



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

Hello,

I am seriously missing Moe and Joe (as Madalyne would say.) The summer started off great but since I returned from Croatia my motivation (mojo) has been really low. It didn’t help that I returned with Covid and had to miss the June meeting and the summer retreat that was a real bummer. Hypothetically, I could have done my own retreat at home. But who am I kidding, it is hard for me to accomplish anything at home. And I was just feeling sorry for myself. I was lucky in that the Covid didn’t have me feeling too bad – I thought it was just a cold or allergies.

I did make it to Sewing Saturday in July. Once I got started, I got a lot accomplished. We had a small but mighty group over the Independence Day weekend.

I can’t wait to see everyone’s red-white-and blue quilts this month. I had some fantasy of getting mine quilted and bound for the meeting. The top has been done for several years. Don’t be surprised when it is still just a top 😊

Hope you are all having a good summer. Look forward to seeing you at the July meeting.

Best,
Kyra

A friendly reminder...

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

PROGRAMS

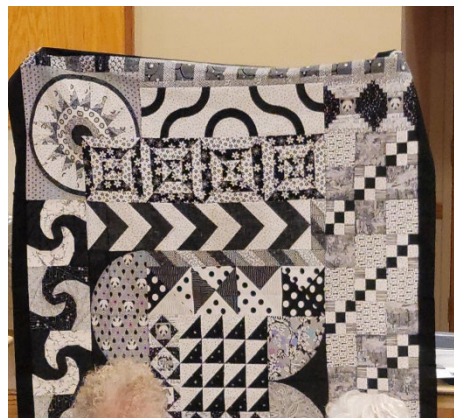
Join us on Thursday, July 25th as the doors open at 6:00pm for friendly socializing. The meeting will begin at 6:45pm with show 'n tell.

July meeting

Celebrate the 248th birthday of the nation by sharing your Red White and Blue quilts whether a new make or one you've made years ago.

Skillbuilder BOM (Block of the Month)

We are at the finish line for the Skillbuilder BOM! All of 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.



Treat Schedule: 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:

July:

Linda Parker
Suzanne Prather
Kyra Rider
Paulanne Rider
Julie Ruffatti

August:

Joanne Russell
Peggy Simonds
Rob Stoll
Moria Titus
Krista Urban

MEMBERSHIP

Our new membership year began on June 1, 2024. So far we have received 40 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 or print the attachment from the June newsletter.

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

Sew Many Blessings!

--Kim Colness

kimcolness@comcast.net

TREASURER'S REPORT & AUDIT

Thank you to Marge and Donna M. for completing the 2024 Guild Audit. Transactions and documentation were reviewed, and the report will be available for viewing at the July meeting. (Thanks also to Sid for the cake and to Peg for the pizza!)

--Peg Simonds, pjsimonds@gmail.com

HARVEST OF QUILTS – October 25-26, 2024

The Quilt Show Entry Form is included with the newsletter email as an attachment and will be available on the website. Please note we will be displaying only quilts from guild members and from member-sponsored youth. We would, of course, hope that any Skill Builder quilts be quilted and bound; however, we can incorporate unfinished Skill Builder quilts in the display. Complete and submit an entry form for your Skill Builder quilt and a show committee member will contact you in mid-October for a status report.

We do not plan to obtain the services of a certified quilt judge for the show; however, ribbons (and bragging rights!) will be awarded for Viewers' Choice and by honorary judges to be named at a later date.

Be on the lookout for show fliers and bookmarks at quilt shops and around the community. Let Peg know if you see one OR if you see a place that needs one/some.

Peg Simonds, pjsimonds@gmail.com

Chris Wells, cwells3@aol.com

Ways & Means - Raffle Quilt and Publicity

I know, I know! I'm a broken record!!! BUT it is very true that word of mouth is the best way of notifying possible attendees about our quilt show. Soooooo—PLEASE remember that every time you either talk about our quilt show, handout a bookmark, put up a poster, or sell a raffle ticket you are assisting with the publicity for our quilt show happening October 25th and 26th.



During our monthly meetings, the bookmarks are in a box on the admissions table. Please take as many as you need (more can always be printed), especially if you are going to go to quilt shops (many will place the bookmarks/posters in the shop for their customers) or workshops or even other guilds and hand them out. Whomever uses the bookmark receives \$1 off admission into our quilt show.

Also, we received an email from “This and That Collectibles” in DeKalb asking to purchase raffle quilt tickets. This message when sent to the email address on the bookmark, quiltshow@dcqg.org, is received by the show chairs, Chris Wells and Peggy Simond. Chris forwarded it to me, and I

stopped by This and That Collectibles and sold a packet of tickets for \$5. YAY! If you have anyone that wants tickets, but you don't have them with you, have them email us, quiltshow@dcqg.org and we'll get the tickets to them.

Kathi Davis
Ways and Means VP
Harvest of Quilts Publicity Chair
kad0522@gmail.com

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 June Meeting! We are looking at making 15 baskets for the quilt show.

Thanks, Dorothy

Dorothy Francke, Quiltndot@aol.com

Volunteers

I will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting to start getting volunteers organized for our October show. 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. 😊

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

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

Thank you,

Jennifer

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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 our goal of 50 NICU Quilts.

NICU quilts will be donated to Rockford NICU center. They are used to cover the bassinet to create a cozy, quiet space for baby. It also allows parents to easily find their little one if bassinets move around in the NICU. The quilt will go home with the family. We will include our DCQG label on each quilt. The tops will include multiple color fabrics in horizontal, vertical, or diagonal strips.

During the 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. All we need is you to sign up for a slot on the Volunteer sheet. 😊

In order to reach our goal of 50 quilts, we are requesting donations of fabric, batting, and notions. Below is a list of the items we are seeking to achieve our goal.

- Cotton or Flannel fabric (these can be large pieces or scraps. Minimum width 1 1/2 inches. We need this fabric for backs and tops. Each quilt takes approximately 4 yards of fabric)
- Thread and bobbins
- Leftover binding strips
- Sewing machines to share
- Volunteers to help prep before the show
- Volunteers to sew in the demo room during the show

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

Thanks, Moria

Moria Titus

moriatitus@hotmail.com

Boutique

Just a bit of information on the 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, annieberg60@comcast.net

OUT & ABOUT



CREATE. LEARN. CELEBRATE.

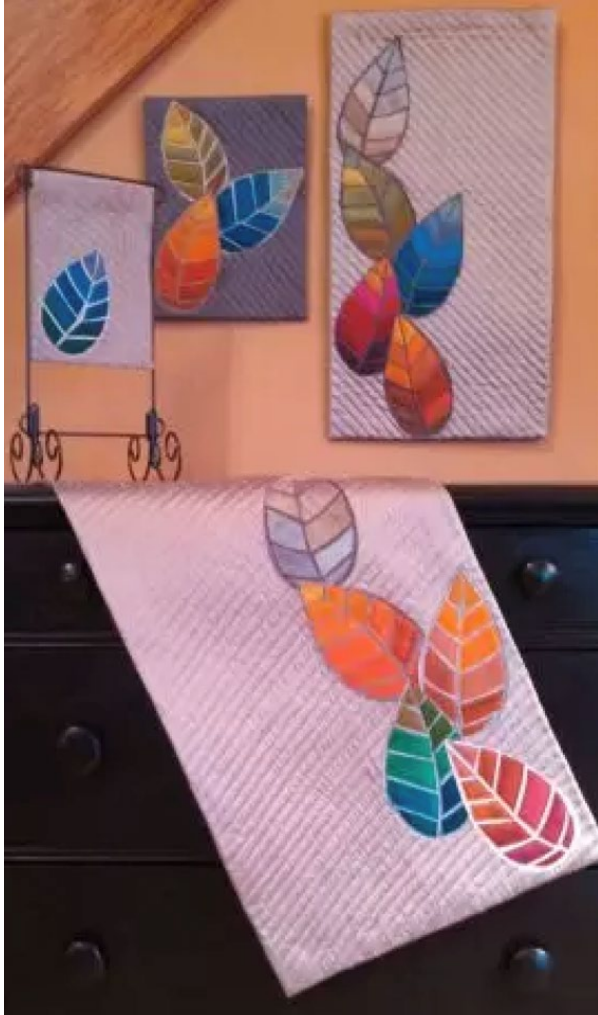
Presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is an exciting three-day event that celebrates the art of quilting. Explore exhibits of truly stunning quilts, shop for the latest offerings from our wonderful vendors and discover new ideas from leading quilt educators.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

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Out & about continued ...

Event Hosted by Prairie Star Quilt Guild in St Charles, IL



Silky Leaves Workshop with Ilene Bartos

We will be doing raw-edged machine applique and learning how to finish a quilt with a facing instead of a binding. An excellent time to experience using silk fabric.

Monday, August 26th, 2024

10AM – 4PM, \$60 + Kit

Hosted by Prairie Star Quilt Guild at:

University of Illinois Extension

535 S Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

Non-Member bonus! (\$10 value)

With your registration you'll receive an Invitation to our 7pm evening meeting where Ilene will present a trunk show and discussion on how to add interest to your blocks by your choice of borders and sashings. Come prepared to take home some ideas for your next quilt or bring finished blocks to discuss alternate sashing/border ideas.

Congregational Church of Christ

40W451 Foxmill Blvd, St. Charles, IL 60175

IN REMEMBRANCE



Mary Lou Cochran

Born: October 11, 1929

Died: July 9, 2024

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Mary Lou Cochran passed away at the age of 94. Mary Lou was a devoted mother and grandmother; she always went above and beyond for her family, never missing an opportunity to gather with, or celebrate family. She was an extremely talented seamstress, and a very patient teacher, as she passed on these skills to her daughters and granddaughters. Mary Lou was an active member of the community. She was a 4H leader for the Tilton Park Clovers, and a member of the DeKalb Quilt Guild, as well as a member of the NIU Women's Club and devoted fan of NIU basketball and football. After retirement, she dedicated much of her time to volunteering at the Country Store, benefiting DeKalb's Family Service Agency.

Mary Lou's family asks that if you want to make a donation in her honor, please select your favorite charity and make a donation in her name. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store. Full Obituary was published by Daily-Chronicle on Jul. 12, 2024.

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"

Guild Info continued ...

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.
 - August 10th, September 14th, and October 12th
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- NICU Quilt prep workdays are scheduled thru September
 - July 27th, August 24th, and September 21st
 - Held 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.

