



# 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

**Wow, what an amazing show!** Thank you to all who participated to make it happen.

I heard so many positive comments, we had a great turnout for setup & take down, and we made some money ☺. Thank you to Kathi and the show committee.

I dropped off our first quilt at the NW Medicine / Kishwaukee Hospital gift shop – thanks for the quilt Patti.

Looking forward to our yummy holiday party coming up – thanks for putting this together Chris.

We have some great ideas for programs that will be starting in the new year thanks to Kathy & Bobbie – can't wait!

Enjoy your turkey, keep warm & happy quilting ☺  
Jennifer

P.S. When I arrived at my grandmother's last month, her Christmas quilt was already on her bed.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY and PROGRAM

Hope everyone will be able to join us on December 5, at 6 PM for our annual Christmas party, at the Federated Church in Sycamore. This year will be a potluck. Please bring the following:

- A dish to pass
- A drink for yourself

If you would like to participate, please also bring:

- Two handmade Christmas ornaments...one to trade and one to donate to the DeKalb County Nursing Home.
- A quilting related gift valued at approximately \$20 dollars for a Yankee gift exchange.

Kathy Wells is excited to start a monthly quilt lotto and will explain it at the Christmas party.

We will also be starting a small project for you to practice your quilting skills, more on this later.

See you on December 5<sup>th</sup>!

Bobbie and Chris

## CHALLENGE QUILT RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in the quilt challenge. We had a total of 9 beautiful quilts entered in the challenge. Everyone did a WONDERFUL job with creativity and staying within the guidelines set for the quilt. Very impressive work everyone! Would LOVE to do this one again in the future! (remember we have another show next year!!!! Maybe a new challenge?)

This was a "Viewer's Choice" contest where the visitors to the show submitted a vote into the ballot box for their favorite quilt. We had great participation with a total of 125 votes submitted! The results were tallied and verified by another member before awards were presented. First and Second place quilts received ribbons. The top 3 placing quilts were as follows:

First Place quilt	Diamond Log Cabin	Sheryl Keiler	53 Votes
Second Place quilt	Celebrate The 40th	Krista Urban	24 Votes
Third Place quilt	Crossroads	Kathy Wells	16 Votes

All quilts were sooooo beautiful. A HUGE shout out to all that participated. As I said, all votes were verified by another guild member and I have the official ballots for the top three (3) winners for anyone to verify.

Also! Another HUGE shout out to all of you lovely Guild members that stepped up to do some demonstrations during the show. You are truly amazing and so talented. I wasn't able to be at much of the show, but what I saw was AWESOME!!! Thank you so much.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family. Next, it's "full steam ahead" with the Christmas season just around the corner.

Sheryl

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Sew many reasons to be thankful...

Thank you to all who participated in the quilt show. I appreciate all the volunteers who came and helped set up, worked a shift, and helped with clean up. Also, if you displayed a quilt, showed off your skills in the demo room, sold/bought raffle tickets for the quilt or the baskets, or shopped at the boutique, you contributed to the success of the show!

To those who participated in the sewing retreat/volunteer weekend: Kathy Wells, Chris Wells, Peg Simonds, Ilene Covert, Bobbie Lundberg and LuAnn Dreska, THANK YOU! We made 130 bags for the girls in Doubletree Girl Scout Service Unit to use at their summer Day Camp to carry their water bottles and bags of GORP with them wherever they go. They will be able to stay hydrated and have a snack while enjoying their adventures at camp. AND we had time to work on our own projects as well.

Finally, we gained some new members during the quilt show and a few more that will be coming to our January meeting. With our once a month Saturday workshops, and the next retreat coming in March, there are many opportunities to “promote the fellowship and art of quilting” (that’s our mission statement, you know) so invite your friends to come and join us at our next regular meeting on January 23, 2020.

Sew blessed,  
Kim Colness – Membership

## 2020 QUILT SHOW PLANNING

Currently I’m working on a venue for a quilt show in late September or early October 2020. I talked to Sycamore Park District about the new community center. However, they are not set up to have something there for three days. Also, we would have half of the gym and they would still have people playing basketball, or volleyball, etc. on the other half. I’m currently talking to DeKalb Park District again and the schools. We need a venue ASAP so that we can contact vendors for the show.

Below are the chairs we will need for the show. The first ones needed would be Vendor Chair and Publicity Chair. You can be a chair by yourself or with a friend. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions. Quilt Show meetings will begin in January at my house. We meet once a month until the show.

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### DCQG Quilt Show Chairperson & Committee Listing

#### QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: (1 person)

Attend quilt show meetings; receive quilt show applications; select quilts for show from entries; keep records of entries; plan display of items; floor plans; contact person for quilt show, communicate with guild board on show progress; secure site for quilt show; finalize show entry forms. secure a lunch provider; arrange for a quilt appraiser to appraise quilts during the show.

The following are usually performed by the Quilt Show Chair:

**JUDGING: (1 person)**

Make all arrangements with the judge, physical arrangements for the judging; help to receive judged items before the show. Coordinate progress with Quilts Chairperson; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**ENTRY FORMS: (1 person)**

Coordinate distribution of quilt show entry forms to guild members; mail entry forms to area guilds, coordinate with publicity committee to distribute show entry forms; be a contact person for people who inquire about entering quilts in our show. Coordinate progress with Quilts Chairperson; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**SIGNS FOR QUILTS (1 or more people)**

Work with quilt selection committee to type and print individual quilt signs. Coordinate progress with Quilts Chairperson; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**TREASURER: (1 person)**

Attend quilt show meetings; keep treasurer's books; make deposits; pay bills; be responsible for monies during quilt show; itemized report of final show books.

**BOUTIQUE: (1 or more people)**

Recruitment of guild members to sell items at the show, set up and management of boutique during show, distribution of monies afterward. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**SILENT AUCTION: (1 or more people)**

Promoting and receiving of donated items, setting up their display at the show, overseeing them during the show; distribution and collection after the show. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**SHOW PUBLICITY: (1 or more people)** Publicize the show through magazines, newspapers, radio, etc. Design and distribute flyers. Work with other committees for info on events and displays to include in publicity. Coordinate with Ways and Means Chairperson for raffle quilt photo to add to publicity. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**SPECIAL EXHIBITS: (1 or more people)**

Plan and set up special exhibits such as: Featured Artist and Hoffman Challenge. Coordinate progress; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended. Plan and set up displays that promote DCQG and encourage show attendees to become guild members. Displays could include general guild information, workshops, road trips, speakers, samples & UFO projects from workshops, charity project, and other fun stuff that we do as a guild. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**RIBBONS / AWARDS: (1 or more people)**

Order printed ribbons and coordinate sewing toppers for quilt awards; coordinate any gift certificates or special awards sponsored by vendors. Coordinate progress with Show Chairperson; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**QUILT RECEIVING & RELEASE: (1 person)**

Coordinate the locations to receive quilts for the show; sort quilts for judging and display categories; communicate with set-up coordinators for distribution of quilts to proper areas for show set up and take down; oversee release of quilts picked up after show and any that may need to be return shipped. Coordinate progress with Show Chairperson; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**SET UP & TAKE DOWN COORDINATOR: (1 person)**

Contact person for set up and take down of main quilt display area. You are the answer person that stays in this room during set up and take down to direct where quilt racks set up and displays go. Direct workers where to help when they show up and how to set up quilt racks. Attendance at quilt show meetings not

required but you must be at set up and take down entire time. Coordinate with Quilt Show Chairperson for final floor plan.

**VENDORS (1 or more people)**

Send out letters to recruit vendors for the show; Help with any arrangements for set up needed for lunch provider and quilt appraiser; coordinate with Set Up & Take Down Coordinator for vendors arrangements; regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**SIGN AGE: (1 or more people)**

Set up exterior signage along streets and highways for quilt show. Set up interior signage for display areas and directional signage. Work with committees to determine what type of signage is needed for various display areas. Removal of interior and exterior signage after show is completed. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**DEMONSTRATIONS: (1 or more people)**

Schedule required demonstrations as planned by quilt show committee members. This could include demonstrations by vendors of products they have; demonstrations by guild members of quilting, piecing, techniques; hands on work area where show attendees can try a technique; kids' area or activity. Make arrangements as needed for show. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended.

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING:(1 person)**

Coordinate with committees to determine how many helpers they will need during show. Create a schedule and recruit members to sign up to help with various duties during the show weekend. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**TICKETS / ADMISSIONS / VIEWERS CHOICE: (1 person)**

Coordinate set up of entry area, payment for tickets, handing out of viewers' choice ballots. Coordinate with signage person to determine what signage is needed in this area. Coordinate with Treasurer for cash management of ticket sales. Tally viewer's choice ballots at end of show, type up statistics from viewer's choice ballots for post-show meeting. Required to be at show set up and take down to coordinate this area. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

**WAYS AND MEANS VP: (1 or more people)**

Obtain license to sell raffle tickets from both City of DeKalb and DeKalb County Government; of raffle tickets to members; keeping track of tickets sold and monies received; coordinating taking raffle quilt to venues for selling tickets, i.e.: Ellwood House Art Fair, etc.; Coordinate ticket sales day of quilt show; drawing winning ticket! Presentation of quilt to winner at next guild meeting; take photo for publicity of winner/quilt for newspaper. Regular attendance at quilt show meetings recommended but not required.

Some help please with getting fabrics for a future raffle quilt. I would like each of you to cut four 5" squares from your extra fabrics after you complete a quilt. Either all cottons or batiks in both light and dark colors. I have a couple of designs that I think will work well and having a raffle quilt done way before a show is crucial to a raffle quilt making a good profit.

Thank you!

JoAnn Russell



## GETTING TO KNOW...JoAnn Russell

**How long have you been a guild member?** I have been a member of DCQG since April of 1992.

**How long have you been sewing?** I have been sewing since I was a freshman in high school, and that was a long, long time ago.

**What was your first project?** My first quilt project was making a crib quilt for our first grandson. I had no pattern, just a book that you could count to 10 in Precious Moments fabrics. I designed the setting using the colors that were in the blocks--soft blues, greens and pink--and used the first eight pictures to make the top. It turned out really nice, until I hand quilted it and that was a mistake to do. I should have had an experienced quilter do it for sure.



**Favorite colors?** Favorite colors are royal blue and white.

**Least favorite color?** I really do not have one because with the fabric choices we have, you can bring out so many different colors that using the same pattern one way will totally change when using another color wave.

**Favorite quilting celebrity?** Favorite quilting celebrity is Sharon Schamber. Not only is she a master quilter but she is also a medium. I had the privilege to take a class from her when we were working on our big applique quilt that was selected to be shown at the Grand Rapids AQS show, and I learned so much more than just quilting. She told me some things about my life that I did not know and rather helped me through a difficult situation from a past event. I have met her at other AQS shows and she calls me by name and always asks how I am doing.

**On what are you currently working?** Our raffle quilt for the 2020 show. My design wall is getting more attractive each time I add a piece. I have also discovered the Lorraine Mooney spin block and plan to do a baby quilt out of it.

**Any other hobbies or interests?** My other hobbies are knitting (right now working on caps for the NICU center), crocheting, and bowling.

## OUT & ABOUT

Pilgrim Park has two upcoming quilt retreats - February 6-9, 2020 and May 5-8, 2020. Attached to the newsletter email are the two flyers for the upcoming quilt retreats. You will find that there is an online registration link for faster registration. Spots are limited so register early.

**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!**

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## 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 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.

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County Quilters' Guild  
Group"**

**And click join for**

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