



The News-Patch

February 2019

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

Happy February,

I realize most of you were not able to attend our first meeting at our new location due to the weather, but I am happy you focused on safety first. Kay brought a delicious lemon bundt cake with “40” candles and we sang Happy Birthday to the guild – great idea Kay! I also brought a few of the photo albums so a few of the members had a nice “trip down memory lane”. I’ll bring a few more to the February meeting.

Sheryl was also able to introduce her new project for the coming year, thanks to the help of technology & Dorothy relaying her text messages throughout the evening. Dorothy, I hope you have been able to recover from the stress of that responsibility 😊

At the risk of repeating myself, and since we had a small turnout at our last meeting...

The board has some great ideas to celebrate our upcoming 40th anniversary, but we cannot be successful without your help. These ideas will be presented again at our February meeting, so plan to come with some ideas of your own that we may be able to incorporate. Remember this is our guild and the only way for us to continue is to have involvement from everyone.

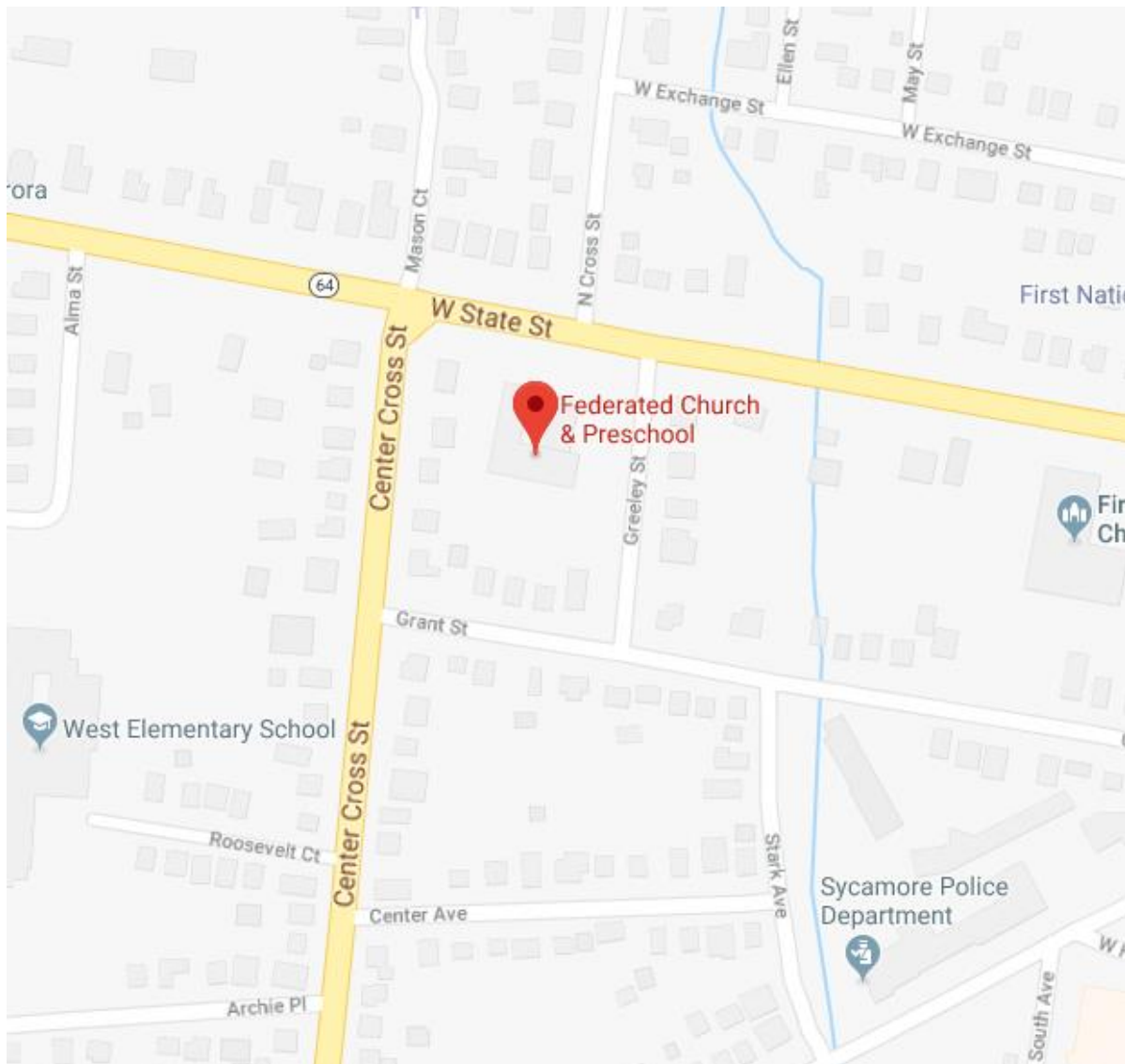
Something else to think about – we will have many open positions at our next election in a few months, so take the opportunity to talk with some of the current board members to see how your experience may be a good fit for one of the open positions.

Happy quilting,
Jennifer

NEW LOCATION!!!

Starting in January, we will now be meeting at the **Federated Church in Sycamore** @ 612 W. State St. (Rt. 64). You will enter the parking lot on the south (back) side of the church off Greeley Street. There will be a double-door entrance to the social hall where our meetings will be held. For those of you who attend our Saturday sew-ins, meetings will be held in the same room.

If you are having any problem finding the church, feel free to call Jennifer's cell at 815-761-1032.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

If you were not able to make the January meeting – or if you forgot- please bring your donations for Safe Passage to the February meeting.

We are going to continue working on getting UFO's (Un-Finished Objects) finished this year, plus adding a couple of PIG's (Projects In Grocery Sacks) into the schedule. There is a form included in the newsletter showing the month a UFO is due and when a PIG is due. It is up to you to prioritize your projects. There is also a section for each project to list what you need to complete the UFO or PIG. Please fill out the form and make a copy to be turned in at the February meeting.

February's program:

UFO #1 on your list is due

When you are organizing your stash and sorting fabrics for Sheryl's mystery quilt project, look for yardage that you no longer want, or don't know why you bought in the first place. Bring 1 yard of "ugly fabric" to the February meeting, and we will rip in ½, keep ½ and pass the other on to the next person and so on. You will then use the pieces to make whatever project you wish. Projects should be completed by the September Guild. Members will vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. Prizes will be awarded. This is your challenge for the year.

March program:

UFO #2 on due your list is due

Kathy W found a really good game for us and has even made a couple of nice prizes for the winners.

Also bring in the first quilt that you made. Since many of us give our quilts as gifts, you may not still have your first quilt, so bring in your oldest.

Workshop dates for this year

March 16

April 13

May 4

Workshops start at 10 and end at 4 at the Federated Church in Sycamore. You may work on any project you wish.

Bobbie Lundberg, Programs

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Snacks to be provided by:

February	Susie H Rachel H Anita H Sheryl K Jan K	April	JoAnn R Peggy S Pam S Mary T Krista U
March	Mary Jean L Bobbie L Eena L Jennifer O Susan R	May	Salad supper – all bring dish to pass
		June	Vera W Chris W Kathy W Rosalie W

Ways & Means

I have a lot to share with you this month.

Can you believe that by the time you receive this it will be less than 3 weeks until we move our clocks forward and begin daylight saving time which means later sunsets and warmer weather. YIPPEE!! I can hardly wait to get back outside again and feel the warm sun. More time outside equals less time inside quilting though. So, yes, the struggle is real!

Back to the business of Guild info! I must apologize for the confusion at the last Guild meeting. In light of the nasty weather and some earlier conversation, I was led to believe that the meeting would more than likely be canceled. Therefore, I chose to not venture out in to the elements that night. I understand that led to much confusion about the monthly project. SO, I did my best to get the information to you through Social media and email. I hope that info reached you in one of those formats. I have also included the cutting directions for the first step in this newsletter. I will have copies of each step, each month for those members that will be doing the project. I will not be posting them to our FB page or including them in future newsletters. (Editor note: We can post clues on Sheryl's behalf in case anyone needs the reference.) Each "Clue" will be discussed each month when we meet, and a new "Clue" will be handed out for the following month. You will be given 6 "Clues" and a layout page of the quilt top. If you miss a meeting and "clue", you can get it at the next meeting you attend. The piecing of this quilt top is fairly simple. So, have fun on this "journey"!

IF you were able to obtain the first "Clue" and have it ready for the meeting, that is fine. If not, don't worry. I will have extra copies of the first clue and will also pass out copies of the second clue. You will have plenty of time to catch up by the March meeting.

Next, the "Garage, Plant and Bake Sale" will be canceled as I have not been able to secure a location to hold it.

That's about all for now. Let's hope that we are truly winding down the nasty winter weather and warmer days prevail soon!

Sheryl Keiler, Ways & Means

Mystery Quilt Along Clue #1

This will be a 6-part series with one part each month. Basic sewing skills and tools are all that are needed along with your fabric selections as listed below.

Each month you will be given a “clue” that you will need to “solve” before moving on. Once all clues are solved, you will be able to piece them together for a beautiful finished quilt top.

Block sizes = 12” finished – 12 blocks total

Finished size is 60” x 76”

Fabric requirements:

Main fabric – a nice print in the color(s) of your choice – 2 yards. If you want to enlarge the quilt, purchase an additional 2 ½ yards for an outer border

Light fabric – A nice neutral or white to compliment your main fabric – 2 yards

Dark Accent – Small scale or tone on tone (pull a color from your main fabric) - 3 yards allows one yard for your binding

Medium Accent – (a scale that compliments the others – pull a color from your main fabric in a medium tone) - 2 ½ yards

Below is a “paste-up” layout for your fabric selection. Please use this as you move through the clues to keep your fabrics straight!

Main Fabric	Light Fabric	Medium Accent	Dark Accent
2 yards	2 yards	3 yards	2 ½ yards
(Paste a fabric sample here)	(Paste a fabric sample here)	(Paste a fabric sample here)	Paste a fabric sample here)

REMEMBER!!! CONTRAST IN COLOR AND VALUE IS KEY TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE AMONG ALL YOUR FABRICS

Cutting For Step One:

From your light fabric – cut 12 strips 2” wide

Subcut those in to 144 rectangles – 2” x 3 ½”

From your dark accent fabric:

Cut 10 strips 2” wide

Subcut those in to 192 2” squares

Below is also a photo of the mystery quilt along set up and clue one directions for cutting and sewing:

This mystery is a six part series. Each part will have some cutting and piecing instructions. By the end you will have a great quilt that I hope you will share with fellow quilters in your local shop. Construction of this quilt requires basic rotary cutting and machine piecing skills.

Fabric Requirements

Finished size of this quilt is 60" x 76", a large lap size or twin coverlet. You may want to add an additional wide outer border to make a full or queen size. The yardage listed below gives both options.

The most important thing to remember when selecting fabric for a mystery quilt is **contrast!!!** There should be enough contrast in value or color to see a difference among all of your fabrics.

Choose a variety of scales and/or visual textures for interest. Avoid directional fabrics unless you are prepared to ignore their prints.

Yardage is generous enough to allow for shrinkage, squaring, slightly narrow fabrics, and very minor goofs.


Main Fabric	2 yards*
* Buy an additional 2 1/2 yards for an outer border, if you choose to enlarge the quilt as stated above.	
Light Fabric	2 yards
Dark Accent (small scale or tone on tone)	3 yards**
** Allows one yard for the binding	
Medium Accent	2 1/2 yards***
(a scale that compliments the others)	
*** Allows for a 4" or wider border	


Other Tools & Supplies

Sewing Machine
 Rotary cutter, mat, & rulers
 Suggested ruler sizes: 6" x 24" and a small square.
 A large 15" square would be helpful, too.
 Thread to blend with your fabrics
 The Angler®, optional

Cutting for Step 1

Strips are cut across the width of the fabrics, making them approximately 42" long with selvages on each of the short ends. *Pay close attention to the key throughout the instructions. It will help identify which fabrics you are to use in piecing!*

 **Light Fabric:**
 Cut twelve strips 2" wide.
 Subcut those into 144 rectangles that are 2" x 3 1/2".


 **Dark Accent Fabric:**
 Cut ten strips 2" wide.
 Subcut those into 192 squares (2").

12/strip


20/strip

Piecing for Step 1

Using a sew and flip technique as described below, make forty-eight of each unit shown. **NOTE: These are mirror images (in other words, reverses) of each other.** It is a good idea to make sure your units look exactly like the sketches before trimming away the excess in the seam allowance. You will have some rectangles and squares leftover for future use. This is where using The Angler® would help. See the instructions that come with The Angler® for more information, or draw the stitching line for precision, if necessary.



make 48



make 48

To do the sew and flip technique:

- Place a square of dark accent on one end of the rectangle, RST. Stitch on the diagonal as shown by the dotted line. Trim away the excess of both layers, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam allowances toward the dark accent fabric. Make 48 of these.
- Repeat the above step, but this time position the square and stitch as shown in the last sketch. Check to make sure these units are the reverses of the first ones you made. Trim and press as before. Make 48 of these reverse units.

Now find us on Instagram! Search "DeKalb County Quilters" to find us. If you have a picture you'd like to share, send it to DCQGnews@gmail.com

Getting to Know...Jill Draves

How long have you been a guild member? I have been a member since, I believe, 1992. I took a break for a year or two somewhere in there but missed everybody too much and just had to come back.

How long have you been sewing? I have been sewing since I was 10 years old. I have my first full-sized quilt. It is mostly hand stitched, with a blanket for batting. I grew up like an only child with my older brother and sister grown and out of the house before I was born, so Mom kept me busy with crafts. When I was twelve years old, I got a toy Singer sewing machine for Christmas and I sewed Barbie clothes and Velvet Doll clothes on it. I made a twin sized quilt top for my nephew, Eric, on that toy machine. I sewed so much on that little Singer, the gears wore out! After that, Mom said it was time I learned to sew on her Singer machine. Mom was very possessive and protective of her sewing machine, so I knew I was becoming an adult to be allowed to touch it and actually use it. It was more exciting to use the "real" sewing machine than learning how to drive! (I'm not kidding!)



What was your first project? I had lots of projects when I started to sew, and that still has not changed. Of course, I didn't know what I was doing and was just learning as I went along. My first quilt project was a quilt for my Barbie dolls. I used old fabric from my Grandma's stash and the back of an old white dress shirt of my Grandpa's for the backing of my Barbie quilt. I didn't use any batting because it would have been too bulky. The blocks were 1-inch square and hand sewn. I used the backing turned to the front for the binding -- Wow! just did that on the last three quilts I made! Coming full circle with the type of binding. When I find it, I'll bring it in for Show and Tell.

Favorite colors? My favorite colors, well, tie-dye, of course. My favorite color years ago was blue - blue bedroom, blue bedspread, everything blue, then it changed to purple and hot pink.

Least favorite color? My least favorite colors would have to be avocado green, rust, and some browns. Also "mauve" is a strange looking and sounding color. I never could understand why "mauve" was such a popular color in the 1980s. Especially light pinkish "mauve," it was so blah.

Favorite quilting celebrity? My favorite quilting celebrity - I don't have just one. Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Jane Sassaman, Ricky Tims, Freddy Moran, and Gwen Marston are a few of my favorites.

What are you currently working on? I'm currently working on a quilt for my Mom. It is like the quilt I made for Alexis and tied, but a couple of rows smaller and machine quilted. I still need to stitch the binding. Also, I'm still making quilt tops and sewing bindings for my Monday quilting group "Cut Ups." I have a couple of cute little wall hangings to finish up with labels and some more hand embroidery.

Any other hobbies or interests? I have lots of hobbies and interests - tie-dying t-shirts, knitting, crocheting, playing the guitar and harmonica, and now I'm on a big kick of going through my old ideas and projects and picking them up to actually start or begin finishing. I'm still working two to three days per week but have been home more than at work. This bitter cold weather is perfect for staying in and sewing!

Bits & Pieces

See attachment email for full printable excel version of form:

2019 UFO's & PIGS list					
Month	Project type	Project Name	Description	Date Started	What you need to complete project - technique assist - supplies - add'l fabric
February	UFO				
March	UFO				
April	PIG				
May	UFO				
June	UFO				
July	UFO				
August		Mystery quilt			
September		Ugly quilt			
October	UFO				
December	PIG				

Do you have a trip or trick you'd like to share?
 Something you'd like to buy or sell in Classified ads?

Email us!

DCQGnews@gmail.com

Courtesy of Missouri Star Quilt Company Block perpetual calendar – how to cut a fat quarter:



A friendly reminder...

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

Out & About

Tuckabatchee Quilters "Little Cabin in the woods" Quilt Show

Saturday March 30, 2019
10 am. - 5 pm.

Sunday March 31, 2019
10 am. - 3 pm.

Admission \$5.00 per person

Knights of Columbus Hall
401 W. Main St. Ottawa, IL



Visit our Facebook page for
Updates & info on the show

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Camp Tuckabatchee Quilters-
Little Cabin in the Woods Quilt Show

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "DeKalb County
Quilters' Guild Group"

And click join for
conversations, sharing, and
fun!

Heart Songs Quilt Show



**April 5 & 6
2019**

**9am to 4pm
both days**

Channahon United Methodist Church

24751 W. Eames St. (Route 6)

Channahon, IL

Quilts, Vendors, Raffles, Boutique, Bake Sale
Guild Boutique with \$1 - \$4 per yard fabric, tons of
charm packs, 2.5" strip packs and more.

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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.