



The News-Patch

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Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Summer!

Notice I didn't say Happy Spring; apparently that only lasted three days this year.

Just another reminder of the date change for our annual Salad Supper – Wednesday, May 25th. We'll start setup at 6:00 and plan to eat around 6:30. We won't need to keep warm by the campfire this year! 😊😊

Looking forward to our new four-day daytime retreat in June! Hope you can join us for a day, or two, or three... maybe even four; whatever works with all your busy schedules.

On a sad note, many of you may remember a past member Kelli Vogeler, along with her twin sister Shelli. Sadly, Kelli passed away at only 33 after a 3-year battle with breast cancer. "The Twins," as many of us referred to them, brought a young spirit to the guild.

In Peace,
Jennifer

MAY SALAD SUPPER

As Jennifer mentioned, our Annual May Salad Supper is Wednesday, May 25th. Setup is at 6 and dinner is at 6:30. Please bring a table setting, a drink and a dish to share. How we never end up with twenty-five different desserts (or sloppy joes) is beyond me, but it is always a delicious and fun night!

MEMBERSHIP

June is the beginning of our fiscal year, so membership forms are due at the Salad Supper or whenever you can get them turned in. Many of you have already given me your registrations and I thank you. We have many interesting things planned for the coming year, so bring a friend along with you!

JUNE RETREAT

We are gearing up for our summer retreat. Reservations have been made for our first ever Afton Town Hall 4 day retreat! The hall will be open at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Last sewer standing will lock up each night and early birds will open up each morning. We will continue with the \$10 per day/half price on the last day if you attend the entire retreat. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May Salad Supper so be thinking about what you would like to bring to provide a meal or buddy up with a friend to share the meal. Everyone contributes to snacks, and we never seem to have a shortage of delicious eats.

QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We are also looking forward to our quilt show in September. I will have sign-up sheets for you to volunteer for the show. We will need ALL hands on deck (and then some) to make this show a success. I have heard that attendance has been high for quilt shows this year so hopefully that trend will continue for us!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call, text or email me 815-757-8115 or kimcolness@comcast.net.

Sew blessed!
Kim Colness

HARVEST OF QUILTS 2022 (9/24-25)

The Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Entry form is on the website, dcqg.org. Please hand these out to whomever you know that might be interested in sharing a quilt at our show.

The Harvest of Quilts committee meeting is now via Zoom. You can join us via a computer or your phone for free. If you are interested in sharing your ideas about the upcoming show with the committee, please contact me (Kathi Davis, kad0522@comcast.net or 815-895-8229). The next meeting is 6pm Monday June 13th. The meetings usually last less than an hour. The main purpose is to make sure things are getting done and to discuss the next things that need to be completed.

Remember there are several ways you can help with publicity. First, sell the **raffle tickets**. The stub that the purchaser receives has the show details so they can't forget. Second, pickup **bookmarks** at the meeting or by contacting Kathy Wells or Chris Wells and distribute them to EVERY quilt/fabric store you visit. And third, talk, talk, and talk up the show! There is a **poster** on the website that you can print if you wish to use it (or bookmark) as a talking point! **Tell all your friends** and everyone you meet!!! We accept Quilt Show Entry forms from everyone, not just DCQG members.

Thanks so much for your assistance!

Kathi Davis, Chair

Harvest of Quilts 2022

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Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Show Committee: Chair: Kathi Davis, Treasurer: Peg Simonds, Boutique: Jean Bradford, Volunteers: Kim Colness, Vendors: Chris Wells, Raffle Tickets: Kathy Wells, Ribbon Toppers: Kathy Wells.

RAFFLE BASKETS

Raffle Basket Donations from guild members will be accepted at the May, June, July and August meetings. Take a look through your quilting stash and supplies and if you come across some items which no longer interest you, which no longer seem right for the original intended recipient, which are a duplicate of something you previously purchased or was gifted, or which are just taking up too much space in your sewing area, donate them to the guild for our quilt show raffle baskets. Some samples of items will be on display at the May Salad Supper. We're sure to gather some awesome items for making up some tempting raffle baskets!

GETTING TO KNOW...YOUR BOARD



Fun discussions at the April board meeting!

PROGRAMS

Hi, I'm Kyra Rider. I've been a guild member since 2006-ish. My mom, Paulanne Rider, asked me to go to Tammy Tadd's grand opening, and that event sparked a passion (and maybe created a Monster) 🐾

During my time with the guild I have enjoyed being "just" a member but found serving on a board position much more rewarding. Currently I am VP of Programs and am seeking a partner in crime. Typically programs are scheduled out several years. COVID cancelled a lot and it's difficult to get back up to speed. But with another person we can bounce ideas off one another and help share the workload. And I'm tons of fun to work with 😊

Prior to this position, I was Treasurer for a couple of years and worked closely with Peg to transfer to Treasurer duties on to her. This collaboration made the transition easier for both of us (hopefully)

I did take a short hiatus from the guild (life - you get it). But I have served a couple terms as President and Membership chair.

Join in with this great group off guild members to help shape our guild. Many hands make light work.

NEWSLETTER

Hey Everyone, I'm Kathleen Wells and I've been a member of our guild almost since it's inception. I joined in the 1970s and was quite active, even serving at one time as our guild president. For some time, while raising my

three children and teaching school I was often too busy to do much quilting, but I looked forward to the day when I could indulge my passion on a more regular basis once again.

I loved taking classes whenever I could, learning new techniques and developing friendships that have been both informative and inspiring along the way. Our guild has always been at the heart of my quilting adventure. I have the fondest memories of past quilt shows, wonderful speakers, great retreats, laughs shared at Sewing Saturdays, painting barn quilts, bus trips to Shipshewana, making charity quilts for the neo-natal unit in Rockford, our salad suppers, Christmas parties, various quilt challenges, and sharing my love of quilting with my daughters and most recently my granddaughter.

For the past four years, my daughter Chris and I have been creating our monthly newsletter. We've seen our membership ebb and flow over the years and have lost many dear quilting colleagues to moves, illness and even death. But my love for quilting goes on.

I've got so many precious memories and fabulous quilts, many of which I've shared during Sew & Tell. And my enthusiasm for quilting just seems to grow and grow. I'm eagerly awaiting our upcoming quilt show and hoping that some of you will choose to become more than just member observers, but more active participants in our guild. It's lifeblood depends on us!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Hi everyone! I'm Chris Wells. I officially joined the guild in June of 2018 after talking my mom into taking over the monthly newsletter, though I've been an honorary member since I was a kid. I thought I was an honorary member of the board too, helping out with the newsletter, but last month I noticed Social Media was a role and well, I guess I've been doing that a bit too, so here I am! When I joined, I also took over the Facebook page for our guild. At that time we had eight whole members. I'm proud of the fact that after about a year we were up to over one hundred members in our Facebook group...some guild members, others not...all interested in quilting. During the pandemic we made thousands of facemasks for DeKalb County and beyond, and with help from our fellow member Rob Stoll, we got the attention of Facebook, who did a community feature on our guild and our service. We had people from all over the world asking to join our Facebook group! Since then, Facebook has changed the rules such that anyone can join public groups without administrator approval, so we now have 524 members! Thankfully, we haven't had a lot of trouble with "spam posts" that have caused a number of the public quilting groups to go private. I take pictures during Sew & Tell to post on our page so everyone can see what we're up to. And I love when people post to the page with current projects, quilty jokes, etc. We also have an Instagram page that I'm slowly trying to get more active.

When I was a kid, I would participate in guild workshops with my mom. A few that stand out are a cathedral window class and a workshop where we learned to do batik dying. I've also been on the bus to Shipshewana as a teen and an adult. More recently I learned about Drunkards Path with Ebony Love and painted a barn quilt in the park which proudly hangs on my house in Aurora.

As many of the board members do, I also serve on the quilt show committee as vendor chair, doing my best to encourage vendors to come sell their wares at our show.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on things you'd like to see in our guild, why not think about joining the board? It doesn't take a lot of time and it's a fun group of people! I've made quite a few new friends through my membership in the guild and I'm excited to see what comes next. If you're in the greater DeKalb/Sycamore area and need a ride to a meeting, my mom and I would be happy to oblige!

SECRETARY

Hi, I am Kay Fredrick. I currently hold the position of secretary of the guild. This is a position I have enjoyed holding for the past six years. As secretary I take notes for the board meetings and put meeting notices in The Daily Chronicle. Over the years I have held other positions, including Sunshine, Treasurer, Librarian, Publicity Chairman and Volunteer Chairman for several quilt shows. Being an active participant in the guild positions

since 1989 has allowed me to have a voice in guild decisions while enjoying new friendships and support, in addition to expanding my quilting abilities. I plan on continuing being an active member, but Covid has changed my family situation. I have retired and been blessed with two grandchildren. Without the added responsibilities of a job my husband and I are free to travel and spend extended time with the new grandchildren. It is my hope that someone would like to share and ultimately take over the position of guild secretary. Until that happens, I am happy to remain on the board. I live in Sycamore and can be reached at 815-751-2839. Should anyone need a ride to meetings please call me.

PRESIDENT

I am Jennifer Olbrich. I joined the guild in 2008 at the advice of a neighbor and fellow member, Pam Smith. I think it was around 2010 that I took over as the Treasurer. I then took over as President in 2018, holding both the Treasurer and President position for a couple of years until Kyra offered to accept the Treasurer position (thank you Kyra!).

I have enjoyed being a member of the guild. I have met so many wonderful people over the years. Many interesting speakers and workshops have led me to try techniques I may never have thought of doing simply by reading about it in a magazine. It truly is a wonderful organization and I hope we can continue building our membership. I do hope that some “new blood” is interested in joining the board; this will lead to new ideas for all aspects of the guild and make it grow even more 😊.

TREASURER

I'm Peggy Simonds, current guild and quilt show treasurer. I joined the guild in 2015 and have learned from the various speakers, gathered tip and tricks from other guild members and have enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow quilters. Volunteering to fill a board position was a natural progression of my guild membership. As a general member I greeted and collected admissions from attendees of the 2016 quilt show and served as raffle basket chair for the 2019 show. My treasurer duties include keeping orderly records of all guild transactions, issuing checks to meet the guild's financial obligations, developing a budget, and making sure an annual audit is completed.

I live in Sycamore; however, I am frequently out-of-town driving my granddaughter to various activities, visiting my mom in Iowa, and spending time with family in Nevada and Florida. I was concerned my travels might preclude me from being on the board. Fortunately, the board meetings have recently been held via Zoom and I've been able to participate from all these locations.

Through the years I've observed the workings of the guild and appreciate that all levels of participation are necessary to keep the guild strong. Current board members are committed to keeping the guild going and, because of their many years of serving on the board in various positions, they can be called on at any time to provide guidance for anyone who may be considering serving on the board.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Hi, I'm Jean Bradford and I currently hold the position of Director at Large on the board. This is a voting position without ongoing monthly responsibilities. I've not held any other board positions. In the past I've helped with the library, set up dates and taken the raffle quilt to other guilds to sell tickets, filled in as secretary, and various other tasks. I've also been in charge of the quilt show boutique. I live in Sycamore and have been a member of the guild since 1989.

MEMBERSHIP

I am Kim Colness. I finally succumbed to the pressure of a friend and joined the guild in 2016. It was right after I finished my first quilt and just before the quilt show that year, so we volunteered and helped set up the show. She came to the next few meetings and then quit coming! I continued going to meetings because I loved the speakers and show and tell. Then Kathy Wells asked me to be the Membership Chair. This gave me the

opportunity to learn names and faces of the members through this position. I have really enjoyed greeting you at the beginning of each meeting! We have such a wealth of talent and knowledge in our members. I would love to see more of you involved to share that knowledge through your passion for quilting!

WAYS AND MEANS / HARVEST OF QUILTS SHOW CHAIR

I am Kathi Davis. I have been a member of the DeKalb County Quilters' Guild since 2006. I have been sewing since I was a pre-teen where I sewed all my own clothes. I went on to make my wedding dress and then my daughter's. I didn't start quilting until the early 2000's. I have been working to improve my skills ever since.

I have been on the board in one capacity or another ever since I joined. Currently I am playing two roles. First, I am the VP of Ways and Means attempting to bring in money for the guild. Selling raffle tickets is one of the sources of income the guild has. Second, I am chair of Harvest of Quilts 2022. I oversee a committee of fantastic guild members who each do specific things that pertain to the quilt show. Basically, I just "direct traffic" and "put out fires" should they arise. All the work is much easier when it is spread among many members.

A friendly reminder...

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

GUILD 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 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors opened at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

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Group"**