



The News-Patch

August 2025

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi friends!

I am back to school tomorrow (yikes!). That means guild stuff has moved to the back burner for me for the moment. My brain only has so much space and it seems like it has less space as I get older. LOL!

We had a fantastic Sewing Saturday in August. Ten members came and worked on various projects. It is fun to have all the energy in the room. Quilts were being made, there was ironing and trimming, lots of placemat construction, and I think Ilene was altering a wedding dress.

I don't have a lot to say this month because I have so much ridiculous stuff taking up headspace. But by our meeting I will have figured out a routine for work / home / exercise. I will have met my students and begun building those relationships, and all those first-day jitters and "what-if" will be gone.

I am excited to see what Bonnie has in store for us this month for the mystery sew along. Nothing calms me like sewing. Everything just seems right in the world as a quilt is coming together – even if I'm having to use my seam ripper.

Take care and see you soon. We are back to 4th Thursdays for our meetings.

Best,
Kyra

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Donation to Ellwood House Museum

In August the guild was contacted by a member of the Ellwood House Museum. She asked for a donation of fabric scraps. They have a program where they loan out artifacts and activities to schoolteachers. They have a small wall quilt that they are going to use for one of these educational projects and want to include fabric for kids to “make a quilt.” They are still in the beginning stages of planning. I donated a bunch from my personal stash and a bagful of scraps from a recent donation. I asked them if they reach out to us again if they have specific needs or requests.

2026 quilt show

We are still looking for volunteers for the quilt show. The group who did the boutique last year offered to do it again. (Thank you!!).

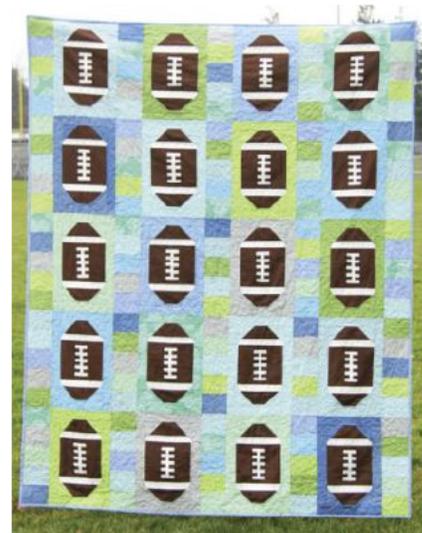
I (Kyra) have not been proactive in getting anything organized for this. If you helped in years past and would be willing to do so again, please reach out and let me know what role you are interested in.

Placemats

This year Meals on Wheels asked if we could produce 160 placemats to be provided with holiday meals. The suggested size is 12” x 18” but if you want to do a square or different shape, just use your best judgement. When we last did placemats in 2021, the push was to use the flip and stitch method, but we don’t care how you do it. We just want to make sure every person getting a meal can also get a placemat.

Here are some suggestions:

- Make one side holiday and the other “everyday”
- Try a new technique (flip and stitch, binding by machine, foundation piecing, etc.)
- Make them simple
- Looking for the videos Madaline created? You can find them here:
 - [Flip and Stitch technique](#)
 - [Raw edge placemats](#)



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A friendly reminder...

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

PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb - From the June Program we still have 2 Cheat sheets left. All 3 units, half square triangles, quarter square triangles, and hourglass block. \$7.50 each set.

August program - Instructions for the Mystery quilt lesson 1 and 2.

Cutting Instructions can be found in the July Newsletter or on the website:

https://www.dcqg.org/uploads/3/5/8/6/35869743/meadow_mystery_quilt_final_v2_2_.pdf

September program - Instructions for the Mystery quilt lesson 3 and 4.

October program - Instructions for the Mystery quilt lesson 5 and 6.

Nov and Dec no program. This will give you time to catch up on the mystery quilt.

The **Holiday Dinner** will be in December, date not yet determined.

January 2026 - Bring your UFO with your other Sew and Tell.

We are planning a Round Robin and Instructions for the assembly of the Mystery Quilt.

Thank You, Bonnie



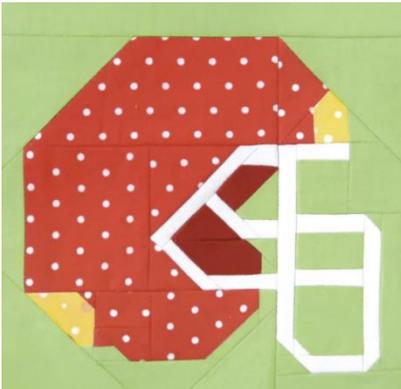
<https://www.chicaandjo.com/super-bowl-party-ideas/>

From Gale Marshall - Snack Schedule:

August	September	October
Paulanne Rider	Patty Pallansch	Annie Berg
Barb Geiseman	Rita Mitchell	Chris Wells
Kathi Davis	Sheryl Keiler	Rosalie Williams
Dorothy Francke	Pat Boesche	Lee Sampson
Sherry Mileham	Donna Martin	Linda Parker

MEMBERSHIP

From Kim Colness - We currently have 46 members registered for the 2025-26 membership year. We have extended our newsletter mailing date due to the change in our meeting days for the past couple of months. This will be the last newsletter you will receive if you are not current with your membership. I will have forms at the meeting so you will not need to bring one with you. **All members:** Please be prepared to look over your forms and sign off (if you have not already done so) confirm the information is correct.



<https://singer-featherweight.com/products/pattern-football-helmet-quilt-block-by-burlap-and-blossom-digital-download?srsId=AfmBOopw3wp1Fwb0pyxvRxuqLWh5eMUIUDvt2QGIeNfN9l6-l set1FC>

Save the date! Our fall retreat will be on November 13-16 at the Afton Town Hall. This is a day retreat where you come and work on your own projects or the guild generosity projects. Then go home and sleep in your own bed at night and then come back and do it again the next day! All the lugging is done the day you come and the day you pack up to go home. Come for one, two, three or all four days! The cost is \$10 per day or \$35 if you attend all four days. We also ask that you bring snacks to share and plan on providing or contributing to a meal.

Any questions on membership or the retreat, feel free to call, text or email me.

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness [REDACTED]

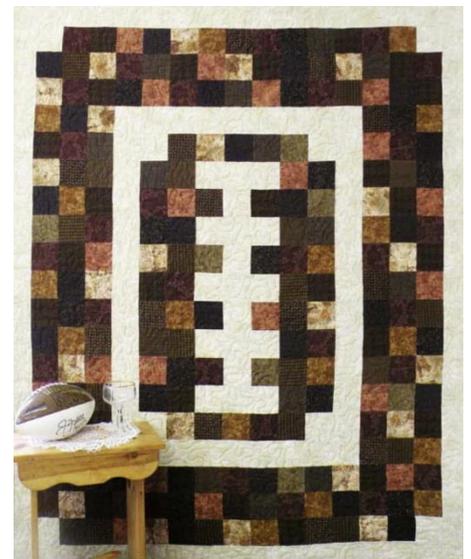
GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – Placemats - Sewing Saturday kickoff was inspirational and productive. Thank you to everyone that came to participate. We have SEW much holiday fabric, I am betting we will have SEW much variety of placemats. Meals on Wheels has requested 160 for the holidays. See me at the August meeting. I will have bins of fabric available to assist in your creation. Thank you to Kathi Davis for additional donations.

NICU Quilts – We are finalizing our next donation for Kish Hospital. Please bring any completed projects to the August Meeting.

With all thanks for your generosity,

Linda Parker, [REDACTED]



<https://www.etsy.com/listing/4352852345/football-flannel-quilt-pattern-bs2-349?gpla=1&gao=1&>

WAYS & MEANS

From Kathi Davis - Call for Longarm Quilters:

Thank you to those that participated in Sewing Saturday and the final settings for the Raffle Quilt. We have begun sewing the rows together to complete the top.

Now we are looking for someone to quilt the raffle quilt. There is sashing between the blocks that need some interesting quilting along with the overall quilt itself. We are asking DCQG members if you are interested in doing the quilting. If you are, please contact me with a proposal by the August meeting. Or if you know anyone interested in doing the quilting, please have them submit a proposal. The quilt is queen size. I will have a new photo with more accurate measurements as soon as it is assembled. The quilter will have at least a month to finish the quilting.

Here is the information for the proposal:

1. Name and Phone number.
2. Ideas/designs for the quilting.
3. Cost to DCQG: Supplies and Labor.
(Donation of supplies or labor is not required nor expected.)
4. Any other information you wish to convey.

Thanks so much!

Kathi

Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP,
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OUT & ABOUT

THREE Quilt Shows in September – Mark your calendars.



Fall in Love with Quilts (Sept 12-13th)

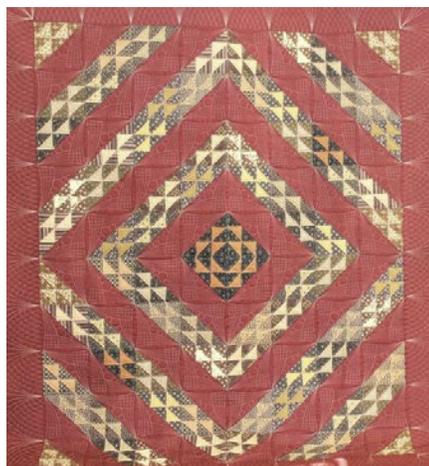
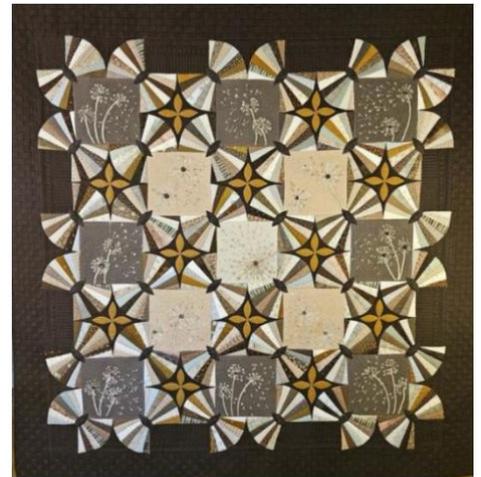
The Geneseo Quilt Guild presents our 2025 Quilt Show— Fall in Love with Quilts with over 200 impressive quilts on display. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite quilts on Friday, with ribbons displayed on Saturday. Other highlights include a raffle for a quilt appraised at \$4,800, featured quilter, bed turning, demonstrations, vendors and on-site certified appraiser for quilt appraisals.

The Show takes place at the Geneseo Community Center at 541 E. North St from 9am-5pm on Friday, September 12th and 9am-3pm on Saturday, September 13th. Proceeds from the show help fund the many Guild outreach projects.

QuiltScape 2025 (Sept 20-21st)

The Faithful Quilters Guild features over 400 quilts on display, Vendors, Boutique shop, Fabric Shop, Raffle Baskets, Bed Turning and a Featured Speaker. Located near I355 and 75th Street in Woodridge. This show is worth the trip!

The show takes place at the Jefferson Junior High School at 7200 Janes Ave, Woodridge, IL on September 20-21st - Saturday 9a-5p; Sunday 10a-4p



Autumn Splendor Quilt Show (Sept 26-27th)

Kankakee Quilt Guild in Kankakee IL will have a display of quilts, Vendors, Raffle quilt and other raffles. Food will be available.

The show takes place at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene, 1000 N Entrance, Kankakee, IL on September 26-27th – Friday, 9a-5p; Saturday, 9a-3p

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

P.O. Box 385
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Email Address: info@dcqg.org

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

Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held 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.
- FALL Retreat - November 13-16 at the Afton Town Hall. See Kim Colness for more information.
- Sewing Saturday events are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month through November from 10am-4pm
 - Sat, September 13th – Placemats
 - Sat, October 11th – TBD
 - Sat, November 8th - TBD
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore
 - Fall Retreat dates to be released soon.

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