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DeKalb County Quilters' Guild
PO Box 385
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OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 2009; 7:00 PM; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

"The Seldom Ever Shady Glades"

by

Susan Van Wassenhove

Poet & Illustrator

<http://suevanwassenhove.com/>

How could growing up in Annawan, Illinois lead to writing a book about the Everglades? The long journey started for Sue when she left home for the University of Illinois. It continued on through Miami, Austria, Switzerland and St. Petersburg, Russia. Sue, who holds a degree in teaching German, has taught middle school foreign language and art. In 1999, with her husband and four sons, she moved to Miami, where she became familiar with the ecosystems and wildlife of the everglades during weekend birding trips. At that time, she turned to painting and writing while recovering from breast cancer. The best topics around were the everglades' birds. One particular painting of a bird "kept telling me it was a quilt." Sue says. "So I finally bought the fabric, and made the green heron quilt." Then came an alligator quilt, and eventually seventeen more works of art, with poems that were a natural match to carry the spirit of the everglades to young readers.

The poem "Standoff" in "The Seldom Ever Shady Glades" won first place in the South Florida Chapter of the 2003 National Writer's Association writing contest. "Royal Palms" won honorable mention in the 2003 Florida State Poets' Society contest.

Sue's other interests include making Ukrainian eggs and Swiss paper cuttings, painting watercolors, sketching portraits and designing beadwork. Two of her bead design articles have been published in "Bead and Button" magazine.

7:00 pm

October 22, 2009

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center

Sycamore, Illinois





MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Since last January's donation meeting, we have been collecting money for Safe Passage (a different charity will be chosen for 2010 starting in January). Thus we continue to have the green envelope out on the Membership table for those of you who would like to leave a monetary donation for Safe Passage. Times are tough for all of us, but even tougher for organizations such as Safe Passage. Any contribution would be appreciated. Every DOLLAR counts. Thank you!



HOSPITALITY - INFORMATION / NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TABLE

The information table is a place where new members can come to learn about the activities of the guild and a place where both new and current members can come to have questions answered. Sally Davis is joining Paulanne Rider and Cheri Stack at the information table to help answer your questions or direct you to someone who can. You will easily recognize them wearing their yellow green **Ms Information** t-shirts. Volunteers to assist at the table, develop handouts for new members or help in other ways are welcome. Please see Paulanne, Sally or Cheri if you would like to help. Thank you for all the great suggestions. Please keep them coming.



HOSPITALITY - DOOR PRIZES

Door prize procedure:

- If you want to participate in door prizes bring ONE wrapped gift. Include a gift tag with your name on the door prize that you provide.
- Participation in door prizes is voluntary.
- Hostesses are not assigned to bring door prizes.
- The membership committee has modified the sign in sheets to include a check box for you to fill in when you sign in indicating that you have brought a door prize.
- Put your door prize on the door prize table as usual.
- Door prizes will be called at the usual time.
- You will all go up at once and select a door prize as usual.

Please continue to give us your comments and suggestions. We need your feedback. Feel free to stop by the information table and talk to Paulanne Rider, Sally Davis and Cheri Stack.

Cheri Stack, Hospitality



CHRISTMAS SOLDIERS PROGRAM

The Christmas stockings and fillers need to be back by the October meeting. Cash donations would also be greatly appreciated for the shipping.

Wilma

I have LOTS of Christmas fabric in my stash and am willing to share for the Christmas stockings for the soldiers program. I also have the pattern that you can copy. Larry cut out some stockings already

and we have a group helping to stuff them. If you are interested in helping to clear some of the Christmas fabric out of my stash, please give me a call- I will gladly share.

Bobbie Lundberg



2009 QUILT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT

Please remember to turn in your tickets, if you have sold all of them. The October meeting is our very last time to turn them in as the drawing will be held at the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival the following Sunday (October 25th) afternoon.

Jo Ann Russell
Ways and Means



2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

SPECIAL EVENTS HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Johnny's Charhouse

The **October meeting will be the last sign-up** for the holiday party because we have no meeting in November. This is an evening for all of us to visit and get better acquainted with new members. We always have a nice time, great food and special surprises. The Board will furnish the dessert table FULL of goodies. We ask everyone to bring 2 ornaments, one to put on the tree for an ornament exchange and one to be donated to the Nursing Home. We love homemade ones if you can find the time to spare. The Special Events Elves are busy sewing to be sure everyone. At the party everyone will receive a special gift for our 30th Anniversary Holiday Party.

Bound in fabric,
Sandy, Sharon, Suzie, Rita

2009 DCQG Holiday Party Menu Choices

#1	PRIME RIB, Ladies cut, salad, potato & vegetable	\$25.71
#2	CHICKEN LIMONE, 10 oz. chicken sautéed and topped with lemon-wine sauce, served with a side of angel hair pasta and salad	\$21.84
#3	WHITEFISH FILLET, 10-12oz. Fresh Lake Superior whitefish broiled with olive oil-lemon sauce, salad, potato & vegetable	\$21.84
#4	BAKED MOSTACCIOLI, served with salad and marinara sauce, topped mozzarella cheese and baked to perfection	\$19.26
#5	WINTER SALAD, mixed greens, spinach, cranberries, walnuts, bleu cheese crumbles and diced apples served with Raspberry Vinaigrette or Balsamic Vinaigrette	\$15.38

All prices INCLUDE 9.5% tax and 18% gratuity



HARVEST OF QUILTS 2010 - QUILT SHOW

We have a new venue for our quilt show! Sycamore Middle School at Rt 23 and Maplewood Dr will be the site of our next Quilt Show on Oct 2 and 3, 2010. I'm so excited! There is plenty of room for all our quilts and exhibits and displays. Parking looks like it's closer to the building entrance and we have a space all pegged for Shaun's wonderful apple pie squares. Show meetings will begin soon and all the details will start to fall into place. If you ever thought you'd like to help plan a quilt show but felt out of place - start here! We're all new to this venue and we'll help each other out! I received lots of interesting comments last meeting for items to include or delete from our show and each will be discussed and thought thru. Keep the comments coming! This is YOUR show and we need to know what you'd like to see to continue our planning. If you haven't started a quilt for our show in 2010 - Start! And if you have a "entry-in-progress" keep quilting! Happy sewing to all!

Lizz Ploppert
Quilt Show Chair



2010 QUILT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT

We have had some blocks turned in already. Please try to complete your block by our October meeting, as our next gathering will not be until our Holiday Party in December. I would like to have the quilt constructed by year end to allow us more visits at other quilt guilds. Time is going faster than anyone really wants and it's not too hard to loose a couple of weeks with a busy schedule either.

Jo Ann Russell
Ways and Means



SYCAMORE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL BOOTH

We have another booth at the two-day Sycamore Music Boosters Craft Show at the Sycamore High School Fieldhouse. If you would like to have some items included, please send me an e-mail notice of what you have and how many items you have or may have to me. The quilt board has asked for 20% of each item sold, so price accordingly.

This year we can start setting up our booth after 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23, as there is a home football game that evening and the area will be even more congested that what is brought in by the craft show. You can bring your items to the school during the afternoon, but you must be there at 5 p.m. on Sunday evening, October 25 to pick up you unsold items.

Jo Ann Russell
Way and Means Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2009

SUE KAPPERMAN

Hi Everyone.

Here it is the middle of October already! Summer is definitely showing up in the rear-view mirror! The holiday season is next with its hustle and bustle of shopping, cooking, baking, and family gatherings.

Speaking of gatherings, don't forget to sign up for the Guild holiday dinner. It's set for Dec. 3rd at Johnny's Charhouse (on the corner of Bethany Road and Sycamore Road (hwy 23)). We certainly don't want you to miss out on the party and all of the fun. If you are new, all you need to do is choose an item from the menu, write out a check to DCQG, and get it to Sandy Hoffman. The October meeting is the last meeting we have before the party, so don't forget. There are many activities planned for the evening. We have an ornament exchange. Bring 2 ornaments (one to give to the nursing home and one to exchange). It's particularly nice if they are handmade, but they don't have to be. If you can't make one yourself, you can always buy one that has been handmade. If you only bring one, it goes to the nursing home. I love getting all of my ornaments out from years past. I have some that are from the 1980's and are from members who are no longer with us. They are very special to me. We also have an opportunity to do the door prize exchange. If you bring one, you get to take one! Sometimes the holidays are especially fun to exchange gifts, so if you are like me and can't resist giving presents, be sure to bring one!

Kelly has been working hard to get programs and workshops all lined up for 2010 and 2011! After taking a look at the line-up I have to say it looks very interesting! If you have a suggestion on who you think would be interesting for a program and/or workshop, please notify Kelly so she can look into it.

The planning of the Quilt Show, 2010 is well underway. Lizz Ploppert has already started the ball rolling with the first committee meeting. I know that she could use all the help she can get, so if you are interested in helping out with heading a committee (such as judging, set up, take down) or just volunteering to help out with a committee that already has a chair (I know the vender chairwoman, Sandy Hoffman can use a hand), please, please do it. We need everyone to participate! Many hands make light work!

It looks as if I have already used up a whole page, so I had better bring this to a close. I wish you happy quilting until next time.

Sue



UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Last month's workshop with Cathy Geier was GREAT!! Everyone walked away with quilt tops that were exciting and really started the creative juices flowing. I was the only one who could not make tree trunks to save her soul. Since the workshop, I have pulled my quilt top out and refined my trunks,

but they still look like big brown blobs to me. I'll keep trying though. For those of you who could not make the last workshop of the year you missed out on a fun day of playing Picasso.

Hopefully your interest has been piqued for next year's guest speakers. They are all top rated speakers with workshops that will leave you wanting more. I know all of us work hard and our days are busy, so start planning now for next year. Beginning January you will be able to register for any workshop offered during the year. So look at your calendars now and mark the dates so you don't miss out on any moments of creativity. Have a wonderful day, see you all soon.

Kelly Hoyle

***** For Workshops: Please mark your calendars and sign up early *****

Notice

You MUST register by completing the "Workshop Registration Form" and paying in full
Form may be downloaded at: <http://www.dcqg.org/Newsletters/DCQGWWorkshopRegForm.pdf>

If you can not make the workshop it is up to you to find your own replacement in order to get your money back.

2009 Programs

October 22, 2009 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"The Seldom Ever Shady Glades"
By Susan Van Wassenhove
St Mary's PAC
322 Waterman Street
Sycamore, IL

November: No Meeting

December: Holiday Party—6:00pm
December 3, 2009
Johnny's Charhouse, Sycamore

2010 Programs

January 28, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"Round Robin"

February 25, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"High Tech Meets High Touch"
By Barb Vlack

March 25, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"A Little History of Quilting"
By Kathleen Tracy
Country Lane Quilts

March 27, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Workshop: 9:00am – 3:00pm
TBA

April 22, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Generosity Project

May 27, 2010 Guild Meeting—6:30pm
Salad Supper

June 24, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
TBA

July 22, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"Creative Sweatshirt Jackets-From Frumpy to WOW"
By Londa Rohfling

Friday July 23, 2010
Workshop 9:00am – 5:00pm
"Creative Sweatshirt Jacket"
By Londa Rohfling

August 26, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"Tag You're It"
Name Tag Night

September 23, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Blue Underground Studios
<http://blueundergroundstudios.com/>

Harvest of Quilts 2010
October 2 & 3, 2009

October 28, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
"Past to Present"
By Mildred Sorrells

Friday October 29, 2010 Workshop
By Mildred Sorrells





QUILT SHOWS

October 17, 2009 – Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Show, 9am – 5pm, Forrest Grove Church, Forreston, IL, for information call Bernie Bird, 815-732-7804.

March 20 & 21, 2010 – Illinois Valley Quilt Guild presents: "Wish Upon a Star-Our 25th Silver Anniversary" Quilt Show. The show will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ottawa, IL.

October 2 & 3, 2010 – Harvest of Quilts 2010, presented by DeKalb County Quilters' Guild.



SYCAMORE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2009 SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL

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Registration Deadline is October 15, 2009

To email:

1. Email to Jo Ann Russell

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