



# The News-Patch

January 2024

## Our Mission Statement:

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

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and happy New Year! I was supposed to be headed to Rockford today for a retreat through Quilter's General Store. Instead, I watched it snow from the safety of my house. It stinks when plans fall through due to weather but it just seemed too risky to drive up there. We canceled Sewing Saturday for the same reason. We didn't want to have people travel to the church to get the room set up and then ask members to drive on snowy/icy roads to sew. Hope you all stayed safe and were more productive than me.

Fortunately/unfortunately I had my 25 year old furnace replaced on January 2, so I am staying nice and warm. Way to start 2024 spending a bunch of money. Makes the cost of a quilt kit or two look like nothing.

Another bonus of not having the retreat this weekend is that I can spend some more time getting ready for classes that start on Wednesday. A friend of mine bought me a hand towel that says it best, "if it weren't for the last minute, I'd never get anything done." Fortunately, they are classes I have taught frequently and I can't wait for the math lessons to begin.

I look forward to our next year together as a group. Rob and Madaline will have some interesting programs for us. Things will start with a challenge that I might be able to complete on time and help use some of my stash. We have our show in October. The smaller venue will reduce the workload and I know the quilt show committee is already getting started on publicity. The date that corresponds with Pumpkin Fest has been good for us in the past.

Hope 2024 has been treating you well. Fingers crossed for good weather on meeting night.

Kyra

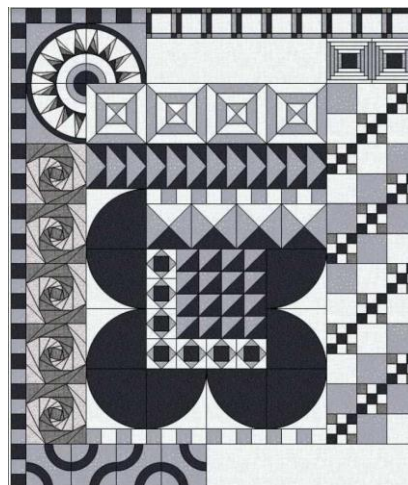
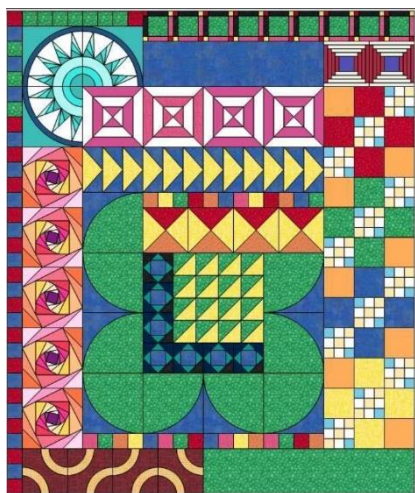
# JANUARY PROGRAM

Happy 2024! One of the items from the Programs Survey last year was an interest in block of the month and building skills. For the first half of 2024 we will have an optional Skill Builder BOM for those who want to participate. Over the 6 months (January - June) at each month's guild meeting the printed patterns for that month's blocks will be distributed along with Skill Tips and Trick Sheets for that month's blocks (we can email digital patterns for those who cannot attend). Additionally, we'll be curating YouTube videos for each month's skills highlighting different ways to do each month's skill and sending out the links to those videos via email.

This can be as scrappy as you want, a perfect opportunity to "shop your stash"! As we go along there will be options to swap out blocks so the end result will be your own one of a kind. The finished quilt as designed will be 54 x 64. Here are some of the skills we'll be learning or sharpening: Half-Square Triangles, Economy Block, Curves, Strip Set Piecing, Quarter Square Triangles, Improv Piecing, Foundation Paper Piecing.

At January's meeting we'll have the first month's block patterns and tip sheets and then in February participants can share their blocks and get the second installment. Hopefully, a number of members will have their finished quilts to show in October.

Rob Stoll



## Meeting Treats

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour (6:00 - 6:45 pm). Here is the treats schedule for the next 2 months:

January:

Linda Dupree  
Karen Ellis  
Ann Finseth  
Dorothy Francke  
Kay Fredrick

February:

Margaret Garbo  
Julie Goedeke  
Susie Hughes  
Anita Hyde  
Sheryl Keller

## WAYS & MEANS

### Latest update on our guild fundraising efforts

First of all, I want to thank, AGAIN, everyone that contributed something to sell. And everyone that assisted with the selling, setup, and takedown—thanks so much! I took the unsold smaller items back to Joni at The Enchanted Valley Farm. She had two shows in early December. The Small Businesses sale and The Genoa Christmas Craft Walk. I'm very pleased to say that The Enchanted Valley Farm sold another \$112. YAY!!! So, to add it all up: The Enchanted Valley Farm's first sale: \$63, our booth at The Wonderful World of Christmas: \$158, and The Enchanted Valley Farm's second sale: \$112...thus a total of \$313! I really do think this effort was very beneficial for us—not just the money but the exposure to the public.

Our next sale will probably be in the spring. I'm looking into the Kishwaukee Art League's art show the first week of June. We will be able to show our raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets along with our handmade items. And I think we can go back to the Big Rock Plowing Match again. We have done well with the selling of our raffle tickets at that show in September and this year can add our handmade items to sell.

If you have extra time, supplies, and motivation, please keep making items to sell at these shows. We learned that a lot of customers at the Wonderful World of Christmas were looking for bowl cozies. (I know...we may not like making them, but they really do sell.) The items that were not sold were the wine glass coasters. Nice smaller wall hangings sold well. Potholders and keychains were also good sellers. Any form of gnomes sells extremely well. The items can be for any holiday.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me.

Kathi Davis, VP Ways and Means

## HARVEST OF QUILTS Oct 25-26, 2024

January is typically a time when gardeners are perusing their seed catalogs and planning their gardens for a bountiful harvest. Are you spending time looking through quilt books, magazines, patterns or your UFOs planning the items you'll display at our October quilt show? We are always enchanted by the variety of colors and textures in the quilts, wall hangings, etc. which reflect the tastes, personalities, and talents of our guild members.

We need everyone's little bit or lot of help with all aspects of the show. Contact Chris or Peg (phone numbers can be found on your membership list) if you would be willing to coordinate the boutique, raffle baskets, volunteers, publicity, special displays, and/or demonstrations.

We have also heard from three youths who are excited to display a quilt in our show. Do you know a young person who has shown an interest in learning to quilt? Think about how you could plant that seed!

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## BLOCK LOTTO

Bring your Log Cabin Heart blocks to the January meeting for a chance to win! These blocks will make a sweet Valentine quilt. As a reminder, the pattern can be found in your October 2023 newsletter.



## UPCOMING RETREATS

Our next retreat will be March 7-10, 2024. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. Be looking for all those WIPs or brand new projects that you can bring along and finish up without the distractions of home.

Also, mark your calendars for June 6-9 for our summer retreat.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone, text or email me.

Sew Many Blessings!

Kim

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## BITS & PIECES

### Fabric for Sale

The Country Store Thrift Shop recently received a large donation of fabric. The fabric is quilt shop quality. Much of it was originally purchased locally at Basketcases Unlimited and Stitching on State. The fabric will be available for sale beginning Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. The fabric donation did not include 30's fabrics or batiks. The snow date will be January 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Country Store is run exclusively by volunteers. The proceeds of thrift store sales are used to support Family Services with an emphasis on senior needs. This would be a great opportunity to purchase fabric and notions at reduced pricing while supporting Family Services. The Country Store does not accept debit or credit cards; they accept cash or checks only. The store cannot accept bills larger than \$20.00 or checks over \$50.00. A combination of cash and checks is perfectly acceptable.

The Country Store is located in the Junction plaza directly behind Pizza Villa.

### **Raffle Tickets at January meeting**

Members from the Sinnissippi Quilt Guild of Rockford will be present with their raffle quilt, pictured to the right. Please come prepared to buy raffle tickets and support a fellow guild!



**A friendly reminder...**

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

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6:45pm with show and tell.

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Group"**