



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

Greetings,

Love this cooler weather we are having – I realize it might be hot again by the time you read this but 57 degrees at night is just delicious!! And this weather is perfect to get me in the mindset of fall and going back to school. I start this week with students starting the 19th which is pretty close to what other schools in the area are doing.

I have to admit, when I’m not teaching in the summer, I am able to disengage my brain and assume I am retired. I love it. That nagging voice reminds me often enough that I do really have a job and I check work email several times a week – but nothing like the reality that is about to rain down on me.

The July meeting featured Red, White, and Blue quilts. The meeting was short, but I got a lot of positive responses and people seemed happy to have an early night. We are still working on a plan for August – watch Facebook and/or email for updates.

Show and Tell is often the favorite part of a meeting. Think of the Quilt Show as a big show and tell that you don’t have to stand up in front of the group and talk about.

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... continued From the President

You can write up a little of the backstory (or humorous tale of the making) for the card to display with your quilt. It is good for all of us to share our quilts in a safe environment. Mom and I started by going to big international quilt shows like the one they used to have in Rosemont. Way to make us feel VERY inadequate. I happened to attend a small gild show some years later and it was a breath of fresh air. These were quilts I could relate to. Still magnificent but with patterns that I could do and mistakes I had made. The goal of our show is to share our passion for the art of quilting and hopefully get others interested in starting. I would love to see each and every one of you enter a quilt in the show. I promise I will “ooh and aaah” and gush over your quilt – no matter how unhappy you might be with it.

Look forward to seeing you at the August meeting provided I survive my first week back “from retirement” LOL.

Best,
Kyra

A friendly reminder...

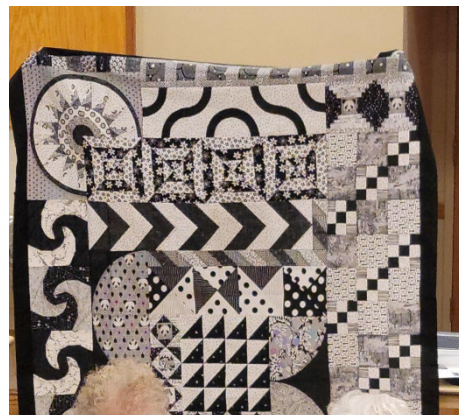
Baby quilts made for the Rockford NICU Center should be 47” x 54”

PROGRAMS

Join us on Thursday, August 22nd as the doors open at 6:00pm for friendly socializing. The meeting will begin at 6:45pm with show ‘n tell.

Skillbuilder BOM (Block of the Month)

We are at the finish line for the Skillbuilder BOM! All the block instructions are available on the website. Next steps – assemble your quilt. Remember that this is your own creation; so, feel free to make it truly yours. The Guild Facebook groups has some great pictures of two tops ready for quilting. Having trouble – bring your blocks to the August meeting and let’s troubleshoot together.



Meeting Treats

Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour (6:00 - 6:45 pm). Here is the treats schedule for the next 2 months:

August:

Joanne Russell
Peggy Simonds
Rob Stoll
Moria Titus
Krista Urban

September:

Mary Beth Vanous
Laura Wall
Bonnie Webb
Chris Wells
Rosalie Williams

MEMBERSHIP

Our new membership year began on June 1, 2024. So far we have received 45 registrations for 2024-25 year. That means there are a few regulars that need to register. Please stop by the Welcome table to receive a form and complete your registration. This will be the last reminder.

Do you love the newsletter? Keep it coming to your INBOX/Mail Box by renewing your membership by the end of August.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone, text or email me.

Sew Many Blessings!
--Kim Colness

SPECIAL PROJECT

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Lions' Club Decorated Pumpkin Display

The theme for this year's Pumpkin Festival is "Pumpkins Around the World." Please bring your ideas for our organization's display to the August meeting and we will form a committee to develop an entry for this year's courthouse lawn display of decorated pumpkins.

Peg Simonds

HARVEST OF QUILTS – October 25-26, 2024

Our Harvest of Quilts Show is approaching, and we are excited to highlight our fabulous quilts and give an opportunity for our members and attendees to take part in making NICU quilts. The show is also important in our efforts to raise funds through raffle quilt ticket, raffle basket ticket and boutique item sales which will be used to continue supporting our mission of promoting the fellowship and art of quilting.

Our show will feature several displays for which an entry form must be completed and submitted by October 1. This will allow time to work on the layout and determine if additional quilts are needed to "fill the pews."

- **General Display/Members' Quilts:** To display a quilt one must be a member of DCQG. These quilts will be "judged" with viewers' choice awards.
- **Special Display/Skill Builder Quilts:** These entries can be fully completed quilts, a quilt top or blocks you have made using the skill builder patterns. The idea is to showcase how the same pattern can look so different by the use of different colors/prints or by rearranging the placement of the blocks.
- **Special Display/Youth Quilts:** This category is open to young people ages 18 and younger. If you know a young person who has made a quilt or who you've taught to sew or quilt, as a member you can sponsor their quilt(s) for the youth display.

Entry forms are included with the newsletter and will be available at the meeting.

Contact Peg Simonds or Chris Wells with comments, suggestions or questions.

Peg Simonds

Chris Wells

Ways & Means - Raffle Quilt & Publicity

New topic! As a part of the publicity for our quilt show, we, DCQG, are putting together a display for a showcase at the DeKalb Public Library. We will be setting up the display at the end of August to run the month of September. So, **what is needed is small items that shows our skills.** I do have many Christmas items left from the Christmas show last December thus non-Christmas items are needed. Items such as potholders, small wall hangings, bowl cozies, table toppers (small), doll accessories, etc. **Please bring whatever you can to the August meeting.** Also make sure your name is on the item—write your name on the item or pin a piece of paper to the back with your name on it. You will receive the item back at the October meeting or if you need it earlier, just let me know and I'll get it to you. Thanks for your support!

From past shows, **we have found that local publicity works very well for our quilt show.** Therefore, we are going to blanket the local towns with posters (we will supply). We need volunteers to go to the businesses and ask if they would be willing to put up a poster in their window. Doing this in September so that they will be up and available to the public until our show would be perfect. If you are willing to volunteer (**wear your nametag**) for this task—**doesn't have to be entire town as we can divvy up the work**—please sign up at the August meeting. There will be posters available and a signup sheet. Thanks!

Kathi Davis
Ways and Means VP
Harvest of Quilts Publicity Chair



Raffle Baskets

Update on the raffle baskets - If you have any baskets or new patterns, or fabric charm squares, jelly rolls or fat quarter bundles you are looking to re-home. I would love to incorporate them into our raffle baskets!

We have a few themes for some of the baskets:

- Bag Makers baskets
- Embroidery Envy basket
- Gadgets Galore
- Enjoyable Embellishments
- Friendly Fat quarters
- Perfectly Poochie
- Cute Kitty

If you have like new items for these themes or anything else, please bring it to the August Meeting! We are looking at making 15 baskets for the quilt show.

Thanks, Dorothy
Dorothy Francke

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at our quilt show! I will again have the sign-up sheets at the August meeting to get additional volunteers. Friday has pretty good coverage, but we only have a few that have signed up for Saturday. There are many areas that need assistance, so we'll be able to find the perfect spot for everyone. The show is extremely important to the success of our guild. It is only one weekend every two years, so I know you all will be happy to help out. 😊

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Admissions table
- White Glove
- Boutique
- Raffle Quilt Tickets Sales
- Raffle Baskets Tickets Sales
- Floaters
- Quilt Check-in
- Quilt Check-out
- Floaters to help out wherever needed
- Demo Room to assist with QAYG NICU quilts

If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to send me a note or give me a call.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Boutique

We are looking for donations of fabric, whether scraps or yardage, books, notions etc. You may bring them to a meeting where I will have boxes available or, if necessary, I can arrange a pickup.

For those who wish to sell items, we will have 2-part tags available. They need to be secured to your items when you bring them to set up. We are looking for handcrafted items made by you. The guild will collect a 20% commission on sales. Items could include table runners/toppers, placemats, mini quilts, bowl cozies, hot pads, pin cushions, scrap bags, purses, totes, holiday decor, doilies etc. Show off your talent and earn a little cash.

If you have any questions, just ask Annie Berg or Rita Mitchell.

Annie Berg

NICU Quilts

We have made great progress on our NICU Quilt project. Currently we are sorting, designing, and preparing the kits that will be used during Quilt show weekend to QAYG. We have received so many donations of fabric – cotton and flannel. THANK YOU so much!!! We have received enough for the 50 quilts.

During the Quilt Show demo room activity, we will show you how to use your materials to create a completed quilt in 3-4 hours. We will have stations for different steps in the process and a place for everyone to learn something new.

What other items do we need?

- BODIES - Volunteers to help prep before the show and to sew in the demo room during the show
- Thread and bobbins
- Leftover binding strips
- Sewing machines to share

Our next scheduled work dates are: August 24th and September 21st

If you have any questions, please contact Madaline Carpenter, Linda Parker, or Moria Titus.
Moria Titus

OUT & ABOUT

The Country Store Thrift Shop at 842 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL (in the Junction Shopping center). The Country Store is entirely run by dedicated team of volunteers. All donations and their proceeds benefit Senior Services, allowing the continuation of our programs to community seniors at our three locations within Dekalb County.

FOR SALE at the Country Store: Nearly new Husqvarna Viking Jade 20
\$300 - Original registration paperwork and accessories included

For more information or a test drive, please contact Kay Fredrick

Kay Fredrick

CREATE. LEARN. CELEBRATE.

Presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is an exciting three-day event that celebrates the art of quilting. Explore exhibits of truly stunning quilts, shop for the latest offerings from our wonderful vendors and discover new ideas from leading quilt educators. Proceeds from The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show help support PBS Wisconsin programming and community outreach projects.

Visit the Show's Website for more info and to purchase your tickets. <https://quiltshow.com/>



Dear Sylvia...

At our last Board Meeting it was discussed that we add a section to the newsletter for members to help each other with sewing/quilting conundrum. The example given was when Cheryl Lorden showed the purse at the July show and tell where the grommets failed. Sidneya Bennett was able to fix the bag but we could all learn from this example.

Kyra's dilemma: I have long heard about "wavy borders" but never experienced it ... until July during Sewing Saturday. I was working on a small project with 4 blocks. Each block was framed, and there was sashing and a couple small boarders before a large boarder. Things started to get pretty funky, the blocks wouldn't lay flat and the border (I just put on) was super wavy. What did I do wrong??? How do I fix it?

Send your suggestions to Kyra to the newsletter mailbox - DCQGnews@gmail.com We will summarize the suggestions in the next newsletter. Have a quilting / crafting problem you need some assistance? Send your questions to the same mailbox with "Dear Sylvia" in the salutation.

Who is Silva? We are introduced to Sylvia Bergstrom Compson in the first book of the best-selling Elm Creek Quilts series – *The Quilter's Apprentice* - by Jennifer Chiaverini. Sylvia is the main character, matriarch, trusted advisor and master quilter in the series – surely, she will have the answers we need. 😊

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
P.O. Box 385
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: info@dcqg.org
New Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
Sycamore IL 60178

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "DeKalb
County Quilters Guild
Group"

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 6:45pm with show and tell.

Other Special Meetings:

- Watch The Website calendar, Facebook group and the newsletter for other opportunities to fellowship and volunteer together.
- Sewing Saturday events are held the 2nd Saturday of the month thru November.
 - September 14th and October 12th
 - 10a-4p – bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- NICU Quilt prep workdays are scheduled thru September
 - August 24th and September 21st
 - 10:30a-2:30p – bring a drink and/or snack
 - Heald at Dekalb Vineyard church, 1051 S 4th Street, Dekalb
- Harvet of Quilts Quilt show, October 25th – 26th during Pumpkin Fest weekend
- And various Retreats and Events scheduled thruout the year.

