



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

Save the date: The Holiday Dinner – December 5th

You guys won't even know who I am. I got so much done at the retreat and Sewing Saturday. Quilts I've had pieced for more than 10 years and quilted for more than 5 years, finally have bindings!! I am going to enter a handful in the quilt show. AGAIN, I am going to encourage all of you to enter at least one quilt/item in the show. Don't worry about perfection - none of us are perfect. We want to see your creativity in design, color choice, and give you the kudos you deserve.

The Quilt Show is our way to help educate and give back to the community. In order to be successful, we need everyone to help. Jennifer is still looking for some people to help during the show. These positions can be seated or more active. There will be opportunities to sit and sew for our generosity Quilt-as-you-go project. Or just being on hand and interacting with guests is also helpful.

In November we have Sewing Saturday (11/9) but no meeting. Hope to see you all for our Holiday Dinner 12/5- Watch for more info in the November newsletter.

Let's rock our 2024 quilt show!!

Kyra

A friendly reminder...

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

PROGRAMS

Join us on Thursday, October 24th - We are setting up for the Quilt Show. Doors open at 6pm with Quilt Check-in and then setup starting at 7p.

November & December regular meetings are cancelled.

Save the date: The Holiday Dinner will be Thursday, December 5. More information to come in the November newsletter.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=gdmHLXGv1G0>

MEMBERSHIP

From Kim Colness - WELCOME to Scott and Shelly Johnson. They joined our quilt in September. This brings our total membership to 54 members.

Winter Retreat - The Hall has been reserved for December 5-8 for those of you who would like to join us again to get some last-minute Christmas projects done! Signup sheets will be at upcoming meetings.

Any questions, feel free to call, text or email!

Sew Many Blessings!

--Kim Colness



<https://threadbarecreations.blogspot.com/2021/10/free-block-pattern-pumpkin-block-3-sizes.html>

HARVEST OF QUILTS – October 25-26, 2024

From Peg Simonds and Chris Wells, Quilt Show Co-chairs --- Our October general meeting will be preempted by the Harvest of Quilts show set-up and the show committee greatly appreciates your assistance that evening to accomplish the tasks necessary to showcase the wonderful quilts and handmade items you have prepared for the displays, raffle baskets and boutique.

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https://fiskarscraft.typepad.com/my_weblog/2011/10/own-pumpkin-pincushion-difficulty-rating-beginner-designer-patti-milazzo-in-preparation-for-the-cooler-fall-we.html

Check in for your quilts will run from 6 - 7 pm on Thursday, October 24. Your quilt(s) will be assigned a check-in number(s) and you'll be given a "receipt" which must be presented during check-out. Kim, Jean or Jennifer may be contacting you to join their check-in and check-out teams. Or give Jennifer a call now to offer your assistance! There are some volunteer spots which still need to be filled during the show hours. The show concludes at 4 pm on Saturday and we will need 30 minutes or so to gather, fold and organize the quilts before they will be available for pick up.

If you have offered to bring in antique, Christmas, patriotic, miniature or other items for display, please bring them with you on the 24th. We will also be contacting you if you offered to let us use a quilt stand, ladder or other display equipment.

Wondering if we are still accepting quilts? YES!! We have room for several more. The current count is 70, which does not include the Skill Builder or Youth quilts. And each one of the stories, whether it's brief or wordy, provides some insight into the maker and their inspiration for making the quilt!

Continue to spread the word and invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, and others to one or both days of the show. Remind them they'll have the opportunity to work on the NICU quilts, which may inspire them to join you in your quilting endeavors! And let them know you need them to vote for **your** quilt as their favorite for the Viewers' Choice Award!!

A huge thank you to the committee members for taking on their special duties and thank you to the members for participating in the various aspects of the show!

Peg Simonds

Chris Wells

Ways & Means - Raffle Quilt & Publicity

From Kathi Davis, VP of Ways & Means, Quilt Show Publicity --- I need ALL the unsold raffle quilt tickets OR the money received for selling them no later than Thursday October 24th during show setup. Please be sure that I mark the signup sheet that you have paid when you turn in the money. I noticed that some of you turned in \$20 for the packet. However, for each packet of 25 tickets, \$21 is the minimum cost (6 tickets for $\$5 \times 4 = \20 (24 tickets sold) plus \$1 for the last ticket = total of \$21). Please turn in another \$1 to me for each packet. Thanks!

Also, if you still have tickets that will were not sold, we will use them during the show. Turning in the unsold tickets is important because it is always a possibility of getting audited to make sure we run an honest raffle. Thus, we will need to account for EVERY ticket. Thanks so much!



Once again in case you have forgotten the info: The raffle quilt named “Twinkling Stars”. It is 84” X 84” and 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. The quilt is comprised of LOTS (I have not counted) of 4” squares that are machine embroidered. Shirley Cronin (a DCQG member) completed the embroidery work on all the squares but did not get the quilt assembled before her passing. Rob Stoll was given a bag containing the squares and asked to complete the quilt.

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During this process of researching the quilt, Rob learned that the design is from Hoopsisters <https://www.hoopsisters.com/> . While consulting Hoopsisters, Rob assembled the quilt and quilted it (NOT an easy task—thank you Rob). The quilting is very simple because of all the machine embroidery work within each square. The colors in the quilt are gorgeous. The quilt is very heavy due to all the thread. It will make a GREAT quilt for someone!!!

Kathi Davis

Ways and Means VP

Harvest of Quilts Publicity Chair

Raffle Baskets

From Dorothy Francke --- Last Call for Raffle Basket contents - 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

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

Thanks, Dorothy
Dorothy Francke



<https://phyllisdobbs.info/free-pattern-pumpkin-placemat/>

Boutique



<https://artisania.wordpress.com/free-patterns/>

From Annie Berg --- Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the Quilt Show Boutique. We have a nice assortment of yardage, scrap bags, books, magazines, and patterns. As well as a few quilt racks and notions.

I have plenty of two-part tags if you still need to tag your handmade items, please reach out to me as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, just ask Annie Berg or Rita Mitchell.

Annie Berg

Volunteers

From Jennifer Olbrich --- Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at our quilt show! The current version of the schedule is included in this newsletter. Many people said to “put me wherever” - so I did. Please send me a note of give me a call if your assignment needs to be revised. Friday has pretty good coverage, but we have some openings for Saturday. There are many areas that need assistance, so we’ll be able to find the perfect spot for everyone. Currently, we only have about 50% participation from our membership. 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 out.

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<https://artisania.wordpress.com/free-patterns/>



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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
- Demo Room to assist with QAYG NICU quilts

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

Thank you,

Jennifer Olbrich

NICU Quilts

From Moria Titus --- We are almost there! We have completed the KIT building portion of our NICU Quilt project. These will be used during Quilt show weekend to QAYG. We have received so many donations of fabric – cotton and flannel. THANK YOU so much!!! We have received enough for 50 quilts and possibly even more.

During the Quilt Show, join us in the demo room. We will show you how to use the kits 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.

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What other items do we need to complete this project? PLEASE bring these items during setup on Oct 24th.

- BODIES - Volunteers to sew in the demo room during the show
- Thread and bobbins
- Leftover binding strips
- Sewing machines to share

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

Moria Titus
Madaline Carpenter
Linda Parker

<https://cluckclucksew.com/2016/09/pumpkins.html>

OUT & ABOUT

From Moria Titus, Director at Large --- Mom and I am having a great time visiting other guilds and making contacts to assist on publicity and topics in the area. Here are a few that I thought you would love to participate in –

Our Harvest of Quilts raffle quilt will be traveling thru October. If you would like to join the team displaying the quilts around the state within approximately 1 hour of Sycamore, reach out to Moria Titus or Linda Parker for more details.

Thursday, Oct 17th at 6:30p – Northwest Suburban QG – Rolling Meadows, IL

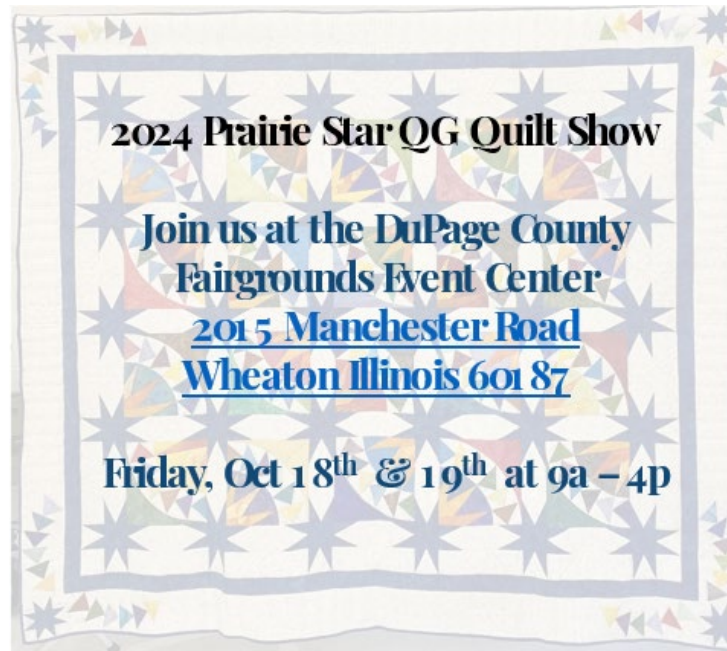
Sunday, Oct 20th at 12p - Crystal Lake QG - Crystal Lake, IL

Monday, Oct 21st at 6p - Fair City QG - Somonauk, IL

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Quilt Shows in the area to check out! Every Guild needs more volunteers. If you love attending Quilt Shows, consider volunteering to help them also!



Are you interested in visiting other guilds? Check out these within approximately an hour of Dekalb (I88 exit) - travel conditions may vary

- WeGo Quilting – 1st Mon at 7pm – Oswego, IL
- Crystal Lake Midwest QG – 2nd Sun at 12p – Arlington Heights, IL
- Geneseo QG – 2nd Tues at 7p – Geneseo, IL
- Common Threads QG – 2nd Wed at 6p – Sugar Grove, IL
- Pieces from the Heart QG – 2nd Thurs at 7p – Morris, IL
- Fair City QG – 3rd Mon at 7p – Somonauk, IL
- Pride of the Prairie QG – 3rd Thurs at 7p – Naperville, IL
- Prairie Start QG – 4th Mon at 7p & 4th Tues at 9a – St Charles, IL

Moria Titus

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



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.
- Harvet of Quilts Quilt show during Pumpkin Fest weekend
 - Friday, October 25th from 10a-5p
 - Saturday, October 26th from 10a-4p
- Sewing Saturday events are held the 2nd Saturday of the month thru November.
 - November 9th from 10a-4p
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- Winter Retreat scheduled for December 5th – 8th.
- And various Retreats and Events scheduled thruout the year.

