



The News-Patch

January 2019

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

Happy New Year!

As I was thinking of the new year and some things I would like to accomplish, organizing my stash came to mind. Not too long thereafter I found myself registering for the upcoming Great Stash Dash... looks like I already blew that resolution ☺

I also spent New Year's holiday weekend going through EVERYTHING we had in the white cabinet that ended up in my dining room. Besides all the items that had a note to destroy 10 -15 years ago, I came across many photo albums. I plan to bring a few to the next meeting for you to reminisce...

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 at our January 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.

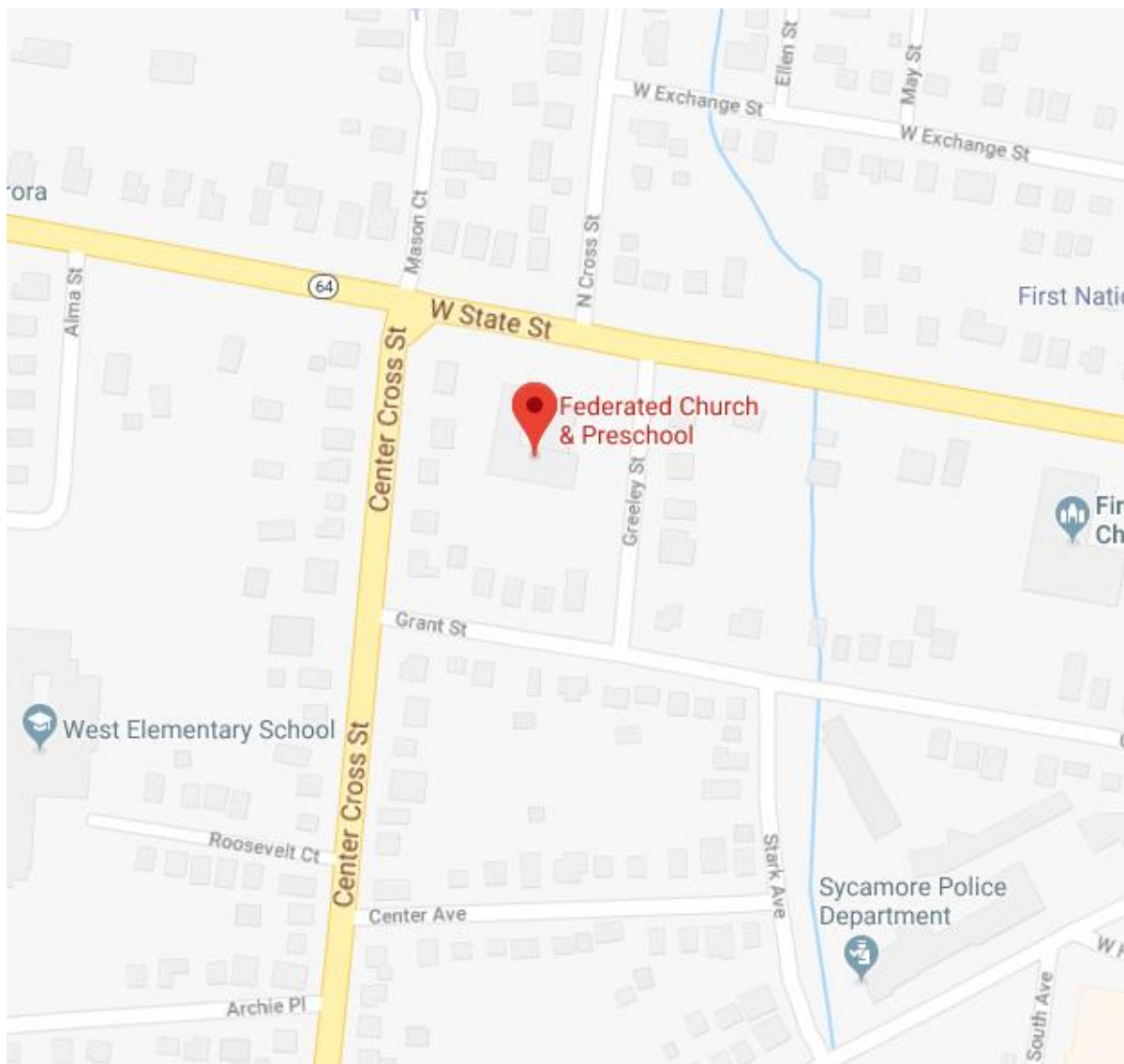
Something else to think about – we will have many open positions at our next election in a few months, so take the opportunity to talk with some of the current board members to see how your experience may be a good fit for one of the open positions.

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.



JANUARY PROGRAM

REMINDER – starting this month the meeting will be held at the Federated Church in Sycamore. See map on previous page for location. Please park in the parking lot at the back of the building of Greeley Street and enter through the double doors.

UFOs due for January are #1 and #3. - If you have participated in the UFO project, you now have 6 completed lovely works of art and a very good feeling of accomplishment. We will be doing the UFO project again this year, but with a different form and I will be including 2 PIGS also. I am working on developing the form and hopefully will have it completed by the meeting.

RAFFLE QUILT BLOCKS - All raffle quilt blocks need to be turned in at the January workshop on January 19th, and no later than the meeting on the 24th. We will start assembling the raffle quilt at the workshop and will show progress at the meeting.

DONTIONS FOR SAFE PASSAGE -We will be collecting items to donate to Safe Passage this month. There is a list of needed items attached to the newsletter. Bring 1, 2 or more items and they will be delivered to Safe Passage.

WORKSHOP SATURDAY – workshops start at 10am and end at 4pm. You can bring lunch, run out or order in!

Mark your calendars and come join us for sewing fun – you never know what you might learn.

DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

January 19

February 16

March 16

April 13

May 4

Bobbie Lundberg, Programs

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

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Snacks to be provided by the following |
members

January Jill D
Dorothy F
Kay F
Judy H
Kelly H

April JoAnn R
Peggy S
Pam S
Mary T
Krista U

February Susie H
Rachel H
Anita H
Sheryl K
Jan K

May Salad supper – all bring dish to pass

June Vera W
Chris W
Kathy W

March Mary Jean L
Bobbie L
Eena L
Jennifer O
Susan R

Ways & Means

Happy New Year all!

I hope you all had a beautiful holiday season. I did, BUT! I am also happy they are now a memory and that I can get back in to my sewing room. I think that maybe I have some withdrawal going on. My sewing room IS my “Happy Place”! With the cold, gray, dismal days the Midwest brings, I’m hoping to not only organize my room better, I know I will find some “old friends” I once started and will now put on my UFO list. It will also give me the opportunity to clean out those items that were once great “finds” but somehow got pushed in to the corner and are no longer calling me. These great items will be put away for our garage sale this spring. Please keep this in mind if you, too are going through your space and reorganizing. If you wish to sell any Items in our sale, please price them and be ready to bring them to our sale. There will be more in the upcoming months.

I am putting together our new monthly sewing project and will prepare a signup sheet for anyone interested in participating. I will announce the project at the January meeting along with the first instruction! I KNOW you will enjoy this project as it isn’t nearly as difficult or time consuming as the Anthology project. BTW- have any of you finished your quilt top yet? I haven’t yet but I hope to really move head on it in the coming month. That’s about all I have for now so sew on and sew forth!

Sheryl Keiler, Ways & Means

A friendly reminder...

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

Getting to Know...Ilene Covert

How long have you been a guild member?

I joined the quilt guild when it first started and continued off and on for years. Kids activities got in the way.

How long have you been sewing?

My mom taught me to sew. She made all our dresses when I was growing up. I made myself a wool plaid 3-piece suit in high school and didn't get a perfect score because I put the bound buttonholes on the wrong side of the jacket. I learn something from every project. She was a good teacher.

What was your first project?

I was asked to make the madrigal costumes for Sycamore High school before I was 25. I survived making 14 costumes while chasing my 1-year old son. I took a quilting class in the 70s and made quilted pillows for my 2 kids. I could not afford to buy fabric, so I started quilting with the ladies of St Mary Church in Sycamore. We hand quilted a quilt every year for the church raffle. We solved the problems of the world as we quilted. I learned to quilt and much about raising children from those wonderful retired women. I led the making of raffle baby quilts for a couple of organizations and taught some people how to quilt in the process. I hand quilted the grandmothers flower garden quilt made by my husband's Grandmother and Great Grandmother. It only took 6 years. I was published in Decorating Ideas magazine in the 90s working with Rebecca Anderson, from our guild, on home decorating projects.

Favorite colors?

My favorite color is blue.

Least favorite color?

My least favorite color is brown

Favorite quilting celebrity?

Ami Simms was the guest speaker of the quilt guild at the Newman Center in Dekalb. She had me laughing and crying. She showed her first quilt, a star quilt, and explained how important it is to measure and do accurate seam allowances, so all of the points will actually fit into the quilt. I also try to learn something from every project I make.



What are you currently working on?

I have many UFOs. I am a dinosaur because I still like hand quilting. I learned a new technique while in Madison that is basically a double disappearing nine-patch that looks like it will be fun & a good way to use up my new pre-cut scraps.

Any other hobbies or interests?

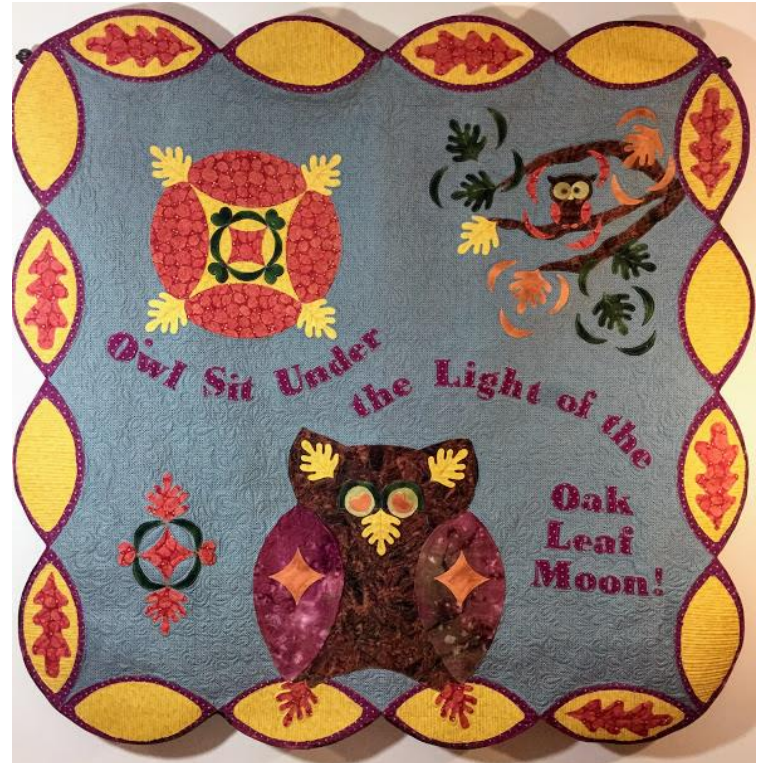
Other hobbies and interests? My husband is retiring soon and might want me to cook meals. HELP!!! I don't have time to cook. I help with church decorating. I also need to have time for my exercise classes. I rescue old worn quilts and I have a quilters fabric collection.

Bits & Pieces

Congratulations Lori!

Our very own Lori Dickman's quilt, "Owl Sit Under the Light of the Oak Leaf Moon" is a **finalist** in the *New Quilts from an Old Favorite* 2019 competition. It will be on display at The National Quilt Museum from April 5 – June 25, as well as during the AQS Spring 2019 Quilt Show.

Lori says, "Here is a shot of my crazy, whimsical, owl quilt (who is sitting under the light of the Oak Leaf Moon Block!) Do you see all the Oak Leaf parts & pieces blowing in the wind around the tree? The Oak Leaf pieces are also used within the Owl for parts of his body, and they are used in the outer scalloped border, etc.... It was really fun designing this quilt! I felt like a little kid creating a coloring project! It was so much fun!"



For years I've been telling everyone new to quilting about the Missouri Star Quilt Company and Jenny Doan, and her wonderful free quilt tutorial videos. Just the other day, quite by accident, I came upon another resource that is also spectacular! It's the Jordan Fabrics website, hosted by Matt and Donna Jordan. If you haven't had the opportunity to watch one of their videos, I highly recommend it. Their shop is in Grants Pass, Oregon and both Donna and Matt have posted wonderful videos, offering not only inspiration and education, but also lots of free patterns and giveaways as well! If you're not a fan of the pinked edge on precuts, you'll be delighted to know that Matt cuts his with straight edges and that can make for great precision piecing. Check out the Jordan fabric website at jordanfabrics.com and you're sure to be delighted and inspired. Below is a snapshot of their website banner showing all the fun things they share!

Happy Quilting! Kathy Wells

JORDAN  FABRICS

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QUILTING FABRIC PRE-CUTS OUR STORY LAYOUTS & BORDERS SAMPLE SALE
VIDEO TUTORIALS FREE PATTERNS PATTERNS FOR SALE VIDEO BUNDLES RETAIL STORE
GIVEAWAY!!!

DCQG Contact Info

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

Find us on Facebook!

**Search for “DeKalb County
Quilters' Guild Group”**

**And click join for
conversations, sharing, and
fun!**

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

SAFE PASSAGE LISTS

Below please find lists of items needed at the Safe Passage womens shelter. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please bring any items you can to the January meeting.

Most Needed Items at this time:

- Lotion for Dry/Cracked Skin
- Android phone chargers
- Bath Towels
- Toothpaste
- Pillows
- Combs and Brushes
- Gas station gift cards
- Walgreens gift cards
- Walmart gift cards
- Diapers (Specifically size 5 and up)
- Cleaning supplies
- Twin sheet sets
- Laundry detergent
- Hair care products including:
 - AslAm hair product line, Cantu hair product line, or Cream of Nature (Argon Oil) products.
 - Co-wash, leave-in conditioner
 - Shea butter and coconut oil
 - Scalp conditioner

Linens:

- Twin sheet sets
- Blankets/Quilts

Cleaning Supplies:

- Dish soap
- Spray cleaners
- Laundry detergent

Hygiene Items (Full-Sized Only, Please):

- Nail files and clippers
- Pads and tampons
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Motions Hair Care products
- Olive oil for hair
- Deodorant
- Body wash

Miscellaneous:

- Duffle bags
- Baby items (especially bottles and pacifiers)
- Non-perishable food
- Gas station, Walmart, and Walgreens gift cards
- Baby wipes
- Diapers and Pull-Ups (especially larger sizes)
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants for hospital calls and new women's underwear
- Paper towels and toilet paper