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DeKalb County Quilters' Guild
PO Box 385
Sycamore, IL 60178

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2009; 7:00 PM; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

"PATCHWORKS THAT PRAISE!"

by

CATHY GEIER

Cathy is an award winning quilter, author, teacher, and lecturer who specializes in landscape quilts. She earned her B.A. in Art History from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and sets up her landscapes with the "eye" of a painter who uses fabrics for her palette. Her quilts have been juried into national shows and have been featured in *American Quilter*, *Quilter's* newsletter, *Fonts & Porters Love of Quilting*, and *Quilt World* magazines. She is the author of several published articles and a book *Watercolor Landscape Quilts*. (Krause Publications). Currently she owns and manages the online quilt shop *Patchworks that Praise* which specializes in fabrics for landscape quilting.

Cathy's presentation features many of her quilts and their stories. She uses Power Point to illustrate tips and tricks for designing successful landscapes, drafting patterns on graph paper, sources for her inspiration, and types of fabrics to choose when creating landscape quilts. A brief overview of her new technique using a tear-away stabilizer introduces quilters to a fast method of quilt top construction.

She is married with three grown children and her husband's job with the Forest Service has led her family to some of the most scenic places in the country. Her love of the forests, mountains, and lakes around her is reflected in her quilts. Cathy's work can be seen at her website:

<http://www.cathygeier.com> .

7:00 pm

September 24, 2009

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center
Sycamore, Illinois





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. Look for Paulanne Rider and Cheri Stack at the information table to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can. You will easily recognize them wearing their yellow-green **Ms Information** tee shirts. Volunteers to assist at the table, develop handouts for new members or help in other ways are welcome. Please see Paulanne or Cheri if you would like to help. Thank you for all the great suggestions. Please keep them coming.



HOSPITALITY - DOOR PRIZES / HOSTESSES

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 and Cheri Stack.

Cheri Stack, Hospitality



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

Our holiday party this year will be held at Johnny's Charhouse on December 3, 2009. Please mark your calendars and start putting some money aside so we can all come and have a great evening together. Johnny's is located on Sycamore Rd with plenty of parking on the side and in the rear. We will have the back room so it will be very private for us. We ask that everyone bring 2 ornaments to the party. One will go on our tree for the ornament exchange and the other one will go into a basket to be taken to the nursing home to share with the elderly. We love having homemade ornaments to share. If you can possibly find the time to do something special it would be wonderful. We look

forward to this opportunity to share, visit and enjoy a wonderful meal (see menu choices below) with treats, gifts and surprises.

The Board will furnish all the desserts and we always have **LOTS** of yummy choices.

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		

Thanks from Special Events,
Rita, Sandy, Sharon and Susie



HARVEST OF QUILTS 2010 - QUILT SHOW

I missed the August guild meeting due to vacation (I saw the Grand Canyon!) but you won't want to miss the Sept. meeting. I'll have exciting news about our Quilt Show in 2010! I'll bring the sign-up list for volunteers and we'll get started on the new show. And there are lots of ways to help out! One of the easiest ways to help is to contribute a small or mini quilt to our silent auction. Now is a perfect time to make a mini - You can enjoy it for several months before you turn it over to the guild for their fundraising auction! And here's another thought...if you've won a mini quilt in a previous shows' auction - that perfect little quilt, say for your blue dining room, and you've changed your color scheme - don't hide it away in a drawer! "Re-donate" it to our auction! You enjoyed it for awhile – pass along the pleasure! And the guild will benefit from your generosity with top notch speakers and workshops! Our quilt show is a year away - get ready, get set, SEW!

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 your unsold items.

Jo Ann Russell
Way and Means Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2009

SUE KAPPERMAN

Hi Everyone!

Oh Wow! The calendar says September but my brain says June! Where or where did the summer go?

I stopped out at the farm stand on my way home today and there were the late summer mums looking all beautiful in their yellow, gold and red colors. The corn field with the tassels turning that gold color almost looked like a ripening wheat field from a distance. I must admit, fall does give us some spectacular colors. Nature has a way of helping us find a pallet to work with in our quilt making and I do love the fall colors.

Now, fall is great for its colors, but that means that winter is not far behind and I try not to think too much about the misery of the cold weather to come. I believe the only **good** thing about winter is the fact that no one wants to go anywhere so there is time to be snuggled up in the quilt room working on some kind of cozy project. This summer has been a busy time in my studio as I have started working on Christmas gifts for my family. However, as soon as those projects are finished, I shall do a project for ME! I am ready to challenge myself to make something I have been afraid of all my quilting life....The New York Beauty!

I was reading an article in Quilter's Home magazine and was inspired by the idea that we many times do not allow ourselves to do something different but instead stick to techniques and patterns that are within our comfort zone. It was suggested that we venture out and learn or try something we have never tried before. I have always wanted to make a New York Beauty quilt, but have been intimidated by the curved seams and the very pointed points. It just looks too hard. However, I have been quilting since 1978! Good grief! I should be able to do this! I so want to have my New York Beauty in our next quilt show.

So, my dear friends, I shall try! I will keep you all posted and hopefully I will be surprised that I can do it. Stay tuned!

Until next month, may the quilting gods be with you. ☺

Sue



UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Word to the wise...never ever bring your husband with you when you are thinking about repainting a room. I left him alone for only 2 minutes and when I got back he had pulled a stack of paint chips that were 2 inches thick! Sitting down with all the paint chip samples it finally dawned on me that he had successfully pulled every form of beige you could ever create. I'll let your imagination fill in the conversation we had later.

Moving on to quilt things, big congratulations to our raffle prize winners from last month. After posting all the pictures I received, showing your creative spaces we voted that Kathi Davis' and Susie Hughes' needed the most help with organizing their studios. Kathi got a book to help with organizing her space and Susie was the big winner and received an assortment of organizers and a gift certificate from California Closets to help reach her goal of a tidy place to create her works of art. Many of you asked for the website for California Closets sister company, "Home Storage Concepts" so here it is: www.homestorageconcepts.com

Our last workshop for the year is this month. Next month, our guest speaker will be Susan Van Wassenhove whose lecture is entitled "The Seldom Ever Shady Glades."

I'm still in need of people who are willing to work the Round Robin event for our January meeting. For our new members this is our annual event to showcase talent in our own guild. Some members will demo new gadgets; others will show you tricks and secrets to make your quilting easier, faster or neater. No special talents are required and I promise you will have fun. Stop by the program table this month and let me answer any of your questions. See you at the next meeting.

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.

2009 Programs

September 25, 2009 Guild Meeting—7:00pm

"Patchworks That Praise"

By Cathy Geier

St Mary's PAC

322 Waterman Street

Sycamore, IL

Friday September 26, 2009

Workshop: 9:00am - 3:00pm

American National Bank

"WaterColor Landscape

Quilts -- Made Easy"

By Cathy Geier

Kits to be bought choice of:

1 – Autumn Forest

2 – Redbuds and Rhododendrons

3 – Touch of Fall

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

September 19 & 20, 2009 – Harvest of Quilts VIII Show – Through a Quilter’s Eye, Vanderburgh 4-H Center Auditorium, 201 E. Booneville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47725. RAINTREE QUILTERS GUILD, INC. www.raintreequiltersguild.org

October 3 & 4, 2009 – Olde English Faire, Stronghold Center, \$8/adult, \$4/under 12, & under 5 free, 1922 Illinois Rt 2 North, Oregon, IL 61061, 815-732-6111, www.strongholdcenter.org

October 3 & 4, 2009 – “Indians Rose XII Quilt Show, Heritage Quilters, Timothy Ball School, 720 West Summit St., Crown Point, IN 46307, more information contact Susie Cromer 219-696-4862 www.heritagequilters.com

October 10 & 11, 2009 – Lighthouse Quilters Guild in Racine, WI is pleased to announce their biannual quilt show, “2009 Lighthouse Legacies: Nature & Design.” At J. I. Case High School, 7345 Washington Ave. (Hwy 20) in Racine, WI. There is ample parking and the building is wheelchair accessible. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults, children age 8 and under are Free. “Nature & Design,” is a judged show with entry open to all. Entry forms and additional information are available at www.lighthousequiltersguild.org

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

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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.



SUPPLY LIST FOR
"FOREST AND SCENES"

Cathy Geier

Friday September 25, 2009
American National Bank
1985 DeKalb Ave
Sycamore, IL

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Fee: \$50 plus cost of kit (see Workshop Registration Form 2009)

Supplies

- 3-4 Acid free glue sticks for paper
- 1 yard Wonder Under(no substitutes please)
- LARGE rotary cutting mat (beg borrow or steal one!)
- Rotary cutter-make sure it is sharp
- A hunk of old batting-doesn't need to be bigger than 15" x 30"
- Sharp scissors-smaller ones work best, they should be easy to use when making lots of small cuts
- Sewing machine set up for free motion quilting
- Monofilament thread for the top, fine strong thread for the bobbin
- Iron and board

If you are like me, you'll be wiping sticky gluey fingers on the butt of your jeans...wear old ones. (I'll bring wet wipes...so don't panic if you don't want to follow my example)

We will not be getting to any sewing until the afternoon. Please don't bother setting up your machine when you come in to class, we will be designing and cutting first.



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

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Registration Deadline is October 15, 2009

To email:

1. send to Jo Ann Russell
2. when email window opens, type ALL the information into the body of email message
3. type "Pumpkin Festival" in the subject of email
4. click on send

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