



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 Winter!

I just returned from my semi-annual trip out east to visit my 102-year-old grandmother. It was a nice surprise to see the Christmas quilt I made for her last year already on her bed.

Yes, I did go shopping at my favorite quilt shop there, so if you ever find yourself in Dagsboro, Delaware, just let me know.

Looking forward to our monthly sew-in on November 17th. I hope to piece together a few generosity quilt tops for the NICU that I can then quilt over the holiday weekend. (I hide inside on Black Friday.) *(Editor note: a top was successfully completed at our sew-in today!)*

I also plan to share with the group what I learned at the last First Saturday session at Stitching on State – a fun twist on a flying geese unit.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the holiday party ☺

Happy quilting,
Jennifer

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party will be a potluck on December 6, starting at 6:30. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service and drink.

We will also be having an ornament exchange. Bring 2 Christmas ornaments. Put one in the basket and one on the tree. Homemade ornaments are nice, but not mandatory. If you bring an ornament, take an ornament before leaving. The basket of ornaments will be given to DeKalb County Nursing Home.

We will have a gift exchange this year – something “quilty” that you as a quilter would like and that another quilter would also like. All gifts for the gift exchange should be wrapped.

This will be our last get together at St Mary’s. Starting in January, meetings will be at the Federated Church in Sycamore.

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

WHEN WILL IT BE MY MONTH TO BRING TREATS TO GUILD

For those members who are planning ahead and have asked what month they will be bringing treats to the guild meeting I compiled this listing:

January
Jill D
Dorothy F
Kay F
Judy H
Kelly H

February
Susie H
Rachel H
Anita H
Sheryl K
Jan K

March
Mary Jean L
Bobbie L
Eena L
Jennifer O
Susan R

April
JoAnn R
Peggy S
Pam S
Mary T
Krista U

May Salad supper – all bring dish to pass

June
Vera W
Chris W
Kathy W
Rosalie W

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Getting to know...Pat Barger

I am Pat Barger and have been a member of DCQG since 1985 or 86. I was introduced by Lucy Reid. Her husband and my husband were friends, we first asked them for dinner and as the men chatted, I mentioned that I had made my first quilt for my daughter's wedding. And we were off and talking about quilting. I sewed together nine 36-inch blocks, sashed them with some purple and blue fabric, embroidered the bride and groom's names and the wedding date and "appliqued" (never heard of wonder under) love birds and a ribbon. At the wedding guests were invited to sign the "quilt." I spent a year embroidering the names and year two I hand quilted it. You can catch your toes on the stitches.



After joining Guild, I took classes and learned proper techniques. My first class was a kaleidoscope pattern taught by Pepper Corey. Directions said to bring 10 fabrics, 3 light, 3 medium, 3 dark and one ugly. Still have the wall hanging and the ugly fabric is my favorite.

My mother was a very good seamstress and I learned basics from her but never took Home Ec. in high school (I am from Cincinnati). When I got pregnant and wanted a dress or tops, that's when I taught myself to sew and got lots of practice because my daughter was a "girlie" who wanted to wear dresses all the time—purple, of course.

Making quilts is my lifeline. I am a widow, have three children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren who live in 7 different states. I am working on Christmas projects, table runners and placemats, some to sell at church, some for gifts, maybe a few Christmas cards and I saw a cute ornament at our table in October...I think it was 3 triangles folded and made into a star. I just mailed off two commissions, one a t-shirt quilt and the other a baby quilt. I love making a quilt a month for the Neo Natal Center.

My favorite block is Ohio Star with 54/40 a close second. My favorite quilt is a friendship quilt that my daughter made for my 65th birthday, with over 200 blocks with signatures. It generates so many memories. I have enough quilts to change monthly. I kept track of what I made up until 2007, then gave up, but I do have a couple of albums full of pictures of babies and their quilts and the t-shirt quilts and some samples of the different table runners, etc. I encourage you to keep a pictorial record of what you do, it is fun to browse and watch your improvement.

I hope you enjoy DCQG as much as I do, share your ideas and goals, encourage each other. That is how we learn and improve. Merry Christmas! Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Library

Thanks to all who bought books at the last meeting. We made a good dent in the books, as well as some money for the guild! If you'd like to take another look you'll have one more chance at the Christmas party before we move to our new home at the Federated Church in Sycamore.

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Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4th 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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