



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!

As you are reading this, I am cruising in a small yacht on the Adriatic Sea visiting Croatia with my mom and a group of people through the Resource Bank. I’m sure I am having a fantastic time and not thinking about the guild or anything else “real.” 

But in all seriousness, I want to give a huge shout out to everyone who has helped make the DeKalb County Quilters’ Guild what it is today. We couldn’t do it without your help. Thank you to our outgoing board members: Peg Simonds (Treasurer), Jean Bradford (Director at Large), and Chris Wells (Newsletter). Thank you to the incoming board members: Sid Bennett (Treasurer), Moria Titus (Director at Large and Newsletter), Bonnie Webb (VP Programs), and Kathi Davis for staying on as Ways and Means. Having new members on the board brings in new ideas and helps renew the energy of the guild. The returning members help with a sense of continuity, so last, but certainly not least, thank you to those members serving the second year of their position: Rosalie Williams (Secretary), Rob Stoll and Madeline Carpenter (VP Programs), and Joan and Anna Mommer (VP Special Events).


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I had a great time at the salad supper in May, it is wonderful to have time to socialize with everyone. I could have just had jello salads for a meal, each one was fantastic. I am looking forward to the rest of this year with the the completion of Challenge quilts and our Quilt show. I helped a couple members with paper piecing at the last Sewing Saturday. Paper Piecing is such a fun technique once you get over the fact that everything is kind-of upside down.

If you can help with the preparation of quilts for the NICU demonstration during the quilt show, that would be fantastic. I put in a very small amount of time the other week (it was raining, and I decided to sleep in - I have no good excuse). Madaline Carpenter, Moria Titus and Linda Parker lead the charge and have been getting a lot done. Several backs have been glued to batting and packages of coordinating strips have been put together so we will be able to grab and go. Moria is hoping we can crank out 50 baby quilts during the show - I love a big goal and with only straight-line quilt as you go sewing, maybe we can meet this challenge.

See you all at the end of the month for the June meeting. Can't wait for some of Jennifer's secret recipe cookies. 

Kyra

A friendly reminder...

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

PROGRAMS

Join us on Thursday, June 27th 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)

Can you believe it? We are at the finish line for the Skillbuilder BOM! This month's installment will include the final block. Did you realize there was still a set of blocks yet? Surprise to me! I realized I forgot one back in March - I'll blame it on vacation brain.

At the monthly meeting, we will discuss the Four Corner Press block. Next, quilt assembly options will be provided. If all goes well, there will be a completed top to show at the Harvest of Quilts. Remember that this is your own creation; so, feel free to make it truly yours.

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Programs ... continued

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.

--Rob Stoll

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:

June 27th:

Rita Mitchell
Anna Mommer
Joan Mommer
Jennifer Olbrich
Patty Pallansch

July 25th:

Linda Parker
Suzanne Prather
Kyra Rider
Paulanne Rider
Julie Ruffatti

MEMBERSHIP

Our new membership year began on June 1, 2024. So, I am fairly confident in announcing that our official membership for 2023-24 is 56 members strong! Please print and bring the attached membership form with you to the June meeting. I will have some forms available as well for those who need them.

We still have room for more at the retreat on June 27-30, 2024, if you are available. It is a great time to hang out and make progress on your projects.

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

Sew Many Blessings!

--Kim Colness

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TREASURER'S REPORT & AUDIT

Our guild's fiscal year ended May 31; therefore, I need two or three guild members to conduct the audit for 2023-24 in early to mid-July. Typically, a review of the reports and documentation takes less than an hour. We can meet in my home, and I'll provide some refreshments. At our June general meeting I'll have the 2023-24 financial report available to view and I'll have a sign-up sheet with some possible audit dates. Or you can give me a call or send an email if you are willing to volunteer and we can coordinate a day and time. Thanks!

--Peg Simonds, pjsimonds@gmail.com

HARVEST OF QUILTS – October 25-26, 2024

The quilt show committee recently met in person to discuss various aspects of our show. We're excited to share more information in the newsletter, at guild meetings, at Sewing Saturdays, and at NICU Quilts workdays.

One important decision made was that you must be a member of DeKalb County Quilters' Guild to display a quilt(s) in our show. We know our group of talented quilters will provide a wide array of quilts to showcase the many different quilting styles!

We appreciate all you do to spread the word about our guild and our show. Again, if you have questions or suggestions regarding the show, please contact Peg or Chris.

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Chris Wells, cwells3@aol.com

Ways & Means - Raffle Quilt and Publicity

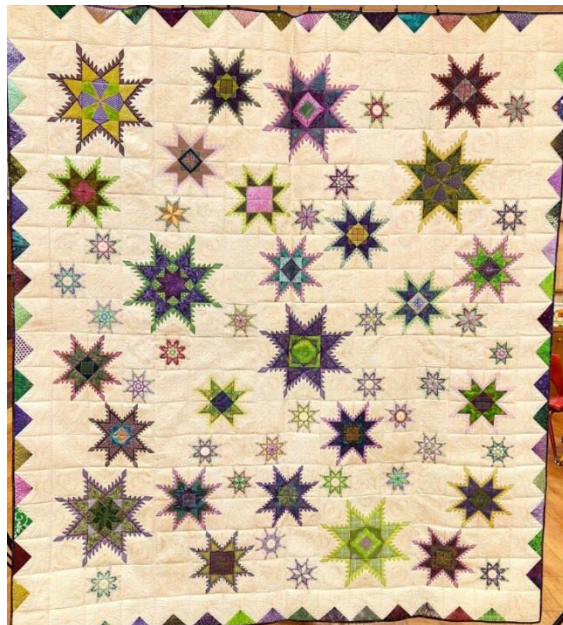
PLEASE remember that every time you either talk about our quilt show, handout a bookmark, put up a poster, or sell a raffle ticket you are assisting with the publicity for our quilt show happening October 25th and 26th. The word-of-mouth publicity is a GREAT help towards having more attendees.

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Ways & Means – Raffle Quilt and Publicity ...continued

The bookmarks are in a box on the admissions table during our monthly meetings. 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 in 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.

This month Jean Bradford and I took the Raffle Quilt to Sinnissippi Quilt Guild in Rockford. We sold \$133 worth of tickets. I was quite pleased with the response.



About the raffle quilt named “Twinkling Stars”. It is 84” X 84” and don’t forget...there is a photo on our website at <https://dcqg.org/quilt-show-2024.html>. On that page there is a link to the poster that can be printed and handed out.

Kathi Davis

Ways and Means VP

Harvest of Quilts Publicity Chair

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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 June 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; therefore, 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

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

Thank you,

Jennifer

Jennifer Olbrich, jenniferolbrich@comcast.net

NICU Quilts

We have had a great response to our request for donations! Thank you to all the Guild members that have donated so far. Members of the community have provided time and fabric, also. Add'l appreciation is extended to them.

- Ann Brooks and family
- Christina Lehman and friends
- Jill Schneider, Blush Beauty Shop in Sycamore
- Monica Yelton (Huntsville, OH)
- Kristen Rogers
- Cecila Cody and Alissa Adkisson from Dekalb Vineyard Church

Our Goal is to create 50 NICU Quilts. During the Quilt Show weekend, we will have the demonstration room prepped for anyone to come in and participate in this project. We will be using Quilt-as-you-go (QAYG) methods to show the ease of simple and fast sewing tasks. We will have multiple stations available to try different technics.

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NICU Quilts ... continued

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.

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 - or - dcqgnews@gmail.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

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
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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.