



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, I survived Madison. Who knew shopping was so much work!

I took a few classes on what to do with scraps. I am not very good at letting a blue from my Kansas Troubles collection touch a blue from any other collection; my scraps from each collection sit in their own box, so this will be a challenge for me. I also took some classes on using precuts. Hmmm... maybe I'll cut my scraps in to precut sizes and "kill two birds with one stone"...

Looking forward to Bobbie's fun activity planned for our next meeting.

Happy Quilting ☺
Jennifer

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

August was another great show-and-tell with several completed number 6 UFO's and several other completed quilts. It is amazing what the members of this guild can accomplish.

I hope everyone is working on their number 2 UFO for the September guild meeting. Unfortunately, our workshop is not scheduled until September 29, but I know that many of you will have another completed UFO.

I attended the Quilt Expo in Madison and stopped by the UW Health booth. They had handouts on several ergonomic exercises for neck, shoulder, back and hands. I will make copies and we can go over those exercises at the next guild meeting.

We will have refreshments, provided by members, and social time (see listing in newsletter). I ran into a few of you at the Expo, and if you found the latest, greatest book, tool or technique, please bring it for show-and-tell.

It does not seem possible that we only have 2 meetings left before our Christmas party. We will once again be doing an ornament exchange. For those of you who are new to the guild – you will bring 2 Christmas ornaments – one will be placed in a basket, and one will be placed on a small tree. At the end of the evening, if you brought an ornament, you may take an ornament from the tree. I will be taking the basket to DeKalb County Rehab Nursing Home. If you have an ornament pattern, or some Christmas fabric that you would like to share, please bring to the workshop in September. There will also be a member gift exchange of something quilty. This can be anything that you, as a quilter would enjoy.

On September 25, there will be a special ceremony at Club 55 in DeKalb (aka Senior Center) honoring all veterans, with a special tribute to WWII veteran Tony Berg on his 100th birthday. Several state and local officials have been invited to attend. A member of DeKalb County Quilters' Guild and the local Honor Guard will present Mr. Berg with a quilt.

For more information, please contact me.

Bobbie Lundberg
Program Chair



SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS

As we discussed in a previous meeting, we are going to bring back refreshments to our monthly meetings. Each month 4 members will be assigned to bring something to share. We will start at the top of the membership list and continue down the list each month, taking turns bringing a snack to share. It can be your favorite dessert or as simple as a box of cookies you pick up at the store. Water and napkins will be provided.

This month will be the first four members on the list:

- Pat Barger,
- Carol Barkhurst,
- Jean Bradford,
- Joanne Burrows

WAYS & MEANS

Hard to believe September is here already and with that the kids are back to school, we have shorter days, cooler nights and more time to spend in our sewing rooms working on our UFOs, right?! Well...I hope to have mine done!

Now, down to business! Sadly, I must report that I did NOT attend the Maple Park Fun Fest due to the rainy weather. While I was prepared for the rainy conditions, I just could not risk ruining the beautiful quilts up for raffle. It is now onward and upward to the Sycamore Pumpkin Fest next month. I just received our confirmation and booth assignment and I'm happy to report that I have each time slot filled for "manning the booth". I thank those that have signed up and, I most certainly would not turn away any more help so that there is extra coverage! Feel free to sign up! It's a fun atmosphere to be a part of and you get free admission for helping!

I have a couple more ideas to help raise funds for our guild and I will mention them at the next meeting. I think you'll find these kind of fun to do! It takes ALL of us members to get involved to grow our guild, so please think about what YOU can do. Thanks!

ANTHOLOGY

We are coming in to the final months of our Anthology Support Group and I am so excited to construct my quilt top. This has been a fun project to work on each month and I think everyone in the group has had a good time as well. Next year will bring another "gathering project" so, be ready for the announcement in January!

Sheryl Keiler – Ways & Means

REMINDER FOR ANTHOLOGY SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS!!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING THIS MONTH'S BLOCK FOR SWAPPING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

GENEROSITY

As part of the generosity project, DCQG donates baby quilts to the NICU center at Mercy Hospital (formally Rockford Memorial Hospital) in Rockford, IL. The preferred size that Mercy would like them to be is 47" x 54". A quilt is given to each new infant that is a patient in the NICU center and is partly used by the parents to help identify the location of their child. As the infants' progress with their health/development, they are moved to various parts of the NICU, and thus the parents can locate them better. The quilt will remain with the infant and help to keep him or her warm, as well as help protect their eyes from the lights.

I know we have received sizes smaller than this, but I have not had any quilt returned, and I know they do get used.

Remember that each quilt should have a label attached to the back and you can either make your own or go to our website (DCQG.org) and print your own label. Remember that a laser printer will not work on this label, as it is set up for an ink-jet printer. Also, should you need batting for the quilt, you may go to Carolyn Canon's business, MCR Framing on Lincoln Highway in DeKalb, and get what you need. The guild has several rolls there for your use.

I will be glad to receive your quilt at each meeting and take it to Mercy for you. Should I not be available, I will try to keep you informed if I must miss a meeting.

Thank you, members, for all your hard work in completing a baby quilt for the NICU.

Jo Ann Russell
Generosity

LIBRARY CLOSING

The library will be closing at the end of October. Due to storage issues, we will no longer be able to support a library. We will be putting the books up for sale at the low, low price of \$1.00 during the September and October meetings. We will accept bids on the bookcase, and it can be picked up after the books are sold. More information will be given at the September meeting

Getting to Know... Jennifer Olbrich

How long have you been a guild member?

I joined in 2008. After Pam ended up with stitches following a quilt show, I figured this would be a crazy group to join!

How long have you been sewing?

I started sewing basic things with my mom when I was about 10. When I graduated from college and had to wear professional clothing I could not afford... I learned how to sew skirts and blouses. I then advanced to window treatments.

What was your first project?

I was having a bad day at work, so I decided to go walk around the antique stores in Genoa. I happened to notice a sign for “Dot’s Pin Cushion”. I walked in and explained that I had sewing experience and was wondering if I could do this quilting thing. Dorothy taught me the basics – nine patch, friendship star, log cabin & flying geese. Therefore, my first quilt was a sampler. Several thousand dollars later, here I am. It would have been cheaper just to stay in my office that day so long ago...



Favorite colors?

Purple is my favorite color. I also loves batiks, so I guess that encompasses all colors ☺

Least favorite color?

Unless I am making a baby quilt, I rarely use pink.

Favorite quilting celebrity?

Jenny Doan is quite entertaining, and we have the same name; I enjoy her quilting tutorials. I also enjoy the Fons & Porter shows.

What are you currently working on?

The newsletter doesn't have enough pages for this question. Our anthology group will be wrapping up in a few months, so those blocks have been taking most of my time. Bobby's UFO challenge has encouraged me to work on finishing up many small projects. I hope to get started on some scrap quilts. I learned a new technique while in Madison that is basically a double disappearing nine-patch that looks like it will be fun & a good way to use up my new pre-cut scraps.

Any other hobbies or interests?

I love to sit on my screened porch after work during the summer and read (this may also involve a glass of wine). I have started to work on some small wool applique projects; something to keep me busy while watching TV this coming fall. Ozzy, my long-haired German Shepherd, enjoys walks through the woods and always provides vacuuming opportunities.

Bits & Pieces

To my quilting friends,

Thank you so much for your support and contributions to the LIFE Missions quilt project. As you may already know, we were able to give 22 quilts AND 6 pillow cases (thanks to **Jan Kuhn**) to the children and families who live in Lame Deer, MT! It was a privilege to see the joy that those beautiful quilts brought to those who received them.

I am especially thankful to **Margie Musich**, who even after her passing, continues to share her love of quilting. We were able to finish several of the projects she had started and were able to complete many of the quilts from her abundant stash. Thank you, **Kathi Davis** for your generosity in passing it along.

I would also like to thank **Georgiann Baird** who donated two quilts just before she passed away. Her memory will live on through her generosity. **JoAnn Russell**, and **Bobbie Lundberg**, thank you for the quilts you donated and **Sheryl Keiler** for those you so beautifully quilted. Thanks again to **Kathi Davis** for her help in sewing on labels and binding at the last minute even after shoulder surgery!

You may have heard it before, but I will say it again...Quilters are special people!

Blessings to you all, Kim Colness

In the last couple newsletters, I have introduced you to ideas that I've come upon to make my quilting easier – the “Easy 8” and “Dividends” were two that I have shared. At our last workshop, Bobbie shared a great technique to make half square triangles where no two are alike. The videos are also shared on our Facebook page! Since then, I've used that technique to begin work on a quilt top that will be a great Christmas Quilt for one of my grandsons.



This month, with the permission she granted, I would like to introduce you all to Peg Spradlin from Cozad, Nebraska, and her brilliant quilting technique called “Fold & Sew”. I came upon this one day while surfing the net and believe me it was a life changer. For many years, like Peg, I'd been collecting pre-cuts at various quilt shops and I have an enormous collection of charms, candies, and layer cakes. Peg's simple but brilliant concept gave me tons of inspiration for using those pre-cuts in a super easy but creative way that is just the thing for anyone interested in taking a break from very difficult or technically challenging piecing...or anyone who hates rotary cutting.

In 2014, Peg introduced this method while sewing for Quiltmaker Magazine and the rest, as they say, is history. Hopefully, you will be motivated to go online, check out her videos and see just how versatile this technique is.



The idea is simple. Take a layer cake square, put a charm square on top of it, then fold each side of the 10” piece over the 5” pre-cut and sew a ¼” seam encasing the smaller squares raw edges. Then fold back the 10” edges, revealing the encased square. The basic idea of “fold & sew” can be built upon to make tons of designs by varying the location of the smaller square on the larger, and instructions can be found at www.handicraftsbypeg.com or by searching for Peg Spradlin on the Internet.

Kathy Wells

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Meeting Location: Saint Mary Church PAC
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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
conversations, sharing,
and fun!

**Do you have a trip or trick you'd like to share?
Something you'd like to buy or sell in Classified ads?**

Email us!

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OUT & ABOUT



DeKalb County Barn Quilt Trail

Self-guided Tour



8-Point Star- Southern Trail

Details at: <http://dekalbcountycvb.com/dekalbcountybarnquilts/>



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Sarah's Grove Quilters' Circle

Schaumburg, IL

Press Release

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Photos provided by Valli Schiller

The Sarah's Grove Quilters' Circle is excited to welcome Valli Schiller, an award-winning fiber artist from Naperville, IL, who will offer her class, "Folk Art Free Motion Quilting" on Sat., Nov. 10, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (with a break for lunch). The class will be taught at the Shorewood Bible Church, 1900 Hicks, Rolling Meadows, IL.

CLASS DESCRIPTION: Go BOLD with your free motion quilting! Learn how freehand doodles can take simple shapes from basic to breathtaking. You'll get hands-on free motion quilting practice on a whimsical 16"x 22" whole cloth quilt (pattern provided) that you'll finish at home. You choose your own background and border fabrics. The stitching techniques you learn can be applied to any future quilting project.

SKILL LEVEL: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

To get the most out of this class, Valli advises that you need working knowledge of free motion quilting. You should already be comfortable with installing a free motion foot, dropping the feed dogs, setting automatic needle down, and making thread tension adjustments on your machine. You should also be able to free motion quilt along a marked line, and do freehand stippling/meandering.

SIGN-UPS are underway. The class will cost \$55 per student (non-guild members) for 6 hours of instruction, and includes the pattern (pictured above). Class size for this workshop is limited and pre-registration is required. For workshop registration and supply lists, please contact Ann Kelly, annk220@att.net

About SGQC: SGQC was incorporated in Schaumburg, IL in 1991 and has approximately 50 members. SGQC is a social club engaged in fostering the art of quilting, and our membership is open to any person with an interest in quilting. The guild meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Schaumburg Public Library. At each monthly meeting, we offer programs to inform and inspire our members to pursue their quilt-related interests. "Like" us on Facebook to follow our activities.



Gazebo Quilters – Valor Quilts

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We're looking for veterans of all branches of the service. Men and women who have served their country with valor. We'd like to honor them by presenting them with a Valor Quilt to thank them for their service.

Name of Veteran: _____

Height _____

Branch of Service: _____

Years of Service: _____

How can we contact you or the veteran? Phone/email _____

Address: _____

Any special service information?

When would the veteran be available for presentation of a quilt? _____

Your name and email address or contact # _____

Sue Bruss and Janet Meyer, Co-chairs for Gazebo Quilters Valor Quilts

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