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Thursday, April 24, 2014; 7:00pm; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

“GENEROSITY PROJECT”

7:00pm

April 24, 2014

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center
322 Waterman Street
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

This meeting marks the eleventh anniversary of the debut of “The Generosity Project”, our concept for supporting charitable activities in our community and beyond. It began with a donation of more than 1,000 yards of cottons, mostly juvenile prints and old-fashioned calicoes, from an anonymous donor in Michigan whom we called simply “our benefactress”. We created a “Generosity Project Stash” of crib-quilt kits, complete with easy patterns, which are available to members to check out at meetings.

Since 2003, we have accepted several other sizeable donations, as well as many smaller gifts from both guild members and community residents. A recent order by Sally Davis for her shop that wasn't what she had in mind has resulted in her generous offer to bring nearly 50 yards into the GP Stash to use for backing.

To date, DCQG has donated well over 1,300 baby and child-sized quilts since 2003. What a great tribute to the spirit of loving-kindness that inspires quilters to use their creative talents to benefit others!

The April meeting will offer both machine-sewing and cutting activities, as well as kit-making and GP quilt kit sign-out. Here's a preview of our get-together and what to bring:

*Pillowcase sewing – sewing machine/neutral thread, any solid fabrics in quarter-yard widths for the accent strip in the pillowcase pattern

*Generosity Project kit sign-out

*Cat pillow sewing – sewing machine/neutral thread, any heavy-duty fabric in half-yard lengths and/or any fabric trimmings for the stuffing

*Amnesty Night to return GP kits or HOTB block kits you haven't completed

*Batting cutting – bring your shears

*Backing cutting – bring your shears (this is the fabric Sally Davis is donating)

*A raffle for those who sign out GP kits, turn in finished baby quilts, or return unfinished kits

*Prizes!!

*Show 'n Tell—**but at 8:30 p.m.**, so we can jump right into our projects

Come for a fun and productive night to hang out with your Fabric Friends, and be prepared to dive in as soon as you get there—the two hours of a “working meeting” always speed by!



2014 BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Elections for this year’s board positions will be held at our April meeting. Thanks to all who returned their nominations ballots. You gave us a wonderful list of talented people to ask. The following are the people who said yes to volunteer their time and energy to keeping our guild strong and moving forward.

President	Kelly Hoyle
2 nd V.P. Programs	Shelli & Kelli Vogeler
Secretary	Lori Dickman
Ways & Means	?????????

Note we are still in need of someone who would like to be our Ways and Means Director. Without this director to coordinate our fund raising, the guild’s operating budget for the next 2 years will suffer greatly. Please consider stepping up to help the guild in this area.

Kelly Hoyle



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

May and June are our membership renewal months. Renewal membership is \$20 for monthly newsletter e-mail delivery and \$30 for snail mail delivery. Current membership is at 105. Let’s get everyone renewed.

Carol Barkhurst, and Annie Berg,



GENEROSITY PROJECT

A bouquet of thank-you to donors from the March meeting: Carol Barkhurst, Sue Kapperman, Sheila Keck, Bobbie Lundberg, Jennifer Olbrich, Sharon Smith, and Shelli Vogeler, all of whom donated quilts in multiples. (A quilter’s idea of March Madness, perhaps?) Their donations bring our total to 75 quilts for the program year. We are now well positioned to meet our expressed annual goal of 100 quilts in a program year and I’m inspired to think that we’ll meet our unofficial, “How High Can We Go?!” 100+ challenge goal! If you are a step or two (or three) away from completing a donation, be it a G.P. kit or one of your own devising, use the energy from these longer spring days to finish it up for April—or the May Salad Super—so we can count it into this program year. Yay!

There are so many ways as quilters that we can contribute to the guild’s outreach efforts to those in our community and beyond who can benefit from the loving care and support sewn right into our offerings—be they baby or child-sized quilts for the NICU and DCFS, pillowcases for kids and grown-ups, wheelchair pockets and lap robes for our Seniors in nursing homes, cat pillows for the local animal

shelters, or dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa organization. You name it—our fabric, thread, skills, and spirit of giving can go out into the world and do good works under a myriad of forms. Doesn't that just make you so proud to be a quilter and sewist? I'm certainly proud to be in your company, and feel lifted up on a sparkling wave of gratitude every time I think of your kindness to others!

As always, heartfelt thanks for all you do, Fabric Friends,

Nancy Ondera



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

Next show meeting is 7:00pm Monday April 21st 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; **Judging Day:** Ann Sands and Monica Gum; **Food, Special Items, and Extra Stuff:** Sandy Hoffman and Sharon Smith

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!

Here's what we need from YOU:

- **Silent Auction Pieces:** Quilted items that are no larger than (30" X 30"). Can be wall hangings, table runners, household items, etc. Bring them in anytime and give to Cheri Stack, Sue Kapperman, or Rita Mitchell
- **DCQG Boutique Items:** By now most of us are going thru those stacks of books and magazines that have been collecting dust and are looking for that perfect quilt for the quilt show. We all want to earn one of those wonderful ribbons don't we? Well, as you are looking thru the books and magazines, set aside those that you don't think that you will ever look at again. I will be collecting them for the boutique. Also search that stash you have and when you run across that fabric you just had to have and now wonder why – set that aside also. All of your unwanted fabric, magazine and books can be sold at the boutique. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go into the Guild treasury to help pay for the programs for the next 2 years. Also while you are creating that terrific quilt and the minis, remember to toss scraps into small bags for the boutique. I'll let you know when I will start to collect all your donations. If you would like to make items to sell in the boutique, I will have a supply of tags at the meetings. We use a 2 part tag – every item you make must have a tag. Remember that 10% of sales from handmade items go to the guild. It is a great way to earn a little extra cash to help support your quilting habit. Annie Berg
- **Quilts and wall hangings for judging and displaying:** application with photo will be due end of August.

- **Items for the Raffle Baskets:** **Calling all DCQG members...** The raffle basket committee is in need of new items which you may have duplicated, baskets, and other contributions to make the raffle baskets successful. Please consider putting together a basket with a group of sewing pals. Not all baskets need to be totally sewing related items. Consider a kitchen basket that could have an apron, hot pads, placemats, a table runner, and maybe a gadget or two. A "relax" basket could have popcorn, a movie, and a lap quilt. **Please let me know ASAP if you have a themed basket that you would like to donate.** Cheryl Lorden
- **Raffle Quilt Tickets:** We ask that each member sell at least 50 raffle quilt tickets – with our quilt this year, this will be VERY EASY! They will be available at a DCQG meeting soon. Contact Sally Davis if you need tickets earlier
- **Publicity, publicity, and publicity:** We will have a poster and bookmarks on the website www.dcqg.org that you may print off and distribute to friends, neighbors, quilt shows, quilt shops, and anywhere else you can think of. Need assistance, contact Carolyn Canon
- **Volunteering to work during the show:** We will need help at take-in quilts, judging, setup, take-down, white glove, demonstrators, boutique workers, door prizes, etc. There will be a volunteer signup sheet later but if you know what you want to do, email Kathi Davis at

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

Kathi Davis
Harvest of Quilts 2014 Chair



WAYS AND MEANS

Please remember to bring any money and ticket stubs to the meeting. I will have additional tickets for you to pick up if needed. Remember the raffle ticket sales help to bring speakers and workshops to the guild. Everyone's assistance is needed (and appreciated!!).

Speaking of assistance, I currently have scheduled and confirmed showing the raffle quilt and selling tickets at 3 local guilds. If you are interested in seeing how other guilds operate and would be willing to sell tickets, please sign-up with me at the meeting. I will have dates, times, and guilds. Some of the programs look to be very interesting.

Sally Davis
Ways and Means



SPECIAL EVENTS

Thanks to all the participants in the annual retreat at Stronghold. It was a fun time, lots of creativity, lots of conversation! We're working on next year's retreat, with a few new twists and surprises (hopefully!)

The next big event is the Salad Supper at our May meeting. For the new people in the guild, this is the event that gives you an opportunity to show off, either your salad making creativity, or your place setting creativity, or your total lack of creativity (which is my favorite!) It starts at 6:30 instead of 7:00 at our regular meeting place and time. The difference is that we all bring a dish to share, our own place settings and drinks, and have a perfectly wonderful meal and opportunity to socialize! We usually do show and tell, also, but a lot of people don't want to bring their fabric creations when they are carrying their culinary creations (something about spilling, but sometimes that adds some character, don't you think?)

Hope to see you all there!

Carolyn Canon
Katrina Kobernus



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2014

Kyra Rider

Happy Spring!

I love that last weekend the temperature reached the 70's and is again for this Sunday, Easter. Even better is that it snowed Monday and stuck to the ground until Tuesday! Crazy, crazy, crazy. My mom said her crocuses aren't doing well this spring. I said they are probably just confused. "Grow, bloom, hibernate, bloom, ahhhh! I give up!" As quoted by a would be beautiful purple and yellow crocus.

You are still reading, I guess you don't think I completely lost it (yet). I am looking so forward to this summer. I decided to take some time off work and relax. I am hoping to visit friends I don't get to see as often as I would like and get in some quality sewing time. I am actually sewing today with my mom. A good friend is due to have her baby boy by the end of the month. I am just finishing the binding on her shower gift quilt. If I am lucky I will get it to her before the baby comes. It will be nice to do some relaxing quilting without a deadline. Not that I am really much for deadlines ☺ Maybe I can get done a couple quilts for the show this year. I think one or two will only need a sleeve.

Speaking of things to do this summer, I am excited to announce that our quilt was selected for display at the International Quilt Festival in Rosemont, IL. It is not going to be a juried quilt, but we will have it on display to sell raffle tickets. This is an amazing opportunity for us to raise money and more importantly, get the word out about our guild! I will have a sign-up sheet at the next two meetings. As part of the agreement, DCQG members must volunteer a combined total of 20 work hours white-gloving. We have been given 10 two hour shifts scattered throughout the three day event. When you volunteer, your admission to the show is covered for that day.

Since I am begging for volunteers, I need to ask for help in one big area, Ways and Means. The guild is in need of a Ways and Means Chairperson. This person is responsible for fundraising activities - most notably, managing the biannual show "raffle" quilt. As with other board positions, this does not need to be one individual, it can be a small group of people. Sally Davis did a great job filling in for Jo Ann Russell's term. (Jo Ann set the bar very high!) The quilt for this show is already made. Permits to sell raffle tickets have been issued and several dates have been booked to show the quilt. We need someone with strong organizational skills to manage a calendar and work out the logistics of getting the quilt where it needs to be and organizing volunteers. You do not have to do all the work on your own! I may be speaking out of turn, but I believe both Sally and Jo Ann would be willing to advise/help/mentor anyone coming into this position. Please consider volunteering or saying "yes" if asked.

I look forward to seeing you all at the generosity meeting. I plan to bring my machine and do a bit of sewing. Until then, bring an umbrella, jacket, snow boots, sunscreen, and any other necessities for what mother nature might throw at us next.

Kyra



UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

*** 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

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

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

June 26, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"Exhuberant Color"
Wanda S. Hanson

Saturday, June 28, 2014—Workshop
10:00am – 1:00pm
"Intuitive Color"
Wanda S. Hanson

July 24, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Nancy Snyder
The Stitchery in Delavan

August 28, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Harvest of Quilts Show Meeting
and GARAGE SALE!

September 25, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Frieda Anderson

October 23, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
TBA

November 2014 – No Meeting

December 4, 2014 – Holiday Party





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)

Paducah, KY: April 23-26, Paducah Expo Center, www.americanquilter.com

Arthur, IL: April 24 - 26, 2014, Otto Center, 120 East Progress St,
www.illimoissamishcountry.com

Mukwanago, WI: April 26-27, Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester,
www.mukwonogocrazyquilters.com

Greenville, IL: May 3, Bond County Historical Society, Free Methodist Church, 1367 Rt. 140
www.bondcountyhistorical.org

Rosemont, IL: June 20-22, International Quilt Festival-Chicago, Donald E Convention Ctr.
Rosemont, www.quilts.com



MEMBERS' CORNER

Remember you may send information you wish members to know to Kathi Davis anytime during a month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

From Sherry Mileham: Ladies: I was wondering if any of you might have some "1/4" cording that you are not going to use? I am trying to get fabric baskets ready for demonstrations for our quilt show and could use some. Please contact me by email. Thank you, Sherry

2014 Programs:

**June 26, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm,
“Exuberant Color”**
Wanda S. Hanson



Wanda S. Hanson started quilting in 1957 when she was a teenager. This ended up being a career, making quilts, teaching quilt making for over 30 years, and giving programs for guilds and other organizations. Several of her quilts have been published in books, calendars, and magazines. She also owned a quilt shop in the 1980s and was the fabric buyer for two other shops.

The joy of working with color, a good sense of mathematics, and loving the hum of the sewing machine are some of things that got her started. Even though she did extensive hand embroidery of all kinds, she has always machine quilted her quilts. The past 20 years have been devoted more to art quilting for the wall and less to functional bed quilts. When working on a series, couch quilt size has been an alternate choice. She creates not to communicate deep inner thought, but to celebrate color, pattern, texture and the joy that it brings her. Her work is set apart by her incredible use of color, precision in piecing, and textural quilting.

Wanda

<http://exuberantcolor.blogspot.com/>

Saturday, June 28, 2014—Workshop, “Intuitive Color”, 10:00am – 1:00pm,
Wanda S. Hanson

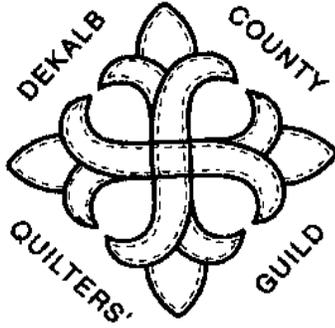
Enjoy the relaxation of using color intuitively instead of with rules and memorized terms. With a pack of 100 – 2 1/2” squares of fabric (included in workshop fee) do exercises with color and value, contrast and blend while viewing quilts representing each of those things. Bring a camera to record each of your exercises since we dismantle each of them as we go on to the next one.

Supply list: 27” square of plain color fabric to build the last exercise on. Flannel works great but regular fabric is OK. No printed fabric please. 27” is 3/4 yard and you can just fold it into the 27” square. Pins if you want to pin the pieces to the background to take home or binder clips if you want to stack the rows of squares for transport.

Optional – if you already have these items, bring them. It is not necessary to go out and purchase them.

Reducing glass

Red and/or green value seekers



Harvest of Quilts 2014
Presented by
DeKalb County Quilters' Guild

Quilt Entry
Entry Rules, Information and Application Form

Application Deadline:
August 30, 2014

DeKalb County Quilters' Guild invites you to participate in our Quilt Show for 2014 by entering a quilt, wall hanging, miniature or wearable art. There are 'judged' and 'display only' entry areas.

Cash prizes will be awarded!

Saturday October 11 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday October 12 11 am – 5 pm

Sycamore Middle School
150 Maplewood Drive
(Corner of Rte 23 and Maplewood Drive)
Sycamore, IL 60178

Entry Rules and Information:

- **For EACH entry**
 - Complete **ONE** application for **EACH** entry including signature. **Please tell us about your quilt/entry.** What would you like the viewers to know? Did you have an inspiration? Is this your first quilt? Please use the "Quilt Story" area on the application to share about your quilt/entry. If you need more room you may use the back of the form or type your story on a separate sheet of paper.
 - Attach a good quality **4" X 6" photo** of the quilt showing color and pattern of the quilt.
 - For each **JUDGED** item include a \$5 application fee. (Make checks payable to DCQG.) Display only entries are free.
- **Include an SASE.** Only one SASE is needed per person/address (not one per entry).
- Mail application(s), photo(s), and one SASE to:

Kathi Davis
373 E. Lincoln Street
Sycamore, IL 60178

Questions: 815-895-8229
quilts@dcqg.org
- All applications must be postmarked by August 30, 2014.
- Confirmation letters will be sent no later than September 20, 2014 with instructions about quilt drop-off and pick-up.
- **All "Bed Sized" and "Wall Hanging" quilts are required to have a rod pocket for hanging.** The pockets **MUST** be 4" deep and the width of the quilt. **If the quilt is longer than 90", please place the hanging sleeve 90" from the bottom.**
- All entries must be labeled with the owner's name and phone number on the back in the lower left corner (when facing the quilt). When dropping off the quilt, please fold the quilt so that this label is on the outside on top.
- Harvest of Quilts is a juried show and the quilts chosen represent the decision of the show committee.
- DCQG reserves the right to change the category of a quilt and not to give awards in categories where the judge does not see "winning" quality.
- More information at www.dcgq.org



Harvest of Quilts 2014

Mail to: Kathi Davis
373 E. Lincoln Street
Sycamore, IL 60178
815-895-8229

Application Deadline:
August 30, 2014

For DCQG Use ONLY:
Quilt Number

Quilt Entry
Application Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME Are you a DCQG member? () yes () no

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

EMAIL

I understand that DeKalb County Quilters' Guild, Inc. will take every precaution to protect my item exhibited in this show. I agree not to hold them liable for any damage or loss to any property left in the Guild's care, custody, or control. I also understand that the judge's decisions are final.

SIGNATURE:

CIRCLE ONE: Judged (\$5 entry fee) Display Only (free)

CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY:

Table with 3 columns: BED SIZE QUILT (71" or more on longest side), WALL HANGING SIZE QUILT (25" to 70" on longest side), OTHER. Lists quilt categories 1-20.

*Mixed/Other Technique includes whole cloth, trapunto, embroidered, mixed, etc., or any item that doesn't fit in other categories

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR QUILT:

Name or title of the quilt: Date Completed:

Name of Original Design(er): Size: (width) X (length)

Who made the quilt: Who quilted the quilt:

Special Techniques: () Embroidery () Trapunto () Computerized Longarm Quilting Machine () Other

Quilt story to be shown on the quilt in the show (continue on back or type on separate sheet if needed)

PROFESSIONAL QUILT APPRAISAL: () yes () no (If yes, bring \$40 per quilt payable to Kathleen Jayko to the appraisal)