



The News-Patch

July 2019

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

Hello Quilters!

I really enjoyed our June meeting. It was nice to see so many faces that I hadn't seen in awhile 😊

We had a great day-time retreat in June, so I hope you all look at your calendars and see if you can join us in March. I am also looking forward to another Sewing Saturday tomorrow (as I write this letter). I think I'll take the opportunity to work on the Mystery Quilt. Hope you think about joining us in August.

Guess what arrived in my mailbox this week? The schedule for the "Madison Show"! I already have my hotel booked and a few asterisk marks by the classes I am interested in. I attended some wonderful classes last year, so hope to have more great ideas & techniques to share.

Hope to see you all at July's meeting,

Jennifer

JULY PROGRAM

Thank you to all who signed out quilt raffle tickets. I will continue to bring tickets to the meetings, so if you were not there last month, you may pick up a pack of tickets this month.

I need to have the person with tickets #0543-0602 to please contact me ASAP.

Bobbie gramb2rns@comcast.net

For programs this year, we will be doing a “taste of the guild”

At the June meeting I discussed the technique of making ½ square triangles using the accordion fold method. We worked on making cute mug rugs at the July 13 workshop using this method.

At the July meeting I will discuss flanged binding and we will work on the technique at the August workshop.

Hope everyone is continuing to work on their UFO's, mystery quilts, red, white and one quilts, and the ugly fabric quilts.

Don't forget your finished Mystery quilts are due in August and the ugly fabric quilts and red, white and one are due in September. Our October meeting will be set-up for the quilt show.

WORKSHOP DATES

August 10, September 14, and October 12

Workshops are held at the Federated Church in Sycamore from 10 am – 4 pm

You can work on the technique for the month or whatever project you want

Bobbie Lundberg

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Treats in July to be provided by:

Pat Barger
Carol Barkhurst
Annie Berg
Pat Boesche

Treats in August to be provided by:

Jean Bradford
JoAnne Burrows
Madeline Carpenter
Mary Lou Cochrane

A friendly reminder...

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

TASTE OF THE GUILD SURVEY

Please complete this form and turn in at July meeting

TASTE OF THE GUILD PROGRAM IDEAS

PROGRAM	INTEREST	NO INTEREST
Seasonal Projects	_____	_____
Small gift projects	_____	_____
English paper piecing	_____	_____
Hand Appliqué	_____	_____
Machine Appliqué	_____	_____
Self-binding baby quilts	_____	_____
Strip piece quilt blocks	_____	_____
Strip piece star blocks	_____	_____

Other technique(s) you would like to learn:

Technique you would like to demo:

Additional thoughts:

MYSTERY QUILT

THIS IS IT! The last “Clue” will be distributed at our July meeting! This is your final, or “reveal” step which will include the final layout. I hope you have all enjoyed this “journey” into the unknown and that you found this to be a fun, challenging and rewarding experience. I look forward to seeing your “reveals” at future meetings. I made mine into a king-sized quilt and made 2 pillow shams to match as well. I hope to have mine quilted and bound by the September meeting! Yeah, right! We’ll see how THAT turns out! Happy quilting! - Sheryl

Do you have a trip or trick you’d like to share?

Something you’d like to buy or sell in Classified ads?

Please email us!

DCQGnews@gmail.com

BITS & PIECES

We’ve been spending lots of time these past few weeks sorting thru bequests left to us by our dear friend Margie Musich and missing Georgiann Baird at our weekly sewing bee. And we thought it might be great to make a remembrance board to display at our quilt show highlighting our former members who we’ve lost to death. Not wanting to miss anyone, we’ve made a list and are asking if any of you remember anyone we are leaving out, please email us the name.

- Caryl Steimel
- Charlotte Sundley
- Delores Gallagher
- Georgiann Baird
- Joyce Johnson

- Linda Heilbrun
- Margie Musich
- Shirley Cronin
- Shirley Perkins
- Sue Hewlett

CHALLENGE QUILT

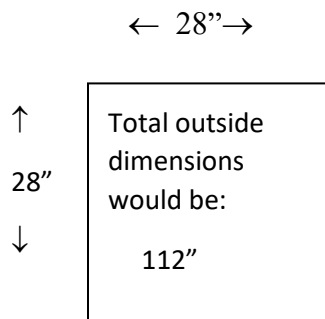
Red, White and ONE!

Welcome to the Red, White and ONE challenge!

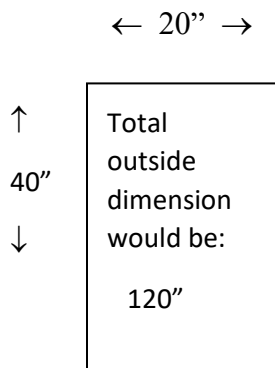
In honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Dekalb County Quilters Guild, I thought it would be a fun activity to celebrate 40 years of our Guild by challenging you to come up with a small quilt for display at our 40th celebration event.

Since the 40th Anniversary is commemorated with rubies, this challenge would consist of using THREE color fabrics; Red, White and ONE other fabric. What this means is that your quilt will be predominantly Red and White with the 3rd fabric the color of your choice. The extra fabric shall not exceed 25% of the quilt top. You may use any color you choose for your ONE fabric. While it is not mandatory, I think you could challenge yourself a little more by NOT using blue but that's entirely up to you. It is YOUR quilt and you will be the one to select any design you choose, as long as it meets the size requirement.

Size of quilt shall not exceed a total outside dimension of 140" of the 4 sides, total. I know this sounds confusing, so, I will give you a couple of examples:



$$28'' + 28'' + 28'' + 28'' = 112$$



$$20'' + 20'' + 40'' + 40'' = 120''$$

Quilt must be bound, and you will need to attach a 4" hanging sleeve (sewn not pinned) on the back. A label with the name of the quilt, your name and phone number shall be sewn, not pinned on the lower left corner on the BACK side of the quilt. Also, attach (with the pins provided) one of your identification cards to the lower RIGHT FRONT corner. Please cover your name and phone number with a piece of painter's tape (It will be removed after judging) and submit your quilt in a pillowcase which also must have your name, phone number and identification card on the case. Since this will be a judged event, please don't bring your quilt for Show and Tell until AFTER the show. We don't want to spoil any surprises!

If you choose to participate in this activity, I will have registration forms with further instructions ready to pass out. There will be extra forms and instructions at the check in table at the next meetings.

Forms and quilts must be turned in by the September meeting to be included in the show.

Challenge Quilt Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Quilt: _____

Outside dimensions of quilt: _____X_____

Total outside dimensions: _____

“One” color: _____

Please follow the directions above and label your quilt as indicated BUT cover your name and phone number with a piece of Painters tape* before dropping it off at the September Guild meeting. Place your quilt in a pillowcase or fabric bag which contains your name and phone number. Attach your identification tags as indicated in the following checklist.

You will be given THREE identification cards. One to attach to your quilt. One to attach to your quilt bag and one for you to present when you come to collect your quilt after the show.

* Since this will be a “Viewer’s Choice” challenge, names will NOT be revealed until AFTER the judging is done. This will keep all quilts judged fairly and not merely a “population contest”!

First and Second place ribbons will be awarded.

OK, What's next?

Below is a handy checklist for you to follow before submitting your challenge quilt for the show:

- _____ Is my quilt bound?
- _____ Does my quilt meet the dimensions?
- _____ Does my quilt contain 25% or less of a third "ONE" color fabric?
- _____ Does my quilt have a hanging sleeve SEWN on the back?
- _____ Does my quilt have a label which contains my name and phone number?
- _____ Is my quilt label SEWN on the BACK lower left corner of the quilt?
- _____ Does my quilt label have a piece of Painters tape covering my label?
- _____ Does my quilt have a fabric bag or pillowcase to deliver my quilt in?
- _____ Does my quilt have its identification tag PINNED to the LOWER RIGHT FRONT of my quilt?
- _____ Does my quilt have my identification tag pinned to my fabric bag?
- _____ Will I pick up my quilt at the end of the show on Saturday?
- _____ If I'm having someone else pick up my quilt after the show? Will they sign for it?

Something to remember! You will be given a THIRD identification tag you MUST bring it when you pick up your quilt and sign for it at the end of the day on Saturday, October 26. IF you request someone else to pick up your quilt, THAT person MUST sign for your quilt.

*** PLEASE understand! IF you do not pick up your quilt after the show, you will not be getting it back until the December meeting. There is no guild meeting in November. If you want to pick up your quilt at my house afterwards, you will need to make special arrangements with me to do so. *** I will schedule ONE day exclusively for pick up at my house.

ANY QUESTIONS? Feel free to email me at sbkeiler56@gmail.com or call or text me at 630-564-9348.

GOOD LUCK AND HOPE TO SEE MANY CHALLENGE QUILTS!

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED!

Demonstrators to provide a brief “How To” segment at the Quilt Show!

We have such a talented group of individuals that know SO MANY different techniques and tips, we would LOVE to have you show off your talents with a brief demonstration at the Quilt Show. The demonstration would be short, no longer than an hour in duration. Topics that we already have demonstrations for are as follows

- Toilet tank Toppers
- “Cutter” quilts
- Fabric bowls
- Hand Quilting
- Different types of appliqué
- Flange binding
- Strip pieced baby quilts
- String piecing

Other ideas may include:

Paper piecing, the use of different tools; rulers, templates, etc. ½ square triangles, using a rotary cutter, binding, etc.

Won’t you consider demonstrating your talent on either day? Think about what YOU can share! A signup sheet will be passed around at future meetings. Thanks for considering a time slot!

Tri-Fold Cutting table for Sale – Best Offer

A donation will be made to Safe Passage.

Please contact Jennifer Olbrich to make an offer.



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Getting to Know...Sheryl Keiler

How long have you been a guild member? Since 2016. I had just moved to Maple Park from Wheaton. I attended the quilt show that year and decided I wanted to be a part of a guild out here and this one seemed to be a good fit for me.

How long have you been sewing? I started sewing in Jr. High in Home Ec. I wasn't very good at garment making and never really pursued sewing until I had my girls when I made little sundresses and Halloween costumes for them. I found I was more in to the "crafty", home dec kind of sewing and moved into that direction. I attended a quilt show in Ft. Wayne, IN with my sister in law and loved the beautifully stitched quilts on display there. This was in the late '70's. I dabbled a bit with quilting when my girls were little but didn't truly begin my quilting journey until 2000. I had been in a serious car accident in 1999 and when I learned I needed more surgery a year later and that I would be laid up for several months after, I took my daughter to JoAnns to help me pick out project to keep me busy!

What was your first project? Well, aside from the little pillow and blanket I made for my daughter, my first REAL project was when the above-mentioned daughter and I went to JoAnns to pick to out a project for me to keep busy while recovering from surgery. I wanted this project to be something I could do only by hand (I had hip replacement and would be "couch bound" for several months and could not sit at a sewing machine) and would occupy my time for several months. Sooooo, we picked out a quilting book and, after thumbing through the book, found a beautiful Double Wedding Ring pattern! So, we cut out templates from file folders with scissors as well as EVERY wedge, melon and background pieces of fabric and I pieced the entire quilt by hand. With help, I "sandwiched" the layers by hand and hand quilted the entire quilt. I purchased pre-made binding and bond the quilt by hand! The whole project took me about 4 months from beginning to end. After that, I was "hooked" and decided to take a formal class and learn how to do this right! That was in 2000 and I've been addicted to this hobby ever since. When I lived in Wheaton, I taught beginners for 4 years through the Park District with the hope of carrying this time-honored hobby forward to future generations.



Favorite colors? I like all colors but if I had to pick only one, I suppose it would be blue.

Least favorite color? Again, I like all the colors, but my least favorite color would be brown. There's just too much bland and drab going on!

Favorite quilting celebrity? Alex Anderson. She shared SO much inspiration with me in her show when my quilting journey began.

What are you currently working on? HA!!!! I am currently working on several projects! Isn't that how we all roll? LOL My most pressing project right now is restoring a quilt top I "scored" at the flea market for \$10.00. It's a 1930's hand pieced quilt top. It has several pieces that are stained red and, after trying a couple of different methods to remove the stains, I have decided to replace the stained pieces. I was able to find some reproduction fabrics to add a border and binding. I am also working on the Anthology quilt that we did as a group last year as well as our Mystery quilt this year, I need to quilt my Bonnie Hunter "Old Fortune" quilt and am working on my challenge quilt. for the quilt show this Oct. I have a couple of hand piecing items I'm working on (and wonder if I will EVER finish them!) I also have several other projects lined up including embroidery and English Paper piecing!

Any other hobbies or interests? Are you kidding?! LOL, I must confess! I do but I can't give it the time that it needs and have put it aside for now. I am currently working on a Heritage scrapbook of my family tree. I have done a few scrapbooks, but this is my biggest, most important book to date. I also like to garden and hang with 3 of my Grandsons on Mondays during the school year. I have a total of 9 Grandkids whom I adore and love spending time with them. Only 2 of them are girls and hope one of them will carry on the quilting tradition.

MEMBERSHIP

Dear Guild Friends,

Thank you all for your patience with my tardiness last meeting. I am so pleased to see so many new faces at our meetings! We currently have 35 registered members for the 2019-20 year, nine of which were not registered last year. To refresh your memories (and mine) ...we would like to see all members wearing a name tag. It is nice to put a name to a face. If you do not bring/wear a name tag, you may buy a sticky one for 25 cents, which goes into the 'pot'. If you do wear/bring your name tag, you may put your name into the drawing to win the pot.

Those of you who are receiving this newsletter by email and have not yet paid your dues for this year, please plan on doing so at the next meeting, through the website, or by printing off the form (from our website) and mailing it in ASAP. We will be switching over to the current membership list in August so you will no longer automatically receive a copy of the newsletter (or other very important information) if you have not renewed your membership.

Happy sewing!

Kim Colness - Membership

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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
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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.

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