



# The News-Patch

April 2019

## Our Mission Statement:

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

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## From the President

Happy Spring ☺... I think...

OK, it is now May so the showers can stop any time ...

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Salad Supper due to a work conflict but hope you all have a great time. Don't forget to bring a friend and enjoy all the wonderful food!

Also, remember our upcoming daytime quilting retreat in June. Thanks to JoAnn for putting this together ☺

Just a reminder that we will need a couple of volunteers for our annual internal audit in July. Please let me know if you are interested. It only takes an hour or two (and I usually make some sweet treats).

We have some great ideas for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show in October. Thank you, thank you to Kathi Davis who has agreed to head this event, along with the volunteers that have signed up to assist.

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We still have the following open positions. Remember, if you like speakers, retreats and the support provided to our guild from our website and participating in public events, these do not happen by magic; they take all of us. If these do not get filled our meetings will be very short come June:

- VP of Programs – thank you to Bobbie for helping out this past year
- VP of Special Events – thank you to all who have pitched in to cover this opening
- Ways & Means – Sheryl did a great job these past two years after just joining our guild
- Website – thank you Kelly for all your hard work to get this updated & ready to be taken over

Happy quilting,  
Jennifer

## MAY PROGRAM

Please note that due to pre-school graduation, we will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, May 30 from 6:00 pm-9:30 pm

This is our annual salad supper and also our 40-year anniversary celebration. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass, a completed UFO, and a favorite quilt project or quilt story to share with quilting friends.

The guild will provide table service, birthday cake and punch.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE.

Please RSVP email: Bobbie Lundberg at: [gramb2rns@comcast.net](mailto:gramb2rns@comcast.net)

Bobbie Lundberg – Programs

## MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments for the June meeting will be provided by:

Vera W  
Chris W  
Kathy W  
Rosalie W

## RAFFLE QUILT



The raffle quilt is done...and it's beautiful! Thanks go out to Dorothy for sewing on the binding!

Stay tuned for info on raffle tickets...

## GENEROSITY

Thanks to everyone who cut strips and sewed blocks at the April meeting and the last couple Sewing Saturdays! Here is one completed quilt top and we were well on our way to a second one after the last sew-in.

Jo Ann Russell - Generosity



**A friendly reminder...**

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

## JUNE RETREAT

Retreat dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 21-23.

The location is the Grange Hall on Elva Road in Elva. This is south of DeKalb off Route 23.

Times to sew will be from 9 AM – 10 PM (or until you drop) on Friday and Saturday and from 9 AM – 6 PM on Sunday.

Meals are on your own, or we can do potluck. We can decide that after signup is completed. We will have a complete kitchen to use.

Cost is \$10 for 1 day, \$20 for 2 days, and \$25 for all 3 days.

This is a chance to have 3 days of sewing fun with your quilting friends.

The grange has asked that we only work on our own personal projects or charity projects and not items that we will be selling.

I will make a list of supply suggestions for those who will be attending.

For those who wish to make the “goodie, goodie binding bag” that I had at the March meeting, I will include the supplies and we can work on that as a special project. We will also work on the strip baby quilts that we started at April’s meeting. We can each make one, 2 or more blocks and get a quilt top done. They are quick and easy and might be a relaxing break.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Bobbie

**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](mailto:DCQGnews@gmail.com)**

# HARVEST OF QUILTS 2019



## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show – October 25 – 26, 2019 (Pumpkinfest)

**Mission of Anniversary Show:** To describe the many things we have done and continue to do to promote quilting in the community and to encourage new membership. Secondary mission is to bring in income for the guild.

We will be showing our own quilts on the pews in the sanctuary of Federated Church. Applications to have quilts in the show will be accepted from DCQG members ONLY. Applications will be available by end of May. (Anyone can join DCQG if they wish to display a quilt.) Quilt take-in and setup will be during our regular DCQG meeting on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>. The show will not have any food or vendors this year. We will have the raffle quilt (which looks GREAT) and sell raffle tickets. Admission will be \$5 with a \$2 discount with the bookmark. Show meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month 7:00pm at Kathi Davis's house (373 E. Lincoln Street, Sycamore, 815-895-8229). Next show meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Everyone welcome! We can use all your assistance any time. Just let us know when you are available!**

**Current Chairs: Show Chair:** Kathi Davis; **Raffle Quilt and Tickets:** Joan Russell & Bobbie Lundberg; **Boutique:** Jean Bradford; **Quilt Layout and Room Arrangement:** Kathy Wells.

If you wish to assist with **ANY** of the tasks, please just email me!!! Remember you don't have to do this alone, grab a friend and share in the fun! Here's what we need from YOU:

- **Boutique:** Search that stash you have and when you run across that fabric you just had to have and now wonder why – set that aside. All your unwanted fabric, magazines and books can be sold at the boutique. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go into the Guild treasury to help pay for the programs for the next 2 years. If you would like to make items to sell in the boutique, there will be a supply of tags at the meetings. We use a 2-part tag – every item you make must have a tag. Remember that 10% of sales from your handmade items goes to the guild. It is a great way to earn a little extra cash to help support your quilting habit.
- **Raffle Baskets:** We need new items which you may have duplicated, baskets, and other contributions to make the raffle baskets successful. Please consider putting together a basket with a group of sewing pals. Not all baskets need to be totally sewing related items. Consider a kitchen basket that could have an apron, hot pads, placemats, a table runner, and maybe a gadget or two. A "relax "basket could have popcorn, a movie, and a lap quilt.
- **Special Displays and Demos:** Displays of the "things we do". Collect and setup displays of baby quilts, workshop items, etc. in order to let people know what we do.
- **Volunteering to work during the show:** We need someone to handle the volunteer signup and reminders. We will need help at setup, take-down, boutique workers, etc. Also, to create a volunteer signup sheet.

**Chairs Needed:** Raffle Basket Chair, Special Displays and Demos Chair, and Volunteer Chair.

Kathi Davis

Harvest of Quilts 2019 Chair

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## Getting to Know...Rachel Hunley

**How long have you been a guild member?** I think I have been a member for 6 years? Pam Smith is the one who introduced me to this wonderful group of ladies. My husband & I own a painting company and he was at Pam's house giving her an estimate when he saw her sewing studio and mentioned that I would just "die" to have a room like this....and that's how the conversation started....and here we are 6(?) years later.

**How long have you been sewing?** I first learned how to sew in Home Economics in high school. My final project was a long sleeve shirt...and one of the arms came out about 4 inches longer than the other one (oops – but still got a B on the project). I really didn't do much sewing after that until our son was born and my grandfather gave me my mother's machine that he had purchased for her back just around the time I was born. It was a Bernina 620 and I still have it, however over the years I somehow managed to lose a crucial part to the bobbin. It's my goal to find another identical machine and take it somewhere to get it fixed and running so I can start using it again!



**What was your first project?** My first quilting project was a wedding quilt for one of the girls I worked with. (just under 10 years ago) She had left-over material from the table covers that she had at the reception, that she gave me to use in the quilt. At the time I also had an embroidery machine, so I traced one of the flowers that was on her invitation (and in the material) and embroidered it along with their names and their wedding date on the center block of the quilt.

**Favorite colors?** Purple, but I don't think I have used much in any of the quilts I have made over the years.

**Least favorite color?** I don't think I have one...but I find it VERY DIFFICULT to use black. I find it very hard to see the stitching when sewing/piecing as well as when quilting (when the quilt is on the frame getting quilted)

**Favorite quilting celebrity?** Bonnie Hunter & Jenny Doan. Bonnie's patterns are scrappy and I find her patterns challenge me to be a better (and more accurate) quilter! Jenny is amazing...with the encouragement and support of her family she has revitalized her town of Hamilton MO and has turned it into a "destination" for us quilters! It's on my "bucket list" to visit MSQG. Actually, I am trying to plan a trip this July. For my job I work with a lot of counties in MO and I have quite a few friends who live within an hour (or so) of Hamilton (some of them are also quilters) so we are going to meet up and have some fun times!! (I smell the credit card plastic melting already!)

**What are you currently working on?** I am trying to finish Bonnie Hunter's 2017 Mystery Quilt (On Ringo Lake) for my cousin's daughter....I am to the point of finally assembling all the blocks, but I am scared to assemble it on point as I have never done a quilt on point before. Once I get that done I have to make 5 table runners, and then a baby quilt for a little boy who is scheduled to arrive in September, and then onto our own mystery quilt (which I did already purchase the material for and it's still in the shopping bag...so I guess it's a pre-PIG? LOL)

**Any other hobbies or interests?** I have a Silhouette machine (it's like a Cricut) – I make all sorts of things with it using heat transfer vinyl (shirts, signs and have even used it on the back of a quilt), regular vinyl (signs and various items like coffee cups and glasses) & paper (3D decorations, cards, signs)....there is just so much you can do with a machine like this! It's also how I cut out quite a few of my chicken parts for the infamous "Chicken Quilt" that I made 2 years ago.

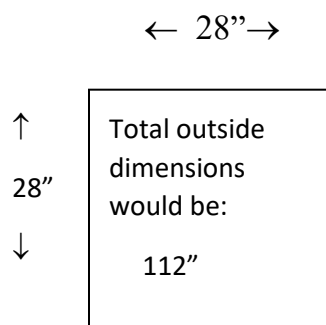
# RED, WHITE and ONE

## Welcome to the Red, White and ONE challenge!

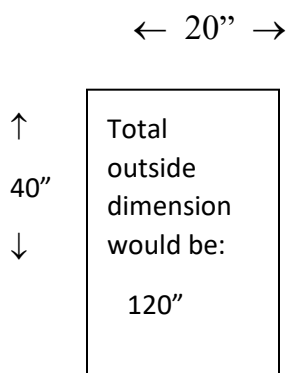
In honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dekalb County Quilters Guild, I thought it would be a fun activity to celebrate 40 years of our Guild by challenging you to come up with a small quilt for display at our 40<sup>th</sup> celebration event.

Since the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Registration forms with further instructions will be available 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.**

Thanks for reading our monthly newsletter! To win a prize at the May meeting, be the first person to email us at [DCQGNews@gmail.com](mailto:DCQGNews@gmail.com) and mention this contest!

## DCQG Contact 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 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.



Find us on Instagram! Search "Dekalb County Quilters" to find us. Please send us pictures to share at the email below!

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