

# The News-Patch

**July 2018** 

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

To promote the fellowship and art of quilting

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## From the President

Happy Summer!

Well, my UFO #4 is done. Thanks for the nudge Bobbie. I can't wait to see how many others have successfully met this challenge.

I received my brochure for the Madison show in the mail the other day. Every time I go to one of these shows for a day I think "next year I am going to plan ahead and take advantage of the wonderful selection of speakers and classes". Of course, "next year" never seems to happen... However, I have decided that is going to change this year! I have already gone through the brochure and marked all the speakers & classes of interest to me. I am also going to plan ahead for shopping... Superior Threads, here I come! If anyone else is interested in going to the show, let's meet after our regular meeting to see about carpooling.

After we all present our completed UFOs, we have a fun surprise in store for the group.

Can't wait to see you all at the meeting!

Jennifer

## **JULY PROGRAM**

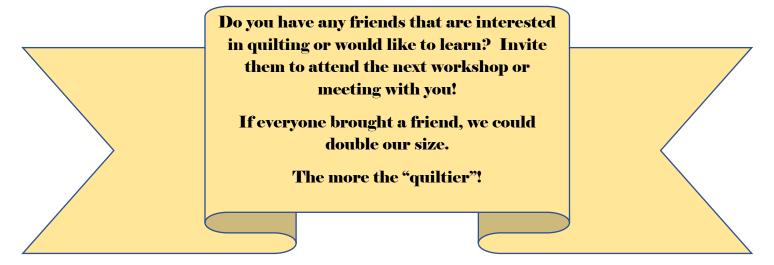
Don't forget (or for those who were not at the June meeting), your UFO project number 4 should be done by the July guild meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes awarded to 4 lucky quilters who have finished their project. Remember – finished means quilting and binding done. Labels are optional but are nice for future reference.

At this time, I am waiting for final approval from the trustee board for us to use the Federated Church, 612 W. State St, Sycamore, for our Saturday workshops. The first date is tentatively set for Saturday, July 21 from 10am - 4pm. You should bring your sewing project, supplies needed, and a lunch if you wish. We do not have use of the kitchen, so plan accordingly. Watch for e-mails with any updates on workshop day and time.

An activity is planned to use your brain power and to help us all to know our fellow quilters. Don't worry about what you need to bring for this activity, just bring yourself and a friendly smile.

There will be treats provided by board members at the end of the meeting.

**Bobbie** 



REMINDER FOR ANTHOLOGY SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS!!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING THIS MONTH'S BLOCK FOR SWAPPING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

# **GENEROSITY**

I want to express my sincere thank you to our faithful guild members for all their continued work in making such beautiful baby quilts for the NICU center at Mercy (formerly Rockford Memorial Hospital). In all, a total of 69 quilts were delivered to Rockford and 6 more were presented by Kim Colness on her mission trip to the Northern Cheyenne & Crow Reservations—a total of 75 for this year alone.

For something that we do not ask for from our members, as we had done in years past, I cannot express how grateful I am for your continuing efforts of love and compassion for our infants that may arrive much earlier than anyone would expect. Recently, my husband and I were having dinner and a fellow worker of Leland's stopped by to show us their new addition (who arrive early and was a NICU infant). I asked him if they were presented a baby quilt by the staff and he responded "Oh, yes!" He further stated that he could not believe the work and love that went into the quilt. When I told him that I was among the group that help to make those wonderful products, he wanted me to express my sincere Thank You to each and every one who does so. He also said it was a great comfort to them to know that total strangers cared that much about their infant.

To this I say, again, THANK YOU members for all your dedicated work. Shall me make 2018-2019 a better year yet?

I am also sorry that I was not at our last month's meeting, as I understand there were several baby quilts shown at Show and Tell. Please bring them this month. I have returned from my three-week vacation out west and am anxious to get a great start on our contributions for this coming year.

Jo Ann Russell

## LIBRARY

#### THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

It has been a while since the library has been open, but it should be open for each meeting now. Please come and see what books we have available for check out.

Since the library has not been open, people who had books checked out have not been able to return them. If you're like us, you might even have forgotten about them. If you are not sure if you have a book checked out, please come and see one of us. We can check the cards to see if your name is on one of them.

Vera Wedel & Krista Urban

# **OUT & ABOUT**



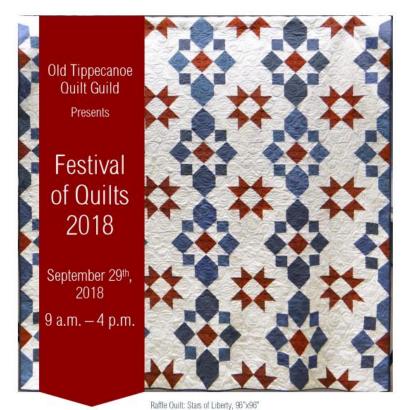
# DeKalb County Barn Quilt Trail

Self-guided Tour



8-Point Star- Southern Trial

Details at: http://dekalbcountycvb.com/dekalbcountybarnquilts/



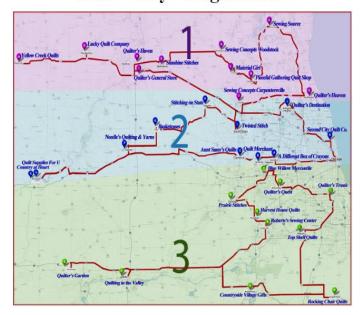
Faith East Community Center 5572 Mercy Way, Lafayette, IN 47905

Admission: \$6

Features over 100 quilts on display, a raffle quilt, a trading post, and vendors. www.oldtippecanoequiltguild.org | oldtippecanoequiltguild@gmail.com



# Three Month Quilt Shop Hop June - July - August 2018



Details at: http://www.northernillinoisquiltfest.com

# **Getting to Know... Peggy Simonds**

**How long have you been a guild member?** I became a guild member in October 2014 when I attended my first meeting.

Who taught you to sew? Although my great-grandmother, both grandmothers, and my mother all sewed, I don't think I actually learned to sew with a machine until seventh grade home economics class with Miss Pugh. Prior to that my cousins and I hand-sewed snaps onto quite a few pieces of fabric when we made clothing for our Barbie and Troll dolls.

How long have you been sewing? I guess that means I've been sewing more than 50 years. Yikes! I sewed dresses, pants, skirts, and vests during junior high and high school. I made a few articles of clothing for my daughter when she was young, then for several years I didn't sew more than a pillow



cover or doll blanket until I took a beginner quilting class five years ago.

**What was your first project?** The Home Ec project was an apron. Although I don't have mine any longer, I do still have the aprons my daughter and son made when they were in middle school. Do they really not offer a sewing or cooking unit in middle school any longer? My first quilt project was a rail fence lap quilt which I made for my grandmother.

**Favorite colors?** Blue has been my favorite color for many years.

**Least favorite colors?** There's no particular color I don't like. I do sometimes purchase a fat quarter that catches my eye, then realize the shade or tone doesn't "play well" with anything else I currently own.

**Favorite quilting celebrity?** Fifteen years ago, I caught an episode of Nancy Zeiman's program on Wisconsin Public Television and have enjoyed her style of teaching and presentation of new techniques.

What are you currently working on? My priority is the twin-size quilt I'm making for my granddaughter using a panel, "Unicorn Magic." I have a bargello wall hanging at the long-armer which will need binding and a sleeve. Another top is ready to be quilted as soon as I can get the backing pieced (that's my least favorite task). I have fabric cut out for five quilts and a pillow. I have four of 99 blocks completed for a pineapple quilt. And my ongoing project is organization of my sewing area and fabric storage area(s)!

Any other hobbies or interests? With all my quilting projects in progress I probably shouldn't pursue any other hobbies or interests! I've been trying to be consistent with a workout program and I like to read. I enjoy baking and playing card games with and providing transportation for my grandchildren. I help out my daughter with some of her work projects and her Girl Scout troop. I occasionally do some traveling with my son. My husband and I enjoy spending beach time in Florida and boating time in Wisconsin.

## **Bits & Pieces**

So many quilts and quilt blocks employ half-square triangles. My favorite method for making these is Jenny Doan's "Easy Eight." Stack two same sized squares, one light and one dark. You can use 10" squares, 5" squares or any size you desire. Draw two diagonal lines from corner to corner, making an X across the top layer. Sew 1/4" on



both sides of the marked lines. Next, cut the block in half vertically, horizontally, and along the diagonals between your stitches. This will yield 8 half-square triangles. Finally, if needed, you can trim so all the blocks are identical in size using a trimming tool.

# **DCQG Contact Info**

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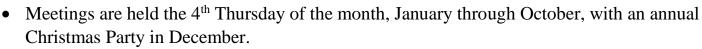
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: <a href="mailto:info@dcqg.org">info@dcqg.org</a>

Meeting Location: Saint Mary Church PAC

322 Waterman St. Sycamore IL 60178

Meeting Info:



• Doors open at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting begging at 7pm.



# **Ways & Means**

#### Hello from Ways & Means!

This month finds us getting closer and closer to our time to "show off" our Guild and all that it offers. I would like to thank Chris and Kathy Wells, Bobbie Lundberg and Dorothy Francke for so kindly stepping up to make the doll and child quilts for our raffles in the upcoming events. I am looking so forward to seeing the finished quilts and hope that our artistic and creative talents can help bring in some much-needed funding for the Guild. We'll see!

Again, I will let you all know that I will be doing the Maple Park Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept. 2. Stop out and visit!

I will have a sign up for the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival at the next meeting. PLEASE look at your calendar and fit us in to help out. Many hands are needed and appreciated for this fun event.

My plan for these festivals will include a Picture board of activities our Guild participates in along with informational pages. The doll and quilt raffle as well, and I plan to bring a couple of things to sell. If anyone has items they wish to contribute to sell, please let me know. I'll see if we can work that in. You will receive a portion of the proceeds. However, you must price, identify, and tag your items and bring them to the August and/or September meetings. You will receive your portion after the Pumpkin Fest show at which time you may collect any items that did not sell.

My goal for these festivals is to inform people about what our Guild IS and DOES and to hopefully look at this as a "Membership Drive" of sorts... and sign up some new members. Please spread the word!!!

### ANTHOLOGY "Support Group:"

Anthology "Support Group" is moving along quite nicely. As of this writing, I am frantically trying to get my blocks done in time! Happy to say, now that my daughter's wedding is a memory, I have reclaimed some of my sewing time and hope to have started assembling the blocks I have so far. Not sure how much I'll have done in time.

Sheryl