



The News-Patch

February 2025

Our Mission Statement:

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy February!

I look forward to our pattern swap this month. I have so many patterns and yet when I went to the Super Bowl Shop Hop, I was tempted to buy several more patterns. This is a great way to get some new patterns and get rid of some that I no longer need or want.

It is that time of year where we need you to start thinking of ways you can help serve the Guild through volunteer roles. We will be looking for nominations/suggestions during the February meeting so that we can get a slate of candidates and election organized in the coming months. This year the following positions are up for election: President, Second VP of Programs, VP Special Events, and Secretary. We are also looking for a person or two to lead the Generosity committee.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have about ways to serve and the responsibilities that come with the various roles.

Stay warm and see you in a couple of weeks.

Best, Kyra

PROGRAMS

From Rob Stoll – **February Patternpalooza** - We all have our fabric stashes, whether purchased at a store, yard sale or, acquired from a free table, but what about those patterns? Are you as bad as I am at accumulating patterns that are cute or interesting that you may never get around to making? I looked at just my digital patterns and have over 300.

The program at the February meeting will be all about patterns - sources for free patterns, different ways we all store and organize patterns, what types of patterns we love and hate. Best of all we will have a Pattern Swap! To participate in the swap, bring up to 5 patterns you would like to swap out (either printed out digital pattern or purchased printed ones). We will take turns picking out replacements. No stash of patterns but want to play along? No problem, there will be extras so that anyone wanting to can select at least one. Additionally, everyone will leave with a new pattern whether you participate in the swap or not.



<https://blog.figtreeandcompany.com/st-patricks-day-freebie-lucky-shamrock/>

From Bonnie Webb - **March Program** – Disappearing patches – A demonstration on the various blocks you can make using the simple nine and four patch and making them “disappear.”

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:

February

Pat Boesche
Jean Bradford
Madaline Carpenter
Kim Colness
Ilene Covert

March

Kathi Davis
Carol Connelly
Jill Draves
Linda Dupree
Karen Ellis

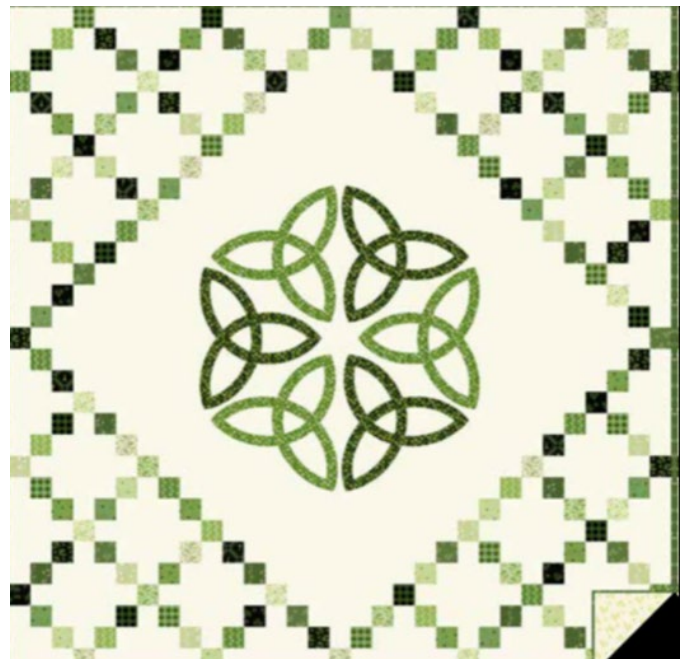
MEMBERSHIP

From Kim Colness – An updated roster is attached to this newsletter for those who would like one. Please let me know if any of your information needs to be updated so those changes can be made.

Mark your calendar! We have reserved the Hall for another retreat! The January retreat was well attended, and many beautiful projects were worked on and completed! Our next retreat has been scheduled for March 13-16, 2025.

Again, this is a day retreat, so you bring whatever you want to work on during the day and go home to your own bed at night, get a good night's sleep and come back and do it all again! I am attaching an informational page about the retreat for those of you who are new or have never been and a reminder for those regulars who may need it.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting or as always, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.



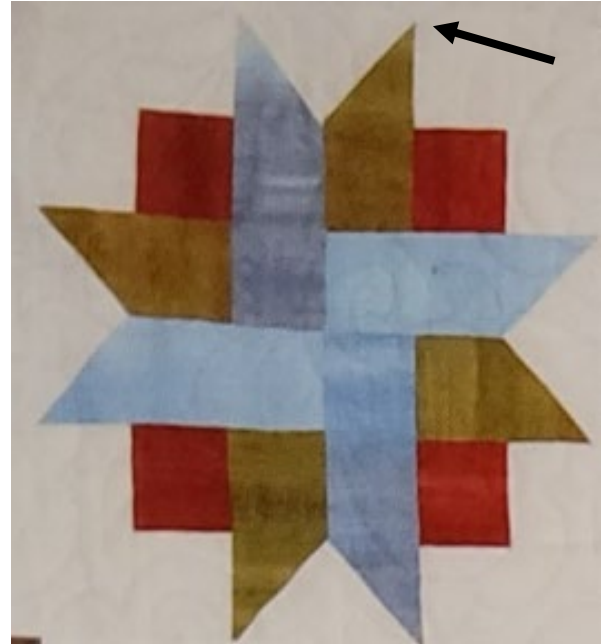
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Sew Blessed!

Kim Colness

WAYS AND MEANS

From Kathi Davis - Please turn in EVERYTHING you have from the 2026 raffle quilt blocks at the February meeting—even if you are not finished. It is okay if you did not get to them. We do understand good intentions that are foiled by life. We have received 37 blocks so far and need 42. However, many of the blocks received need some modifications to be able to be used in the raffle quilt. The main problem is that there is not the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (or close) between the outer point of the ribbon and the side of the block to allow for points showing when blocks are assembled. We will work on this and assembling the quilt at a Sew-In Saturday on March 8th, 2025.



FYI: We will use any left-over blocks that are not used in the raffle quilt to make a “Carry Bag” for the raffle quilt.

Thanks so much!

Kathi Davis

Ways and Means VP

A friendly reminder...

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

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – First, we must say THANK YOU to every contributor to the NICU Quilt Project. Your materials, time, and creativity have made each gifted quilt into a unique treasure. In February we delivered 23 completed baby quilts to the Rockford NICU Center. Thank you to Sidneya Bennett and Joan Mommer for the transporting the quilts. We have a goal of 50 quilts before our Holiday Dinner in early December. We are almost half-way there! I will have a table at the February meeting and Sewing Saturday. At the table will be more kits, quilt labels, or collect your completed quilts. Please return any extras from your kits.

Announcing a new project: We received a large donation of fabric from Mandy Bahena in



Dekalb. Thank you, Mandy! She has requested that the fabric from her mother's stash be used to make little quilts or walker/wheelchair bags for nursing homes or people with disabilities. This project has been on my mind since so many guild members requested that the QAYG (quilt as you go) method be used for something smaller. I have been gathering resources for wheelchair/fidget quilts. The donation came at the perfect time. These are lap size and can range from a pretty quilt with a pocket or multiple fidget activities for Alzheimer's patients. I am putting

together ideas, patterns, and resources for these. This includes items from the donation; as well as some FUN fabrics in your stash – such as satins, textures, notions (zippers, etc.) - make use of the notions waiting in your stash for a 'happy purpose.' I would LOVE to share with you all the research I have done and work together to create kits, etc. Come find me at the February meeting. A quick google or YouTube search will give you SEW many ideas.

Here are a few links to get your research started:

How to Make a Fidget Quilt Activity Mat Tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOSEkCwwvtM>

Make a Fidget Quilt with Rob:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhojSOjTAn4>

OUT & ABOUT



From Moria Titus – Game Night? A group of us were discussing how fun it would be to get together for some social time. Some suggestions included Scrabble or Euchre for team games. I will bring a signup sheet for anyone that would like to participate. It will include suggested night and preferred game. From this list we will contact you to get groups together and find the right size space available. More details to come.

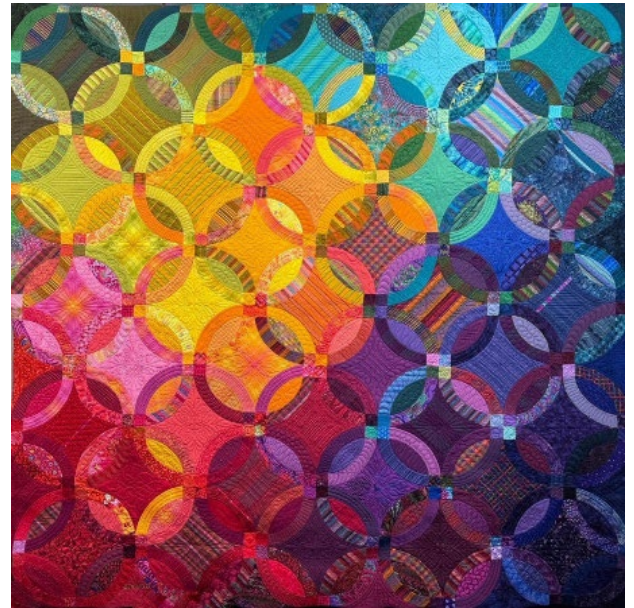
<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/card-trick-quilt-block.html>

Raffle Tickets for Sale

The Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild (NSQG) is bringing their Raffle Quilt, "Color-rings," to our February 27th meeting! You'll have a chance to buy raffle tickets—just \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Plus, get all the details on their upcoming show, "Little Bits of Whimsey," happening May 17-18, 2025, at Judson University in Elgin, IL. Don't miss out on the fun!



<https://nsqg.club/little-bits-of-whimsy-2025-quilt-show/>



Two Month Quilt Shop Hop – sponsored by Sewing Concepts in Woodstock, IL



Sewing Concepts is excited to announce the Northern Illinois Quilt Shop Hop from March 1st-April 30th. Participants can download a passport with 25 participating shops, multiple prize opportunities and 15% off regular price merchandise at each store on the day you get your passport stamped. Passports and participating stores can be downloaded from here: [Shop Hop Passport.cdr](https://www.sewingconcepts.com/shop-hop-passport)

HARVEST OF QUILTS RECAP

From Peg Simonds and Chris Wells, Quilt Show Co-chairs --- Harvest of Quilts 2024
Another huge Thank You to everyone who took part in making our quilt show a success!

Special thanks to the committee chairs: Kathi, Kim, Jennifer, Annie, Dorothy, Madaline, Moria, Linda, and Rob, our featured speaker. The guild netted \$4,629.34 through raffle quilt ticket sales, boutique sales, raffle basket ticket sales and admission fees.

Written suggestions for the next show received from guild members:

- 2026 anniversary theme
- red, white and blue quilts/patriotic
- perhaps more vendors
- baby quilts, pillows and dolls in the choir loft
- red, white and blue quilts, not just patriotic
- front display of all bright, red/white, blue/white

A show chair (or co-chairs) and committee chairs are needed for Harvest of Quilts 2026. Please talk with a board member if you are considering taking the lead or if you have a recommendation.

Peg Simonds & Chris Wells, Harvest of Quilts 2024 Co-chairs

ELECTION INFORMATION

As stated in the 'FROM THE PRESIDENT' section of our newsletter. We will be looking for nominations/suggestions during the February meeting so that we can get a slate of candidates and election organized in the coming months. This year the following positions are up for election: President, Second VP of Programs, VP Special Events, and Secretary. We are also looking for a person or two to lead the Generosity committee. Job descriptions are available on the website in the Membership section: <https://www.dcgq.org/membership.html>

Timeline for election activities: Feb / Mar – nominations and acceptances, Apr – elections, May – new members shadow the retiring members, and in June – new members start their position. The Guild's calendar year is from June 1st – May 30th each year.

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 6:45pm with show and tell.

Calendar reminders:

- 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.
 - Saturday, March 8th and April 12th at 10a-4p
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- Retreat scheduled for March 13th – 16th at Alton Hall
- And various other retreats and events scheduled throughout the year.

Newsletter Trivia – I hope you enjoyed our trivia prizes last month. Let's do it again in February. There will be 2 questions, and the answers are found in this newsletter. Good Luck!

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