



The News-Patch

April 2022

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Easter!

I hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday with family & friends. I started my new Spring quilt at last week's Sewing Saturday. I am making Lori Dickman's "Starlight" out of bright & bold batiks – it is so colorful! Can't wait to bring it to show & tell. At least this quilt makes it feel like Spring even if the temperature has a different idea.

Our May Salad Supper is next month – just a reminder of the date change – Wednesday, May 25th. Just curious, has anyone ever seen an actual salad at the Salad Supper???

We are looking at another daytime retreat in June, assuming they have openings. Hope you can join us for a day, or two, or three... maybe even four; whatever works with all our busy schedules.

Happy Quilting,
Jennifer

APRIL PROGRAM

April Program: Generosity Projects

Let's take a moment to reflect on the acts of generosity we do for others. Our ongoing generosity project is baby quilts for the neonatal unit in Rockford. Members have shared heartwarming stories of the impact these quilts have made on local families. Beyond this main project, there are other projects that we can do as a group or individuals. (Placemats, pet beds, walker bags, pillowcases, Quilts of Valor, etc.) If you are involved in something, please bring a sample and share the story of why you chose to give in this manner.

Looking for something new and different? Susan Knoup will be on hand to speak about the Susie Appleseed Project. Susan will discuss her role in starting the project and how we can participate either as individuals or as a guild. The mission of Susie Appleseed is "to spread seeds of kindness to foster care children."

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets for Sale

Folks from Prairie Star quilt guild will be at the April meeting to sell tickets for their opportunity quilt and share information regarding their 2022 quilt show. So, bring some cash to show your support and have a chance to win this stunning quilt.

Snack time!!

We will list 5-6 people to bring snacks per month with the understanding that not everyone will make it to the meeting. If it is your month, please bring a snack to share. Prepackaged food is great, homemade baked goods are outstanding!

April Treats
Rob S
Krista U
Laura W
Vera W
Chris W

May
Salad supper – no treats



Figure 1-Opportunity Quilt

MEMBERSHIP

June 1st marks the beginning of our new fiscal year, so it is time to renew our memberships.

There is a membership form included in this newsletter or you may go to our website (www.dccqg.org) to print one off. Snail mail it in or bring it along with you to our next meeting! I will have some blank ones available at the meeting for those who need them.

We had 11 members take advantage of the space for sewing and quilting fellowship at our monthly sewing day. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of every month and plan to join us. Come all day, part of the day or just stop in to say hello and see what everyone is working on. The next one will be May 13.

Drum roll, please! We have scheduled another retreat at the Afton Town Hall. The dates are June 3-4-5, BUT if we have enough interest, we can add Thursday, June 2. We will take a vote at the next meeting so check your calendars and be ready to let me know what your thoughts are on a 3-day vs. 4-day retreat.

See you on the 28th!

Sew Blessed,
Kim Colness

HARVEST OF QUILTS 2022 (9/24-25)

The Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Entry form is on the website, dccqg.org. Please hand these out to whomever you know that might be willing to have a quilt at our show.

The Harvest of Quilts committee meeting is now via Zoom. You can join us via a computer or your phone for free. If you are interested in sharing your ideas about the upcoming show with the committee, please contact me (Kathi Davis, kad0522@comcast.net or 815-895-8229). The next meeting is 6pm Monday May 9th. The meetings usually last less than an hour. The main purpose is to make sure things are getting done and to discuss the next things that need to be completed.

Remember there are several ways you can help with publicity. First, sell the **raffle tickets**. The stub that the purchaser receives has the show details so they can't forget. Second, pickup **bookmarks** at the meeting or by contacting Kathy Wells or Chris Wells and distribute them to

EVERY quilt/fabric store you visit. And third, talk, talk, and talk up the show! There is a **poster** on the website that you can print if you wish to use it (or bookmark) as a talking point! **Tell all your friends** and everyone you meet!!! We accept Quilt Show Entry forms from everyone, not just DCQG members.

Thanks so much for your assistance!

Kathi Davis, Chair
Harvest of Quilts 2022
quiltshow@dcqg.org
815-895-8229

Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Show Committee: **Chair:** Kathi Davis, **Treasurer:** Peg Simonds, **Boutique:** Jean Bradford, **Volunteers:** Kim Colness, **Vendors:** Chris Wells, **Raffle Tickets:** Kathy Wells, **Ribbon Toppers:** Kathy Wells.

RAFFLE BASKETS

Raffle basket donations have been arriving from various fabric manufacturers, quilt shops, quilting-related suppliers, a museum and a local restaurant. We'll also welcome raffle basket donation items from our members. Maybe you have some precuts and/or quilting notions you'd like to pass along. Keep the quilt show raffle baskets and boutique in mind as you're spring cleaning your stash or if you have the opportunity to receive a free-with-purchase item which you don't plan to use.

Also remember when you're out and about to be on the lookout for our quilt show bookmarks and thank the staff for promoting our show. There's a small prize for the first five members who show Peg S. a photo they've taken of our bookmarks and/or quilt show fliers on display at one of the quilt shops in our area.

A friendly reminder...

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

GETTING TO KNOW...JEAN BRADFORD

How long have you been a guild member?

Since 1989!

How long have you been sewing?

Ever since I can remember – as a small child.

What was your first project?

I made myself a gathered skirt

Favorite colors?

I like bold and bright colors and big patterns.

Least favorite color?

Dull colors, unsaturated colors, “dusty” colors

On what are you currently working?

A lovely blue and yellow batik quilt for my grand-daughter and some tea towels for gifts.

Any other hobbies or interests?

Reading, cooking, baking, and occasionally gardening.



If you're interested in reading previous interviews of our members, please check out the old newsletters at dcqg.org

If you'd like to participate, please send your answers to us at dcqgnews@gmail.com or bring to a meeting. We'd love to get to know you!

BOARD ELECTIONS

This is your guild, and we would love to get some new people involved by joining the board! What would you like to see? Who would you like to hear? Is there a new technique you would like to learn? What events should we participate in? These are the types of decisions you could be a part of if you join the board. It only takes about one hour a month; meetings are held via Zoom, so you don't even have to leave your house. Not a huge time commitment compared to the rewards of being an active member of our guild.

Usually, we elect half the positions each year and they stay on the board for two years. That way we always have some continuity of board members. Things got a bit off track these past two years and all the board members stepped up and stayed on for an extra two years. I am going to stay on, along with Kyra, Peg and Kathi. Therefore, we will be looking for a second VP of Programs (to focus on 2023-24 speakers), VP of Special Events, Secretary, and Director-at-Large. Feel free to give any of us a call if you would like to discuss what is all involved. In addition, there are descriptions on our website. We will also be looking for committee chairs.

Jennifer Olbrich 815-761-1032

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
P.O. Box 385
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Email Address: info@dcqg.org

New Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
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 opened at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

Find us on Facebook!

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County Quilters Guild
Group"