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“Generosity Project”

7:00pm
April 23, 2015
Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center
322 Waterman Street
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

This meeting marks the twelfth anniversary of the debut of “The Generosity Project”, our concept for supporting charitable activities in our community and beyond. It began with a donation of more than 1,000 yards of cottons, mostly juvenile prints and old-fashioned calicoes, from an anonymous donor in Michigan whom we called simply “our benefactress”. We created a “Generosity Project Stash” of crib-quilt kits, complete with easy patterns, which are available to members to check out at meetings.

Since 2003, we have accepted several other sizeable donations, as well as many smaller gifts from both guild members and community residents. In 2014, a recent order by Sally Davis for her shop that wasn't what she had in mind resulted in her generous offer to bring nearly 50 yards into the GP Stash to use for backing.

To date, DCQG has donated well over 1,500 baby and child-sized quilts since 2003. What a great tribute to the spirit of loving-kindness that inspires quilters to use their creative talents to benefit others!

The April meeting with offer cutting and kit-making activities, kit sign-out, and Lori Dickman's silk-dyeing project, as described in our March newsletter. And don't forget to wear your nametag!

Here's a preview of our get-together and what to bring:

- Cutting a roll of batting into lengths (bring your shears)
- Preparing batting pieces for splicing (bring your rotary cutting set-up to straighten pieces for zig-zagging together)
- Kit check-out: Baby quilt kits, pillowcase kits, wheelchair pocket kits
- Amnesty Night to return kits, no questions asked
- New this year:** Making tote bag kits with our home-dec fabric donations; there will be kits to take that night (Bring your rotary cutting set-up)
- New this year:** Cutting flannel for receiving blankets; there will be kits to take that night (bring your rotary cutting set-up)
- **If you want to bring your sewing machine that night, please do, but know that it's optional. We'll have plenty to keep us busy and having a good time together that night. **

Calendar

- April 23—Guild Meeting
- May 4—Board Meeting
- May 8—News Articles Due

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KELLY'S CROSSINGS

Since April is the month of jokes and all things silly, here are a few that keep me in stitches.

"I should stop these sewing jokes; I'm running out of material."

"I'm a fabricaholic on the road to recovery. Just kidding. I'm on the road to the fabric store."

"I sent my kid to college so I could store fabric in his room."

"I am a material girl. Wanna see my fabric stash?"

Spool: How ya doin'?

Needle: Sew, sew

"I hear it takes a long time to finish a quilt you're not working on."

"Quilters aren't greedy, they're just materialistic."

"You know you're a quilter if you pet fabric."

What do you call a bunch of quilters in a fabric store?

Nuts and bolts!

Quilt on my friends,

Kelly Hoyle

Membership Renewal

Renewal of your DCQG membership starts this month and runs through June 1. After many years we have found it necessary to raise dues to \$25.00. For those who do not have email please add \$10.00 extra to your membership for mailing and printing of the newsletter. The new membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter or online at DCQG.org

Upcoming Programs

'Breaking the Rules'

The Guild Meeting will be a lecture/trunk show given by Andrea Funk. The following day on Fri., June 26 there will be a workshop assembling the top of a t-shirt quilt.



Nomination Committee

2015 Board Member Elections

The nominations are in and we are ready to hold elections during our April meeting. We had four positions up for election this year and all four have a nominee. Our current Secretary Lori Dickman has volunteered to move into the VP of Programs position, which means we now have a fifth position open – we need a new secretary. If you are interested in running for this, or any of the positions please contact the nomination committee at president@dcqg.org

Our current ballot is as follows:

Treasurer – Jen Olbrich

Director at Large – Jean E Bradford

Special Events – Mike Groark

VP Programs – Lori Dickman

Secretary - Open Position

Silk Scarf Make and Take April 23rd

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.

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

April 23, 2015 7:00PM-

Generosity Projects Bring machine or cutting mat and cutter

**Make & Take Silk Scarf using Silk transfer \$3.00 per scarf

May 28, 2015-Salad Supper

6:30PM start

**Air Challenge contest

June 25, 2015 – Guild Meeting

Guest Speaker

“Breaking the Rules” Andrea Funk – Too Cool T-Shirt Quilts

June 26, 2015 – Friday

Workshop 9am to 3pm

Assemble Your Own T-Shirt Quilt - Andrea Funk

July 23, 2015 – Guild Meeting

Guest Speaker

“Basic Tools, Great Quilts” Cathie Lockhart – Lucky Duck Quilter

July 25, 2015 – Saturday

Workshop 10am to 2pm

Assemble a table runner using Studio 180 Design’s Tucker Trimmer I - Cathie Lockhart

August 27, 2015 – Guild Meeting

Garage Sale!

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”.

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!

Note From The Librarian

The DeKalb County Quilters' Guild continues to expand its library. This month we received a donation of several books by Susie Hughes. Unfortunately, I have not had an opportunity to inventory them. The books will be available for checkout at the April meeting. Please stop by the library to view them.

Kelly Hoyle snagged a prerelease copy of Marie Bostwick's new book, "The Second Sister" for the guild. I was not familiar with this author but after reading the reviews on Amazon I have added it to my must read list. Marie Bostwick recently visited Anderson's Bookstore in Naperville for a book signing.

The other additions to the library were purchases using money from the recent book and bake sales. There was a request from a guild member for books about long arm quilting. I chose "Fundamentals of Freehand Long Arm Quilting" by Terri L. Watson. There seems to be a limited number of books on this topic. Does anyone have any other book suggestions?

The guild has a small number of books devoted to the subject of modern quilting. "Paper Pieced Modern", by Amy Garro was purchased to expand our selections in this area.

The class on free motion quilting by Frieda Anderson last year peaked my interest in free motion quilting. In checking our library I found several books of quilt patterns but not a comprehensive guide. I believe "Shape by Shape" by Angela Walters was one of the books Frieda suggested. It too is now available in the DCQG library.

Barn quilt trails have become a tool in rural tourism during recent years. Suzi Parron and Donna Sue Groves' book, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" celebrates this movement. The book contains numerous inspirational pictures of barn quilts from around the country. This book is also now a part of the library.

To continue expanding and upgrading our library Jean Bradford has agreed to host another mini bake sale during the April Generosity meeting. Please stop to purchase some homemade goodies and view our newest selections.

Kay Fredrick

Librarian

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Ways and Means

2016 Raffle Quilts

We have 3 wonderful and very different quilts proposed by our members!

All 3 quilts are approved and members are beginning that wonderful process of purchasing the fabric, checking their tools and notions and making space in the sewing room to start the adventure of making a new quilt!

A very contemporary lap size quilt will be created by members; Beth Harker, lone Martin, and Twyla Strom. JoAnn Russell submitted a traditional quilt using deep rich colors. Margie Musich is doing an art wall hanging quilt with cream and tan embroidered blocks.

With 3 very different quilts, in smaller sizes, we hope more people will purchase raffle tickets! The quilts are expected to be presented at our December Holiday Dinner. Can't wait to see them!

Thank you to all the members who offered their time and talent to create our Raffle Quilts for 2016!

Julie Grendahl and Kathi Davis, Ways and Means

DCQG Booth at the 2015 Northern Illinois Art Show

This show is sponsored by Kishwaukee Valley Art League and is held on the Courthouse Lawn on June 6 & 7. Our booth will showcase the Generosity Projects our guild offers to the community. Nine members offered to donate baby quilts to raffle at the show! At April's meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet to help at the booth. We are looking for members to welcome visitors to the booth to learn about our guild and encourage them to support our Generosity Projects by purchasing raffle tickets and even consider becoming a member!

Julie Grendahl and Kathi Davis, Ways and Means



DCQG Workshop Sign-Up 2014

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

Please fill out this form and give it to Kelli or Shelli Vogeler along with your payment at the guild meeting or mail to DeKalb County Quilters' Guild P. O. Box 385 Sycamore, IL 60178.

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.

_____ **Friday, June 26, 2015—Workshop, Assemble Your Own T-shirt Quilt Top, 9:00am – 3:00pm,**
Andrea Funk

**Pricing for this workshop is not yet determined.*

_____ **Saturday, July 25, 2015—Workshop, Assemble a Table Runner Using Studio 180 Design's
Tucker Trimmer I, 10:00am – 2:00pm,** Cathie Lockhart

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

\$ _____



Shippewana Bus Trip—July 31, 2015

Please make your check payable to DCQG for the full amount of \$40.00 (whether member or non-member) and mail it to **DCQG Bus Trip, P.O. Box 385, Sycamore, IL 60178** by **July 1, 2015** or bring your reservation to the meeting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Any questions regarding the trip, please send them to **president@dcqg**.

We currently have 14 people signed up and we need a minimum of 41 people to make this occur. If you have any friends who would be interested, please tell them. Our maximum capacity is 56. The bus will leave the PAC Center at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015. This is a one-day trip. More detail on this in next newsletter.

