



The News-Patch

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Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi there,

As many of you know, I teach at Kishwaukee College. That is my full-time gig. I didn't teach this summer and mentally I felt like I was retired (or otherwise had no job). I'm back to school this week and have students starting on 8/21. My sewing machine usually goes into hibernation during the school year.

Knowing this, you would think I would be working on finishing up a couple projects. (Quit laughing!!) You are right, I don't finish anything. Instead, I spent the first weekend in August shopping. I spent 2 days in Shipshewana, Indiana* followed by a bus trip to 5 quilt stores that are part of the All Illinois Shop Hop**. I have soooooo many new projects.

I bought a few more fabrics and have a plan for the 4-solids quilt challenge Rob organized. So, maybe a miracle will happen, and I will have a quilt done by October. I bought fabric for a new table runner pattern and to try a 3 yard quilt. I also bought several small wool projects. They are so cute when they are finished but – I don't finish. LOL.

Hope you are enjoying the last hurrah of summer.

Best,
Kyra

* Shipshewana IN: <https://visitshipshewana.org/>

** All Illinois Quilt Shop Hop:

<https://allillinoisshophop.com/shop-hop-basics/>

AUGUST MEETING

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour. The treats schedule for the next 2 months:

August:

Chris Wells
Kathy Wells
Rosalie Williams
Pat Barger

September:

Sid Bennett
Lyla Blanchard
Pat Boesche
Jean Bradford
Madaline Carpenter

Programs:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Programs Survey at the July meeting, we got a lot of great feedback and information to help in planning 2024 programs and will be sharing an overview of the feedback in September. Because speakers, workshops, and other programs take planning we find most guilds are working on planning one to two years in advance and we are moving toward the same rhythm.

August Program:

We're excited to have our very own Jill Draves present a trunk show for our meeting this month. We've seen a glimpse into her work in show and tells and can't wait to see all she brings.

September Program:

Do you have an interest in invisible applique? September will be the month you'll want to bring a notepad and pencil! Theresa Kennedy, an instructor from Stitching on State in Hampshire, will be talking to us about how to do invisible applique on your machine. If the applique bug bites, then Stitching on State has hands on classes just for you.

October Program:

Sunshine Stitches from Belvidere will be joining us for a trunk show and maybe some goodies from the store to purchase.

NICU 4 Color Challenge:

The NICU 4 color fabric challenge is happening with the big reveal at the October meeting. There are still 4 kits left (1/2 yard of each of the 4 Kona solids) as of writing this so don't miss out. You can add other fabrics just as long as the 4 colors are featured. Finished quilts should meet the NICU size requirements (47 x 54). Looking forward to seeing what everyone does with their fabric.

DCQG RECIPES

Hi everyone, after our latest sewing retreat in Elva several of us were discussing sharing recipes on our website. It was brought up at our last board meeting and we decided to try it!

So, if someone has requested the recipe for a treat or a dish you have brought to a meeting or a DCQG sewing event, please email the recipe to DCQGRecipes@gmail.com. Recipes can be typed or photos. The recipes will be put on the website under the Resources tab.

I'm personally looking forward to Kyra's Egg Roll in a Bowl and Peg's Chicken, Broccoli, Alfredo Penne recipes, among others. I'm looking forward to this new, hopefully easier, way to share recipes.

Jean Bradford – Director At Large



MEMBERSHIP AND RETREAT!

Our guild is currently 44 members strong! We welcomed some new/returning members last month so when you see an unfamiliar place, be sure to say hi! I would still like to encourage you to sit by someone that you don't see often or have not spent time with to get to know them better. Remember, we all have a common thread so there is always a way to get the conversation going.

For everyone's information/refresher, a little retreat information: October 19-22 Our daytime retreats are held at the Afton Town Hall, 16029 Walker Rd. on the south side of DeKalb. It is a wonderful venue that has all the amenities needed. It is close by, and you stay as long as you want to, but then you get to go home to your own bed at night and wake up refreshed and ready to go the next day!

- an opportunity for guild members to come and join others in an uninterrupted (by distractions of home) time to finish up projects that have been waiting for your attention or start and maybe even finish something new.
- The cost is \$10 per day or \$35 if you attend all four days.
- We will provide a cutting table and ironing surface, otherwise you provide all you need for your project. Don't forget extension cords.
- Keep in mind that we are NOT to be working on projects that you intend to sell.

Everyone who attends:

- brings snacks to share
- takes a turn, on your own or with a buddy, to provide a meal (for 20). You feed the group one meal and the rest of the time; you are free to sew!

We also encourage everyone to bring their own (reusable) tableware (there is a full kitchen) to cut down on the amount of garbage we produce and must take with us.

Sign-up sheets (for attendance AND food) will be at the August meeting. Space is limited. Payment reserves your spot. I will have a waiting list, if necessary, so please let me know ASAP if your plans change and you are not able to attend so someone can take your spot. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone, text or email me.

Sew Many Blessings!

Kim - kimcolness@comcast.net - 815-757-8115

WAYS AND MEANS

Fundraising Opportunities

The results of the survey that was completed at the last meeting showed that many of our members wanted to do more fundraising. At the last board meeting, Rob Stoll recommended that we contact The Enchanted Valley Farm in Kingston. And I did. I spoke to one of the owners, Joni Watson. She and her husband open the farm and gift shop during special seasons. This fall they will sell mums and pumpkins and in their gift shop other things such as soy candles.

Special events are offered such as a yoga event evening of Sept 6th all of which can be seen on their website <https://ww.facebook.com/theenchantedvalleyfarm>. They will be open by appointment for mums from Sept 6th until Sept 30th (815-757-3701). Then from Sept 30th until mid-late October they will be open every Saturday and Sunday. Also, the gift shop will be open during the Genoa-Kingston Christmas Craft Walk in December.

Joni is very willing to put some of our handmade items—small items—in the gift shop this fall. I'm thinking bowl cozies (yes, I said it), wine coasters, and other small items (call me if you have questions). She will mark the price up 15% to cover her overhead. The items need to be completed and given to be by end of day Sept 15th. This is so I can get them to Joni by her deadline.

I'm thinking that we should try seasonal bowl cozies as well as regular ones. So, if you have Christmas fabric left, please use it.

Questions: Call me, please!

Kathi Davis
VP Ways and Means
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AUDIT

Thank you to Mary Beth V., Jean B., and Marge G. for conducting the 2022-23 financial audit. The report will be available at the August meeting to be viewed by interested members.

Peg Simonds

SUMMER BLOCK LOTTO

For our Summer block we are making pineapples! You can find the free pattern by Jackie Padesky in your June Newsletter.

We will use yellows, greens and a white/neutral background. Blocks will be collected and raffled at the August meeting.



A friendly reminder...

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

BITS & PIECES

Raffle Tickets Available

You will want to bring cash to the next meeting! Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest will be at the August 24 meeting to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. The quilt will be raffled during their quilt show Friday, October 20, 2023 through Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the College of Lake County (CLC).

Moonlit Poppies was designed, and hand appliqued by members of the guild.



A personal note from Kyra Rider...



On July 16 and 17 of this year, my mom (Paulanne) and I spent the days on Maui in Hawaii. The wildfires have been devastating and fill my heart with sadness. While in Lahaina, we spent time under the majestic Banyan Tree and found a little quilt shop. The banyan tree might make it, but the quilt shop likely burned to the ground along with thousands of other businesses in Lahaina. My prayers go out to the community.



GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
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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 open at 6:00pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

Find us on Facebook!

**Search for "DeKalb
County Quilters Guild
Group"**