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DeKalb County Quilters' Guild
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Thursday, February 27, 2014; 7:00pm; St. Mary's Parish Activity Center in Sycamore

"QUILTING MODERN. HONORING TRADITION"

by
Jacquie Gering

7:00pm
February 27, 2014
Saint Mary's Parish Activity Center
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Jacquie shares her journey from being a maker, to becoming a quilter, and now a modern quilter, designer and author. Jacquie tells about her Mennonite roots, how her family inspires and influences her work, and shows through her quilts how she has developed her unique voice in modern quilting. Learn what makes a quilt modern from one of the leaders of the modern quilting movement.

Since discovering quilting five years ago, Jacquie Gering has become a passionate quiltmaker and designer. She is known for her out-of-the-box designs and unique style. Her work has been featured in both national and international publications, and she is the co-author of *Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts*. Jacquie is a member of the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild and serves on the board of directors of the Modern Quilt Guild. She shares her quilting knowledge on her popular blog *Tallgrass Prairie Studio* and lives in downtown Chicago with her husband and black lab, Bruno.



Workshop - Piecing Hexagons by Machine

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Attached is the supply list and the hexagon template. Folks can cut their hexes in advance if they

want to, but be sure they bring one 5 1/2" width of fabric strip so I can teach the quick cutting technique.

We need YOU... to sign up for Jacquie's workshop. We only have one confirmed participant, and it won't be much of a workshop with just one person. We hope you will be able to join us. Jacquie is sure to please. We are excited about this lecture and workshop and hope you will be able to join us for both.

Ann Sands
Monica Gum



HARVEST OF QUILTS 2014 QUILT SHOW - OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2014

Next show meeting is 7:00pm Monday February 17th (if the weather holds – otherwise it will be Monday February 24th) at Kathi Davis's house. We can use all your assistance any time. Just let us know when you are available!

Chair: Kathi Davis; **Treasurer:** Pat Boesche; **Raffle Quilt:** Sally Davis; **Vendor:** Barb Grant; **Demos:** Sherry Mileham; **Publicity:** Carolyn Canon; **Silent Auction:** Sue Kapperman, Cheryl Stack, Rita Mitchell; **Ribbons (designing and making):** Lizz Ploppert; **Raffle Baskets:** Cheryl Lorden; **Boutique:** Anne Berg; **Judging Day:** Ann Sands and Monica Gum; **Food, Special Items, and Extra Stuff:** Sandy Hoffman

If you wish to assist with ANY of the tasks, please just email me!!! Remember you don't have to do this alone, grab a friend and share in the fun!

Here's what we need from YOU:

- **Silent Auction Pieces:** Quilted items that are no larger than (30" X 30"). Can be wall hangings, table runners, household items, etc. Bring them in anytime and give to Cheri Stack, Sue Kapperman, or Rita Mitchell
- **DCQG Boutique Items:** By now most of us are going thru those stacks of books and magazines that have been collecting dust and are looking for that perfect quilt for the quilt show. We all want to earn one of those wonderful ribbons don't we? Well, as you are looking thru the books and magazines, set aside those that you don't think that you will ever look at again. I will be collecting them for the boutique. Also search that stash you have and when you run across that fabric you just had to have and now wonder why – set that aside also. All of your unwanted fabric, magazine and books can be sold at the boutique. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go into the Guild treasury to help pay for the programs for the next 2 years. Also while you are creating that terrific quilt and the minis, remember to toss scraps into small bags for the boutique. I'll let you know when I will start to collect all your donations. If you would like to make items to sell in the boutique, I will have a supply of tags at the meetings. We use a 2 part tag – every item you make must have a tag. Remember that 10% of sales from handmade items go to the guild. It is a great way to earn a little extra cash to help support your quilting habit. Annie Berg
- **Quilts and wall hangings for judging and displaying:** application with photo will be due end of August.

- **Items for the Raffle Baskets:** Raffle baskets for the quilt show: I am accepting donations of items for our raffle baskets. Thanks to those who have already given me contributions. I will continue to accept donations through the beginning of September when I want to assemble the baskets. Cheryl Lorden
- **Raffle Quilt Tickets:** We ask that each member sell at least 50 raffle quilt tickets – with our quilt this year, this will be VERY EASY! They will be available at a DCQG meeting soon. Contact Sally Davis if you need tickets earlier
- **Publicity, publicity, and publicity:** We will have a poster and bookmarks on the website www.dcqg.org that you may print off and distribute to friends, neighbors, quilt shows, quilt shops, and anywhere else you can think of. Need assistance, contact Carolyn Canon
- **Volunteering to work during the show:** We will need help at take-in quilts, judging, setup, take-down, white glove, demonstrators, boutique workers, door prizes, etc. There will be a volunteer signup sheet later but if you know what you want to do, email Kathi Davis at

Chairs Needed: Quilt Take-in, Quilt Release, Show Setup Chair (everyone works), Show Take Down (everyone works).

Kathi Davis
Harvest of Quilts 2014 Chair



2014 BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Board Elections...are right around the corner along with spring (I hope). We are in need of people who would like to help keep our guild running smoothly. The 4 very important positions up for election this year are, President, Secretary, Ways and Means, and V.P. of Programs. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think would be an asset to the team that keeps this guild running smoothly year after year. Nominations will be taken from the floor and by ballot at the March meeting. If you have any questions about any position contact me and I will be happy to help you.

A short description of each position is below.

PRESIDENT: Principal executive officer of the Guild. Presides over the Board and general meeting. Oversees that the decisions of the Board are carried out by the various officers and committee Chairs.

VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS: Responsible for scheduling programs and workshops. Make speaker feel welcome by assisting with accommodations and meals. Negotiating contracts and turning in reimbursement requests to the Treasurer.

SECRETARY: Record minutes of the Board and general meetings. Prepare minutes for review at the following meeting and for the permanent files. Assist the President in making sure the By-Laws are followed.

WAYS AND MEANS: Responsible for assisting in the planning of the fundraising activities of the guild, including raffle quilts and quilt shows.

Kelly Hoyle



UPCOMING DCQG MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Lynne Erbach (from March 2012) will finally be here THIS March, Thursday 3/27/14 for the lecture and Saturday 3/29/14 for the workshop... yeah!

Lecture - "Before the Show - What Happens Behind Closed Doors?" – During an informative lecture learn about the judging process and the criteria judges' use when evaluating quilts during competition. You will learn about the journey a quilt takes when entered in a judged show. Types of shows, entry forms and "judging myths" will also be discussed. Lynne encourages questions throughout the lecture.

Workshop - "Quilt as Desired" - Quilting is more than a technique required to hold the quilt's three layers together. Explore quilting designs to complement the pieced and appliqué designs in your quilt tops. Discussion will include types of quilting designs, design sources, quilting threads and more. Supplies: Finished quilt, quilt top, and note taking materials. 3 hour workshop

Ann Sands
Monica Gum

*** For Workshops – **Circled BELOW:** 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

2014 DCQG Programs

February 27, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Jacquie Gering "Quilting Modern: Honoring Tradition"

March 1, 2014—Workshop – 10:00am – 1:00pm
"Piecing Hexagons by Machine"
Jacquie Gering
DeKalb Christian Church
1107 S 1st St DeKalb, IL 60115

March 27, 2014 Guild Meeting – 7:00pm
Lynne Erbach – "Before the Show – What happens Behind Closed Doors?"

Saturday, March 29, 2014—Workshop – 9am - noon
"Quilt as Desired"
Lynne Erbach
DeKalb Christian Church
1107 S 1st St DeKalb, IL 60115

April 24, 2014 Guild Meeting—7:00pm
Generosity Project

May 22, 2014 Guild Meeting—6:30pm
Salad Supper

The rest of the year is currently being planned. Watch for information as it becomes available.





UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS AND EVENTS

(for those of you who are looking for quilt shows outside of Illinois, I have found that going to Quilters Companion Quilt shows on line very helpful. There is a map to help locate the quilt show as well)

Clarendon Hills, IL: March 1 & 2, Clarendon Hills Middle School, 301 Chicago Ave.
www.saltcreekqq.org

Crest Hill, IL: March 8 & 9, Richland Grade School, 1919 Carton Farm Rd.
www.prideofprairie.org

Springfield, IL: March 14 & 15, Illinois State Fairgrounds
www.springfieldquilts.com

Galena, IL: March 14-15, Galena Convention Center, 900 Galena Square Dr,
www.nwilquiltexpo.com

Bloomington, IL: March 28 & 29, IWU Shirk Activity Center, 302 E. Emerson St.
www.haaqq.tripod.com

Bensonville, IL: March 29 & 30, Fischer Farm Museum, 16W680 Old Grand Avenue
www.bensonvilleparkdistrict.org/pdcms/fischer-farm

Schaumburg, IL: March 27 - 29, Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr.
www.sewingexpo.com

Valparaiso, IN: March 29 - 30, Porter County Expo Center, 215 E. Division Road, www.stringalongqq.org

SunPrairie, WI: March 30-April 1, St. Alberts Parish Cntr, 2420 St. Albert Dr.
www.Sunprairiequiltshow.com

Paducah, KY: April 23-26, Paducah Expo Center, www.americanquilter.com

Mukwanago, WI: April 26-27, Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester,
www.mukwonogocrazyquilters.com

Arthur, IL: TBD April, 2014, Otto Center, 120 East Progress St,
www.illimoissamishcountry.com



MEMBERS' CORNER

Nothing was entered this month. Remember you may send information you wish members to know to Kathi Davis anytime during a month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Piecing Hexagons by Machine (Without Marking!)

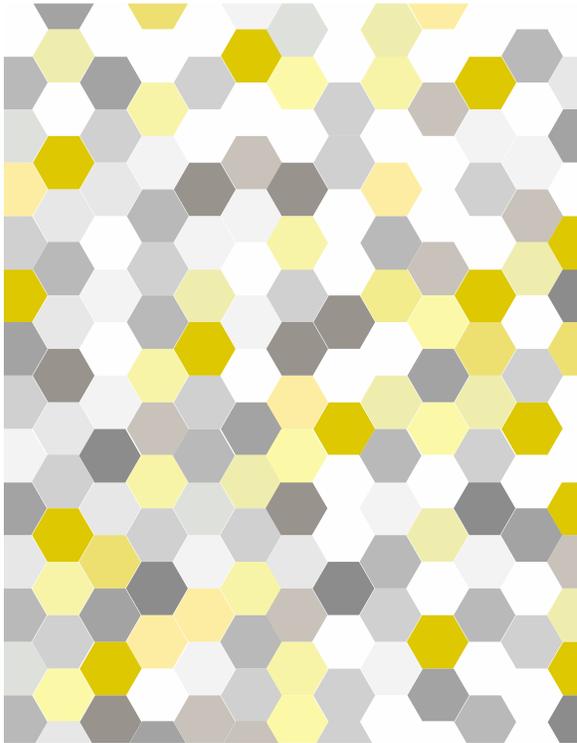
Instructor: Jacquie Gering

Email: jgeringirre@yahoo.com

Website: www.tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.com

Project: All Hexagons All The Time

Finished size: 60" x 70" lap quilt



Class Description:

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****In the half-day class we will learn the technique and get a small start on this quilt.**

Materials List

Sewing machine in good working order

Foot for your machine with good visibility around the needle. It does NOT have to be a 1/4" foot. Good visibility is essential for success with this technique.

Standard quilting, pressing and rotary cutting supplies

8 coordinated fabrics to total 5 2/3 yards (Fabrics may be all prints or a combination of prints and solids)

Recommended:

Print fabrics – 2/3 yard each of 7 different prints

Solid fabrics – 1 yard

Matching thread

Pins

Fabric safe marker

Seam ripper

1 to 2 yards white flannel for personal design wall (or portable design wall if you have one) if design walls are not provided

Finishing Supplies (These do not need to be brought to class, but will be needed to finish the quilt.)

4 yards backing fabric

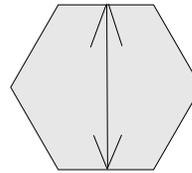
½ yard binding fabric (2 ¼" strips)

68" x 78" piece of low loft cotton batting

A set of five 5 ½" muslin hexagons will be provided to each participant for practice.

Each participant will need a total of 203 hexagons to make a lap-sized quilt.

I recommend 5 ½" tall hexagons for this project. Hexagons are measured from base to top as shown.



A 5 ½" hexagon pattern is provided with your materials list. (Be sure to set your printer to No Scaling when you print the hexagon. It should measure 5 ½" from base to top when printed.)

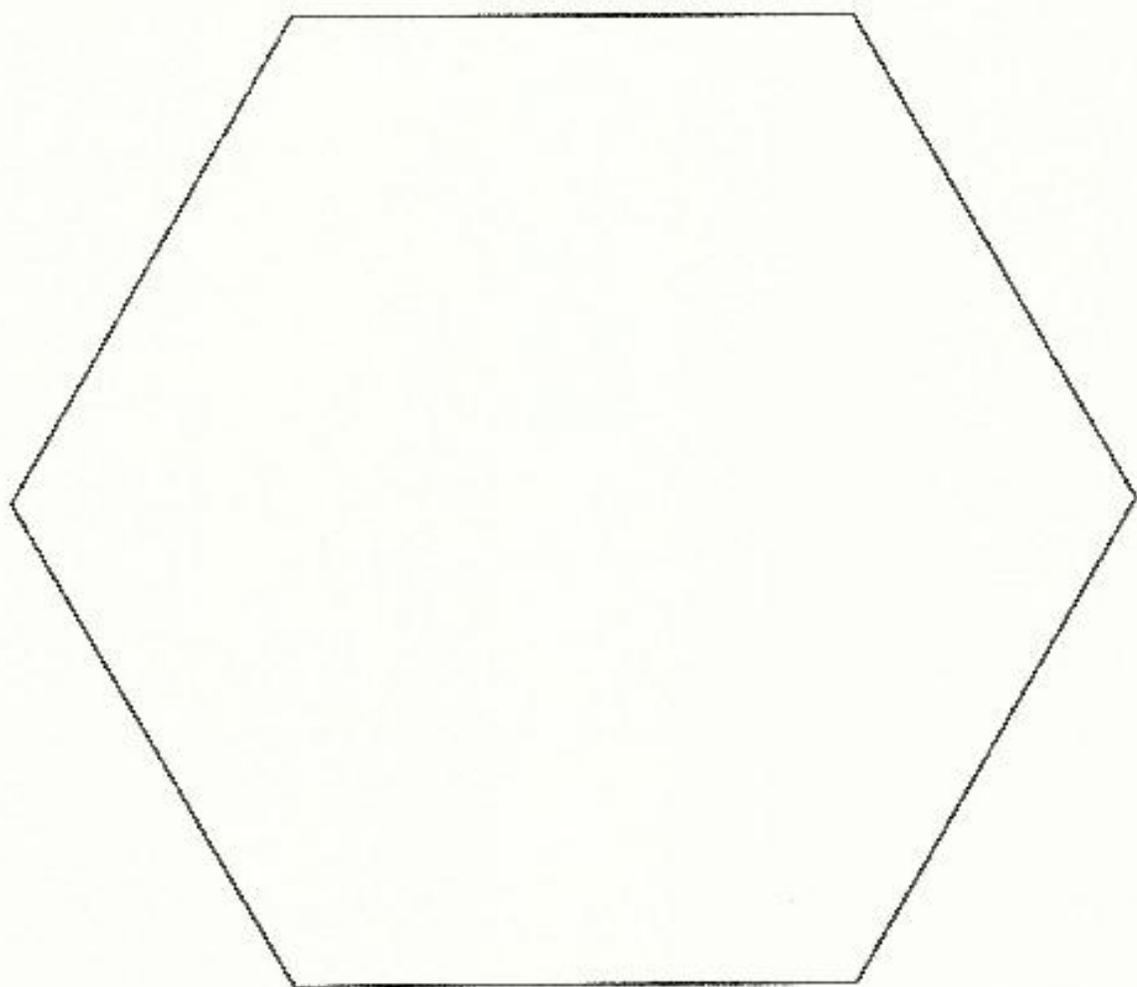
Feel free to use the pattern to make a plastic template to cut your hexagons (or use your favorite cutting method) prior to the class, but **please bring at least one 5 ½" wide x width of fabric strip that is not marked or cut. Press the strip wrong sides together lengthwise before coming to class.** I will be teaching a quick strip method of cutting hexagons and we will use this strip for that lesson. You can also wait and cut during class time. ***Accurately cut hexagons are essential for success in class.***

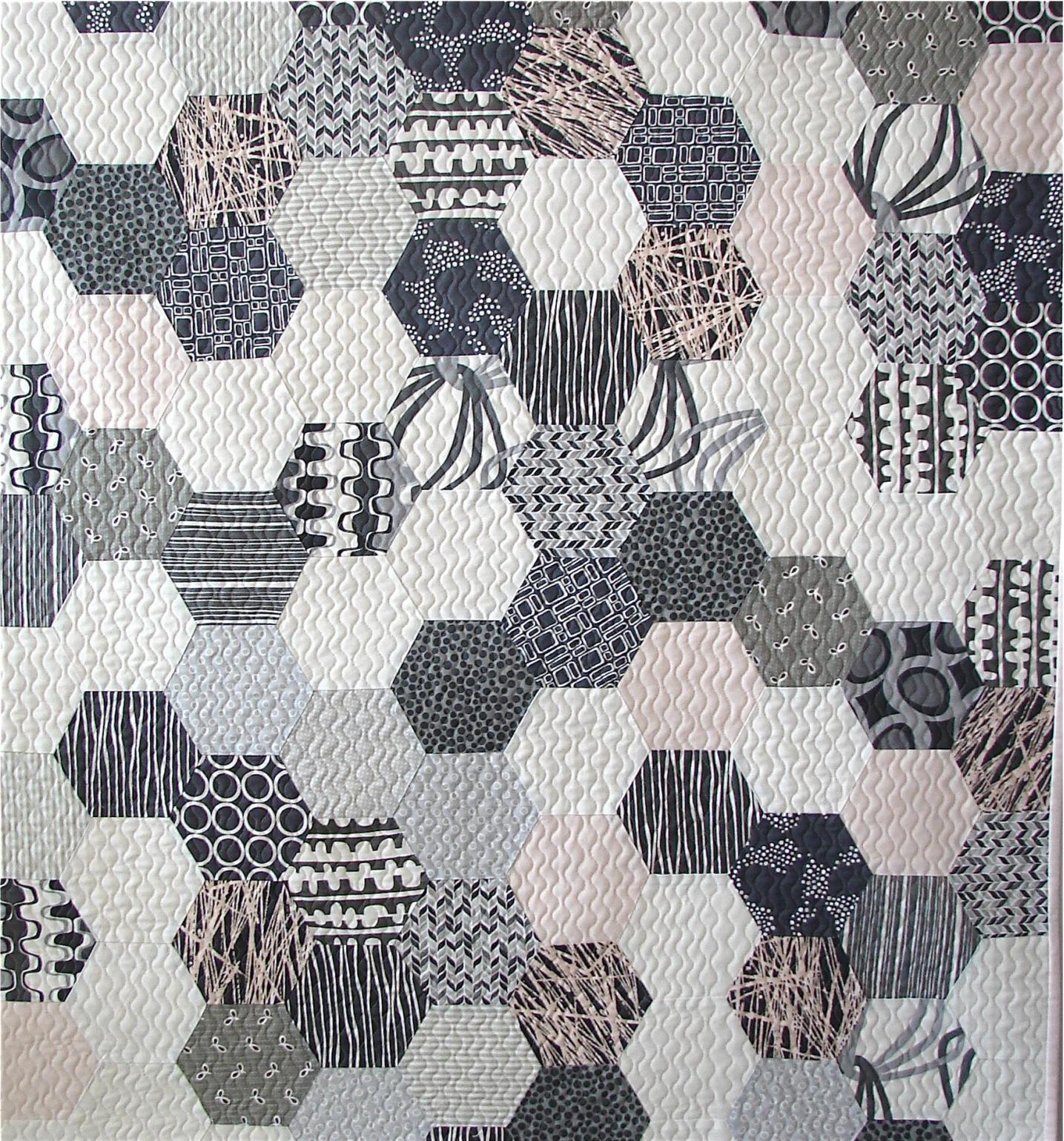
*You are welcome to use smaller or larger hexagons for your project. Understand that the smaller the hexagon, the more challenging it is to sew them by machine. You will need to adjust fabric amounts if you alter the size of the hexagon used in the quilt.

*You are also welcome to adjust the size of your quilt larger or smaller by using more or less hexagons. Again, you will need to adjust fabric amounts depending on the number of hexagons you decide to use.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at jgeringirre@yahoo.com.

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DCQG Workshop Sign-Up 2014

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

Please fill out this form and give it to Ann Sands or Monica Gum along with your payment at the guild meeting or mail to Ann Sands. Any questions, please contact Ann or Monica.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Indicate your workshop selection by circling 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.

Workshops are held at DeKalb Christian Church 1107 S 1st St DeKalb, IL 60115

March 1, 2014 (Saturday): Jacquie Gering, "Piecing Hexagon's by Machine" 10:00am – 1:00pm

March 29 , 2014 (Saturday): Lynne Erback, "Quilt as Desired" 9:00am – 12:00pm

Are you a DCQG Member? YES NO

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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.