



The News-Patch

April 2019

Our Mission Statement:

**To promote
the fellowship
and art of quilting**

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From the President

Happy Spring ☺... I think...

I keep reminding myself that “April showers bring May flowers”. At least I have been productive with spring cleaning my stash and quilting room; as for the rest of my house, not so much.

I was able to complete the latest phase of our mystery quilt. Can't wait for the next clue!

Just a quick reminder that we will be organizing for the May 18th garage sale on April 27th and May 11th at Kathi Davis' house (garage). Hope to see many of you there. Thank you to those of you able to help out April 6th. I wasn't able to attend the first meeting, but looking forward to pitching in to do my fair share on the 27th.

And of course, our upcoming Salad Supper in May (bring a friend!) followed by a daytime quilting retreat in June (thanks to JoAnn) – so many fun things to look forward to ☺

We will need a couple of volunteers for our annual internal audit in July. Please let me know if you are interested. It only takes an hour or two.

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We have some great ideas for our 40th Anniversary Show in October. Thank you, thank you to Kathi Davis who has agreed to head this event, along with the volunteers that have signed up to assist.

We still have the following open positions. Remember, if you like speakers, retreats and the support provided to our guild from our website and participating in public events, these do not happen by magic; they take all of us. If these do not get filled our meetings will be very short come June:

- VP of Programs – thank you to Bobbie for helping out this past year
- VP of Special Events – thank you to all who have pitched in to cover this opening
- Ways & Means – Sheryl did a great job these past two years after just joining our guild
- Website – thank you Kelly for all your hard work to get this updated & ready to be taken over

Elections will take place in April and the transition then takes place in May in preparation for our new fiscal year that begins June 1st.

Happy quilting,
Jennifer

APRIL PROGRAM

WOW! What a great Show-N-Tell we had in March. It was good to see so many finished UFO's and a great variety of First quilts. Hope you are all working on one of your PIGS (Project In Grocery Sacks) for the April Show-N-Tell. Get out that really great project you had to buy on a quilt shopping trip and get it started and finished this month. Doesn't have to be a large project, small and finished is good. It might have been a project that required a new technique, a fabric you just loved, or new ruler you wanted to try. Let's make April another great show-n-tell.

JoAnn will discuss generosity quilts and will have ideas and designs to share with us this month. We may even get a head start on baby quilts. Please check for more information on supplies in this newsletter.

Our May meeting will be our salad supper & 40th birthday party.

Another UFO project will be due.

Bobbie Lundberg – Programs

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

April Mary Jean L
 Peggy S
 Pam S
 Mary T
 Krista U

June Vera W
 Chris W
 Kathy W
 Rosalie W

May Salad supper – all bring dish to pass

RAFFLE QUILT

The raffle quilt top has been completed and borders were added. It is now at the quilters! Can't wait to see the finished product! Then it will be time to start showing it off and selling those raffle tickets!



Find us on Instagram! Search “Dekalb County Quilters” to find us. Please send us pictures to share at the email below!

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SUMMER RETREAT

Retreat dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 21-23.

The location is the Grange Hall on Elva Road in Elva. This is south of DeKalb off Route 23.

Times to sew will be from 9 AM – 10 PM (or until you drop) on Friday and Saturday and from 9 AM – 6 PM on Sunday.

Meals are on your own, or we can do potluck. We can decide that after signup is completed. We will have a complete kitchen to use.

Cost is \$10 for 1 day, \$20 for 2 days, and \$25 for all 3 days.

This is a chance to have 3 days of sewing fun with your quilting friends.

The grange has asked that we only work on our own personal projects or charity projects and not items that we will be selling.

I will make a list of supply suggestions for those who will be attending.

For those who wish to make the “goodie, goodie binding bag” that I had at the March meeting, I will include the supplies and we can work on that as a special project. We will also work on the strip baby quilts that we started at April’s meeting. We can each make one, 2 or more blocks and get a quilt top done. They are quick and easy and might be a relaxing break.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting and at the May meeting.

If you have any questions, please ask me.

Bobbie

Do you have a trip or trick you’d like to share?

Something you’d like to buy or sell in Classified ads?

Please email us!

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APRIL GENEROSITY

I have been very busy cutting 1 ½” strips (hand dyes) and 7 ½” squares (muslin) from Margie’s stash. At the April meeting, we are going to do strip pieced squares to complete baby quilts for the NICU center at Rockford’s new hospital. This will save you from bringing or purchasing your own fabrics, but, if you do have them and want to contribute them, please do.

All you will need to bring to the April meeting is your sewing machine, if possible, and sewing kit (rotary cutter and mat, scissors, thread, marking pencil, 14” x 4 1/2” ruler) to sew some of these blocks. If you do not bring your machine, please plan to help iron fabric, cut more fabric strips and blocks (we have lots), and design tops.

For those of you who are planning to attend, please plan to arrive at 6pm. I will have things set up and available to start sewing. Since this is a working meeting, there will be a short business meeting around 7 pm. We will plan to leave after 9 pm.

Hope to see everyone there!

Jo Ann Russell - Generosity

WAYS & MEANS

Hello from Ways & Means!

As I find myself nearing the end of my term, I have just a couple of things I’d like to pass on to you all – first of all, I want to thank all of you that have so graciously stepped up to help me with our participation in the different fundraising events. I truly couldn’t have done it all without your help. Also, I’d like to thank the Board for allowing me to try different ideas which doesn’t necessarily fall under the “Ways & Means” heading. I’ve had fun doing the monthly raffle with the members. I hope to bring more of this to the meetings and pass this on to the next Ways & Means chairperson. I know you’re out there waiting to bring YOUR fun ideas to the members. This is not a daunting task and I hope that at least one person is considering moving forward with this. This is YOUR Guild too and we can’t move forward without your assistance too.

Sheryl Keiler – Ways & Means

Getting to Know...Kathy Wells

How long have you been a guild member? I can't remember exactly how long I've been a member of the guild, but it was somewhere in the 1970's. I was even a past president at one time.

How long have you been sewing? I've been sewing since my early teens when I took Home Ec. in high school. My paternal grandmother was a professional tailor and had her own shop. She could make a man's suit from scratch and I remember picking up pins with a magnet for her as a small child. To my knowledge though, she never engaged in quilting.

What was your first project My first introduction to quilting came when I first met and then married my husband. His mother Catherine had the most beautiful quilts displayed on an antique four poster bed that came over on a covered wagon. I just loved hearing her stories and seeing all those beautiful works of art. It set something ablaze in my heart and in my imagination. My husband was an only child and all those fabulous quilts and that antique bed are mine today. My first quilt was a log cabin that I painstakingly pieced using plastic templates my husband made for me. He worked at a plastics plant. It wasn't until much later when I took some quilt classes from my first mentor, Wanda Hanson, that I learned speed methods and proper techniques for quilting.



Favorite colors? My favorite colors are in the Civil War reproduction pallet.

Least favorite color? My least favorite colors are bright pinks and greens although two of my most recent quilts have been made using those colors, one for my granddaughter in pinks and the other for my grandson in greens.

Favorite quilting celebrity? I have several favorite celebrities that I admire. The top three would be Jenny Doan, Donna Jordan and Peg Spradlin. All three have given me hours of inspiration.

What are you currently working on? Like many of you I have many projects going at any one given time. I'm enjoying the mystery quilt our guild is doing, the Red, White and One challenge, as well as two more quilts I am making for my two youngest grandsons – a penny square for Marty and fish quilt with tiny fish border for Patrick. I'm doing both the piecing and the quilting on those myself.

Any other hobbies or interests? Besides quilting I enjoy reading, movies and swimming at the YMCA.

A friendly reminder...

Baby quilts made for the Rockford NICU Center should be 47" x 54"

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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
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Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors open at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

