



The News-Patch

April 2020

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

Hello Guild Members,

I hope this note finds you all safe. I feel like we have just hit the Pause button on life and soon we'll be ready to hit Restart.

Thank you again for everyone's efforts towards making masks. My project for this weekend is to incorporate pipe cleaners across the bridge of the nose for a little more stability. So many of my co-works and clients ask for them daily, I feel like I could make them in my sleep! I have even thought about making matching head bands since no one can get their hair cut either 😊

Looking forward to our next meeting; not sure when that will be, but I would hope by June. I'll set aside an extra hour for Show & Tell so we can all see what everyone else has been working on during all of our time at home.

Take care,

Jennifer

APRIL MEETING CANCELLED

Well, as of this date we have no meetings scheduled. I am hoping that we can have our salad supper at some point in time this summer but will have to wait and see how everything goes.

Hoping for now that everyone is busy finishing UFO's, starting new projects, or making masks. I started a new quilt for my bed, one block done, 29 to go and then masks took over!

Stay safe and will see you when the church reopens.

Bobbie

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Shortly after the shelter in place order came to Illinois, requests for masks started flowing into our guild. Rob Stoll stepped up to the plate and filled the role of project organizer! He has been delivering elastic, picking up masks and delivering them to those in need. Thank you so much, Rob, for your tireless work! We are all so very grateful for your leadership in this worthy cause.

We are up to 98 members in our guild Facebook group...many people joining to help in the mask-making efforts. Here's hoping some of them join us as members when we reconvene! Finally, with all the masks being made and distributed, Facebook Community Voices reached out to us and are working on a feature about our community outreach. Stay tuned!

DeKalb County Quilters' Guild & Friends Mask Making Effort

Masks Made – 2,302

Mask Delivered – 2,281

Requests Fulfilled – 32 Organizations

Open Requests (masks needed)- 465

Estimated Fabric Used – 82.21 Yards

Estimated Elastic Used – 895.22 Yards

Statistics as of 4/9/2020 – 19 days of mask making



Above: 359 masks were collected on April 9th

HARVEST OF QUILTS 2020

I know we are all wondering if we will have a quilt show. I'm leaning towards thinking we can have the show since it is scheduled for end of September. And, by then we will be anxious to get things back to some kind of normal. Also, the purpose of our show could be two-fold; First to celebrate making it through, and second to make a profit for the guild. I'm remembering that we made almost \$3,000 last fall with our 40th Anniversary show, with less preparation.

We are really in very good shape when it comes to the planning of the show. We have a raffle quilt. We have raffle tickets to keep selling. We have raffle baskets started. We have a venue. We have a judge. We do have a few vendors and will let them know that we are keeping our hope up that the show will go on.

What we could do during our "hunkering down" is make items for the show. We will need quilts and wall hangings. We could also make items or clean our sewing areas, stashes, etc. to sell at the boutique. After all, if the show is postponed, we will still need the items for the show when it happens. Of course, this is all after or while we are making masks.

Hope you are all healthy and staying safe!

Kathi Davis
Harvest of Quilts 2020 Chair
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A friendly reminder...

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

QUILT LOTTO (MARCH BLOCK)

Each month a new block will be introduced at our regular Guild meeting. Following the directions as to size, and color choice, you may choose to make one or more blocks to bring to the next meeting. For each block you contribute, your name will be put into a drawing. At the end of the evening, one lucky member will go home with all the blocks. In February we had such a great turnout we were able to divide them up and have three winners! What a fun way to get a head start on a new quilt! You might like to make one or more blocks for the guild and a few more just for you. Remember, there's no pressure. If you like the block and want to participate great. If not, no problem. Think of it as a way to learn new skills and try new things.

The March block was a pattern courtesy of Jordan fabrics, called Sister's Choice. For continuity we are using colors in red, white and blue.



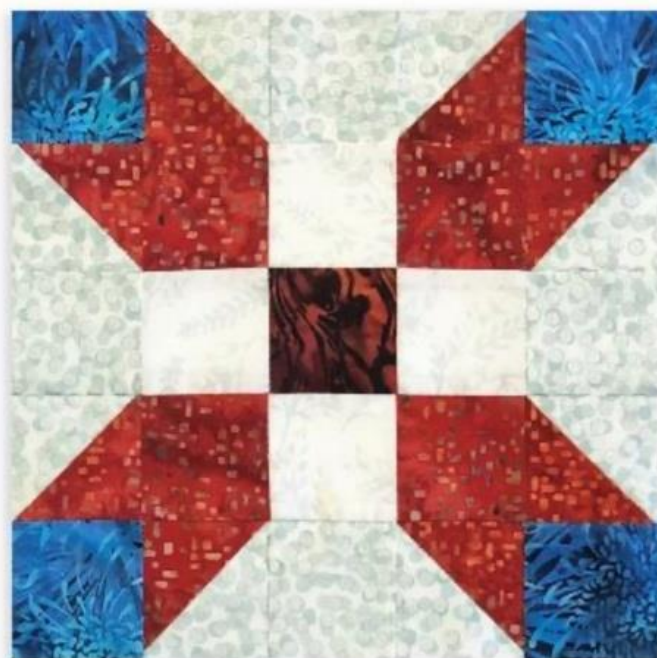
APRIL QUILT LOTTO BLOCK

For April's Quilt Block Lotto, we did a variation on the Sister's Choice Block. Remember we are using red, white and blue fabrics in prints or print fabrics that read as solids.

Although this is the same block as March, construction-wise, it looks completely different due to the color placement.

Remember, if you make a block or two for the lotto and one for yourself, you can end up with a lovely table runner when all the variations come together. Since we're using red, white and blue, it will be perfect for any patriotic holiday or as a gift for that special vet in your life.

April's block layout is displayed to the right.



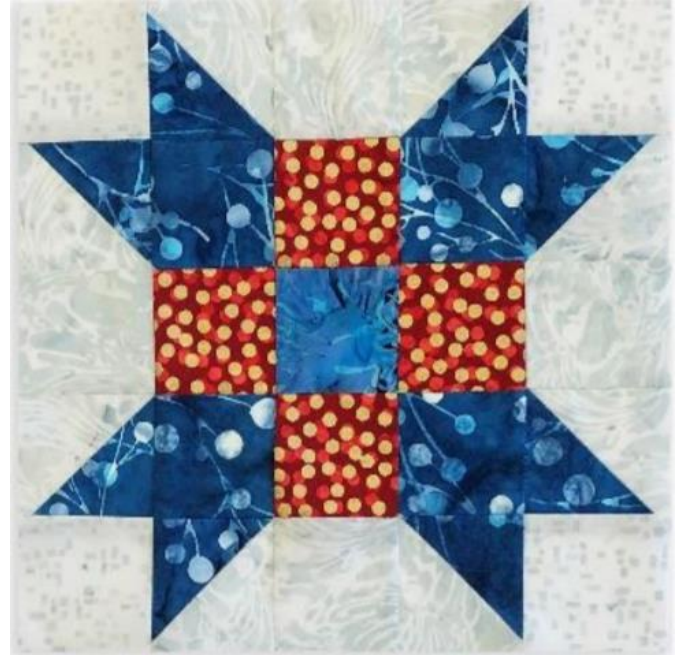
MAY QUILT LOTTO BLOCK

Hope you all have been enjoying our Sisters Choice adventure. I still can't get over how different the blocks look, although they are all the same block.

This last variation has the same nine patch center but achieves its different look by placing the remaining blocks in a different arrangement.

It can be done with either blue or red on the outside.

Save those monthly blocks for a lotto extravaganza when we meet again!!

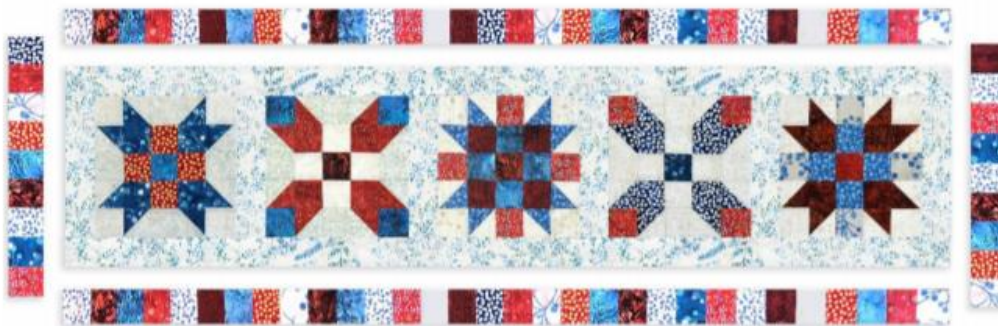


Finally, if like me, you have made some of these blocks for the Quilt Lotto and some more for yourself, you should now have four or five different blocks to make a table runner. You can border the blocks with the same fabric and then use the left-over squares to make a final pieced border.

Pieced border:

Stitch 31-2 1/2" squares into a long border. Stitch onto one long edge of the runner. Repeat for the other long edge.

Stitch 9-2 1/2" squares together. Stitch onto short side of runner. Repeat for other side.



Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

(Courtesy of Jordan Fabrics: <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/sisters-choice-runner-free-pattern>)

GETTING TO KNOW...LORI DICKMAN

How long have you been a guild member? I have been a guild member since 2004

How long have you been sewing? I have been sewing for 50 years... My first project was doll clothes when I was 11 years old. My grandma is/was my inspiration for sewing and quilting! In fact, when she died, I received her Treadle sewing machine, which I treasure! I sat next to her for so many hours as a child watching her stitch clothes and quilts on that machine!

What was your first project? My first "Sewing" project was doll clothes (stitched by hand!) and then, when I was in Junior High, I took my first Home Ec class...I absolutely fell in love with sewing clothes (by machine!) & made many of my clothes for many years. My dad gave me my first sewing machine at age 13... a Kenmore, which I used for many years!

My first "Quilting" project (in 1988...30+ years ago) was a bed-size quilt. I don't know what ever happened to it! My 'quilting process' was really quite hysterical on this first quilt all those years ago! Piecing the quilt top was fun and quite easy. However, the problem was how in the world was I going to quilt the top/batting/backing together!! I did not have a quilting frame, so I took 4 chairs and spread them out in a circle, placed my 'sandwiched quilt' atop those chairs & hand- quilted it!!! Can you imagine???? LOL! My husband must have felt sorry for me because soon thereafter, he bought me a 'mid-arm' Singer quilting machine on a 12-foot frame. It was a hydraulic machine. "Me, Myself & I" was the Stitch Regulator, so the stitching was 'interesting' to say the least until I got very accustomed to using the machine! And the machine was VERY temperamental when it came to humidity or dryness in the air! But still, I was thrilled to have a quilting machine on which I could quilt all my quilt tops!



Favorite Colors? I LOVE color... especially purples, blues and pinks. I love scrappy quilts and enjoy putting lots of color in them when I piece them!!

Least favorite color? Gray is my least favorite color. It is boring

On what are you currently working? I am working on and finishing up many Art & Landscape Quilts for my "Art Quilts by Lori" Lecture/ Trunk Shows and Workshops which will be available starting Oct. 1, 2020.

[<http://QuiltingWithLori.com>] I love to draw and paint and I'm having the time of my life incorporating my sketches and paintings into "Art Quilts!" I also love to work with the photo apps on my phone...I am working on some Photo quilts of my beautiful granddaughter, my Boston Terrier and nature... Can't wait to share them with ya'll at show'n'tell over the summer! I also have a new Mystery Quilt Pattern which will be available by the end of March (it uses my Speedy Solutions/Scrap Stash techniques!)

Any other hobbies or interests? I look forward to retiring (hopefully in May!) so that I can spend more time traveling as I lecture and conduct workshops. It is such a joy to meet wonderful Quilt Guild members in the surrounding States who have the same love and passion for quilting as we do! It's like meeting "old friends" each time I speak at a new Guild! The Love of Quilting bonds us all together into one big family, doesn't it?

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
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Sycamore IL 60178

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.

Find us on Facebook!

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Quilters Guild Group”**

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