



The News-Patch

September 2024

Our Mission Statement:

**To promote
the fellowship
and art of quilting**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

From our *retired* President – Jennifer Olbrich
Greetings,

First of all, I would like to express my condolences to Paulanne and Kyra on the loss of their beloved husband and daddy. Just know you are both in our thoughts as you work through this difficult time.

It’s show time! I love writing that 😊. I hope those of you participating in the skill builder are making good progress. I look forward to seeing all the versions of this project at the show. To build on what Kyra mentioned last month, I remember entering the first quilt I ever made in a show sponsored by Judy’s Quilt & Sew (yes, that was a few years ago). It was a sampler and not very appealing, but I wanted people to see what I accomplished and was proud of. We all have started somewhere, so be proud of where you are at in your quilting journey and show off your accomplishments by entering a project, or two, in our upcoming show.

I stopped by the DeKalb Library to take a look at the display that Kathi, Bonnie and a others put together. What an amazing exhibit that incorporated so many of our projects and notions to showcase our guild and upcoming show. Great job!

Happy Quilting, Jennifer

A friendly reminder...

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

PROGRAMS

Join us on Thursday, September 26th as the doors open at 6:00pm for friendly socializing. The meeting will begin at 6:45pm with show 'n tell.

September Program

September's program will prepare you for quick Christmas quilts using your scraps. Improv Christmas trees made the Mad Cat Way by your own Unsophisticated Quilter. I will also show you how I prep my scraps by making fabric from strips and crumbs. The easy way to make trees. No shopping necessary. See you at the meeting.

Mad Cat, the Unsophisticated Quilter.



Special Visitors to the September 26 meeting!

At this month's meeting we will have visitors from the *Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild* of Morris, Illinois. They will be showing off their raffle quilt as we have shared ours with them and giving the DCQG members an opportunity to get tickets for a chance to win it. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5.

Their 2024 quilt show will be October 11th & 12th 2024 from 9a-4p in Channahon IL.

Channahon United Methodist Church

24751 W Eames St, (Route 6), Channahon IL



Skill Builder BOM (Block of the Month)

We are at the finish line for the Skill Builder BOM! All 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. Show ‘n Tell in August featured two TOPS and they are amazing. The Guild Facebook groups has some great pictures of all the ones shown so far. Having trouble – bring your blocks to the September meeting and let’s troubleshoot together.



...Programs continued

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 September. October-December will not have treats. Watch for your name on the January schedule.

September:

Mary Beth Vanous

Laura Wall

Bonnie Webb

Chris Wells

Rosalie Williams

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 48 members! There are still a few of you that have not renewed your membership, so please be sure to stop by the membership table at the next meeting to fill out your form and pay your \$30 dues (or \$40 if you want snail mail).

The Fall retreat at Afton Town Hall will be on September 26-29. There is still room for you if you wish to attend! It is a great time to network with each other and get some real focused sewing time in!

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



Another Christmas Tree block idea from Madaline

SPECIAL PROJECT

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Lions' Club Decorated Pumpkin Display

The theme for this year's Pumpkin Festival is "Pumpkins Around the World." Please bring your ideas for our organization's display to the September meeting and we will form a committee to develop an entry for this year's courthouse lawn display of decorated pumpkins.

Peg Simonds

HARVEST OF QUILTS – October 25-26, 2024

Please don't forget...the deadline of 10/1 is fast approaching for entering your quilts in the show! Drop off times to be announced.

We are also interested in other items for display including:

- Antique quilts
- Patriotic red, white, and blue pieces
- Christmas stockings/ornaments/quilts
- miniatures, minis, bags, "creatures"

Keep working on those skill-builder quilts! We will have a display showing completed quilts, wall hangings, pieced tops etc.

Entry forms are included with the newsletter and will be available at the meeting. Thank you!

Contact Peg Simonds or Chris Wells with comments, suggestions or questions.

Peg Simonds

Chris Wells

P.S. If you have a quilt stand, ladder, rack we can label and use during the show, please let us know!

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

Thanks, Dorothy
Dorothy Francke



Boutique

Thursday, September 26th, at the monthly meeting, will be the last night to collect donations for the boutique. Please bring your good useable scraps, yardage, books, and notions so we can get them packaged and priced. Also, if you need tags for your handmade items, I will have them available too. Thanks!

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

Volunteers

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 or 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 😊

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

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 AT LEAST 50 quilts.

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?

- 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

Ways & Means - Raffle Quilt & Publicity

Only a little over a month left to let the world—or at least our part of it—know about our quilt show! Please remember every time you 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. If you need more raffle tickets, they will be available at the September guild meeting. Or just contact me and I'll get them to you. The word-of-mouth publicity is a GREAT help towards having more attendees. If you need more posters to distribute, just contact me—I'll be happy to get them to you. Also stop by and see the display case showing our guild at the DeKalb Library next to the desk on the main floor. It advertises the show also.

Moria Titus and Linda Parker have been busy setting up guilds in which to show our fantastic raffle quilt and sell tickets. She'll be very busy in the next few weeks! I thank her for taking the initiative and doing a great job. Thanks so much, Moria and Linda, for joining the Show Publicity committee (and Ways and Means)—I really do appreciate it!

In case you need 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.

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



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. During this process, Rob learned that the design is from Hoop Sisters called *Feathered Star* (<https://www.hoopsisters.com/>). While consulting Hoop Sisters, 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

OUT & ABOUT

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, Sept 19th at 7p – Pride of the Prairie – Naperville, IL

Thursday, Oct 10th at 7p- Kankakee QG - Kankakee IL

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

Moria Titus

Linda Parker

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!



**Home is Where
Our Quilts Are**
2024 Quilt Show

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GUILD OF MORRIS, ILLINOIS

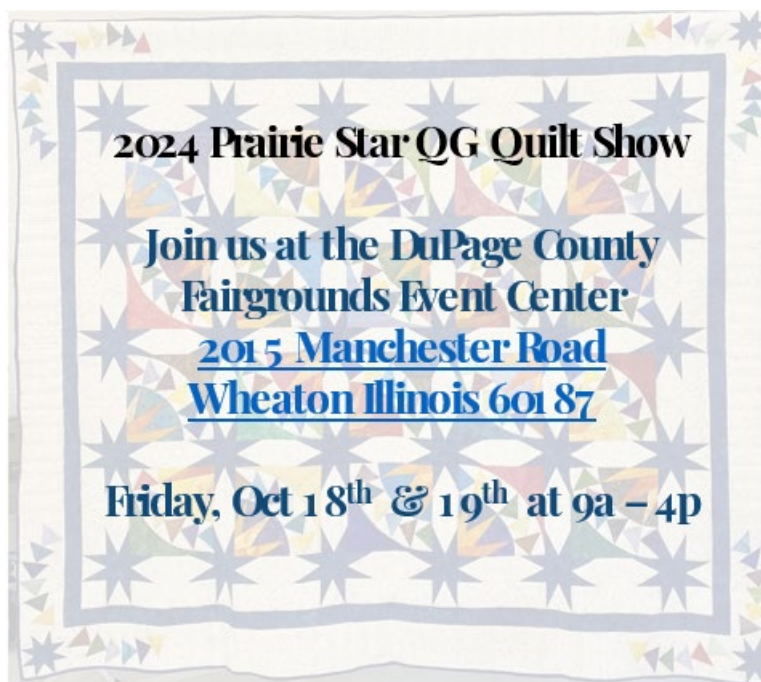
Friday, Oct. 11, 2024 • 9am-4pm
Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024 • 9am-4pm
Admission: \$5

Channahon United Methodist Church
24751 W. Eames St. (Route 6), Channahon, IL

Vendors • Raffle Baskets • Scrap Bags
Stash Sale: fabrics, tools, patterns & more

For more information, go to facebook.com/PFTHQG/
or piecesfromtheheartquiltguild.net

Raffle Quilt Tickets \$1 each/\$5 for 6 • Drawing: Oct. 12, 3pm



2024 Prairie Star QG Quilt Show

Join us at the DuPage County
Fairgrounds Event Center
[2015 Manchester Road](#)
[Wheaton Illinois 601 87](#)

Friday, Oct 18th & 19th at 9a – 4p

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.

Other Special Meetings:

- Watch The Website calendar, Facebook group and the newsletter for other opportunities to fellowship and volunteer together.
- Fall retreat at Afton Town Hall will be on September 26th-29th contact Kim Colness for more information.
- Sewing Saturday events are held the 2nd Saturday of the month thru November.
 - October 12th and November 9th
 - 10a-4p – bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- Harvet of Quilts Quilt show, October 25th – 26th during Pumpkin Fest weekend
- And various Retreats and Events scheduled thruout the year.

