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October 26, 2017 7PM

DCQG presents

“Accidental Landscapes Workshop”

This being our last regular meeting for the year and before the activity of the holiday season starts we thought it would be fun to have an evening to explore and have some fun.

If you have ever thought about doing landscape quilts but didn't know where to begin, or perhaps you have done some in the past and found them very complicated, or maybe you just want to watch the process this is the meeting for you.

Karen Eckmeier of “The Quilted Lizard” has taken the concept of “landscape quilting” and broken it down into a few simple steps that anyone can follow.

We will be working with 2 of her very basic patterns but you are free to work on another one of her patterns or bring her book to the meeting.

We will do a short tutorial on the basic concept and then we will work on creating our very own “Accidental Landscapes”. It should be a fun evening.

Our Mission Statement

“To promote the fellowship and art of quilting.”

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This is the last newsletter for the year. Enjoy your holiday season and may it be filled with love, laughter, good food, good friends and of course lots of quilting magic.

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Ways and Means Update

Greetings from Ways and Means!

As I write this the Cubs are about to enter game 5 of this first leg of the baseball journey! Will they make it? And, how about the past few days of summerlike weather? I've enjoyed it and look at it as a "bonus" stretch tog et some of my outside work done so that I can spend some serious time in my sewing room without guilt! Anyway, on to the business at hand!

Pumpkin Fest is rapidly approaching! THANK YOU to the volunteers who have stepped up to help cover our booth. I'll send you a friendly reminder of your time slot shortly. Good news is that we will be INSIDE for this event, but let's hope the weather still cooperates. If you have ANY items to donate to the show, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE NEXT MEETING-October 26. Please have them priced (I will bring tags) or at the very least, a list of prices, and ready to go on display. We won't have time to price them during set up. I'm looking forward to this event. If you aren't volunteering, please try to attend, and pass the info on to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers! Let's hope we are able to recruit new members to the guild as well. This is our final event for 2017 but I will be actively looking for other events for 2018. I know we do KVAL in the spring and I will seek out information on that soon and hopefully have that

information for you after the first of the year so that we can prepare for it.

On another note, at last month's meeting mentioned the possibility of doing a block exchange for the "Anthology" quilt. I'm thinking this may be a great quilt for our guild to raffle at our next quilt show. I first must get board approval. However, if there are a few of you that would be interested in making this quilt for yourself, a block exchange would be a GREAT way to accomplish this. I will bring the book to the next meeting again and, if you decide you want to do this, there are a couple of things you need to do first.

1. Commit to a monthly meeting (perhaps just before our regular meeting (for about 15 min. or so. This would be a time for us to exchange blocks and provide support to each other as needed. We can decide on a meeting time/place when we set up the group.
 2. You will need to purchase the book which can be found at most quilt shops or online. Let me know if you have any trouble finding it. It's a relatively new book so you shouldn't have much trouble.
 3. Once we have the group set up, we, as a group will decide on the fabric selection, how big the quilt should be (but, why not make the whole quilt with all of us sharing?) and HOW to break down the block division.
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I'm thinking that 5-7 members would be an ideal group size, so, if you are interested, sign up at the next meeting. We'll begin this after the first of the year so if you have any questions, let me know. This should be a fun "journey" and a great way to get to know one another better, not to mention, you will have completed a beautiful quilt along the way.

Sheryl Keiler

Ways and Means

PROGRAM UPDATES

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2017-2018

December 14-Christmas Party starts at 6pm

January 25-Robin Gausebeck “New Quilts from Old Favorites”

February 22-Jane Sassaman “Under the Influence”

March 22-Kathy Flowers :Old Glory! The Inspiration of Patriotic Quilt Designs”

April 26-Karen Grover and Board elections

May 24-Salad Supper

June 28-Lori Dickman

HELP NEEDED

The guild needs help in the following areas. Please volunteer.

- A. We need 2 volunteers to help with our January speaker, Robin Gausebeck. You will need to be at the hall by 6:15 to help the speaker set up and take down after the talk. It's a fun gig, you get to have a little one on one with the speaker and be up close and personal with her quilts.
- B. We also need 2-3 people for the nomination committee for 2018. This committee takes care of running our nominating process and elections for board positions. It has traditional been one committee that current board members can not take part in. The committee works from January to the April meeting.

C. We are also looking for people who would like to publish the monthly newsletter and help with the website and Facebook page. If you have experience working on social media or would like to get your feet wet this is your opportunity. Everything we do is very basic so no special computer skills are required. You will need access to a computer have a working knowledge of your own operating system. It is a monthly commitment so perhaps you and a friend can would like to share this job.

If you are interested please see Kelly Hoyle at the October meeting.

QUILT SHOW REPORT

It has been a long time coming but here is the final breakdown of our last 4 quilt shows. All show monies were subject to our annual audit which took place in July and were accounted for and passed the audit process. The final monies have been transferred to our general fund account. A discussion was opened at the June meeting asking for volunteers to chair the next show which was slated for 2018. As no one came forward to chair the show, we discussed the possibility of taking a break from a show and exploring other options of raising funds for the guild along with doing a show in 2020. No objections were raised from the general membership at those suggestions, at that time.

General observations of the last show:

We received many compliments on the appearance of our show and the diversity of the quilts. Many other quilt guilds and the president of "Quilting Hub" a rather large website, who walked the show on Sunday, asked how we were able to do this. Simply put, we allow non-members to display at our shows, something that most quilt guilds do not allow.

Attendees and vendors liked the location of the show. With easy access for loading and unloading and plenty of parking for attendees there was no down side to the new venue.

The member driven classes/ demos were a big hit with the crowd. Beginning quilting classes filled very quickly.

The use of the website for reservations of classes went over very well. We might want to think about expanding this service for the next show i.e. advance tickets sales or raffle ticket sales.

While it looks like attendance was up this show keep in mind that ticket prices were raised, so overall attendance stayed about the same as in the past.

Raffle tickets sales were down. It is believed to be a combination of several factors:

1. The lack of participation by guild members to sell tickets. All members were assigned a packet of tickets to sell, but not all members took tickets to sell.
2. A lack of volunteers to take raffle quilts to different guilds to sell tickets, which limited our sales.
3. We tried having a smaller size quilt to raffle this show, because of comments made in the past about the size being too large. We also tried having 2 quilts instead of 1 again because of comments made at the last show. People either wanted a more modern looking quilt or a more traditional looking one. We decided to give them a choice. For further shows we need to stay true to who we are as a guild and make a quilt that reflects our membership and their talents.

We thought including a fiber component to the show might draw different vendors which in turn would draw a larger crowd. It did not. Again, we should stay true to who we are and focus on quilting.

We also noted that people did not come to this show to see a nation speaker. A future show might want to skip a speaker and use that space and time for additional quilt display or member driven demos and/or classes.

In the past the food vendor was a big hit and a nice donation was given to the guild by the vendor. While the vendor was a hit with the crowd and he did like the new space, his donation was down this show. The committee believes that a food vendor might be omitted for the next show or food product could be sold by the guild instead, such as a bake sale where all profits would be the guild's. Under health code laws today we would be able to do so.

Past shows we had a person in charge of PR. This show we did not have a volunteer to do this very important job. Future shows must have someone in charge of PR. It is not a job that can be shared by the entire committee.

In general the show was a success, as it did make a profit for the guild. In conversations with other guilds it was noted that they too have shown a smaller profit in the last few years. Feelings are that with the increase of large corporate sponsored shows in the tristate area the show pool is diluted and hurting the smaller shows. Other guilds in the area are rethinking their shows and finding ways to increase profits or find other ways to raise funding for the guild.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time and efforts for the 2016 show and all shows in the past. It takes a lot of hands working together as one solid unit to make the show a success.

DCQG Christmas Party
Thursday December 14, 2017
St. Mary's PAC
6PM-???

Price-\$20.00 per person

Dinner this year will consist of fried chicken, roast pork loin with gravy, vegetable lasagna with tomato cream sauce, fresh fruit salad, au gratin potatoes, and baked broccoli with seasoned bread crumbs. Of course we'll have dessert too! To keep cost down we are asking everyone to bring whatever they would like to drink.

For anyone who would like to participate there will be a mug rug exchange.

What is a mug rug? A small quilted spot for you to place your drink and maybe a snack on your sewing area. It's larger than a coaster but smaller than a placemat. There are many free patterns available online or create one of your own design. Wrap your mug rug in pretty holiday paper and we will exchange them at the end of the evening. Make sure to put your name on the back of your rug so the new owner will know who made it.

Your reservation and payment must be received by Friday, December 1st. You may pay by cash, check, PayPal or charge card. You must go to the website to pay by credit card or PayPal.

Cash and checks will be accepted at the September and October meetings. Checks may be sent via snail mail to :

DCQG

PO Box 385

Sycamore, IL. 60178

Please allow extra time for snail mail.

Here's to a wonderful holiday season filled with family, joy, laughter and quilting fun!

I WANT TO JOIN THE PARTY! HERE'S MY RESERVATION!

NAME _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

CASH _____ CHECK# _____ CHARGE OR PAYPAL _____