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DeKalb County Quilters' Guild  
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Thursday, April 28, 2011; 7:00pm; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

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### **"GENEROSITY PROJECT"**

7:00pm

April 28, 2011

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center  
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

While we quilters love to be entertained with colorful trunk shows and stimulated by new techniques and tools, I think we're happiest when the itch to create turns into DOING. And when we're with our Fabric Friends doing stuff--it's the best, isn't it? (Just ask the quilt retreatants!)

I'm convinced that's why the April Generosity Project meeting is such a good time! With a NEW large fabric donation in hand (see the G.P. article) a bolt of Warm 'n Natural, and a very low supply of wheelchair pockets, we're going to be busy bees at the April meeting.

Here's what's planned:

- \*Cutting the bolt of Warm 'n Natural into kit-sized pieces
- \*Cutting and kitting lap robes from donated home dec fabrics
- \*Sewing up pre-cut wheelchair pocket kits
- \*Baby quilt kit check-out
- \*HOTB kits to take home (or sew at the meeting, if you like)
- \*A prize drawing for completed kits and/or quilt donations that night
- \*Door prizes, just for the fun of it!

If you plan to participate in the cutting activities, please bring your shears. If you want to sew wheelchair pockets, please bring your sewing machine. We'll have two machines available for use that night, and a pressing station. Many hands make light work, so come help with our guild's charitable efforts. See you there!

We will have a bolt of batting that will need to be cut into kit size pieces. Last year there was a wonderful person who brought a pair of extra long blade shears. They were wonderful to use on the batting. Would you be kind enough to bring them again this year? Thank you in advance



## **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



## **GENEROSITY PROJECT**

Great news, Fabric Friends: We are at a total of 102 donated quilts and lap robes, as of the March meeting! Thanks go to Georgian Baird, Karen Ellis, Geri Faivre, Sue Kapperman, and Sharon Smith (Geri and Sharon each donated in multiples this month) for putting us past our 100+ annual goal into "How High Can We Go??" territory!! We now have a total of 196 HOTB blocks donated this program year, as well. I hope you're as proud and pleased as I am, Fabric Friends!

And now for GP Stash breaking news: President Kyra fielded an inquiry about a donation of fabric from DeKalb resident Terri Bradley, who had **five large tubs and several rolls** of home dec fabric to pass along. I connected up with Terri last weekend, and while it's not stuff that will mesh with our baby quilt fabrics, these fabrics are perfect for lap robes and wheelchair pockets. There appear to be several hundred yards of these fabrics, so I'm taking that as a sign that we can really step up our efforts to demonstrate kindness to community Seniors through our quilting!

Thanks for all you do, Fabric Friends,

Nancy Ondera  
Generosity Project



## **EARLY REMINDER - MAY SALAD SUPPER**

The special events ladies are getting ready for the May Salad Supper.

We thought it would be fun to brighten up our tables with some happy spring decorations. We would like everyone to make their own special placemat for their spot at the table. It's been such a long winter so let's brighten up our end of the year Salad supper tables. There may be prizes for your creative spirit.

As a reminder, please bring your own table ware, (plate, napkin, silverware, cup or glass) and your own drink. (And the special placemat, of course).

We also each bring a dish to pass. There is always such a wonderful variety of food and lots of dessert too. YUM!!

A big thank you to all that responded to the urgent request for walker/ wheelchair bags. They have all been delivered to the nursing homes along with several lap robes. They were so happy to receive them. Keep them coming ladies they are always needed.

Sandy, Sharon, Susie and Rita  
Sandy Hoffman



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2011**

Kyra Rider

Hi!

Wow, what a whirlwind couple of weeks I've had. I had a mathematics conference the first weekend in April which I'm sure you are all as excited about as me – NOT ☺ Last weekend was our Guild's retreat. That was a blast. I spent the better part of four days locked away with fellow guild members while we quilted and ate, ate and quilted. I started and finished a small wall hanging for a friend whose birthday is April 9<sup>th</sup>. She won't know what to think when she gets a gift on time. I may not have it yet for show and tell, but I have witnesses who can vouch for the fact that I accomplished something. I could have finished more if I didn't have to lock myself away one night to work on statistics homework for my online class.

We have come to a point in our lives where technology is a way of life. I believe all 16 of us had cell phones (most of us even had reception)! There were several laptop computers and a printer/copier. Pat Boesche may have been the most popular person since she had a laptop with an internet connection. I was able to get my homework submitted, Renee found the perfect border fabric for a quilt, Suzie got her "Wheel of Fortune" fix! At one time there was even a line for the laptop.

I did my best to twist arms for the board and committee positions we still need filled. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the guild let me know and we can see where we can fit you in. I will be honest with you as to the expectations. I think many people are afraid of not being able to handle the responsibility, but I don't want to set anyone up for failure. The board will not recommend someone for a position if we are not confident you can handle it. The last thing we need is bad feelings or a hobby to become a burden.

Enjoy the spring weather we are experiencing. I can't wait to see you all at the next meeting. Let me know if you want to sit with me for the May salad supper. I want to win that challenge Sandy Hoffman put forth for the table design. Who's with me???

*Kyra Rider*





## UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS



Julie Jenkins graciously agreed to postpone her workshop until July. There is a sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter. This will be a Saturday workshop to accommodate those members that work full-time. We have room for all and I've asked Julie to bring some samples of her beautiful quilts to the workshop for inspiration. The "Constellation" wall hanging is the first step in learning the "Square in a Square" techniques. In this workshop you will learn to use the SNS ruler, make a square in a square and flying geese.

In August, Diane Kuck from "Details by Diane" will be here for a trunk show and workshop on her method of making stained glass quilts. Since Diane is coming in from Iowa, we currently have her scheduled for a Friday workshop. She is providing 2 kits for the workshop so you will need to choose either the Sunflower or the Iris. The kit fee is \$39 for a total of \$79 for the workshop.



Please note that we need to have a minimum of 10 people signed up for the workshops. If we don't have our capacity filled, we will be opening registration for both workshops to local area guilds following the May Guild meeting. Your workshop registration fee (\$40) will hold your place at the workshop.

**\*\*\* 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 from end of this newsletter

## 2011 Programs

**April 28, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
Generosity Project

**May 26, 2011 Guild Meeting—6:30pm**  
Salad Supper

**June 23, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
"Round Robin"  
By DCQG Members

**July 28, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
"Quilter's Rule"  
Waterford, Wisconsin  
[www.quiltersrule.com](http://www.quiltersrule.com)

**July 30, 2011 Workshop 10:00am-2:00pm**  
"Constellation"  
Square-in-a-square Technique  
Julie Jenkins

**August 25, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
Details by Diane  
By Diane Cuck  
[www.detailsbydiane.com](http://www.detailsbydiane.com)

**Friday August 26, 2011**  
**Workshop 9:00am - 1:00pm**  
"Stained Glass"  
By Diane Cuck  
[www.detailsbydiane.com](http://www.detailsbydiane.com)

**Sept 22, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
"Six Halves Make a Whole" Method

**Friday September 23, 2011 Workshop**  
TBA

**October 27, 2011 Guild Meeting—7:00pm**  
Pineapple Press Patterns  
By Penny Sempert  
[www.pineapplepresspatterns.com](http://www.pineapplepresspatterns.com)

**December 2011 – Holiday Party**



## QUILT SHOWS COMING UP

Sue Kapperman

Spring has sprung!!! Get out and do something fun, like go to a quilt show!

Here are some close by to choose from! I'm going to put Sinnissippi and Janesville on my calendar today. You could probably plan on seeing both the same day! How fun!!!

1. **April 27-30**, Paducah, KY, AQS Show Paducah, KY
2. **April 30-May 1**, Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild Show  
Mukwonago, WI  
Parkview Middle School  
Contact phone: 414-529-2593  
Website: [www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com](http://www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com)
3. **May 11-14** Arthur's Annual Quilt Show  
Arthur, Illinois  
Otto Center 2056 County Road 1800 E, Arthur  
Contact phone: 217-543-2287  
Website: [www.arthurfestivals.com](http://www.arthurfestivals.com)
4. **May 14 - 15** Memories of Mom-Quilt Show 2011  
Loves Park, Illinois  
Indoor Sports Center, Sportscore 8800 Riverside Blvd.  
Website: [www.sinnissippiquilters.com](http://www.sinnissippiquilters.com)
5. **May 14 - 15** A Garden of Quilts  
Janesville, Wisconsin  
Rock County Fairgrounds, Memorial & Randall Ave.  
Contact phone: 608-752-8322  
Website: [webpages.charter.net/rvqg](http://webpages.charter.net/rvqg)



## Quilting Tips

Sue Kapperman

Hi Everyone!

This morning when I was trying to decide what I wanted to share with you this month, I was struck by the fact that those of us who consider ourselves "quilters" are such a "sharing" group of humanity. Looking back on quilting history, from pioneer days to the present, quilters have passed on FOR FREE Quilt patterns, sewing tips, fabric scraps, and even time to help quilt a quilt.

This month I have found a couple of websites that share information on almost any topic you are searching for. The first is [www.patchworkstudio.com](http://www.patchworkstudio.com) that shares a plethora of information from quick tips to how to organize your studio. [www.Quiltingassistant.com](http://www.Quiltingassistant.com) is also a site which is willing to share blocks, tools of the trade, names of books, and information on how to do just about anything. So if you are looking for help and don't know whom to call, get on your computer and check out these websites.

I don't know about you, but sometimes I think I must be living under a rock. I suppose this has been on the market for some time, but I just saw an ad for it in Fons and Porter's Love Of Quilting May/June 2011 issue. It's a fabric tape that enables you to "tape" your pieces of batting together to help you use up your scraps! It's called **heat press batting together** and can be ordered from the website (just put www in front of it and type it altogether with a .com) or from Nancy's Notions. It costs \$7.99 for one roll. Well, **I have lots of scraps of batting**, so I'm going to order some of this stuff and see if it works!!! I'll keep you posted.

If you have something to share with our members, just get ahold of me by e-mail or call me and I will be glad to put it in my next article.

Until next time,  
Sue

Sue Kapperman

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**What's Happening at Yoder Department Store  
During the Shipshewana Quilt Festival  
June 22 - June 25, 2011?**


**Expanding  
Summer 2011**

Meet authors & designers  
Kaye England & Penny Haren  
for book signings & photo-ops.

Watch demos on new techniques.

Make-it, take-it Parties!

**There's something happening every day at  
Yoder Department Store!**



Watch for postings of times and additional events at [YoderDepartmentStore.com](http://YoderDepartmentStore.com)



## DeKalb County Quilt Guild Workshop Registration Form 2011

Registration forms should be completed and  
given to Sally Davis or Kelly Hoyle.

Payment must accompany form.

Checks should be made payable to **DCQG**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **July 30, 2011 (Saturday) 10am – 2pm “Constellation”**

Julie Jenkins, “Square in a Square” technique

Fee: \$40.00 by June 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$50.00 after June 23<sup>rd</sup>



\_\_\_\_\_ **August 26, 2011 (Friday) 9am – 1pm Stained Glass Project**

Diane Kuck, Designs by Diane

Fee: \$40.00 by July 28<sup>th</sup>

\$50.00 after July 28<sup>th</sup>

Kit Fee: \$39.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Iris \_\_\_\_\_ Sunflower



Any questions contact

Sally Davis  
Kelly Hoyle