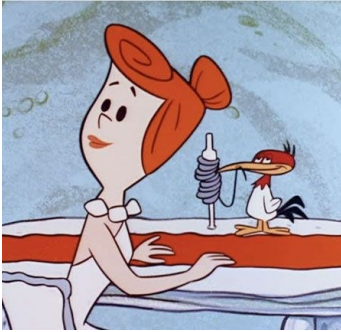




# The News-Patch

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## Our Mission Statement

**“To promote the fellowship and art of quilting.”**

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**January 25, 2018 7PM**

**DCQG presents**

**Robin Gausebeck**

**“New Quilts from an Old Favorite”**

I became a quilter in 2004 by accident. I had recently retired from a career in manufacturing and was living in a new house. One long, blank wall in the stairwell was crying out for some color so I set out to find a piece of fabric (kind of like Marimekko but been there, done that). What I found instead was Pamela Mostek's “Just Can't Cut It” book with simple quilt patterns. I adapted one of her patterns to fit my space and was instantly hooked on working with fabric and creating my own designs.

I describe my style as contemporary but it really is all over the map. My designs are all original and I find inspiration all over. Most of my quilts have begun with a title and then I just have to figure out how to translate my verbal ideas into visual ones.

My quilts have been accepted to, and win awards at, Paducah, Quilt Expo, Houston and Road to California. My most fun entries have been to the National Quilt Museum's “New Quilts from an Old Favorite” contest which I have won twice.

My weirdest quilt is currently traveling around the country with the museum's 25th anniversary collection. It is a log cabin with appliques and feather quilting made entirely out of duct tape.

My husband and I live in Rockford and spend a lot of time with our three grandchildren. Seven year old Charlotte has been learning to use a sewing machine and has already attended quilt camp at the National Quilt Museum.

## Ways and Means Update

Happy New Year Everyone,

WE have received the application for the KVAL show in June and I am currently working on securing a spot. I will be in need of volunteers for that weekend. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

### ANTHOLOGY!

It's here! Our Anthology support group will start this month. Please plan to arrive to the guild meeting at 6:30 so we can set up our group. Things we will be discussing are:

1. What size block do we want to make.

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2. How many blocks to exchange each month. Remember we will be making one block for each member in the exchange times the number of blocks we decide to do each month.
3. How to decide on the division of blocks.
4. Fabric selection
5. Sewing day(s) to work on our blocks.

SOOOO be sure to arrive at 6:30 with your book and ideas to make this a successful group project.!

The Anthology Support Group is now closed to new members but if you want to start a new group, I can help you.

Sheryl Keiler

Ways and Means

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### PROGRAM CALENDAR 2017-2018

**February 22**-Jane Sassaman “Under the Influence”

**March 22**-Kathy Flowers :Old Glory! The Inspiration of Patriotic Quilt Designs”

**April 26**-Karen Grover and Board elections

**May 24**-Salad Supper

**June 28**-Lori Dickman

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## LIBRARY NOTES

When our friend and fellow DCQG member Margie Musich passed away last fall, she left many wonderful quilt and art books. As the guild librarian, I have them. I'm going to go through them and pick out several for the guild library, but there are just too many for us to keep. At our meetings that don't have speakers who have written books to sell, I will be bringing some of them for our membership to buy as a fund raiser for the guild. They are mostly fairly new, and very gently used, covering a variety of quilt and art subjects. They will be priced between \$2 and \$10. I won't bring them all at one time, there are too many to do that. The guild can take checks, cash and credit cards.

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Carolyn Canon

Librarian

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## A SPECIAL PROJECT

Over the last several years the guild has gone through some changes, and the board has tried to keep up with the needs of our guild members. However, we find ourselves at some more crossroads and the board needs your help. Before we start the regular meeting this month we will be asking you to take a few moments of your time and answer some simple questions regarding the future of the guild. After all, this is your guild and we need to know what direction you want to go in for the future. Surveys will be on the tables and we expect each one of the attendees to fill one out. All surveys will be collected that night and results will be discussed at the next board meeting and at the general meeting in April.

Kelly Hoyle

President

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

As you know elections are fast approaching and we still need at least one person to help with the nomination committee. The time commitment is very small and will only last from now until the April meeting. We have one person who is willing to help but we need one more person to help. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Kelly Hoyle.

## NEW THIS MONTH-BOM 2018

This year DCQG has decided to do a BOM for 2018. All the blocks can be found on our website [dcqg.org](http://dcqg.org) on a special page. All the blocks revolve around Illinois. The blocks are sized at 9 inches and all but one has rotary cutting instructions. We have given you 15 different blocks to pick from and they are very easy to a little more difficult. The blocks will be available all year on the website so you can download the patterns at your leisure. Have fun with these blocks and we can't wait to see your quilts. When you get your top done bring it for sew and tell and we'll do our best to get a picture of it up on the web so you can inspire others.