



The News-Patch

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Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, I'm writing this earlier than usual (not just because usual is "last possible second") but because of the Easter weekend, Moria's vacation, and my math conference.

April has brought us a smorgasbord of weather. All of it is perfect quilting weather! I am amazed by the amount of show and tell we have every month and I know there is much more happening that is not being shown. You are all amazing.

We had our first Quilt Show planning meeting this week. The easy decision was that we want to keep the show as members only. We want to share with our community what other community members are capable of and share how we give back through generosity projects and educational opportunities. If you have every felt shy or intimidated to share your work – don't be. I find our group to be very encouraging and non-judgmental. And as pointed out in the last meeting, rules are meant to be broken (like using sheets for a backing) and Linda Parker and Madaline Carpenter are forever creating with their hearts and not instructions.

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For me, I need a pattern and guidelines. But I am also very much a “done is better than perfect” and “good enough is good enough” person. We see our quilts very close-up and know what we did “wrong” others just see the overall finished and like all art, it might not be everyone’s style, I guarantee we will “ooh” and “ahh” and clap.

My challenge for April is to have at least 3 new show and tells. I will bring some also, including a long time UFO.

Happy sewing, Kyra

Snacks sign-up 2026

Based on our numbers please try to volunteer at least once per calendar year (a few people will have to volunteer twice) to have full coverage. Please look for the sign-up sheet when you check-in we need at least one more volunteer for June.

April Treats will be provided by:

Sidneya Bennett

Diane McCuiston

Kim Colness

Ilene Covert

No **May Snacks** due to Salad Supper

BOARD NOMINATIONS

From Kyra Rider – Quilt Guild Board of Directors Nominations

We would all love to see some new faces on the DCQG Board. I need to have names on a ballot for the April meeting. Open for 2026 are the following positions: Treasurer, Second VP Programs, Ways & Means Chair, Director at Large. Please contact Kyra if you have any questions and consider *nominating yourself* or yourself and a friend to take on one of these roles. Positions are a two-year commitment.

As a Board Member you are asked to attend a board meeting on Zoom once a month (usually for less than an hour). The board will work with you to make sure you succeed in your position and are able to help support the guild in an important role.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

Our Quilt Show is this year in October 2026 during Pumpkin Fest Weekend. It is time to get organized. This year's Quilt Show Poster is on the website for your printing needs.

From Kyra Rider - We had our first quilt show meeting last week. We made some decisions but have many more decisions and details to work through. Here is what we can share at this point.

We are looking to have a featured speaker at the show to do about 2 presentations on both Friday and Saturday. I have some leads to follow-up on, and we have a couple backup plans.

While the idea of vendors is great, we don't feel that there is sufficient space at the Federated Church. So, there are no vendors this year.

We are hoping to have a few special displays again this year including:

- Red/White/Blue and patriotic quilts for the USA semi quincentennial (America 250)
- Display of completed 2025 Mystery Quilts
- Vintage quilts repurposed – turned into new quilts, bags, clothing, plush goods, etc.

If any of those ideas strike a chord with you and you are inclined, I'd love to have someone take lead – make it your "own."

We are investigating bringing in someone to provide quilt appraisals. Appraisals would be available to guild and community members and self-pay. The guild would just help with bringing in the appraiser and scheduling. We are looking for someone who is AQS certified who would provide insurance appraisals not antique/historical value appraisals.

Two new additions include door prizes and partnering with a local group to provide bake sale type treats. We have many more things bouncing around our heads. Again, we don't need people to run the show but just take ownership of some smaller projects/ideas. ***Many hands make light work.***

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 6pm at Annie Berg's house

PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb –

April 2026 – Demonstration of Paper Piecing tips and tricks – 2 different techniques will be presented.

May 2026 – Annual Salad Supper

More information for June and the following months will be provided in the next newsletter.

Raffle Quilt at our Meeting – April Meeting

Members from the Prairie Star Quilt Guild will have their Opportunity Quilt at the April meeting. The quilt is **Prism** by Zen Chic featuring fabric by Brigitte Heitland from her collections Quotation, Paper & Spotted. Finished size is 87” x 87.” Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Bring your cash.

The PSQG Show is October 16 and 17 (the weekend before ours) at the DuPage County Event Center and Fairgrounds. Get more information at:

<https://psqg.org/2026-quilt-show/>



SPECIAL EVENTS

From Annie Berg and team– Salad Supper Details – May 28th at 6pm

We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. Each of you will need to bring your dish to pass and your own table service and beverage. If you'd like to bring your own placemat to show, we'd love to see it. Let us know if you have any questions.

Your special event committee, Annie Berg, Rita Mitchell, Patty Pallansch and Barb Gieseman

WAYS & MEANS

From Kathi Davis - Tickets are selling very well at other guilds for our raffle quilt “Starry Galaxy”. Everyone likes the idea that it was made by many members of the quilt guild.

We have scheduled many other quilt guilds to share our Raffle Quilt. Let me know if you would like to join us for any of these meetings. And see the Out & About Section for the presentations scheduled for that evening. Scheduled so far:

- Tues, Apr 14th at 6:30pm, Riverwalk QG, Naperville
- Tues, May 12th at 7pm, Geneseo QG, Geneseo
- Thurs, May 14th at 6:30pm, Pieces of the Heart QG, Morris
- Mon, May 18th at 6pm, Fair City QG, Somonauk
- Thurs, Jun 18th at 6:30pm, Pride of the Prairie, Naperville
- Tues, Jul 20th at 7pm, Country Crossroads QG, Forreston
- Thurs, Jul 22nd at 7pm, Faithful Circle Quilters, Downers Grove
- Sun, Aug 9th at noon, Crystal Lake Midwest QG, Crystal Lake
- Thurs, Aug 13th at 7pm, Kankakee QG, Kankakee
- Mon, Aug 17th at 6pm, Joliet QG, Joliet
- Thurs, Sept 10th at 7pm, Salt Creek QG, Hinsdale
- Thurs, Sept 17th at 7pm, Northwest Suburban QG, Rolling Meadows

Please pick up raffle tickets at our guild meetings until the quilt show to sell them wherever and whenever possible. This is the major fundraising event for our guild. Thus, the more tickets sold, the more money in our coffers! Also, remember that we got a “windfall” of bookmarks! (If you haven’t heard we ordered and paid for 1500 bookmarks and RECEIVED 15,000!!!) So please, please grab some from Moria or me and SPREAD THE WORD! A bookmark is good for \$1 off admission.

Thanks again to everyone that assisted with creating such a beautiful raffle quilt!

Kathi

Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP



GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – Our 2026 Quilt Show “Sweat Shop” will be demonstrating QAYG (Quilt As You Go) methods while making placemats for the Dekalb County Meals on Wheels program. To prepare for our assembly, I request your scraps of squares or strips (1” to 3” inches wide) of various lengths (2” to 18” inches long). Our goal this year is 150 placemats. You are welcome to make your own placemats and turn them in during the monthly meeting. I would like to have a head start before the quilt show. I will display a poster chart of our monthly progress.

Placemats are delivered on holidays and on birthdays with a cupcake. Themes on both sides are well received by the clients. Suggested themes are seasonal holiday, sports, birthday, patriotic or hobbies etc. Meals on Wheels has a volunteer who is familiar with every client, and she loves finding just the “right one”. Sew whatever makes you smile and it will bring joy to the recipient. The completed placemats will hang around the “sweat shop” for viewing during the Quilt Show. Delivery will be on Monday Oct 26th.

A final note about Standard Placemat sizes – there is not a standard size. Clients receive the placemats in their homes and have a variety of tables and trays. There are no size or shape requirements. This gives you more freedom to be creative. However, here are some recommendations –

Rectangle or Oval: 11” – 13” inches by 14” – 18” inches

Square or Round – 13” to 16” inches

Here is the link to our guidelines and some helpful hints on creating your quick projects: [DCQG Generosity Projects](#).

Always in Stitches! Linda

Linda Parker, Generosity Chairperson

A friendly reminder...

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

OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us –



Sinnissippi Quilters Inc presents
2026 Parade of Quilts

Featuring

The Route 66 Project Special Exhibit

Sinnissippi Quilters – 2026 Quilt Show –

8800 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL 61111

May 2nd 9a-5p & May 3rd 10a-4p

Admission \$8

- Over 300+ Quilts on display
- Special Exhibit;
- Raffle Quilt
- Raffle Baskets
- Certified Quilt Appraiser
- Apparel show (10a & 1p each day)
- Bed Turning
- Quilts of Valor presentation

April 22nd at 7pm – Catherine Redford – “Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches” -
<https://catherineredford.com/biography/>

Faithful Circle Quilters, Faith Methodist Church

432 59th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516

<https://www.fcquilters.com/meeting-programs>

4th Wednesday at 7pm

May 12th – Beth Randall – “Organizing your sewing space” (**DCQG Raffle Quilt Showing**)

Geneseo Quilt Guild, Concordia Lutheran Church

316 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL 61254

<https://geneseoquilters.wixsite.com/geneseocommquilters>

2nd Tuesday at 7p

May 14th – Laura Wasilowski – “I stitch, therefore, I am” - <https://laurawasilowski.com/>
(**DCQG Raffle Quilt Showing**)

Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild, First United Methodist Church

118 W Jackson St, Morris, IL 60450

<https://www.piecesfromtheheartquiltguild.net/>

2nd Thursday at 7p

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
P.O. Box 385
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: info@dcqg.org

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

Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.

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 on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am-4pm
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore

