



## News - Patch

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DeKalb County Quilters' Guild  
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Thursday, February 25, 2010; 7:00 PM; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

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### **"HIGH TECH MEETS HIGH TOUCH"**

By Barb Vlack

<http://barbvlack.com>

7:00 pm

February 25, 2010

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center  
Sycamore, Illinois 60178



Watch Barb demonstrate the "magic" of designing a quilt with computer software. You don't have to have any computer experience to be awed by the ease of creating designs that you probably wouldn't draft on paper! Barb has become a practiced expert in using *EQ6*. She will bring her computer and a video projector to demonstrate how she creates quilts that go beyond the ordinary. Barb will also bring a trunk show of quilts she has made from designs she created with *EQ* software.

Barb designs and makes quilts and has had her work published in several quilting magazines as well as the cover of Keepsake Quilting catalog (1998). She has exhibited her award winning quilts in shows sponsored by IQA in Houston, AQS in Paducah, Quilter's Heritage in Lancaster, and NQA in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her quilts have also been included in special exhibits in Japan, Korea, and Australia. Examples of her EQ software-generated quilt designs can be seen on the Electric Quilt web site at [www.electricquilt.com](http://www.electricquilt.com)

She has been learning and teaching quiltmaking since 1976. She labels her style of quilt designing as "innovative traditional," because she loves to take traditional patterns and make them look new and different. Working with the Electric Quilt software makes that focus easy for this expert user of the program. She credits her use of EQ and the computer with her quilting as a way to find a "middle ground" of common interest with her husband, who is a retired electrical engineer.

Disclaimer: Barb is not a sales representative for Electric Quilt, though she has written three books for The Electric Quilt Company and demonstrates as well as teaches for them at national conferences.



## **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. If you have quilt related information to share, this is the place to share it. Stop by to see what new information might be there about quilt shops, retreats, quilt shows, shop hops, member owned businesses, and upcoming events. 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.

Cheri Stack  
Information



## **INFORMATION - GIFT SWAP (FORMERLY KNOWN AS DOOR PRIZES)**

Gift swap procedure:

- If you want to participate in gift swap bring ONE wrapped gift. Include a gift tag with your name on the gift that you bring.
- Participation in gift swap is voluntary.
- When you sign in check the box by your name to indicate that you have brought a gift.
- Put your gift on the gift swap table when you arrive at the meeting.
- You will all go up at once to select a gift from the gift swap table at a designated time during the meeting.

Cheri Stack  
Hospitality



## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

*ANN SANDS & MONICA GUM*

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\***

Do you have a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker thinking of joining DCQG? As of January 1, 2010, DCQG membership dues of \$20 are now half price. It's **ONLY \$10.00** to join through May 31, 2010.

The following are new members. Please add them to your directory.

Karen	Ellis
Joyce	Johnson
Patty	Pallansch
Carolyn	Stahl

Any questions? Please contact membership gals:

Ann Sands,  
Monica Gum,



## PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT GUILD FUNCTIONS

As you probably know, photographs are sometimes taken at DCQG functions. These photographs are for DCQG use only. We keep them for a historical record of what we do. I am working on a photo album page within our website where the photos may be displayed along with a caption and a description of the photo. The photos are also displayed at meetings on the information table for everyone to view. Within the caption and description, only first names will be used to protect our members – and NEVER any contact information. If you do not want any photos of you shown on the internet, please let me know.

Kathi Davis  
Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Publicity Chair



## 2010 HARVEST OF QUILTS - MINI QUILTS

### NEEDED: MINI QUILTS

With our quilt show around the corner in less than ten short months, as a member of DCQG we would appreciate your donation of a mini quilt for the Silent Auction. What a lovely way to share your talent with the community. We would love to see every member donate just one mini quilt... or more! With just over 100 members, that would be a lovely offering for the Silent Auction.

Let's get a move on and see what we can accomplish!

You can drop your donations by the Membership Table... *AFTER* Show & Tell of course!

Ann Sands,  
Monica Gum,



## 2012 QUILT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT

Remember the remaining blocks to be turned in need to be completed and turned in to me by the Salad Supper in May. Should you not be able to complete it until after the February meeting, I will not be at the March guild meeting, so you would have another month to turn it in. However, we (the Board) do want **you** to totally complete your block.

Jo Ann Russell  
Ways and Means



## HARVEST OF QUILTS 2010 - QUILT SHOW

Plans for the quilt show are well under way! We have an exciting new featured artist coming - in fact 2 of them! Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr! They are a husband/wife team from [www.funquilts.com](http://www.funquilts.com) out of Oak Park, IL. They not only design patterns and have a couple of books out they design fabric! And they will have a new book coming out in Nov 2010 - we may get to see the advance copy and pre-order at our show! In all the excitement of telling you about Weeks and Bill at the Jan. meeting I forgot to beg for help! In the past 2 newsletters I've told you all how I'd like gals to "shadow" our quilt show people and see how the jobs are done. The jobs are not tough and the ladies doing these jobs are willing to pass on their knowledge to people thinking of helping out at our next show in 2012.

Many gals on the show crew have helped out for several shows and it's time for a few new guilders to step up and learn the ropes! And what better way than to help at one show to prepare for the next?! Come on - give me a call or e-mail and we'll find a position that suits you!

Lizz Ploppert  
Quilt Show Chair



## **GENEROSITY PROJECT**

The January meeting netted a baker's dozen of baby- and child-sized quilts for the Generosity Project! That brings our total for the 2009-10 program year to 49 donations. We're almost exactly to the half-way mark--and this in a quilt show year! Special thanks go to Carol Bechman, Dawn Ericksen, Geri Faivre, Pat Galvan, Barbara Grant, Joan Russell, Barbara Satterfield, Sharon Smith, Krista Urban, and an unnamed donor (please sign your donations, either with a tag or by writing your name in a corner or along a back-binding edge in Pigma pen!).

Several of these donors have made more than one quilt so far this year, so I'm especially grateful to them for representing our guild so highly to the Rockford NICU's and the local DCFS office. I hope you all are as impressed with these donors' dedication to our guild efforts as I am!

Home of the Brave Project block donations so far this year total 71. Barb Urick, one of the two sisters who spearhead the HOTB Project for Illinois, has told me that she can always use unsigned blocks for quilty events, so if you sign one block in a kit and leave the other blank, that would be helpful to them. If you recall from our quilt show, they accept monetary donations from folks who want to sign a block for inclusion into a quilt presented to the family of a fallen Illinois serviceman or woman.

Thanks always for your efforts, Fabric Friends!

Nancy  
Generosity Project



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2010**

SUE KAPPERMAN

Hi Everyone!

Do you go thru periods of time when you feel your life, your household, or more importantly, your sewing room is totally out of control? It seems as though everywhere I look these days, I see a MESS! What have I been doing to cause this chaos? Am I just a closet slob or am I too busy or lazy to keep things straight and tidy? I'm not sure anyone can or wants to answer that question, so let's just say; I'd rather be quilting on a fabulous quilt than cleaning out the pantry. Life is just too short!

Speaking of fabulous quilts, I have started interviewing fabrics for my Indian Orange Peel Quilt. I have to admit, I do have some great fabrics!!! I'm not sure I will use as many fabrics in my quilt as Karen did, but I probably could. I'm totally excited to get started on this project. However, I'm trying to take a page from Lizz Ploppert's handbook, "a masterpiece cannot be rushed". This is going to take some patience.

I'm also excited about the four workshops we have coming up this year. Kelly has done a fabulous job putting together a great variety of learning venues. I am especially excited about the painting on whole cloth. I have dabbled in this medium a few times with paint and paint sticks and have found it so-o-o-o- fun! I can't really draw, but I can color!

The next one I am excited about is the sweatshirt to jacket class. It's expensive, but when you are all done, you can wear it every day! Sometimes we forget what you get from the investment. Maybe Lizz will want to display them at our quilt show in October.

So, even though everyone is talking "will spring ever come?" I'm hoping winter will last just a little longer. I have a ton of projects to do! I have my fabulous quilt, the ribbon toppers, the mini for the silent auction, an apron for the heck of it, etc, etc, etc.

See you when I come out from under the chaos of my sewing room!!!!

Sue



## UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Hope everyone had a good time last month at the Round Robin. I know it shook the wintertime blues out of my system and revved up all those creative juices. February's meeting with guest speaker Barb Vlack should do the same thing.

March Madness will start with our first workshop of the year. Kathleen Tracy of Country Lane Quilts will be here on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> to give a lecture entitled, "A Little History of Quilting." On Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10-1 Kathleen will teach us how small quilts from the past can inspire us with their simple designs and childlike stitches. There are spaces available for this first workshop so fill out your registration form and send it to me. Remember, the quilt show committee is in need of small quilts for the silent auction in October so this is the perfect workshop to start your little gem, and it's only half a day and it's on a Saturday! What more could you ask.

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>

## 2010 Programs

**February 25, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

**"High Tech Meets High Touch"**

By Barb Vlack

<http://barbvlack.com>

**March 25, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

**"A Little History of Quilting"**

By Kathleen Tracy

Country Lane Quilts

<http://countrylanequilts.com>

**March 27, 2010 Workshop**

**10:00am - 1:00pm**

**"Prairie Children and Their Quilts"**

Kathleen Tracy

Country Lane Quilts

<http://countrylanequilts.com>

**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**

**“It’s All in the Process”**

Judy Coates-Perez

<http://judyperez.blogspot.com>

**June 25, 2010 Workshop**

**9:00am - 3:00PM**

**“Painting Fabric for Whole Cloth Quilts”**

Judy Coates-Perez

<http://judyperez.blogspot.com>

**July 22, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

**“Creative Sweatshirt Jackets-From Frumpy to WOW”**

By Londa Rohfling

[www.londas-sewing.com](http://www.londas-sewing.com)



(giving workshop on July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Friday July 23, 2010 Workshop**

**9:00am – 5:00pm**

**“Creative Sweatshirt Jacket”**

By Londa Rohfling

[www.londas-sewing.com](http://www.londas-sewing.com)

**August 26, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

Quilt Show Information Night

**September 23, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

Blue Underground Studios

<http://blueundergroundstudios.com>

**Harvest of Quilts 2010**

October 1, 2010 – Setup 4:00pm

October 2 & 3, 2010

Sycamore Middle School

**October 28, 2010 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**

**“Past to Present”**

By Mildred Sorrells

<http://macomb.com/~sorrells>

**Friday October 29, 2010 Workshop**

**9:00am – 3:00pm**

**“Phantasy Applique”**

By Mildred Sorrells

<http://macomb.com/~sorrells>



## QUILT SHOWS

**March 6 & 7, 2010** – Annual Fischer Farm Quilt Show, Fischer Farm, 16W860 Old Grand Ave., Bensenville, IL 60106, [www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org/pagres/parks/parks.html](http://www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org/pagres/parks/parks.html)

**March 13 & 14, 2010** – Starring Timeless Treasures, Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show 2010, Richland Grade School, 1919 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL, [www.prideofprairie.org](http://www.prideofprairie.org)

**March 14 – 16, 2010** – PRAIRIE HERITAGE QUILTERS Quilt Show, St. Albert's Center, 2420 St. Albert the Great Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 <http://sunprairiequiltshow.com>

**March 20, 2010** – Kirkland Historical Society Quilt Show, United Methodist Church, 200 W. South Street, Kirkland, IL, 10am – 4pm, Vendors and other collectibles, **Quilt Entries Open to All**, Questions call Jean Klock 815-522-7737 or Peggy Stuntz 815-522-2020.

**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.

**April 16 – 18, 2010** – International Quilt Festival/Chicago will be April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There are several opportunities for members of our guild to take advantage of. All the information and forms can be found on our website at: <http://www.quilts.com/home/contests/index.php>

**April 22 – 24, 2010** – 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale, Admission Charged, Located in the Kalona, Community Center on the corner of 6th & D.Ave. In Kalona, IA. Over 300 New and Antique Hand Quilted quilts will be on display and for sale. Many are Amish - Mennonite made. Don't miss the Fabulous Kalona Quilt and Textile Museum just one block east of the show. For information call Katie at the Woodin Wheel 319-656-2240 or email [katie@woodinwheel.com](mailto:katie@woodinwheel.com) Website: [www.woodinwheel.com](http://www.woodinwheel.com)

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

For other quilt shows (and quilt shops) visit: <http://www.quilterstravelcompanion.com>



## DeKalb County Quilt Guild Workshop Registration Form 2010

Registration forms should be completed and given to Kelly Hoyle.  
Payment must accompany form.

Checks should be made payable to **DCQG.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **March 27, 2010 (Saturday) 10:00am – 1:00pm**

**“Prairie Children and Their Quilts”**

Kathleen Tracy (<http://countrylanequilts.com>)

**Fee** - \$40.00 before Feb. 25th

After Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - \$50.00

Max students - 20

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After May 27<sup>th</sup> - \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **July 23, 2010 (Friday) 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**“Creative Sweatshirt Jackets”**

Londa Rohfling

**Fee** - \$40.00 plus kit fee of \$41.20 → total \$81.20 before April 22<sup>nd</sup>

After April 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$50.00 plus kit fee of \$41.20 → total \$91.20

Please note registration for this workshop must close by May 31<sup>st</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **October 29, 2010 (Friday) 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**“Phantasy Applique”**

Mildred Sorrells (<http://macomb.com/~sorrells>)

**Fee** - \$40.00 before Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

After Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$50.00

Mail form with payment to: Kelly Hoyle

Questions: Ask Kelly!