



# 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 everyone!

Just returned from another great turnout for our Sewing Saturday 😊

The group seemed to like the new format, so we will continue to have a social hour & treats from 6 –7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:00.

I will be bringing a few donation quilts for Show & Tell. You'll have to come to the next meeting to find out why two of them are identical...

Happy Quilting,  
Jennifer

# FEBRUARY MEETING

## Meeting Treats

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour at 6pm. The treats schedule for the next 2 months:

### February:

Anita Hyde  
Sheryl Keiler  
Cheryl Lorden  
Bobbie Lundberg

### March:

Eena Lundberg  
Diane Mahoney  
Gail Marshall  
Donna Martin

## Programs

### **February 23**

Member Trunk Show by our very own President, Jennifer Olbrich! Like many of us, Jennifer has given away many of the quilts she has made as gifts or generosity projects. But she still has a large selection of quilts she uses every day for herself and Ozzy (her 4-legged child). Jennifer also has a closet full of beautiful smaller quilts and table toppers that she swaps out with the seasons. Be prepared to ooh and aah as Jennifer shares some of her favorites from her collection.

### **Upcoming programs:**

March 23 – Generosity project work night/sew-in

April 27 – “Caring for your Quilts: Museum Methods on a Household Budget.” Donna Langford

May 25 – Salad Supper

June 22 – “Invisible applique – by machine!” Theresa Kennedy

July 27 – TBA

August 24 – Trunk show, Shelley Johnson, Sunshine Stitches

## DCQG January 2023 Program: **Cutting: Tools We Love**

Thank you Peg for taking notes. These are listed in the order we presented around the room. Please shop at your local quilt shop first – we want to keep your local shops ☺

- Fiskars 45 mm rotary cutter, 6"x24" ruler, cutting mat
- Fiskars 60 mm rotary cutter
- Quilters Select by Alex Anderson rotary cutter
- Bloc Loc Half-Square Triangle rulers
- Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer
- June Tailor Shape Cut Ruler
- Karen Kay Buckley scissors with serrated edge
- Sewing Stiletto
- Hera Marker
- SOMOLUX rotary cutter blades, 10 pack for \$10.99
- Martinelli Ergo rotary cutter
- Accuquilt cutter and dies
- Kai scissors
- Omnigrid 15" square ruler
- Quilter's Magic Wand ½"x12"
- Dumbbells used to weight down rulers
- Folding cutting mat
- Fiskars Stitch/Seam Ripper Scissors
- Mini backpack to carry rotary cutter, scissors, seam ripper, tweezers and extra blades
- Quilters Select 6"x24" ruler
- Quilters Select cutting mat
- Scissors for paper piecing
- 5" square ruler
- Olfa rotary cutter
- Rotating cutting mat
- Cast iron to weight down ruler
- Kobalt scissors
- Fiskars Thread Snips
- Plexiglass cut at Lowe's in various sizes
- Black handle scissors, \$7
- Chunky/thick handle seam ripper
- Olfa cutting mat
- Omnigrid rulers
- Creative Grids rulers
- Weighted ball to hold ruler in place
- And one tip for the good of the cause: Unsew in a different place than your sewing space.

# RAFFLE QUILT

## Next Raffle Quilt (after current one):

Our guild currently has a raffle quilt to be used for the next show/raffle. BUT we need to start working on the next one after that. We would like a quilt pattern where the blocks can be individually made by members of the guild, beginners to experts, and then assembled. This quilt will be made by multiple members of the guild; each member only being asked to make a block or two.

Since I (Kathi Davis) am Ways and Means VP (in charge of bringing in money to the guild), I will oversee the next raffle quilt. However, quilt patterns and knowing about blocks, how easy/hard they are to make, is not really my forte. Therefore, I am asking you for assistance in choosing the next raffle quilt.

Here's what I would like from each of you:

- Send me (NO LATER THAN March 11<sup>th</sup>) the name or website address of any quilt pattern that you think you would like to and be able to do – yourself!
- You may send more than one – even LOTS!
- I will compile a list (and maybe samples) of the candidate quilt patterns to be shown to the guild at the March meeting.
- We will discuss and vote on which one, we as a group, want to do.

The raffle quilt can be anything you feel we can accomplish!!!

Thanks for your assistance,  
Kathi Davis  
VP Ways and Means

P.S. Just because you find a pattern you think is for us does not mean you will HAVE TO make a block or two. We will ask that later so you can look at your schedule then and see if making a block is something you can do. Let's choose a pattern first!

## SPRING BLOCK LOTTO

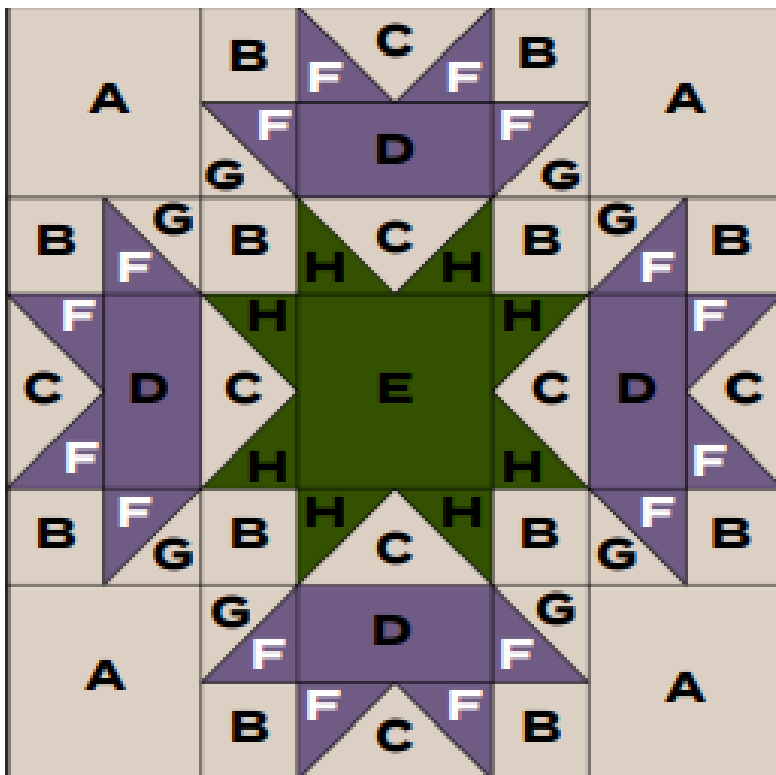
Our Winter block lotto winner was Sheryl Keiler! She loved the snowflake block so much, she came with a completed quilt. That's a first...finishing the quilt BEFORE you win!

For Spring we will make Crown and Star by Betsy Chutchian for Moda Block Heads 3. Please use greens for the center Star and spring colors for the "Crowns", with a light neutral background.

### CROWN AND STAR

BY BETSY CHUTCHIAN

*I enjoy blocks that offer different and interesting ways of using simple and familiar pieces such as half square triangles and flying geese. The possibilities are always endless.*



8" Block
(4) 2 1/2" squares
(12) 1 1/2" squares
(2) 3 1/4" squares; cut squares twice diagonally to make (8) C triangles.
(4) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
(1) 2 1/2" square
(8) 1 7/8" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (16) F triangles.
(4) 1 7/8" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (8) G triangles.
(4) 1 7/8" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (8) H triangles.

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Create (8) HST units using (8) F triangles and (8) G triangles. Sew the longest edges of the triangles together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press toward the dark fabric.



2. Trim HST units using the following guide:
  - a. 6" Block:  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " unfinished ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " finished)
  - b. 8" Block:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (1" finished)
  - c. 12" Block: 2" unfinished ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)



3. Sew the longest edges of (2) F triangles onto either side of (1) C triangle as shown. Press seams outward. Repeat to create (4) flying geese units using F and C.



Create (4) Units



Create (4) Units

4. Repeat flying geese unit assembly using (2) H triangles and (1) C triangle. Repeat to create (4) flying geese units using H and C.

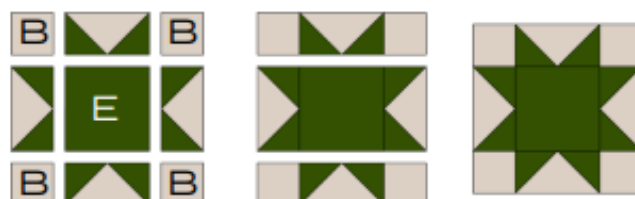
5. Trim flying geese units using the following guide:

- a. 6" Block:  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2" unfinished ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)
- b. 8" Block:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" unfinished (1" x 2" finished)
- c. 12" Block: 2" x 3" unfinished ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" finished)

6. Complete the center of the block using (4) H/C flying geese units, (4) B squares and (1) E square. Press.

Trim the block center using the following guide:

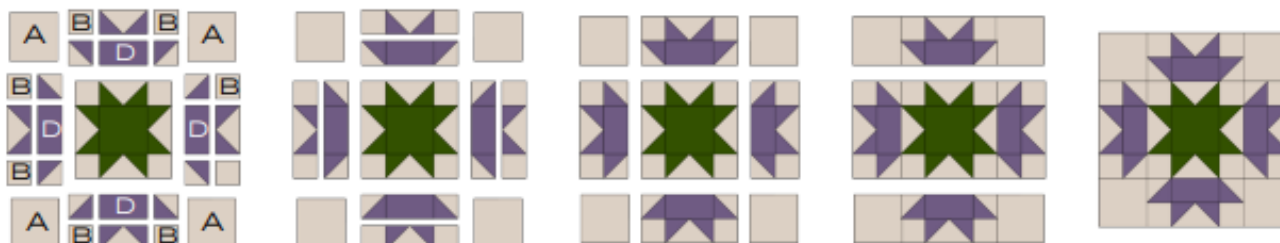
- a. 6" Block:  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (3" x 3" finished)
- b. 8" Block:  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (4" x 4" finished)
- c. 12" Block:  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (6" x 6" finished)



7. Complete block assembly using all units created in the above steps and the remaining A squares, B squares and D rectangles. Press all seams open to reduce bulk.

8. Trim block using the guide listed below:

- a.  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (6" x 6" finished)
- b.  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (8" x 8" finished)
- c.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (12" x 12" finished)



## DESIGNER INFO

Tips: Starch your fabrics before cutting. To help reduce bulk in seams, I twist seam intersections and clip, if necessary, and then press the seams to the side. I do occasionally press seams open when necessary

## MEMBERSHIP & MARCH RETREAT

Membership is still growing! At our January meeting, we had one visitor and we also welcomed brand new member, Bonnie Webb. This brings us up to 48 members! We have some fun programs planned for the coming months, so be thinking about who you can invite to join us this month!

Save the Date! We have a retreat scheduled for March 23-26. The 23<sup>rd</sup> falls on the same day as our March meeting, but don't let that stop you from enjoying both opportunities to be productive by day and inspired by night!

### Retreat Information

Our daytime retreats are held at the Afton Town Hall 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 need 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 starting something new that you want to be able to make good progress on.
- \$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.

Everyone who attends:

- brings snacks to share
- Takes a turn, on your own or with a buddy, to provide a meal (for 15).

We also encourage all to bring your own (reusable) tableware (there is a full kitchen) to cut down on the amount of garbage we produce because we must take it with us when we leave.

Look for the signup sheet at the February meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone, text or email me.

Sew Many Blessings!

Kim



## GETTING TO KNOW...YOU!

**How long have you been a guild member?**

**How long have you been sewing?**

**What was your first project?**

**On what are you currently working?**

**Favorite colors?**

**Least favorite color?**

**Favorite quilting celebrities?**

**Any other hobbies or interests?**

To participate, please send a photo and your answers to the questions to the left. Email to them [dcqgnews@gmail.com](mailto:dcqgnews@gmail.com) or bring to a meeting!

We'd love to get to know you too!

If you're interested in reading previous interviews of our members, please check out old newsletters at [dcqg.org](http://dcqg.org).

## GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG  
P.O. Box 385  
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: [info@dcqg.org](mailto:info@dcqg.org)

New Meeting Location: Federated Church  
612 W. State St.  
Sycamore IL 60178

Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors opened 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"

**A friendly reminder...**

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