College and am still teaching part-time at DeVry in Addison. I love math!

I got in three good days of sewing during break. I keep hoping for more, but there are so many other distractions at home. My big goal was to get my work pants repaired (I have some seams that have come open, a broken zipper, and some hemming). But unless I get up right now and do it, I will have to set a new goal – or buy new pants.

I finished a baby quilt that I started in August. I got it pieced, quilted, and bound! Can you believe it?!? Of course I want to do a label before I give it to my friend so it will probably sit until spring break. How sad. As I write this, I again feel like I'd like to try and do more sewing (piecing) during the week. It is so relaxing and I love the sense of accomplishment I feel. Maybe I will find the motivation to schedule sewing time for myself this year. We shall see.

I look forward to seeing you all later this month. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us and we will have a good night for the meeting. Stay safe and warm!

Kyra



*** For Workshops – **Circled BELOW**: Please mark your calendars and sign up early ***
Notice

You MUST register by completing the "Workshop Registration Form" and paying in full
Form may be downloaded from end of this newsletter

2014 DCQG Programs

January 23, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Round Robin – Guild Member-Lead Demo's

February 27, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Jacquie Gering "Quilting Modern: Honoring Tradition"

March 27, 2014 Guild Meeting – 7:00pm
Lynn Erbach – "Before the Show – What happens Behind Closed Doors?"

Saturday, March 29, 2014—Workshop
"Quilt as Desired"
Lynn Erbach

April 24, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Generosity Project

May 22, 2014 Guild Meeting—6:30pm
Salad Supper



QUILTING TIPS

Sue Kapperman

These tips come from the website: www.quiltaholics.com/tips.htm

To restore old blocks/quilts, try the following recipe: 1 Gallon Water 1 Quart Buttermilk 1 Tablespoon Lemon Juice Soak quilt in mixture then wash in mild detergent. Your colors will return to their original brilliance.

To remove pencil marks, according to the August issue of Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts, "Quilt Patch Queries" by Sue Nickels and Pat Holly, suggests the following: "Make a solution that is one part water, three parts rubbing alcohol, and one or two drops of Palmolive or Joy dishwashing liquid. Do not use Dawn -- it may bleach out the fabric. Use a cotton swab to apply and gently scrub with a soft toothbrush. Wipe dry with a cloth. Again, test this before applying to your whole quilt . . . We hope this helps and remember to TEST, TEST, TEST! We also want to let you know that many a priceless, beloved antique quilt still has pencil marks on it."

Roll left over fabric strips on an empty toilet tissue roll. Gently not to stretch, and you won't have to re-iron or search for that certain strip. Line them up in a shoe box, mark box as to color.

Before washing your fabric, trim the corners off the selvage edges at a diagonal. This prevents the cut edge from raveling in the wash, and is a great way to tell at a glance if you've prewashed that fabric!

A good tip when washing flannel so that all those loose ends don't tangle is put it in a pillowcase first. I

wash "like" colors together and dry them the same way. No more tangles mess when done!

Another good tip for washing small pieces of flannel is to serge the edges first...time taken is made up in less lost fabric in all the loose threads.

I know at least 10 people who are having babies, and of course they all want quilts. My husband just lost his job and we don't have a lot of extra money right now for material, so I started cutting up old receiving blankets to make scrap quilts! They have all turned out beautiful! It's amazing what you can come up with in a pinch! Now I have people bringing me their old blankets too! Cool, huh?



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS AND EVENTS

(for those of you who are looking for quilt shows outside of Illinois, I have found that going to Quilters Companion Quilt shows on line very helpful. There is a map to help locate the quilt show as well)

Phoenix, Ariz: Febr. 5 - 8 AQS Quilt Show, Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. Third St.
www.AQS.com

Clarendon Hills, IL: March 1 & 2, Clarendon Hills Middle School, 301 Chicago Ave.
www.saltcreekqg.org

Crest Hill, IL: March 8 & 9, Richland Grade School, 1919 Carton Farm Rd.
www.prideofprairie.org

Springfield, IL: March 14 & 15, Illinois State Fairgrounds
www.springfieldquilts.com

Galena, IL: March 14-15, Galena Convention Center, 900 Galena Square Dr,
www.nwilquiltexpo.com

Bloomington, IL: March 28 & 29, IWU Shirk Activity Center, 302 E. Emerson St.
www.haagg.tripod.com

Bensonville, IL: March 29 & 30, Fischer Farm Museum, 16W680 Old Grand Avenue
www.bensonvilleparkdistrict.org/pdcms/fischer-farm

Schaumburg IL: March 27 - 29, Schamburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr.
www.sewingexpo.com



MEMBERS' CORNER

From Wilma Shimkas:

Some items are in high demand at the food bank and you may not realize it. Because they aren't essentials, the staff doesn't publicly ask for them. A survey on Reddit.com asked volunteers what items people would be most appreciative of and we've listed the top 10 below. If you're looking for an easy way to help out, pick some of these up while shopping and drop them off at one of our area food banks.

1. Spices.

Think about it. People who rely on the food bank eat a lot of canned food, rice, oatmeal, white bread, etc. They love spices. Seasoned salt, cayenne pepper, chili powder, cumin, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, oregano, basil and so on.

2. Feminine Products.

Can you imagine being worried about affording these? Pads, tampons, panty liners, etc. Recommended: Buy in bulk at Costco for donating.

3. Chocolate.

People don't need it, but think about being in their shoes and how nice it would be to be given a chocolate bar or brownie mix along with your essentials.

4. Toiletries.

Grocery stores are great about donating surplus or unsold food, but they have no reason to donate toilet paper, tooth paste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Food stamps often don't cover these.

5. Canned meats and jerky.

This isn't true of all food banks, but some struggle to give users enough protein.

6. Crackers and tortillas.

They don't spoil and everybody likes them.

7. Baby toiletries.

Diapers, baby wipes, baby formula, baby shampoo, baby soap, baby food, bottles, etc.

8. Soup packets.

Sometimes you look at rice, beans, instant potatoes, and cans of vegetable and think, "What do I make with this?" Hearty soup is a complete meal.

9. Socks.

From a former homeless person: "Socks mean the world to you. They keep you warm, make you feel like you have something new, and just comfort you."

10. Canned fruit other than pineapple.

Food banks get a lot of pineapple donated. Their clients love it when other kinds of fruit are available.

[SOURCE]

And remember! Food banks love cash donations because it allows them to buy whatever they need!

