



The News-Patch

September 2019

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

Welcome Fall,

Well, I survived the Madison show. However, my credit card may not agree with me. I did stick to my rule of not buying any more fabric, but now I have to come up with a plan for all my new patterns & tools ☺. Also, guess who won one of Jennifer Chiaverini's early release books, from her new Elm Creek Quilt Series, coming out in October... me! But, I had to promise her not to tell anyone about it – no spoiler alerts.

Looking forward to our open sewing day this coming Saturday (as I write this). We all have so much fun with uninterrupted sewing time, except for our buddy from Jimmy John's who always seems to stop by around noon...

It sounds like we are well prepared for our upcoming quilt show. Did you see the wonderful advertisement in the Discover Sycamore / Discover DeKalb brochure? Thank you to the show committee for all your hard work!

Hard to believe, but September will be our last regular meeting before the holiday break, since we will be preparing for the show during our October meeting. We are still in need of a few friends to pull together and organize our holiday party. So many people are actively involved in the October show that I hate to put additional responsibilities on them. Please talk with your guild friends and see if a few of you would be able to help out our group in planning this event. I think everyone enjoyed the game we played last year, along with the wonderful gifts!

Happy Quilting ☺

Jennifer

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who turned in their program surveys at last month's meeting. I have compiled results and they will be attached to this newsletter.

Your ugly fabric quilts are due at the September meeting. I am looking forward to seeing your creative ideas. Remember: They can be any size, as long as you use a portion of each of your ugly fabrics in the quilt. You can add any other fabrics you wish to your quilt.

The largest interest according to the survey were seasonal projects and small gift projects.

For the meeting in September, we are asking members to bring in any and all ideas that fit in these 2 topics. With the Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukah holidays, fall and winter coming up it will be nice to get ideas for both seasonal projects and gift ideas.

We will be setting up for the quilt show at the October meeting and will need all members there to assist. Kathi Davis will have more information on this topic.

If you have sold raffle tickets to turn in or if you need more tickets, please see me at the September workshop, as I was in Missouri at the time of the August meeting. All money, stubs and any unsold tickets must be turned in at or before the October meeting. The winning ticket will be drawn at the close of the quilt show.

WORKSHOP DATES

September 14, and October 12

Workshops are held at the Federated Church in Sycamore from 10 am – 4 pm

You can work on the technique for the month or whatever project you want

If you have any questions – please e-mail me.

Bobbie

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Treats in September to be provided by:

Kim Colness
Ilene Covert
Kathi Davis
Lori Dickman

Treats in October to be provided by:

Jill Draves
Dorothy Franke
Kay Fredrick
Judy Hodge
Susie Hughes

A friendly reminder...

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

TASTE OF THE GUILD SURVEY RESULTS

PROGRAM	Interest	No interest
Seasonal Projects	11	2
Small Gift Projects	8	6
English Paper Piecing	6	6
Hand Applique	7	4
Machine Applique	10	0
Self-binding baby quilts	6	4
Strip piece quilt blocks	7	4
Strip piece star blocks	8	3

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Just a reminder about the Quilt Show Boutique

Please think of our boutique as you're spending time in your sewing rooms. Please consider donating excess quilting fabric or that piece of fabric you just had to have but now can't imagine what you were thinking when you purchased it. We are also looking for quilting notions, books, patterns, duplicates, scraps, anything we can sell at the boutique and make some money for the guild is appreciated.

Just put these items aside and bring them to the October meeting. You don't need to price them we'll take care of that in the boutique.

We're not accepting magazines as they didn't sell well at our last show.

If you have any questions, please email me. My email is jbradford6721@gmail.com

Thank you,

Jean Bradford - Quilt Show Boutique Chair

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

HARVEST OF QUILTS SHOWS



Harvest of Quilts 2019 Anniversary Quilt Show – October 25 – 26, 2019 (Pumpkinfest)

Mission of Anniversary Show: To **CELEBRATE** our 40th Anniversary by describing the many things we have done and to continue to promote quilting in order to encourage new membership. Secondary mission is to bring in income for the guild.

Application: Now available in email attached with newsletter and on the website (dcqg.org). Entry deadline is October 1st!

Current Chairs: Show Chair: Kathi Davis; **Raffle Quilt:** Joan Russell & Bobbie Lundberg; **Boutique:** Jean Bradford; **Raffle Baskets:** Peggy Simonds; **Volunteer:** Kim Colness; **Demonstrations:** Sheryl Keiler

Needs are as follows:

Thursday, October 24

6:30 p.m. **ALL hands-on deck to set up for the show**

PLUS, Quilt Check-In (5 people)

Friday, October 25

9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. - two-hour shifts

Admissions (2 per shift)

Quilt/Basket Raffle Tickets (2 per shift)

Boutique (2 per shift)

White Gloves (4 per shift)

Floater (2 per shift)

Saturday, October 26

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Admissions (2 per shift)

Quilt/Basket Raffle Tickets (2 per shift)

Boutique (2 per shift)

White Gloves (4 per shift)

Floater (2 per shift)

5:00 p.m. Quilt Check-Out (5 people)

ALL hands-on deck for show take-down

- **Publicity, publicity, and publicity:** We will have a poster and bookmarks to distribute to friends, neighbors, quilt shows, quilt shops, and anywhere else you can think of.

Kathi Davis - Harvest of Quilts 2019 Chair

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Harvest of Quilts 2020 Quilt Show

We are going to have a quilt show fall of 2020. We are looking for a venue and shooting for late September or early October. **The committee is forming now.** We **NEED** committee chairs. The first is the **Vendor Chair**. Since I was vendor chair for our last show, I have everything needed to contact vendors, etc. The committee will meet once a month starting in January. Let me know what position on the committee you would like to do. First come first gets the job!

Kathi Davis, Harvest of Quilts 2020 Chair
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WAYS & MEANS

In order to replenish our coffers, we will be doing various smaller craft shows selling our handmade items. We are requesting members to donate items (small items very welcome) to the guild to be sold at the shows. Since this is a show year, we will only be doing a few shows to sell quilt raffle tickets as well as sell our items. In off-show years, we will sign up for more shows. Please let me know if you have items to donate and I will keep them in inventory until needed. Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP, kad0522@comcast.net

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED!

Demonstrators to provide a brief “How To” segment at the Quilt Show!

We have such a talented group of individuals that know SO MANY different techniques and tips, we would LOVE to have you show off your talents with a brief demonstration at the Quilt Show. The demonstration would be short, no longer than an hour in duration. Topics that we already have demonstrations for are as follows

- Toilet tank Toppers
- Hand Quilting
- Flange binding
- “Cutter” quilts
- Different types of appliqué
- Strip pieced baby quilts
- Fabric bowls
- String piecing

Other ideas may include:

Paper piecing, the use of different tools; rulers, templates, etc. ½ square triangles, using a rotary cutter, binding, etc.

Won’t you consider demonstrating your talent on either day? Think about what YOU can share! A signup sheet will be passed around at future meetings. Thanks for considering a time slot!

Getting to Know...Sherry Mileham

How long have you been a guild member? I am not really sure of the exact day I joined DCQG. I believe it may be in the early 1990's. Several different times, I have had to forgo quilt guild due to illnesses of family members. I just returned to be part of the guild family a couple months ago following my husband's liver transplant.

How long have you been sewing? I follow a long line of sewers and quilters. My great-grandmother hand-pieced and hand quilted many quilts. Several are now in my home with one on my bed right now. Both of my grandmothers quilted. My mother was an awesome seamstress. She made many of the dresses for my sister and me on her treadle machine. Barbie outfits were her specialty. I would sit and watch her sew. She helped me start making simple items when I was about six years old.

What was your first project? I have always enjoyed handwork. My first project was pillows for our sofa. Each pillow was pieced and then hand quilted. I did not get into more quilting until many years later when a member of DCQG urged me to come to a meeting with her.



What is your favorite color? Blue is my favorite color, but I like most every color. I love blue and yellow together. In the past, I would gravitate toward muted colors. That has changed over the years with the encouragement from a quilter friend to venture out into bolder colors!

What is your least favorite color? My least favorite color is brown, sometimes I have paired it up with aqua and like it! Who knew?

Favorite quilting celebrity? Jenny Doan is my favorite quilting celebrity quilter. She is so down to earth and personable. Her tutorials are concise and easy to follow. I also like when she shows different fabric combinations.

What are you currently working on? I have a large collection of 30's and 40's reproduction fabrics. Always have admired what Sharon Smith and Annie Berg would make from them. So, when I saw a video with Jenny Doan for the disappearing nine-patch, I started trying different blocks out. Still working on them.

Any other hobbies or interests? I enjoy embroidery, especially red work. Love to read historical novels and mysteries. One interest has also become an addiction. After going to a retreat many years ago and learning this technique, I love making fabric bowls. I have been asked to demonstrate them for many quilt shows. Will be doing so for our 2019 Quilt Show!

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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
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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.

Find us on Facebook!

**Search for “DeKalb
County Quilters' Guild
Group”**

And click join for

**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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