



# News - Patch

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## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009  
6:00pm  
**(Note earlier time)**  
Johnny's Charhouse  
1950 DeKalb Avenue  
Sycamore

We're all looking forward to a fun evening at Johnny's Charhouse for our Holiday Party. The Board will furnish lots of yummy desserts.



### **GIFT EXCHANGE**

(replacing Door Prizes for December ONLY)

If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift with your name on it—\$5.00 - \$10.00 would be appropriate.

### **ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

(reminder and information for new members)

Please bring two ornaments (hopefully handmade, but not required).

One will go on the tree to be exchanged and

the other will go into a basket to be taken to the nursing home.

The residents love when we bring these ornaments and appreciate our generosity.



Special Events Elves will also have some Holiday Surprises for all to enjoy, too.

Happy Holidays,  
Sandy, Sharon, Susie, and Rita





## 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. Look for Paulanne Rider, Sally Davis 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 are welcome. Please see Paulanne, Sally or Cheri if you would like to help. Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Please keep them coming.

Cheri Stack  
Information



## LIBRARY INFORMATION—PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Library books may be checked out for one month. When signing books out, please print your name and phone number on the check-out card before giving the card to the librarian.

At the January 2010 guild meeting please return all due and overdue books. After the January meeting members will be assessed \$1 per book per month for overdue books.

Any book not returned within 3 months of checkout will be considered lost. The person who checked out the "lost" book will be asked to pay a \$25 fee for the replacement of the book by the librarian.

Cheryl Lorden  
Librarian



## 2009 OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE QUILT - INFORMATION

First of all, without the generous gift of this very beautiful quilt from Lizz Ploppert, it would not have been possible for us to take this opportunity to build our guild treasury on an "off-show year" so we, as a board, can help you as a quilter hone and build your strengths as a quilter by providing the lectures and workshops throughout the year. On behalf of the Board, **thank you** to each and every one of you who either sold tickets, helped sell tickets or set up our "traveling" events booth/tent, took the quilt to retreats and other quilt guilds for public viewing, or directly purchased tickets yourself. For all those efforts, 1,451 tickets were sold out of 2,000 with a little over \$1,000 profit going to the treasury.

Congratulations to our 2009 winner: **Marlene Stiemel** from DeKalb. Marlene, a former member, has very recently rejoined our guild, so perhaps we will have an opportunity to view if once in a while. Presentation of the quilt to Marlene will be made at our Holiday Party on December 3.

Jo Ann Russell  
Ways and Means



## **CHRISTMAS SOLDIERS PROGRAM**

This effort came to my attention from Wilma Shimkus, while we were selling raffle tickets at the Big Rock Plowing Match, and I thought it would be another great avenue for a generosity project for members who may choose to help since we already assist with Home of the Brave blocks. I know it was a very short notice, since this information was presented at our September meeting, but about **125** socks were received at our October meeting. Bobbie and Larry Lundberg went even farther. Through their efforts, they even had their 23 socks all stuffed and ready for delivery, and Wilma delivered them to our contact in Big Rock.

**Thank you, members for your holiday assistance.**

My understanding is that as long as we have military personnel in harm's way, this project will continue, so if you would be interested in making one or two (four can be made from 7/8 yd in less than one hour), I will volunteer to receive and hold the socks for next year. Just contact me and I will get the sock pattern to you. The 2010 year would culminate with our October 2010 meeting.

Here is more information from their group ([www.osotil.org](http://www.osotil.org)):

Operation Support Our Troops—IL is a volunteer non-profit (501c3) organization whose mission is to improve the morale of troops serving in harm's way, support the families of the deployed military, and provide help and support for the returning wounded. For the holiday season each service member on the list will receive a filled handmade Christmas stocking.

You can help by donating the following items: mechanical pencils, small crossword/word find/sudoku puzzle books; AA or AAA batteries; new DVDs or CDs; ITUNES Gift Cards; individually wrapped Beef Jerky/Slim Jims; individually wrapped Twizzlers; individual bags of nuts/fruit snacks/rollups; candy canes or starlight mints; or granola bars.

Jo Ann Russell  
Ways and Means



## **HARVEST OF QUILTS 2010 - QUILT SHOW**

The 2010 Quilt Show has a great "core" of ladies putting the whole thing together. But here's the thing: We need help! I'm asking for gals to be "shadows"! Follow these ladies as they do their jobs and help and learn how these jobs are done. Then sign-ups for future shows won't be so intimidating! Putting a quilt show together is not hard when everyone pitches in and does a small part!

The jobs and gals in charge that need apprentices are:

- Boutique** - Bobby Lundberg - the boutique sells crafts of all kinds made by guild members - the guild keeps a small percentage
- Treasurer** - Pat Boesche - the treasurer writes checks to reimburse expenses and keeps track of incoming and outgoing expenses
- Publicity** - Kathi Davis - gets the word out about our show thru newspapers, flyers, and posters
- Demos** - Madaline Carpenter & Sherry Mileham - gathers up 3-4 people to demonstrate quilting techniques
- Silent Auction** - Monica Gumm & Ann Sands - gathers approx 100 small quilts and tracks written bids for 50 each day
- Door Prizes** - Ilene Covert - rounds up door prizes thru requests to quilting companies and area merchants for distribution
- Raffle Quilt** - Jo Ann Russell - distributes raffle tickets to guild members to sell toward our raffle quilt
- Vendors** - Sandy Hoffman - Sells space at our show to "quilt-y" merchants to sell their wares to us!

Other areas we'll need help in are:

- Setup Coordinator** - Someone to take charge of setting up and taking down the show (and of course crews to help out!)
- Volunteer coordinator** - someone to organize all the ladies need for the admissions table and floaters to help where needed
- Featured Artist** - someone to research an area artist to "Wow" our show
- Judge** - someone to sign up a judge and help out the day before the show
- Signage** - someone to place "Quilt Show" signs around town directing viewers to our show!

Our next meeting is January 12 at 7pm at my house. Please call or e-mail with whatever job you can help out with. This is a new venue for all of us so everyone needs to lend a hand in keeping our show the stellar show we've all come to enjoy!

Lizz Ploppert  
Quilt Show Chair



## **2010 QUILT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT—HELP**

First, **thank you** to the five members who have completed their blocks and all the borders and turned them in to me on time. For those of you who still have your blocks, continue working on them and get them to me as soon as you can. After a very lengthy discussion with Lizz Ploppert, our 2010 Quilt Show Chair, we have decided to hold this quilt until our next show. That will give us a much better opportunity to showcase it to the public, (summer events, quilting retreats, and other sister guilds in the area). We are looking for an awesome job to coordinate with an awesome quilt that will complement both our guild's skills and our treasury. So if it takes you an additional two or three months, do your very best, but please do complete it and return it along with any left-over fabrics and the pattern to me. Just a note: all the patterns used are my personal items, and I do need them back and you may be asked to replace it. We have such an awesome quilt in the works that we really do want to showcase it extremely well.

Instead, we are going with a pieced quilt, the pattern has not been decided just yet, but will be selected before the Holiday Dinner Party. If you are interested in helping complete this new venture during the next two months, please contact either Lizz or myself and let us know of your availability. At this juncture, we are just collecting information and comments (by December 5).

We will keep you fully informed of our endeavor and look forward to your assistance. We can do this—and still not skip any beats for the 2010 show.

Jo Ann Russell  
Ways and Means



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2009**

SUE KAPPERMAN

Hi Everyone!

WHAT'S THAT STRANGE LOOKING BRIGHT THING IN THE SKY? Oh-yeah. It's the sun. I forgot what it looks like since we've only seen it twice in the past month! I have to admit that I am much happier when the sun is shining. How about you?

It's holiday time again! Have you noticed they were pushing Christmas even before we had finished carving the pumpkins? Our lives seem to get pretty busy starting in November. I'm certainly looking forward to our holiday party on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Even though we don't have a speaker for this meeting, we do have a great evening planned. The special events people are working hard to assure that everyone has a good time. They are really good at keeping secrets 'cause I've tried to get them to spill and all they do is smile ☺.

This November is our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was 1979 when I met with about 12 other ladies to begin a journey I never knew could be so wonderful! I remember sitting in a circle in the livingroom of Hildey Schmeby. I knew a few of the ladies, including Kay Daukas and Shirley Gylleck. I had no idea what a quilter's guild was, but I did know that I wanted to learn as much as I could about quilting. My husband's grandmother had about 3 quilts she was working on all at once, and I wanted to know how to do what she was doing.

Many of the traditions we follow today were started in that first year. We created the salad supper, the News-patch, the quilt show, and even brought in our first speakers. We relied heavily on people like Shirley to teach us techniques. She worked at the local quilt shop so she knew more than most of us. Did you know that we had to cut out each piece of fabric one at a time and draw around a plastic template to mark where the seams were to be sewn together?

The years have flown by! I can hardly believe it has been thirty years since that first meeting! Quilting has certainly flourished as a multi-billion dollar industry. We have products developed just for quilters, fabrics so beautiful you can't keep your hands off of them and speakers from all over the country who are willing to come and talk about their very special technique. We've been so lucky to have hosted many nationally known teachers right here in DeKalb County. So much has changed yet so much has stayed the same. A salute goes out to all quilters, from past to present, who are part of our world. We've come a long way, baby! It's a very special group of people with the common bond of quilting.

May all of you have a happy and healthy holiday season. May you enjoy the comfort of home, the bonds of family and the warmth of a quilt draped over you on a cold winter's night.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

SUE





## UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

I'm getting ready to go out and finish the last of the yard work for the season (like planting more bulbs, so next spring, the squirrels have something to eat and pulling out all the tomato plants that I successfully killed during the summer months) so I'll make this short and sweet. May you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. May your house be filled with laughter, joy, wonderful smells of homemade goodies and a few stray threads here and there.

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/DCQGWorkshopRegForm.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.  
**June 24, 2010 Guild**

Meeting—7:00pm

TBA

### 2009 Programs

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

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

### 2010 Programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Harvest of Quilts 2010**  
October 2 & 3, 2009

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

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

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

**Friday October 29, 2010 Workshop**  
By Mildred Sorrells



## QUILT SHOWS

**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.