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DeKalb County Quilter's Guild

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DCQG Member Round Robin 2015

7:00pm

February 26, 2015

Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

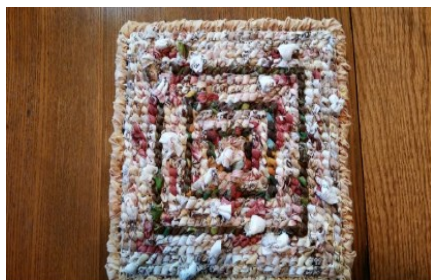
Demo night - Once a year we call upon the talents of the members of the guild and have them present demonstrations. These demonstrations run concurrently - that is demonstrators will set up and present their demonstrations while the members circulate to find what interests them. Both new and experienced quilter will find something that is useful.

Scrap Therapy Demo Lori Dickman Sign up sheet with Bee Time with Lori called Therapee Bees

"You will learn the *Scrap Therapy* method of cutting fabric stashes down to size using fast, simple techniques ... Everyone will go home with some wonderful concepts on how you can attack and USE your fabric stash in many wonderful projects."

My goal is to pique the interest of women to use their own 'organized' stash of fabrics to create many great projects and I think adding the above info will (hopefully) draw even more interest for the ladies to be at the Round Robin so they learn how to manage their fabric stash....

Locker Hooking Demo Beth Harker on making a coffee mug rug out of scraps. Signup sheet for a Bee Time with Beth



[More Demo Descriptions on Page 3](#)

Calendar

- February 26—Guild Meeting
- February 28—Hand Quilting Workshop
- March 2—Board Meeting
- March 6—News Articles Due

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KELLY'S CROSSINGS



Poor February, the shortest month of the year and we seem to want to pack more into it than any other month. We have month long celebrations for African American history, heart health, wild bird feeding, cherries and potatoes, embroidery, Mardi Gras, and my favorite- return shopping carts to the supermarkets. A whole month to return shopping carts? Perhaps we should find out why the carts are running away in the first place and do they really want to be returned.

We also set aside special days to pay homage to presidents, ground hogs, polar bears, loving our pets, bubble gum, drinking wine and margaritas (not on the same day, al-though if you did would they be called winegaritas or margarines?) and please don't forget sword swallowers awareness.

But for me there is only one thing to celebrate-LOVE. The taste of that piece of chocolate I've been craving for hours, the sound of ripping open that shopping bag of new fabric, the feel of that new fabric as I caress it and rub it gently across my cheek- Hello Lover.

What can I make with my latest love? How about love chain, love entangled, love in a mist, love in a tangle, love knot, love ring, lover's bowtie, lover's chain, lover's knot, lover's lane, lover's links, lover's quarrel, broken heart, loves dream, cupid's arrow point, cupid's own, sweetheart garden, valentine quilt, hearts & flowers, hearts & gizzards, hearts & darts, hearts & diamonds, hearts & rings, heart's desire and heart's seal.

Some of our guild members will be celebrating their loves with us at this month's round robin meeting. Everything from working with scrapes to arm knitting will be highlighted. I hope you can join us for this evening filled with smiles, information and heart's desire.

Quilt on My Friends,
Kelly Hoyle

President's Challenge

This year starts with me issuing a challenge to you. Put on your creative thinking caps and make a quilt that reflects the theme-"AIR". The rules are pretty simple and I hope will stretch your quilting imagination. Good luck to everyone.

THE RULES

THEME-"AIR"

It may be a traditional, modern or art quilt....anything goes and that fits the size requirements.

Size requirements- no smaller than 12" x 12" and no larger than 30" x 30".

The theme "AIR" can be reflected in the pattern (Mariners' compass to nine patch stars... it's all good), AND/OR fabrics used (Spaceships, flowers, flying bugs, birds, nothing but blue fabric? Christmas wall hangings with the night sky and the guiding star? A baby quilt with some star fabric?) It's all okay.

The smallest quilt you can enter is 12" x 12" but it's doesn't have to be square. Let your imagination and creativity run free!

The challenge starts as soon as you read this notice and ends at the May salad supper at which time we will display and vote on , "Most Creative", "Best Interpretation of the Theme", "Best Use of Color", and "My Favorite for no Particular Reason".

February Guild Meeting Annual Member Round Robin

Arm Knitting Demo Kyra Rider



Fabric Marbling Demo Margie Musich
Sign up sheet for Bee time with Margie April 2,



Biscornu 8 sided pin cushion or pillow
Demo Kathy Wells



****GLUE BASTING QUILTING FABRIC WITH
ELMER'S
DEMO ANN SANDS**

****Demo and Make and Take a Hummingbird made
out of scraps**

FOR FUN See the following:

****LIBRARY Don't forget to stop at the Library
and check out a book and purchase a few bags of
cookies.**

****Fill out a Quilt Quiz to see what kind of Quilter
you are.**

Left, Right, Center Game.
Bring ten 5 inch squares to play two games.





Upcoming Programs and Workshops

February 26, 2015

Round Robin and bring 10 charm squares for more Left, Right, Center.

February 28, 2015—Saturday Workshop 9am-12pm

HAND QUILTING Kelly Hoyle

February 28, 2015—Finishing Class 12:15pm - 04:15

March 21, 2015 Saturday

Workshop 9am-1200pm **Date changed from March 28**

Kaleidoscope MINI QUILT Ann Sands and Monica Gum

March 21, 2015 Saturday Finishing Class 12:15pm to 4:15pm

March 26, 2015—Guild Meeting “Life Happens and Quilts Result!” Nancy Baker

March 28, 2015-Saturday Generosity Fun Day 0900am to 0400pm

April 23, 2015 Generosity Projects

May 28, 2015 Salad Supper

Hand Quilting Workshop

What is old is new again. With hand embroidery trending right now there is renewed interest in hand quilting, but a more relaxed approach. If you have never hand-quilted before or would like to start again join us as we explore the basic techniques. We'll learn the quilters knot, all about needles and thimbles, batting choices for hand quilting, basic marking, loading our frames, along with the actual stitch. We will also explore what different threads are being used and what actual hand stitching can do to change the whole flavor of your quilt. This is a technique workshop so be prepared to play explore the infinite possibilities of hand quilting.

Supply List for Hand Quilting Workshop

- ◇ 2- 24” pieces of solid color quilting fabric in white, cream or very light pastel
- ◇ 1-24” square of batting (low loft polyester, cotton, or 80/20 is fine)
- ◇ Quilting hoop and stand (if you have one)
- ◇ Thimble(s) of your choice that fit your finger
- ◇ Quilting needles (several sizes if you have them or if you have no quilting needles bring regular sewing needles)
- ◇ Needle threader
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ A spool of regular sewing thread that will contrast with your fabric
- ◇ A ruler
- ◇ A marking pen or pencil for fabric
- ◇ 1-2 Band-Aids
- ◇ Beeswax or thread conditioner if you have it

ANNOUNCING MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Do you own a small business? Do you teach or lecture? Do you have an Etsy shop? Do you have a website? Do you want to reach more clients and do it for low, low cost? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the place for you!

For just \$10.00 Members' Marketplace will run a copy of your business card right here in your favorite newsletter.

Advertising starts August and runs through May 2015. That's 9 great issues for \$10.00! That's less than \$1.15 per month.

You must be a member of DCQG and be the owner of the business to qualify for this outstanding value.

Businesses do not have to be fiber related but DCQG does reserve the right to refuse or remove any business that we deem unfit for this newsletter and the people who read it. Because this is such an exceptional value, no prorated will be applied after August.

HURRY-ACT FAST-SPACES ARE LIMITED!

CONTACT SALLY DAVIS (news@dcqg.org) TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

March Program

Nancy Baker

Life Happens And Quilts Result!

View a trunk show of wonderful quilts from humble beginnings to award winning beauties, Nancy will share the inspirations, spiritual journey and creative path spanning 18 years of her quilting journey. This is your chance to get up close and personal with contemporary art quilts from small to large that radiate with curves and color. Bring a friend and prepare to be inspired!

Kaleidoscope Mini-Quilt March 21, 2015

0900-1200

Ann Sands and Monica Gumm

Materials:

(37) 5" charm squares

(18) 5" background squares (I used low-volume fabrics)

22" square for backing

22" square batting

Binding – 90" length

Kaleidoscope Smart Plate Ruler Included in Workshop Fee if signed up by February 26.



1st Annual Generosity Fun Day

March 28 9am – 4pm

April 23 7PM: Generosity Meeting and Make and Take Silk Scarf (order and pay for scarf by March 26th)

Nancy Ondera and Ione Martin have been planning for April Generosity meeting where we will be cutting batting and fabric for lap robes and sewing and kitting wheel chair pockets and quilts. We will be working on pillowcases where you can pick what you would like to do either matching fabrics or cutting the pieces or pinning the burrito or sewing or turning and ironing and sewing some more.

We decided we need a day of doing the same things mentioned before we even have our meeting to organize all the fabric. Nancy has lots of flannel that we thought we could cut and sew two pieces together and bind. They would be good soft receiving blankets. We can back the lap robes with flannel and use for the backs in the quilt kits. The flannel didn't work so well for the pillowcases. Any other ideas for the flannel?

Nancy Baker has many kits for Wheel Chair pockets. Nancy Ondera has much more Home Décor fabric we thought could be made into tote bags and donated to bags4kids or an organization like them that donate bags to Foster Kids organizations so they have bags to transport their personal items from one home to another. The tote bags would also work well to donate to Safe Passage and Pay It Forward House. Many times the pillowcases are used as tote bags. Does anyone have strapping that we could use for handles? Otherwise we can make straps.

A quote from Nancy Ondera:

“This GP fabric is not meant to sit around--it's supposed to be out working in the world, doing good for folks, from our preemies on up! :)”

This fabric does need to get out into the world and out of Nancy Ondera's basement. This is a fun day a great way to meet other guild members and do what we love to do sew especially with no cost to us since Nancy has all this fabric.

Silk Scarf Make and Take April 23

Anyone that wants to dye a silk scarf at our April meeting is welcome to.

There will be a signup sheet at the February and March meeting. The scarves are three dollars apiece.

We need to order them to have them for April. You will also need one yard of muslin for each scarf. You will take the scarf home wet.



2015 SPRING QUILTING RETREAT

Where: Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center, Oregon, IL; 1922 Illinois 2, Oregon, IL 61061 Heritage Lodge (That's the nice, new one!).

When: Thursday, April 16–Sunday, April 19, 2015.

Why: Because it's fun, you'll get a bunch of quilting done, and it doesn't cost a ton!

What's Included: 2 or 3 nights' accommodations and meals (Supper: night of arrival; Breakfast: day of departure; Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner all days in between)(some rooms are handicapped accessible)

1) The facility we will be in is really nice, and new. There are two different conference rooms that we can use for sewing/ quilting/etc., and therefore we will have two different sewing rooms going. (Between you and me, each person should have about 30-40 square feet of space. The hallways will be utilized for cutting and ironing tables.)

2) We have enough people signed up that the retreat will definitely operate; there is no worry about meeting our minimum commitments. However, we still have a few rooms left. (Again, between you and me, I think the retreat will be phenominal if we can get about 5 more people. Critical mass of people interacting, that sort of thing. Even if we operate with what we have so far (21 people), its going to be a great weekend.)

3) We have confirmed a special reception for retreat participants at Stitches in Time quilt shop in Oregon for Friday evening, 4-5:15 pm. They are going to wine and dine us, or at least wine and snack us, with homemade Sangria, hors d'oeuvres, and shopping specials. Extra bang for the buck!

4) Plus, there will be some unadvertised extras. Even more bang for the buck.

	3 Night Program	2 Night Program
For DCQG members-		
<u>Per person</u> cost, based on		
2 people sharing a room:	\$199.00	\$129.00
Don't want to share a room?		
The <u>extra</u> cost for a single room is:	\$120.00	\$85.00

The cost for non-DCQG members is \$20.00 extra. (And that will make you a member, with all the perquisites, honors and emoluments attendant thereunto!)

Meals: All meals are served cafeteria style, and are really pretty good. If you desire you may request special meals, for which there is an additional charge of \$1.50 **per meal**. (Details are on the application form) You do not have to request an Alternate Meal Choice for all meals. For instance, you may want an alternate meal only for lunch and dinner.

DEKALB COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD 2015 SPRING QUILTING RETREAT

Payments: \$75.00 to confirm your reservation, with balance due by February 15, 2015.

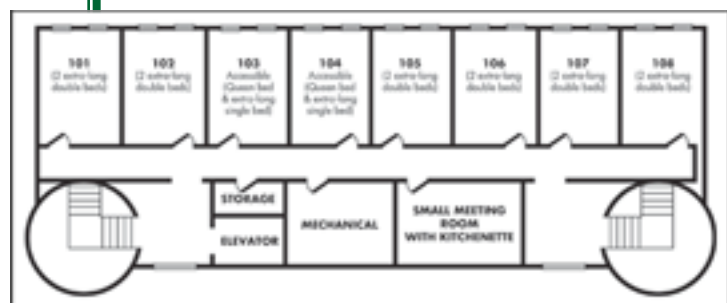
Cancellation policy: \$35.00 cancellation fee if you cancel at any time. If you cancel after February 15, 2015, no refund unless your space can be resold. Membership dues are nonrefundable, but, hey, you get to be a member of the best quilting guild in the State of Illinois!

If you have questions: Contact Carolyn Canon or Mike Groark at QuiltRetreat2015@dcqg.org or call them at 815-787-7836.

“Sounds great! How do I book?” you may ask. Complete the attached form and send in your deposit.

A Little Information about the Heritage Lodge:

- * Heritage is a very comfortable building.
- * Heritage Lodge sleeps up to 32 people (actually more—most rooms can technically sleep up to 5)
- * “Hotel-style” rooms
- * 16 rooms total
- * 12 rooms have two double beds
- * 4 rooms that are handicap accessible have one double bed and one single bed.
- * 2 Meeting Rooms
- * Upper: Large Meeting Room with Gas Fireplace and Kitchenette 26’x 23’
- * Lower: Small Meeting Room and Kitchenette 17’ x 21’
- * Elevator
- * Air Conditioned
- * Each room has its own bathroom
- * NEW Wi-Fi available.
- * Linens are provided.



Note From The Librarian

Thank you to all who purchased books at the last meeting. We raised \$21.00 to purchase new materials for the library. This month we will be holding a mini bake sale. Please stop by to purchase a few cookies and look over what the library has to offer.

The library has several new additions. Four Centuries of Quilts by Linda Baumgarten and Kimberly Smith Ivey was added to the library in honor of Dolores J. Gallagher of Genoa. Dolores was a long time member of the guild who passed away in September of 2014. Four Centuries of Quilts is filled with pictures and explores how culture, economics and political atmosphere influenced trends in quilting. It is a terrific historical reference.

Added in memory of Kathy Wells' husband was Simple Appeal by Kim Diehl. Richard R "Dick" Wells of DeKalb died unexpectedly July 9th of last year. Published in 2014 Simple Appeal contains a variety of both patchwork and applique projects. The projects range from simple pincushions to full size bed quilts.

Kay Fredrick
Librarian

Classified Ads

Help Wanted

We are looking for 2-3 people to work on the nomination committee. Your time commitment would start this month and last till elections in April. Your tasks would include the nomination process of candidates at the February meeting, reporting to the board all the nominees at the March board meeting and the running of elections at the April general meeting. If you are interested please contact Kelly at president@dcqg.org or at the next meeting.

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January 2015 Workshop Photos





New Guild Workshop

Finishing School

Finishing School is something new. Finishing school is for anyone that has gone to a paid workshop since June of 2014 and would like to finish up. So if you never sewed the Color Wash project that we brought home just pinned on a foundation piece bring it on by with your machine. If you started a Doodle Quilt and want to continue with your Doodle's come on to Finishing School. If you were practicing Free Motion with Frieda and want to practice some more or if you have an item (like the Doodle Quilt or the Color Wash Mini) to use your skills come to Finishing School. I know at November's workshop Gifts To Make we went home with many items finished but if you want to make some more come to Finishing School. I got the idea when a few of us talked of finishing our Rock Star Bags. Just two of us got together and finished a bag and started another. If you want to make another Rock Star Bag come to Finishing School. If you want to practice your Hand Quilting stay for the afternoon. If you have signed up for the Mini Quilt in March plan to stay in the afternoon, bring a lunch and join our second finishing school.

Pillow Cases

The guild began making pillowcases in 2011. It began when members found themselves with yards and yards of fabric and the idea of making simple "hot dog" style pillowcases. Members started donating fabrics, mostly juvenile, but found adults also needed pillow cases! Members make up kits of coordinating fabrics. These kits are available at most meetings for members to take home to stitch together and return.

Our first donation was 80 pillowcases for a group of underprivileged kids called Sandy's Kids. We sorted through all the cases and matched them to the age and gender of the children. Then each child was invited to choose the one they liked. They loved them so much that we were asked again this fall to donate more.

80 pillowcases were donated to Washington tornado victims. 10 pillowcases were given to a family that had been in a car accident. We donate to the Pay It Forward House in Sycamore. They have used them in their raffle baskets and on their beds. The staff noted the pillowcases have been disappearing, apparently they make good tote bags as well as pillowcases!

This is a great stash buster project. It is the size of project that members will take home and bring back in a timely manner. And sometimes it is just what you need to get sewing again.



Ways and Means

Spreading the Word About Us!

Proposal: Have a booth at the Art Show

When: The Art Show is June 6 & 7

Why: To promote membership in DCQG, To promote the Generosity Projects and To raise funds for the Guild.

Last year's Harvest of Quilt show did not raise as much as previous years. The Guild needs to raise additional funds in order to continue with the speakers, programs and workshops that make this a great guild to be a member of! I hope that having a booth at the Art Show and promoting the Generosity Projects, people will purchase raffle tickets to help support these projects. Promoting the guild's programs hopefully will bring in new members! The Guild had a booth at the Art Show in 2012 to raffle one quilt and brought in \$232.00 I believe we can bring in more than \$600 having 4 smaller quilts that appeal to parents, grandparents, and of course children!

How to Raise Funds: Raffle Baby Quilts and sell Pillowcases

How to Promote Membership: Informing the public on the programs and Generosity projects the guild is involved in. Signs, brochures, Pictures, Stories, etc.

Need: Members or Groups of Members to make and donate at least 4 Baby Quilts for Raffle and our "hot dog" style pillowcases.

Members to participate at the booth the days of the show.

Sign-up Sheet at the February Meeting

Proposed by Julie Grendahl, Ways and Means Co-Chair

Supporting DeKalb County Quilters' Guild

Easy Way to Support the Guild Tip #1

Attend the Saturday Workshops and bring a friend! The workshop is already paid for, so each member that attends brings in additional funds for the guild! We have a new location this year with more space for more attendees. Let's fill this space up so we have to find an even bigger space!

Kathy Davis and Julie Grendahl are Co-Chairs for Ways and Means (responsible for assisting in the planning of the fundraising activities of the guild, including raffle quilts and quilt shows.)



DCQG Workshop Sign-Up 2014

Fee: \$40.00 for DCQG Members, \$50 for non-members

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26th for both workshops.

Please fill out this form and give it to lone Martin along with your payment at the guild meeting. Any questions, please contact lone at VPProgs@dcqg.org.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Indicate your workshop selection by checking the name of the workshop below. Please write on the check which workshop(s) you are signing up for.

Please make checks payable to DCQG.

Saturday February 28, 2015 Hand Quilting: Classic and New Trends

Kelly Project is New Trends Saturday 9:00-12:00 DeKalb Christian Church, 1107 South First Street, DeKalb, IL

The Board APPROVED SPECIAL PRICE \$10.00 for this workshop!!

Finishing School Saturday 12:15pm-4:15pm

Saturday March 21, 2015 Mini Quilt

Ann Sands and Monica Gum

Saturday 9: am-12:00pm DeKalb Christian Church, 1107 South First Street, DeKalb, IL

\$40.00 Fee includes specialty ruler (with sign up by February 26th)

Finishing School Saturday 12:15pm-4:15pm

Cancellation Policy: We regret that if for any reason you need to cancel your spot in a workshop we are unable to refund the workshop fee. If you can find someone to take your place, then they would pay you the workshop fee.

Are you a DCQG Member? YES NO

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____



DCQG 2015 Quilt Retreat Reservation Form

Please make your check payable to DCQG in the amount of \$75.00 and bring it to the Guild Meeting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Are You a Member?: Yes No Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Please check one choice: I want the 3 Night Package I want the 2 Night Package

Do you require a handicapped accessible room? Yes No

Who will you room with, or do you want the room all to yourself at the single price?

If you don't have a roommate, do you want us to find one for you? Yes No

Do you want an Alternate Meal Choice? If so, please check below, and tell us what meals should be done this way in the "Other Food Allergies/Notes" section:

Vegetarian Vegan No Pork No Beef Lactose Intolerant(No dairy) Gluten Free

Food Allergies--Please check any food allergies you may have:

Milk Eggs Peanuts Tree Nuts Fish Shellfish Soy Wheat

Please be aware that these foods are used in the kitchen at Stronghold. If your allergy is so severe that this may be a problem, note it here:

Other Food Allergies/Notes: _____

DCQG is making the arrangements for this quilt retreat only as a service to its members. It assumes no liability for any acts of negligence by any vendor or other participants, and participants in the retreat agree that in exchange for this service, they will hold DCQG and the individuals who have arranged the retreat harmless for any injuries or damages sustained before, during, or after the retreat. Further, you acknowledge and agree that there are general risks associated with traveling, which are beyond DCQG's control and, as such, DCQG is not liable for any loss, cost or damage you may incur as a result thereof. Furthermore, I hereby give permission to DCQG to use photographs of me and my projects that may be taken during the retreat, in its future promotions and advertising.

I accept the terms of this retreat as specified in this flyer.

X _____

Signature



SAFE PASSAGE DONATIONS

Safe Passage is the domestic violence and sexual assault agency serving DeKalb County. They provide a range of services 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Their current top ten wish list is:

1. Gas station & Walmart cards
2. Linens for twin beds
3. Towels & wash cloths
4. Diapers & pull-ups (especially large sizes)
5. Baby wipes
6. Paper towels
7. Toilet paper & tissues
8. Sweat pants & shirts
9. Women's' underwear
10. Cleaning supplies (dish soap, spray cleaners, laundry soap, etc.)

A collection box will be at this month's meeting if you would like to make a donation. Sandy Hoffman and her husband will bring all the donations to Safe Passage on Friday. If you would like to learn more about Safe Passage or to see an extended list of items they are in need of visit their website or Facebook page. www.safepassagedv.org www.facebook.com/safepassagedv



Join the Therapee Bees

February 12th at 7PM

Our first "Bee" meeting
will be held at the home of

Lori Dickman; 1138 Oxford Cir; Sycamore IL 60178

Please RSVP to Lori at: quiltingwithlori@gmail.com

Sewing, Quilting, Chatter, Ideas

Mostly Just Plain Therapee!



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Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October. There is no meeting in November and the December meeting is a holiday dinner.

Our meetings are held at the St. Mary's Parrish Annex at 7:00 pm. The address of the Annex is:

210 Waterman Street, Sycamore, Illinois.

Guests are welcome.

www.dcqg.org

