



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 and Happy Spring!

I spent this weekend at the guild retreat. It was the perfect end to my spring break. We had interesting weather. Warm days, crazy windy days, severe weather warnings, gray days, and there is snow in the forecast for our final day. Gotta love Midwest weather.

Thank you to everyone who filled out a nomination form at the last meeting. Please complete this form to let us know if you are willing to help serve the guild in a committee chair or elected position.

As a reminder, we are looking to fill the following positions during the elections in April (or by appointment for Chair positions).

President – run board and general meetings, primary contact person, coordinate publicity and communications on behalf of the guild.

First VP of Programs – shadow the 2nd VP of Programs and begin planning and scheduling programs for the 2026/2027 year.

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VP of Special Events – plan and coordinate “non-program” meetings and events including salad supper, holiday dinner, retreats, any other outings.

Secretary – take and maintain minutes from board meetings. Retrieve mail from PO Box.

Generosity Chair – Coordinate charitable initiatives of the guild.

2026 Quilt Show Chair – Oversee all aspects of the planning and execution of the guild bi-annual quilt show.

Please consider one of these roles. Most can be team positions so feel free to grab a friend to help with the responsibilities. If you have questions regarding workload or expectations, feel free to contact me or any other board member.

Enjoy whatever Mother Nature shares with us.
See you in a couple weeks.

Kyra



<https://iscestarsquilting.com/14-free-spring-themed-quilt-patterns/>

PROGRAMS

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.”

April Program – **TBD** – Bring any completed UFOs Challenge projects. Board member voting will occur during the business meeting.

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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:

March

Kathi Davis
Carol Connelly
Jill Draves
Linda Dupree
Karen Ellis

April

Ann Finseth
Dorothy Francke
Kay Fredrick
Brynn Fromknecht
Marge Garbo



<https://www.semisweetdesigns.com/blog/how-to-make-a-sitting-easter-bunny-cookie-set>

MEMBERSHIP



Our current membership roster stands at 57 members.

The full roster was included with the February newsletter. Please reach out if you need the list again.

Membership Renewal forms will be sent out with the April Newsletter.

Be watching for information on our upcoming Spring Retreat.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/231653974568784811/>

WAYS AND MEANS

From Kathi Davis – Thanks to all the members that have contributed to the raffle quilt. We now have completed over half the blocks we need! When going through the blocks at the Sewing Saturday March 8th, we determined that there were so many that were good at 12 ¼ without modifications or minimal ones, it was more efficient to make all the blocks that size



rather than the 12 ½ in the pattern. We, also, have received more than enough blocks to finish the quilt. The ones left need to be squared to 12 ¼ inches with all the points ¼ inch from the edge of the block.

So, we will be working on the rest of the blocks at the next Sewing Saturday, April 12th. Also, the sashing needs to be completed with the batik squares. And before the final assembly, a big challenge—the placement of the blocks in the final quilt! I’m looking for a mobile “design wall” big enough (96” X 104”)

to use at the church. Any suggestions??? Please let me know. We do have the quilt rack we use to hang a raffle quilt. I’m thinking we might be able to use that with some flannel.

Thanks so much!

Kathi Davis
Ways and Means VP

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – **NICU Quilts** - We are very excited to add the Kishwaukee (NW Medical) Hospital to our recipients of NICU quilts. We want to have 10 quilts ready by the end of March. If you have any completed or almost completed, please, bring them to the March meeting. We currently have 8 ready and would like 2 more. If you would like to continue helping us with this project, please pickup a kit to take home. We have quite a few cute ones available AND have continued to receive baby fabric donations. Our GOAL of 50 quilts by the holiday dinner is well on its way to completion.

Fidget Quilts – I am gathering patterns, supplies and more information on Fidget Quilts. I would like to setup a group of us to work on these together. If you would like to join me on this activity or know a facility that can use these, please let me know.

Linda Parker

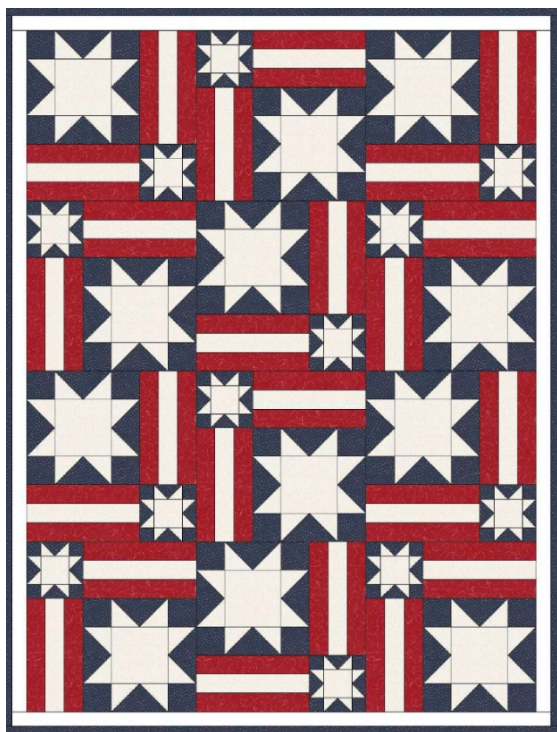


A friendly reminder...

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

ELECTIONS

From Peg Simonds – Board Member Nominations (President, Secretary, 2nd VP Programs, Special Events) and Committee Chairpersons (Generosity, Harvest of Quilts 2026)



The election of new board members will take place at our April meeting, and we need your input. The form was distributed at the February meeting will also be available at the March meeting AND is attachment to this email. It is vitally important that each current member complete the form to indicate -

- 1) nominate yourself for one of the open positions or indicate your interest in being a committee chairperson,
- 2) nominate other guild members you think would be a good fit for an open position or chairperson, AND
- 3) indicate whether or not you are willing to have your name on the ballot for a board position or fill a chairperson role.

<https://www.qovf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Screen-Shot-2023-08-22-at-4.54.17-PM.png>

Currently, board meetings are held via Zoom on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and last between 30 and 60 minutes. Feel free to contact the person(s) currently holding the position or any board member if you would like additional information. A list of positions and their responsibilities can be found on the guild website under the Membership tab. <https://www.dcqg.org/membership.html> Board member and Harvest of Quilts chairperson terms run for two years. Generosity chairperson is a one-year position.

Peg Simonds

OUT & ABOUT – info from other guilds

Summer is a great time to visit other guilds in the area – here are a few that are within 30 minutes of our Sycamore meeting location and some upcoming Quilt Shows.

Fair City Guild - Somonauk Public Library - County Line Road, Somonauk, IL 60552

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FairCityQuilters>

Regular meeting: 3rd Monday at 6:30p – April program - Merrie Woodward - QAYG Demo

Prairie Star Quilt Guild - Congregational United Church of Christ - 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St, St Charles, IL 60174

Website: <https://psqg.org> - Regular meetings: 4th Monday at 7pm & 4th Tuesday 9:30 am

March - Chris Schulte of Green Light Quilts / June - Sue Pawlowski of Jack Square Studio

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild from Forreton, IL – they visited us during our January meeting

Their 2025 Quilt Show will be April 11 & 12th at the Cedarville Community Center. Visit their website for more information: <https://countrycrossroadsquiltguild.com/quilt-show/>



GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

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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”

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, April 12th and May 10th - 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 – I hope you are enjoying our trivia game. Let's do it again in March. There will be 2 questions. The answers are found in this newsletter. I am including more prizes to choose from for the winner. Good Luck!