



The News-Patch

March 2023

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Quilters,

We had an excellent response to our Quilting 101 at Sewing Saturday; wouldn't be surprised to see a new face or two at our next meeting 😊. Thank you to Kathi, Chris, Kim and everyone else who pitched in to make this event a success.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the March meeting. One thing I mentioned last month is the need for new board members. First of all, I would like to thank those current members who have served on the board in the past. Remember, this is your guild. If you want to see it succeed, please consider a position on the board. All the current board members have put forth 200% these past several years. It is just one meeting, via Zoom, a month for less than an hour and a few phone calls or e-mails during the month, depending on the position. If we want this guild to continue, we need to have volunteers.

Happy Quilting,
Jennifer

MARCH MEETING

Meeting Treats

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour. The treats schedule for the next 2 months:

March:

Eena Lundberg
Diane Mahoney
Gail Marshall
Donna Martin

April:

Sherry Mileham
Anna Mommer
Joan Mommer
Jennnifer Olbrich
Kyra Rider

Programs

March 23 program update

Madaline Carpenter, the Unsophisticated Quilter

Madaline will share with us some of her favorite new and tried and true techniques for getting quilts finished. She will demo her newest technique glue basting. Madaline will also do a demo with documented steps of quilt-as-you-go. If you saw her quilts at the show, she used this method to quilt many of those quilts. Madaline is always entertaining and has a wealth of tips and tricks to share with us. Thank you Madaline.

For those of you who *REALLY* wanted to play Left-Right-Center, we can play a quick round during social hour if you want. Be there by 6:15 with your squares.

Upcoming programs:

April 27 – “Caring four your Quilts: Museum Methods on a Household Budget.” Donna Langford

May 25 – Salad Supper

June 22 – “Invisible applique – by machine!” Theresa Kennedy

July 27 – TBA

August 24 – Trunk show, Shelley Johnson, Sunshine Stitches

RAFFLE QUILT PATTERN REQUEST

Next Raffle Quilt:

We are still looking for suggestions for a raffle quilt pattern. Please send your ideas to Kathi Davis so we can pick a pattern that can be a guild-made quilt!

Here's what we would like from each of you:

- Send Kathi (kad0522@gmail.com) (NO LATER THAN March 18th) the name or website address of any quilt pattern that you think would be a good raffle quilt!
- You may send more than one – even LOTS!
- I will compile a list (and maybe samples) of the candidate quilt patterns to be shown to the guild at the March meeting.
- We will discuss and vote on which one, we as a group, want to do.

The raffle quilt can be anything you feel we can accomplish!!!

P.S. Just because you find a pattern you think is for us does not mean you will HAVE TO make a block or two. We will ask that later so you can look at your schedule then and see if making a block is something you can do. Let's choose a pattern first!

ROB'S QUILT CHALLENGE

We will be having a quilt challenge over the next six months. Rob purchased several yards of fabric, when Material Girl closed, that he is generously donating to this project; two blues and two greens. You pick your own focus fabric and pattern, but the blues and greens must be the dominate colors. We decided to make these quilts the size needed for the NICU, so we can then donate all of them. We would like \$5 down when you pick up the blue & green fabrics. It will be returned upon the completion of the quilt in the Fall. The exact meeting date is TBD. There will also be a vote and prize for the winner. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting so Rob can plan on what fabric needs to be cut, so get your creative juices flowing!

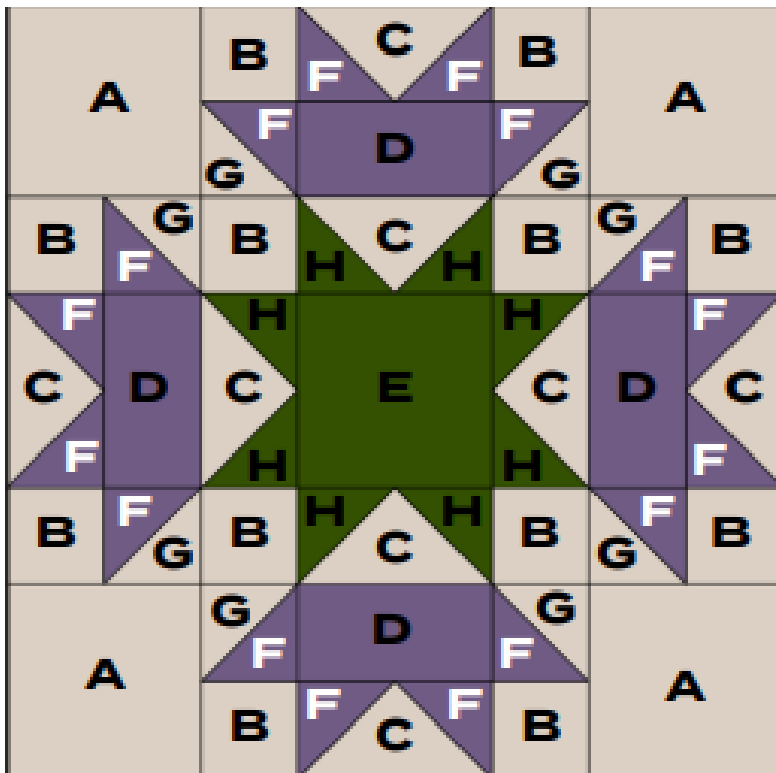
BLOCK LOTTO

For Spring we will make Crown and Star by Betsy Chutchian for Moda Block Heads 3. Please use greens for the center Star and spring colors for the “Crowns”, with a light neutral background. These blocks will be turned in at the May meeting.

CROWN AND STAR

BY BETSY CHUTCHIAN

I enjoy blocks that offer different and interesting ways of using simple and familiar pieces such as half square triangles and flying geese. The possibilities are always endless.



8" Block
(4) 2 ½" squares
(12) 1 ½" squares
(2) 3 ¼" squares; cut squares twice diagonally to make (8) C triangles.
(4) 1 ½" x 2 ½" rectangles
(1) 2 ½" square
(8) 1 ⅞" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (16) F triangles.
(4) 1 ⅞" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (8) G triangles.
(4) 1 ⅞" squares; cut squares once diagonally to make (8) H triangles.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Create (8) HST units using (8) F triangles and (8) G triangles. Sew the longest edges of the triangles together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press toward the dark fabric.



2. Trim HST units using the following guide:
 - a. 6" Block: $1\frac{1}{4}$ " unfinished ($\frac{3}{4}$ " finished)
 - b. 8" Block: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (1" finished)
 - c. 12" Block: 2" unfinished ($1\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)



3. Sew the longest edges of (2) F triangles onto either side of (1) C triangle as shown. Press seams outward. Repeat to create (4) flying geese units using F and C.



Create (4) Units



Create (4) Units

4. Repeat flying geese unit assembly using (2) H triangles and (1) C triangle. Repeat to create (4) flying geese units using H and C.

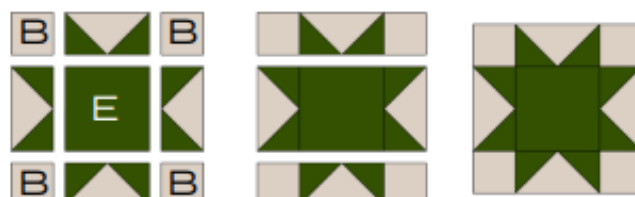
5. Trim flying geese units using the following guide:

- a. 6" Block: $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2" unfinished ($\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)
- b. 8" Block: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" unfinished (1" x 2" finished)
- c. 12" Block: 2" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished ($1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" finished)

6. Complete the center of the block using (4) H/C flying geese units, (4) B squares and (1) E square. Press.

Trim the block center using the following guide:

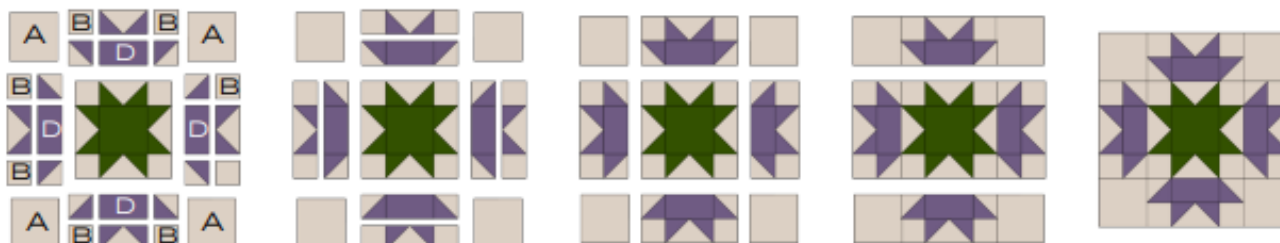
- a. 6" Block: $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (3" x 3" finished)
- b. 8" Block: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (4" x 4" finished)
- c. 12" Block: $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (6" x 6" finished)



7. Complete block assembly using all units created in the above steps and the remaining A squares, B squares and D rectangles. Press all seams open to reduce bulk.

8. Trim block using the guide listed below:

- a. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (6" x 6" finished)
- b. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (8" x 8" finished)
- c. $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (12" x 12" finished)



DESIGNER INFO

Tips: Starch your fabrics before cutting. To help reduce bulk in seams, I twist seam intersections and clip, if necessary, and then press the seams to the side. I do occasionally press seams open when necessary

MARCH RETREAT

Spring Retreat is just around the corner! Same day as our March meeting and for 3 more days after that! Every table will be full, and I am sure there will be plenty of goodies to eat. Please contact me if you have any questions or have not signed up but would like to join us. Cost is \$10 per day or \$35 if you attend all four days.

Sew Blessed!
Kim Colness
815-757-8115

GETTING TO KNOW...KRISTA URBAN!

How long have you been a guild member? Since the late 90s

How long have you been sewing? Since a teenager

What was your first project? A square 4-H shirt

On what are you currently working? A Judy Niemeyer quilt – paper pieced.

Favorite colors? All kinds...

Least favorite color? ...except the color of our house's siding

Favorite quilting celebrities? Used to like Ricky Times and Sharon Schamber. I don't see many people now. Now I get inspiration from our guild.

Any other hobbies or interests? Oil and acrylic landscapes, gardening, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, smoking, sewing clothing...I'm a craft junky!



OUT & ABOUT

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
Presents



Quilt Spectrum 2023

April 28 & 29

Interstate Center
1106 Interstate Drive
Bloomington, IL

Hours

Friday • 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday • 9:00am – 4:00pm

Admission \$10

Kids 6 – 12 \$1.00
Under 5 - Free

Raffle Quilt

Vendors • \$1 Mystery Bags
Raffle Baskets • Unique Boutique
Food Truck

For more information:
HAAQG.com

Arthur's 32nd Annual
QUILT SHOW

APRIL 27-29, 2023
THURS & FRI. ~ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SAT. ~ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

AT THE
OTTO CENTER
Located at 2056 County Road 1800 East
1/2 mile South of Downtown Arthur, IL

FEATURING
AN OLD-FASHIONED
QUILT AUCTION
APRIL 29, 2023 - 12:00 PM

ADMISSION \$5.00

ALSO FEATURING:

- Vendor/Market Area
- Snacks/Lunch Served
- Quilt Raffle Drawing
(Double Wedding Ring - Qu. size)
- Handicapped Accessible
- Plenty of Parking
- Buses Welcome

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AMAZING

For more information call 217-543-2287
or log on to www.arthuril.us

Carolyn of Basketcases Unlimited will be participating in the All Illinois Shop Hop this year, along with lots of great shops across the state!

Keep that sewing machine a hummin'
2nd Annual All Illinois Shop Hop
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023

Over **70** Stores, **100s** of Prizes, **Free** Gift at Every Store
Visit www.AllIllinoisShopHop.com and join our Facebook Group:
www.facebook.com/groups/allillinoisshophop to learn all about it.

The All Illinois Shop Hop Magazine will go on sale
Mid-June 2023 at all participating stores.

It's your passport to
embark on the Great
Sewing Adventure™
across Illinois!
**ALL ILLINOIS
SHOP HOP**

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows a brown car with two smiling people inside driving on a road. To the left is a city skyline with the Willis Tower. To the right is a farm scene with a red barn, a windmill, and a sign that says 'ALL ILLINOIS SHOP HOP'. Above the car is a large orange outline of the state of Illinois with a dashed line and a needle and thread, suggesting a sewing theme.

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
P.O. Box 385
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: info@dcqg.org

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 opened at 6:00pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.



Find us on Facebook!

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

A friendly reminder...

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