



The News-Patch

September 2023

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall!

There seems to be pumpkin spice EVERYTHING these days. I love me some pumpkin and spice colored fabrics, but that's as far as I go with that trend. The end of summer just slipped away, next thing I knew friends were asking if I was going to attend the Madison quilt show. It really snuck up on me and didn't work for my schedule this year. Donna shared pictures and got me inspired to start a bunch more quilts. Good thing I didn't go, or the vendors would have gotten all my money and I would have had even more un-started kits.

Speaking of half-started, I spent today at Stitching on State for Jelly Roll Day. Theresa Kennedy (our speaker for the month) was our host for the day. She kept us fed and offered to do our ironing and un-sewing. What a superhero! I saw a couple other guild members (Mary Beth and Laura) doing the same event on Friday when I drove up to the shop for some last-minute shopping. After a 6 hour day, I have 6 blocks done and some sewing done for the next 12 blocks and decided I needed to make at least 2 more - which might require more shopping. It is a vicious cycle. LOL

Reminder: Please come early to the meeting for socializing. Talking during the meeting is distracting to all and especially impolite when we have guest speakers. I'm sorry for the way I reacted last month. I know we want to be with our friends and have fun, but we need to do that with respect for others also. Show and Tell will start promptly at 6:45pm starting this month. Also, starting in October, the guild will be charging a \$5 fee to all those attending Sewing Saturday. This is to offset some of the cost for the room rental for the 6 hours on Saturday. Anyone is welcome to pop in and say "hi" but if you are going to stay and do some work, please pay the fee.

Until next time, enjoy your pumpkin spice coffee, Cheerios, yogurt, Oreos, pancakes and popcorn.

Kyra

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Refreshments:

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour. The treats schedule for the next 2 months:

September:

Sid Bennett
Lyla Blanchard
Pat Boesche
Jean Bradford
Madaline Carpenter

October:

Kim Colness
Ilene Covert
Kathi Davis
Carol Donnelly
Jill Draves

That's it for 2023!!

Programs:

“Perfect Circles with Invisible Machine Applique” Theresa Kennedy (**Thursday, September 28**)

From Theresa: I am a lifelong needle and thread enthusiast and started my journey with garment sewing, hand embroidery and cross stitch. I caught the quilting bug in the early 90's and never looked back! I am drawn to applique quilts, especially those that combine applique with pieced blocks, and I'm also a fan of scrappy quilts too.

I have taught classes at Stitching on State for several years and since my recent retirement from my 'day job', I am now a part time staff member.

A popular class of mine is Invisible Machine Applique which gives you the look of hand appliqué by using your sewing machine. As it is a 5-hour hands on class, we can't explore all the tips and tricks at the meeting, but I thought you would like to learn how to make Perfect Circles and know how to stitch them to a background using Invisible Machine Applique. Although I will demo this process, it will also be hands on for any guild member to try.

If you want to participate in the hands-on portion of this class, please bring a sewing needle, thread, and a Frixion pen (if you have one).

Upcoming programs:

October 26 - Trunk show, Shelley Johnson, Sunshine Stitches

No meeting in November - Happy Thanksgiving

December 7 - Holiday Party

WAYS & MEANS

Thank you to the members who made items for sale at The Enchanted Valley Farm. Please keep making them as you get some time. We will be selling items at various places throughout the year. You may bring them to meetings or let me, Kathi Davis (815-751-9085 or kad0522@gmail.com) know and I'll pick them up. Next sale is Genoa-Kingston Christmas Craft Show in December through The Enchanted Valley Farm.

Kathi Davis - VP Ways & Means

NICU 4-COLOR CHALLENGE

The NICU 4 color fabric challenge is happening with the big reveal at the October meeting. There are still 4 kits left (1/2 yard of each of the 4 Kona solids) as of writing this so don't miss out. You can add other fabrics just as long as the 4 colors are featured. Finished quilts should meet the NICU size requirements (47 x 54). Looking forward to seeing what everyone does with their fabric.

A friendly reminder...

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

BLOCK LOTTO

Since some members are working hard on their 4-color challenge quilts due in October, and we have Thanksgiving and Christmas after that, our next block lotto pattern will be shared in the October newsletter. This block was suggested by our own Dorothy Francke!

The block is a combination heart block and log cabin, is easy to construct and can make use of your leftover fabrics. Since we will be including this pattern in our October newsletter, we will collect them in January so the lucky winner can use them for a Valentine quilt!

Start going through your stash to collect heart appropriate 2-1/2" strip fabrics (we're thinking reds and pinks). You will need six different scrappy fabrics for each heart block. You will also need some background fabric. These can be the same fabric or the same color, but different prints.

Stay tuned in October for all the pattern details!

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 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors open at 6:00pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

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