



The News-Patch

February 2020

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

To our members,

I will not be able to attend our next meeting, so wanted to take this chance to “discuss” a few things with you.

We will have four openings on our board as of June 1st – President, VP of Programs, VP of Special Events and Secretary. In order to keep our 501(c)(3) status we are required to have these primary board positions filled. Board members have been taking on double-duty for several years now and we cannot continue to ask them to do this. Most of these positions do not take a lot of time; a little organization, some great ideas and working together with fellow members. For example, perhaps two friends could take on the VP of Programs together to fun 😊.

This is your guild. We have almost doubled in size these past two years. We have positive momentum, so let’s keep it going!

Happy Quilting,
Jennifer

P.S. Hope you enjoy the quilt lotto. Sorry I am going to miss it 😞

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

We will have our first Quilt block lotto! Kathy Wells will introduce the next block to us at the February meeting.

Reminder the guild sew-in day is the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 – 4.

Dates are:

April 11

March 14

May 16 ***** please note this is the 3rd Saturday in May

Bring your machine and sewing project. If you do not want to bring your machine, then bring hand work – hand quilting, embroidery, knitting, crochet, or cut out a new project whatever you wish to work on.

The sew-days are like a 1-day retreat when you can have some quilt friend time.

Thanks

Bobbie

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

February treat providers:

Cheryl L

Eena L

Sherry M

Jennifer O

Patty P

March treat providers:

Suzanne P

Susan R

JoAnn R

Kyra R

Paulanne R

Peg S

April treat providers:

Mary T

Krista U

Vera W

Chris W

Kathy W

Rosalie W

May treats provided by all for our annual salad supper

QUILT LOTTO INTRO

Welcome to Dekalb County Quilters Guild new activity, Quilt Block Lotto. 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. 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.

For February, I chose a simple, yet striking block called Striped Squares. (Instructions were shared at the January meeting, as well as on Facebook.) The block was a free download from Jordan Fabrics and uses solids or fabrics that read as solids, like grunge. I used white as the background fabric, with one a true solid and the other a fabric that reads as a solid. The block finishes at 11 inches and is constructed around a central square. For added interest it is put together in two opposite ways, one with a central square in color and one with a central square in white. It's a very easy block and goes together very quickly. I'd suggest that you make two blocks this time, one in each color way. At the February meeting we will collect the blocks and draw one lucky winner.



Kathy Wells

MARCH QUILT LOTTO

For our next month's Quilt Lotto (March) I've chosen another idea from Jordan Fabrics. It's called the Sister's Choice Block. The great thing about this block is that it looks completely different when you arrange the colors in different ways. Also, you can use jelly roll strips, charm squares, or candies (two and a half inch minis) for this project.

To create this block, select eight 2-1/2" matching dark squares and eight matching 2-1/2" light squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the reverse side of the light squares. Place a light square on top of a dark square right sides together and stitch on the drawn line. Cut a quarter inch away from the stitching. Open, press toward the dark side. Repeat to make eight half square triangles.

Using the photo to the right, lay out the half square triangles with seventeen two and a half inch squares in a five by five block. This month's block will look like this. In the next two months I'll introduce two other variations of the same block so you will end up with a beautiful table runner if you make one block for the lotto and one block for yourself.

To make things consistent let's use red, white and blue fabrics in prints or print fabrics that read as solids.

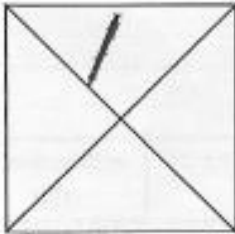


BITS & PIECES

8 at a Time Half-Square Triangle Units

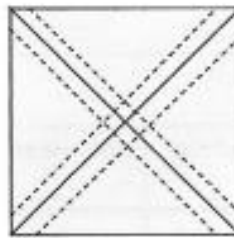
This method makes 8 half-square triangle units using 2 squares of fabric.

1.



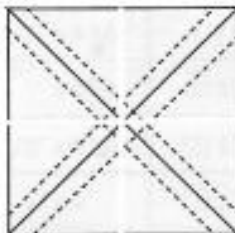
Place (2) squares with right sides together. Draw a line diagonally corner to corner using a mechanical pencil or Frixion pen.

2.



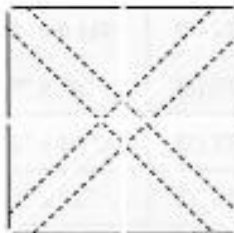
Stitch $1/4"$ on each side of the drawn lines.

3.



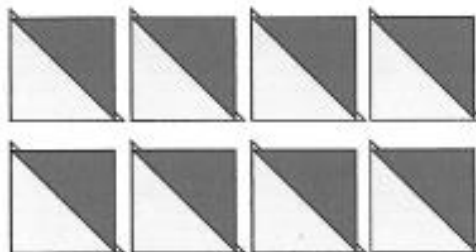
Cut the squares in both directions.

4.



Cut the squares diagonally corner to corner.

5.



Press seams to one side.

They have now been made over-sized and must be trimmed.

Formula for cutting the original squares so that the half-square triangles are oversized is:

$$\text{Finished size} \times 2 + 2$$

Don't care to do the math? Not a problem! Follow the cutting chart below.

Finished Size HST:	Cut Squares:	Trim completed HSTs to:
1" x 1"	(2) 4" x 4"	1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1 1/2" x 1 1/2"	(2) 5" x 5"	2" x 2"
2" x 2"	(2) 6" x 6"	2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	(2) 7" x 7"	3" x 3"
3" x 3"	(2) 8" x 8"	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
3 1/2" x 3 1/2"	(2) 9" x 9"	4" x 4"
4" x 4"	(2) 10" x 10"	4 1/2" x 4 1/2"
4 1/2" x 4 1/2"	(2) 11" x 11"	5" x 5"
5" x 5"	(2) 12" x 12"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"
5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	(2) 13" x 13"	6" x 6"
6" x 6"	(2) 14" x 14"	6 1/2" x 6 1/2"
6 1/2" x 6 1/2"	(2) 15" x 15"	7" x 7"

Finished Size HST:	Cut Squares:	Trim completed HSTs to:
7" x 7"	(2) 16" x 16"	7 1/2" x 7 1/2"
7 1/2" x 7 1/2"	(2) 17" x 17"	8" x 8"
8" x 8"	(2) 18" x 18"	8 1/2" x 8 1/2"
8 1/2" x 8 1/2"	(2) 19" x 19"	9" x 9"
9" x 9"	(2) 20" x 20"	9 1/2" x 9 1/2"
9 1/2" x 9 1/2"	(2) 21" x 21"	10" x 10"
10" x 10"	(2) 22" x 22"	10 1/2" x 10 1/2"
10 1/2" x 10 1/2"	(2) 23" x 23"	11" x 11"
11" x 11"	(2) 24" x 24"	11 1/2" x 11 1/2"
11 1/2" x 11 1/2"	(2) 25" x 25"	12" x 12"
12" x 12"	(2) 26" x 26"	12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

To read this chart, "Finished HST" means, completely sewn into a block. Find either the finished size or trim completed HSTs to" size to determine what the cut size is for your squares.

HARVEST OF QUILTS 2020

I am so excited! The quilt show committee is getting established. Here are the current committee members:

- Kathy Wells: Demonstrations and Quilt Award Toppers
- Kim Colness: Volunteers
- Jean Bradford: Boutique
- Peggy Simonds and Rob Stoll: Raffle Baskets and Youth Encouragement
- Chris Wells: Vendors
- JoAnn Russell: Raffle Quilt

We still could use chairs for Show Publicity. If you are interested in assisting with the quilt show, you don't have to be a chair, just let me know.

The committee decided to encourage young quilters to submit their work. We are going to give a special award to the best quilt made by a quilter under the age of 18.

The quilt application and cover letter are attached to this newsletter. NEW this year: the application can be completed online (in the next few weeks as soon as I get it up on website).

Next meeting is March 9th 7:00pm at my house. Looking forward to our show!

Kathi Davis, Chair
Harvest of Quilts 2020

Be thinking about items you'll want to contribute to fill the raffle baskets (fat quarters and chocolates were popular items at our 2019 quilt show!) and be on the lookout for enticing basket combinations when you attend quilt shows and fundraisers this spring and summer. Share your ideas with Rob Stoll or Peggy Simonds, Raffle Baskets co-chairs, and watch for additional information in the coming months.

Thanks!
Peg Simonds

A friendly reminder...

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

MEMBERSHIP AND RETREATS

We currently have 50 registered members for the 2019-20 year! Please take the time to welcome any new faces you see at the meetings. A big thank you to Vera Wedel who has volunteered to help me out at the membership table on meeting nights to help with the check-in process. This will help smooth out and speed up your arrival. And don't forget to wear your name tags!

This month we will have the signup sheet for the retreat on March 20-22. The fee is \$10 per day or all three days for \$25. This also includes bringing a dish to pass and a snack to share so we will have food to eat and nothing to keep us from our sewing productivity.

An additional retreat will be held later this summer on Thursday, August 13th through Sunday August 16th (4 days)

Happy sewing!
Kim Colness

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

P.O. Box 385
Sycamore IL 60178

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 open at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

Find us on Facebook!

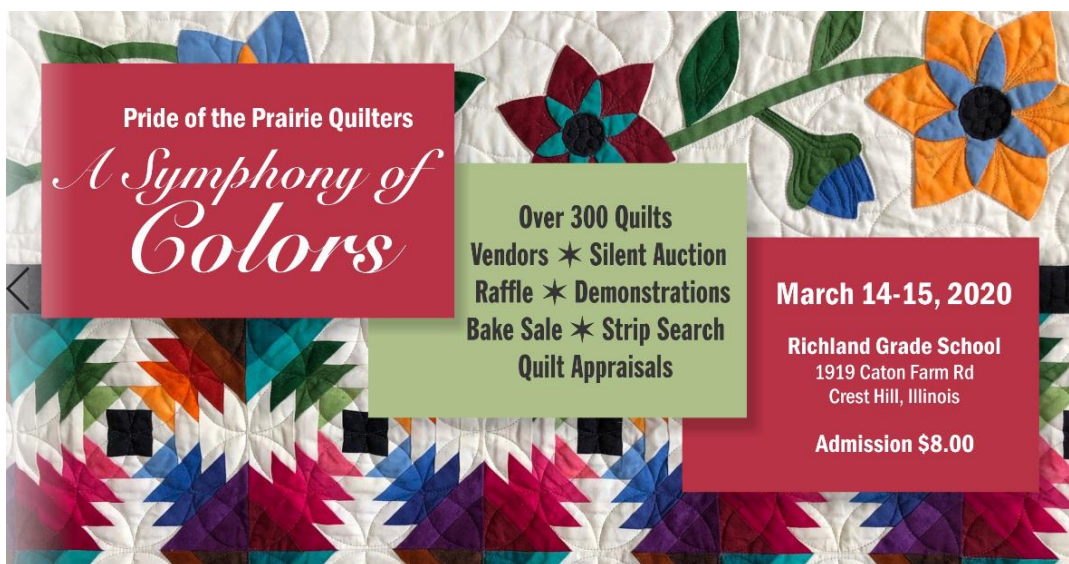
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OUT & ABOUT



Pride of the Prairie Quilters
A Symphony of Colors

Over 300 Quilts
 Vendors ★ Silent Auction
 Raffle ★ Demonstrations
 Bake Sale ★ Strip Search
 Quilt Appraisals

March 14-15, 2020
Richland Grade School
 1919 Caton Farm Rd
 Crest Hill, Illinois
 Admission \$8.00



<http://www.springfieldquilts.com/>

Friday, March 20, 2020 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Illinois State Fairgrounds - Orr Building (gate 9)

- Over 400 quilts on display
- Bed Turning featuring Judy Martin and her quilts
- Special Exhibit: I Can Quilt 'n Sew quilts
- Quilts of Valor demonstrations and presentations
- Make & Take
- Door Prizes
- Scavenger Hunt for Kids
- "Looking Out for Others" Charity Sale.
- More than 50 vendor booths
- Convenient On-site Lunch
- Free Parking
- \$10 at the door
- Children 16 and under free with adult admission



**Salt Creek
 Patchmakers Annual
 Quilt Show 2020**
 March 27 - 28
 9 am to 4 pm daily
 Bed Turning, Quilter's Garage
 Sale*, Vendors, Raffle Quilt,
 Lunch/Dessert Bar*, plus a
 Special display by Bloomington-
 Normal Modern Quilt Guild.

Little Galilee Christian Camp
 7539 Little Galilee Rd.
 Clinton, IL 61727

Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under
 admitted free.

*Cash or Check only
 For any questions please email:
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