



The News-Patch

April 2025

Our Mission Statement:

**To promote
the fellowship
and art of quilting**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Some of you have seen my cranky side. Sorry it exists but it is real, and it is seeping out today. This is a hard message to write. And we have been here before, many times.

I think we have done a good job creating a fun and social group that promotes the art of quilting and the generous nature of giving back to our community. But that doesn't happen without some leadership, planning, and a bit of work.

Let me start with the good news. We currently have unopposed nominations for these positions:

Secretary – Rosalie Williams has agreed to run for a second 2-year term.

VP of Special Events – we have a team willing to take on this role. Annie Berg, Barb Geiseman, Patty Pallasch, and Rita Mitchell are going to work as a team.

Generosity Chair – Linda Parker has jumped into this appointed position with both feet.

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That leaves three open positions:

President – run board and general meetings, primary contact person, coordinate publicity and communications on behalf of the guild.

First VP of Programs – shadow the 2nd VP of Programs and begin planning and scheduling programs for the 2026/2027 year.

2026 Quilt Show Chair – Oversee all aspects of the planning and execution of the guild bi-annual quilt show.

These are critical positions that are necessary for the survival of our Guild. I know we have members who cannot take on the commitment, but there is a small group of us who keep stepping up over and over and we need a break.

So, I'm going to end this message here. We need your help! Nobody wants to see any of us fail. We will all support anyone who steps up to a leadership position. Think it over. Call and talk about the roles with me or any other board member. I'll keep my fingers crossed that we have some members willing to take a scary but rewarding step in helping keep things running smoothly.

Kyra

PROGRAMS

April Program – GAMES GALORE – There will be a variety of games we can play for the evening. This less formal setting is a great way to get to know each other, have some fun, and talk quilts.



For one of the games, I would ask that you bring 5 Charm Squares (5" by 5") in your favorite colors. These can be from a charm pack or cut from yardage. You will be put into groups of "like" fabrics. So, like a solids group, reproduction, modern, etc.

Let's also do a fat quarter swap like the pattern exchange Rob organized earlier this year. Bring up to 5 fat quarters (of good quality). You will be able to go to the table and pick a new fat quarter in exchange for each one you brought.



...Programs continued

May Program – Salad Supper. More details will be shared at the April meeting and May newsletter.

Meeting Treats - Please try and come early since we will start sharing snacks before the meeting during our social hour (6:00 - 6:45 pm). Here is the treats schedule for the next 2 months:

April

Ann Finseth
Dorothy Francke
Kay Fredrick
Brynn Fromknecht
Marge Garbo

No snacks in May due to the salad supper.
June schedule will come out next month.

BLOCK LOTTO

From Sidneya Bennett - Block Lotto Announcement: Scrappy Lattice paper pieced blocks



Collect your leftover strips and scraps. Scraps needs to be 6.5” long and at least 1” wide. Jelly rolls strips (2.5 inch wide) will work great for this project. I will pass out the paper piecing design at the meeting plus instructions. Blocks will need turned in by the July meeting for the lotto drawing. Your name will be entered into the drawing 1 time per block submitted. We will draw more than one winner if we have an abundance of blocks.

Come join us for Sewing Saturday in May and bring your scraps. We all can share and learn how to make this block. The block has endless possibilities for the quilt to be made.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EktOdcC7Cw>

SPECIAL EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP

From Kim Colness - Save the Date!

We have scheduled our summer retreat at the Afton Town Hall. The dates are Thursday, June 12 through Sunday, June 15. There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting.

In addition, please be aware that our new membership year begins on June 1 so we will be taking your membership forms and dues at the May meeting. Forms can be printed out from the website: <https://www.dcqg.org/uploads/3/5/8/6/35869743/membershipapplicationoct2022.pdf> or I will have some available at the membership table.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

See you on the 24th!

Sew Blessed, Kim Colness

WAYS AND MEANS

From Kathi Davis – Thanks to all the members that have contributed to the raffle quilt. We have now completed ALL the blocks needed and arranged them in a pattern we feel is pleasing. Thanks so much to Kyra and Chris. YAY!

Now all that's left is to finish assembling the top. If anyone wants to sew a row together, contact me...we'll make it happen.

We are now looking for someone to quilt the raffle quilt. There will be sashing between the blocks that I think would look great with feathers. Let me know if you have anyone in mind that is willing to do the quilting.

Thanks so much!

Kathi Davis



GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – **NICU Quilts** – Thank you for Cheryl Lorden for delivering 10 NICU quilts to the Kishwaukee (NW Medicine) hospital. That brings our current total delivered to 36. We have another 2 ready and more in progress. I would love to deliver more to Rockford in May. Please complete any kits you have and return them with the remaining scraps to our April meeting. Still want to make a quilt – see me at the kit table – there are still some cute kits available.

Wheelchair Quilt and Walker Caddies – Patterns and Supplies will be available at the April meeting. Come see me at the kit table to pick out your fabric and notions.

Linda Parker

A friendly reminder...

Baby quilts made for the Rockford NICU Center should be 47" x 54"

OUT & ABOUT – info from other guilds

Little Bits of Whimsy Quilt Show



Sat, May 17th & Sun, May 18th 2025

Lindner Fitness Center on the grounds of Judson University, Elgin, Illinois.

The address of Judson University is 1151 N State St, Elgin, Illinois 60123

Hours: Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm

Entry Fee: \$8 per person, children 12 and under are free accompanied by an adult.

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Summer is a great time to visit other guilds in the area – here are a few that might be of interest to you.

Linda Lambert – Collage Quilting – certified Laura Heine instructor – will be presenting trunk shows and workshop at several nearby guilds. [Laura Heine Classes w/ Linda Lambert | Seamless Getaways](#) has information about Linda, workshops and retreats.

To visit any of these guilds be sure to view their website for visitor fees and/or workshop information.

May 8 & 9: Salt Creek Quilt Guild Program/Trunk Show & Workshop – Hinsdale, IL

<https://www.saltcreekqg.org/copy-of-programs-workshops-2>

May 13: Geneseo Quilt Guild Program/Trunk Show – Geneseo, IL

<https://geneseoquilters.wixsite.com/geneseocommquilters/copy-of-programs>

May 15 & 17: Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild Program/Trunk Show & Workshop – Plainfield, IL <https://prideofprairie.org/meeting-dates%2Fprograms>

June 21: Workshop at Sugar Grove Quilt Guild, Sugar Grove, IL

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

P.O. Box 385
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: info@dcqg.org

New Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
Sycamore IL 60178

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County Quilters Guild”

Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
***changes for May, June, and July meetings to be announced
- Doors open at 6:00pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 6:45pm with show and tell.

Calendar reminders:

- Watch The Website calendar, Facebook group and the newsletter for other opportunities to fellowship and volunteer together.
- Sewing Saturday events are held the 2nd Saturday of the month thru November.
 - Saturday, May 10th ; NO Sewing Saturday in June, and July 12th – from 10a-4p
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
- Summer Retreat - We have scheduled our summer retreat at the Afton Town Hall. The dates are Thursday, June 12 through Sunday, June 15.

