



# 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

Happy 2025! I'm excited to spend another year with you, my quilting friends 😊

What better way to kick off the year than with a 4-day retreat?!? (See the note from Kim further in the newsletter). I don't know what I'm going to work on, I have been doing so many bindings - it is incredible. Yes, yes, I know I should put labels and sleeves on those quilts but... you know me. That is not to say I don't have many other UFO's to be working on. And the new projects, oh how I love starting something new.



Only 6 UFO's? I wish! *Continued on the next page ...*

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Only 6 UFO's? I wish! I am honestly afraid to go through my stash and make a list of what needs to be done. And really, why would I when there is so much new, I can start? Hahahaha!

I know Peg is very organized – I think she has a spreadsheet and I do love a good spreadsheet. Hit me up during the January or February meeting, maybe I can come up with an accurate count of current quilts in progress.

I hope you get to spend time this year doing the things that bring you joy. If you have a project that is frustrating, or just not what you wanted, or your tastes have changed – get rid of it! Put it on the freebie table and maybe it will bring someone else joy.

I look forward to sharing time with you this year sharing our passion for quilting.

Best,

Kyra

## IN REMEMBRANCE

From Rita Mitchell - It is with great sadness that I want to inform you of the death of Susie Hughes. She was a longtime member of our guild. She loved making quilts and attended many retreats to improve her skills. She created many beautiful quilts. Her career was nursing. Her kind and caring personality was evident in her nursing career and her personal life. Her real love was her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will truly be missed by all who knew her. A celebration of life will take place in the spring.

Rita Mitchell



# PROGRAMS

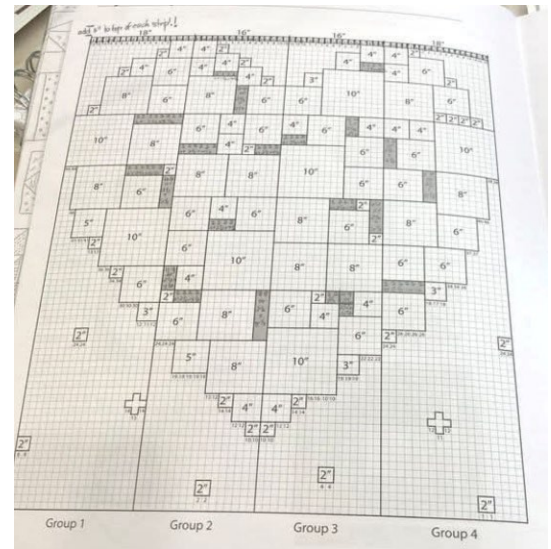


From Madaline Carpenter – **January UFO showcase** - As we declutter and clean for the new year let's find our oldest UFO (UnFinished Object). Sew many unfinished projects but we will change that. As a challenge, bring that old UFO. to guild and share its story. In return we will challenge each other to complete it this year. My UFO dates back to 1993. My first-time using patterns and making sampler blocks.

During show and tell we will be treated to Linda Parker's latest quilt as you go and explanation of her QAYG (Quilt as You Go) process.

From Rob Stoll – **February Patternpalooza** - We all have our fabric stashes, whether purchased at a store or 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 took a look at just my digital patterns and have over 300. (I can't get to the physical patterns to count those until the work in my basement is done and I get all my quilting stuff out of the packed storage area).

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. Between now and the February meeting, take a look through your patterns and find those that you no longer want to keep for a Pattern Swap. To participate in the swap, bring 1 - 5 patterns you would like to swap out (either printed out digital pattern or purchased printed ones). We'll 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.



[Happy Quilting: BOHO Heart Block of the Month - Month 1](#)

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## 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:

January:

Pat Barger

Peggy Bendowski

Sidneya Bennett

Annie Berg

Lyla Blanchard

February:

Pat Boesche

Jean Bradford

Madaline Carpenter

Kim Colness

Ilene Covert



Valentine Felt Envelope Quilt Tutorial by [Ameroonie Designs](#)

<https://www.polkadotchair.com/valentine-felt-envelope-pattern/>

## HOLIDAY DINNER APPRECIATION



Thank you to everyone that helped make the Holiday Dinner a success! And a special Thank you to Joan and Anna Mommer to leading the planning and coordinating. And to anyone that participated in the food (it was fantastic (as always)), the gift exchange was fun, and the ornaments were well organized. THANK YOU – can't wait until next year!

<https://makervalleybrand.com/collections/patterns/products/i-love-you-quilt-pattern?rfsn=6209931.0e0755&variant=32848639230011>

# MEMBERSHIP

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/valentine-fabric-gift-box-8751563>



From Kim Colness - We have added two new members so that brings us up to 57 members strong!

Please be sure to welcome Christine Stucko and Brynn Fromknecht when you see them!

We still have spots available at our January retreat coming up on January 17-20. These retreats are a great way to devote some time to finishing up projects or start a new one. Get away from all the distractions of home and join us! Come sew during the day, go home to your own bed at night and wake up ready to begin again the next day!

When: Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday is MLK, Jr day)

Where: Afton Town Hall, [16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb IL 60115](#)

Cost: \$10 per day or \$35 for all four days

What to bring: Any/everything needed to work on your projects, a snack to share.

Meals: covered by all who attend, as assigned.

I will be contacting those who are already signed up so be watching your email inbox.

If you would like to join us or if you have *any* questions, phone, text or email me!

Sew Many Blessings!

Kim

## WAYS AND MEANS

From Kathi Davis - Please don't forget! We are working on the raffle quilt for 2026. I will have more kits available at the January meeting to be picked up. I would like all the blocks finished by the February meeting so that we can plan some time to assemble the quilt, probably at a Sew-In Saturday. Please see me to pick up a block or two or three... Thanks to everyone in advance. If you have blocks to turn in, please give them to me at the January Meeting. I will have a prize drawing for the members who turn in finished blocks at the January meeting. And another at the February meeting. Thanks so much!



P.S. if you picked up a kit at the Christmas party and are still missing the piece of background fabric to make two blocks/kit, and want the background fabric before the January meeting, please contact me. I'll get it to you.

If you are in Sycamore or DeKalb, I am there almost every weekday between Y Water Aerobics and Substitute teaching. If you are in Genoa, I'm here just let me know when I can drop off the lacking piece of fabric.

Looking for a Longarm Quilter? You can find DCQG members who provide longarm quilting on our website: <https://www.dcqg.org/resources>

Want to be included on the website? Email your information to Kathi Davis, It is free for members to be added to the resources list.

Kathi Davis

Ways and Means VP

**A friendly reminder...**

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



## OUT & ABOUT – info from other guilds

### Raffle Quilt Tickets for Sale

Ruth from Country Crossroads Quilt Guild (Forreston, IL) will be selling raffle tickets at our **January meeting**. Be sure to get there early to see their beautiful quilt and buy a couple tickets. The quilt was designed by Deb Tucker of Studio 180 Design. The 100” x 100” quilt was pieced by Shauna Heck and quilted by Rhonda Streich (both CCQG members).

Their 2025 Quilt Show will be April 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cedarville Community Center. Visit their website for more information:

<https://countrycrossroadsquiltguild.com/quilt-show/>



## GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – NICU Quilts – 14 quilts have been completed and will be delivered in January. As you complete the kits, please return the quilt and the scraps. We will continue to create kits and make them available. This will be a continual project for us in 2025. We will continue to have kits available for pickup at the meetings and sewing Saturdays.

A very generous community member has donated multiple bags of cotton yardage fabric to the guild. These are from Germany and were purchased in the 80's. Most of the contents are actually curtains in various lengths and colors. I will bring them to the January meeting. If you know anyone that may need curtains, please let us know. These will be available on the FREE table.

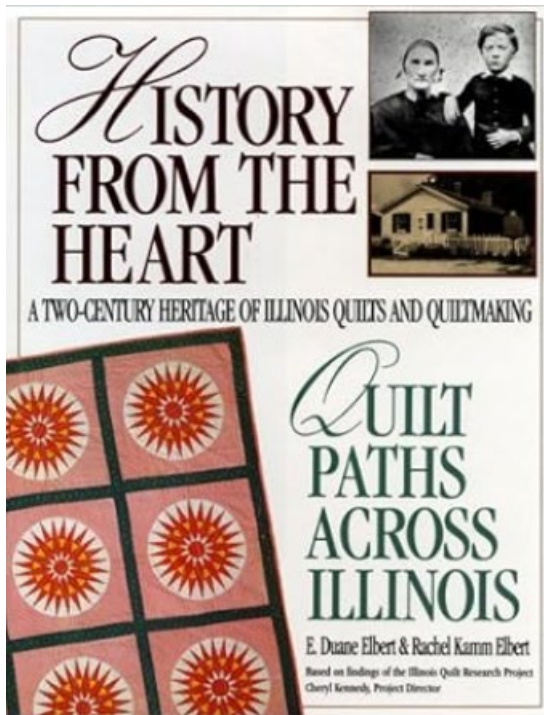


# AN INQUIRY – ILLINOIS QUILT PROJECT

From Peg Simmonds - An inquiry - Illinois Quilt Project information

A quilt I purchased at a recent estate sale was tagged with a numbered Illinois Quilt Project label and my curiosity was piqued. Tracy Pierceall, Librarian II, at the Illinois State Museum provided me with the following information about the project:

**The Illinois Quilt Research Project (IQRP)** has registered over 17,000 quilts, starting in 1986 and ending sometime around 2010. The IQRP was a joint project of the Land of Lincoln Quilters Association and the Early American Museum (now the Museum of the Grand Prairie) and was guided by Project Director Cheryl Kennedy.



The Project's book, *History from the Heart: Quilt Paths Across Illinois* was written by E. Duane Elbert and Rachel Kamm Elbert in 1993. The Illinois State Museum hosted a quilt registration day for the Springfield area and organized and traveled an exhibit celebrating the IQRP, "Connecting Stitches: Tradition and Innovation in Illinois Quilts." [The ISM also published a book about this exhibition.] After 2011, the records for the Illinois Quilt Research Project became a part of the Illinois State Museum's permanent archive. There is an ongoing project to digitize the information gathered during this research project into the Quilt Index. For assistance in locating information on an IQRP quilt not found in the Quilt Index database, please contact the [Illinois State Museum library](#) for more information.

By any chance does one of you own a copy of the book. If so, I'd love to take a look at it! Or if you're familiar with the project (or maybe own a quilt that's documented?), please get in touch!

Peg Simmonds



## HARVEST OF QUILTS RECAP

From Peg Simonds and Chris Wells, Quilt Show Co-chairs --- Thank you EVERYONE for making our Harvest of Quilts 2024 Show a success! The final report will be available in the February Newsletter.

Suggestion Box - Thank you for the handful of suggestions dropped in the Suggestion Box at the Holiday Dinner. The quilt show committee and board will be reviewing the suggestions for consideration and/or implementation. The Suggestion Box will continue to be available at meetings for suggestions on topics, speakers, activities, etc.

And if your ideas can't wait until the meeting, remember Moria Titus is the guild's Director-At-Large and can bring to the board's attention any topics you think should be part of the boards' discussions. We want to hear from you! Please mail your suggestions to [dcqgnews@gmail.com](mailto:dcqgnews@gmail.com), or to me (email below) or to any board member.

Peg Simonds



<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/wall-quilts/hearts-on-a-string-banner>

## GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

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Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: [info@dcqg.org](mailto:info@dcqg.org)

New Meeting Location: Federated Church  
612 W. State St.  
Sycamore IL 60178

Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- New Year Retreat scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sewing Saturday events are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month thru November.
  - Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> 10a-4p
  - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
  - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- And various Retreats and Events scheduled thruout the year.

Newsletter Trivia – if you made it this far – CONGRATULATIONS! You get a sneakpeek!. In January’s meeting we will have 2 Newsletter Trivia questions. If you know the answer first, you win a prize. The answers will be found somewhere in this newsletter.

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County Quilters Guild”

