



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

Greetings fellow quilters,

My message this month is going to take a more somber tone. I just finished up our last of three consecutive monthly 4-day summer retreats. The retreat started with the sad news of Anita Hyde's passing. It was during a retreat that Karen Ellis's husband passed, and I attended the March retreat shortly after the passing of my partner.

We all grieve and heal in our own ways. But being surrounded by fellow quilters and sharing our beloved hobby helped me. The process of piecing and the hum of my machine clears my mind and I can physically feel the stress leaving my body.

I have also made a move to finish what I have started or move on. More than two years ago, Madaline and Rob challenged us all to dig through our UFO pile and make some decisions. Karen and I have both been doing this on a larger scale with our loved one's possessions. It is not easy, but it can also help bring a sense of calm and accomplishment (and for me a little regret).

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I will again challenge you to go through your projects, supply, UFOs, and maybe fabric hoard. If it doesn't bring you joy – get rid of it! We don't need our hobby causing more stress in our already complicated lives. I know my tastes have changed and I have kits that I don't like any more. Fabric I will never use, and projects that I have no desire to ever finish.

What do you do with all these goodies that once brought joy and certainly cost you money in the past? Allow them to move on to someone else who will love them. The new quilter that doesn't have money or stash to use in creating. The group who uses every bit of fabric to make donation quilts and items for those less fortunate. The Country Store Thrift in DeKalb does a nice job displaying and pricing quilting and other craft items. Proceeds go back to the community. Have a garage sale or donate elsewhere. We can still accept kits and nicer “packages” to sell in the boutique or use in raffle baskets for the show.

Life really is short. If you have “stuff” that is cluttering your house, your mind, or your heart, get rid of it! It is not easy, but it is a win/win situation.

Love, Kyra



Cross stitch pattern and little basket button I found in my stash and gave a friend in May. It is already done and she can enjoy it. AND it's not in my house!

Snack Schedule - 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. We need volunteers for August – October. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the welcome table when you check-in.

August	September	October
Bonnie Webb	Pat Boesche	***no treats as we setup
Pattie Crum	Kim Colness	The Quilt Show***
Donna Martin	You??	

IN MEMORIAM

Anita Hyde - September 6, 1949 - August 4, 2026

Anita (Russell) Hyde, 76, of DeKalb, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday August 4, 2026.

Anita was born on September 6, 1949, in Canton, Illinois to Walter and Twila (Sullivan) Russell. Anita grew up on a dairy farm in Waterman, Illinois where she graduated from High School in 1967. She completed the Nursing Program at Kishwaukee College in 1982 and went on to work as a Registered Nurse at Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Oak Crest Nursing Home until she retired in 2013.

Anita was a member of First Baptist Church of DeKalb, where she sang in the choir. She was also a member of the DeKalb County Quilters Guild where she enjoyed going on quilting retreats and creating beautiful quilts. She enjoyed watching sports, doing puzzles, and counted cross stitch. She loved family activities, including card and board games, and will be remembered as a very compassionate and caring person.

Anita is survived by her daughter, Shelley (Tim) Bordenkircher; grandchildren Tyler “Jake” Hyde, Mary Kate Bordenkircher, and Olivia Bordenkircher; great-grandson Eli Hyde; sister Rosalie (Wade) Williams; brothers Leland (Jo Ann) Russell, Eldred (Pat) Russell, Wayne (Sue) Russell; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Twila Russell.

On August 22, there will be a short service at 1pm immediately followed by a celebration of life until 4pm, at First Baptist Church of DeKalb located at 349 S 3rd St, DeKalb IL 60115.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Barb City Manor, 680 Haish Blvd, DeKalb IL 60115.



Harvest of Quilts Show 2026



From Kyra Rider - The next Quilt Show PLANNING MEETING will be held on Tuesday, August 25th at 6pm at Annie Berg's house.

We have had a nice size group at each meeting and lots of people are getting stuff done and decisions made (and sometimes changed - lol). But don't worry, there are plenty of opportunities for you to help in the quilt show preparations and help the event run smoothly. First thing I want everyone to do *is mark the dates* of the show in your calendar. Set-up will be our regular meeting night, Thursday October 22.

The show is on Friday and Saturday, 10/23 and 10/24. I do NOT expect you to spend every minute of the show at the show. But we will need a decent sized crew Thursday for set-up and Saturday for take down. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for all physical abilities.

Boutique

From Annie Berg – The boutique will have fabric, notions, quilt kits and more for sale. In addition, as a guild member, you may also add your own handmade sewing related items for sale. This could include table toppers, pin cushions, scrap bags, holiday items, quilt racks or ladders, bowl cozies, purses, pillowcases etc.

These must be tagged by you with two-piece tags that the guild will provide. Please have items completely tagged before bringing them as the set up gets quite busy. I will have tags available at the meetings. The guild will keep 20% of the sale of your items. Please be sure to pick up any unsold items at the end of the show. I'm sure there will be more questions that can be answered at future meetings or by phone.



Thanks, and let's have a great show!

Annie Berg

Volunteers & Door Prizes

From Jennifer Olbrich - I will, again, have the sign-up sheets at the August meeting to get volunteers organized for our October show. There are many areas that need assistance, so we'll be able to find the perfect spot for everyone. The show is extremely important to the success of our guild; therefore, I know you all will be happy to help out 😊

We will be doing things a bit differently this year during Thursday night set-up. There will be an additional sign-up sheet so members know exactly where they need to be.

Thursday night set-up areas:

- Quilt check-in
- Displaying quilts on pews
- Red, White and Blue quilts display set-up
- Demo Studio (generosity) set-up
- Raffle Basket set-up
- Boutique set-up

Volunteer Opportunities during the show:

- Admissions table
- White Glove
- Boutique
- Raffle Quilt Tickets Sales
- Raffle Baskets Tickets Sales
- Quilt Check-out
- Runners for getting quilts to the appraiser
- Floaters to help out wherever needed

Door Prizes: We are also looking for members to make items to be used for door prizes; we need twelve more. If your specialty is making bowl cozies, hot pads, placements, etc... maybe you could plan to make one or two extras to donate to this area of the show.

If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to send me a note or give me a call.
Thank you, Jennifer



Quilt hanging in Dekalb County Courthouse in Sycamore IL from the 1980's



Raffle Baskets



From Cheryl Lorden – We will have a Raffle Basket display at the quilt show. We will be selling raffle tickets to attendees. The tickets are then placed into containers they would like a chance to win that basket. In the past, the most popular baskets have included themes such as sewing, candy, and items from various local companies. If you have baskets or basket items you wish to donate, or if you plan to donate a complete basket for the raffle, could you please let Cheryl Lorden know your plans. Thank you!

Taking donations now... Cheryl Lorden

Appraisals

From Moria Titus – Janette Dwyer, professional quilt appraiser, will be attending our quilt show to provide insurance appraisals. I have a signup sheet for anyone that would like to have a quilt appraised. Appraisals are available for \$45 (written) or \$20 (verbal). You will be asked to complete an information sheet about your quilt. You can drop off the quilt and pick it up later. If you are showing your quilt in the Quilt Show Janette will visit your quilt where it is displayed.



Why have a quilt appraised?

Appraisals will help you realize the true worth of your cherished quilts and pass on their true value to the recipients. If your quilt is lost, stolen or damaged an insurance company may only give the cost of a blanket to replace it. That will not replace a treasured family heirloom nor cover the cost to remake a quilt of similar quality. A written appraisal is a legal document for insurance purposes or determining fair market value. A

complete written description and document determining financial value is provided. A verbal appraisal is for determining date, pattern, and other details No financial information is provided.



Demo Studio for Generosity

From Linda Parker - The Demo Studio will be set up on Thursday night and be running during the Quilt Show. Here are 3 ways you can help before and during the show. Use the Volunteer signup sheet to help set up on Thursday night or call me to sign up for a demo slot.

Clamshell Scraps – Clear clamshell containers should be loosely filled from your scrap baskets. I am looking for any combination of fabric color, size, scrap, strips, squares, prints or themes. You could also help me sort these by creating clear baggies that hold coordinated left over sets of blocks or kits that need a project. I will need these containers by the September guild meeting. Our volunteer sewists will use these to easily select fabrics for the placemats.

Demo Stage – as you enter the room there will be seating available for guests and a stage area for demos. Two 15-minute demonstrations will be presented each hour on the :15 and :45. The first will be at 10:15, 10:45 and continuing throughout the day. Let me know your favorite sewing methods for block creations that you would like to demonstrate. I will be filling any empty spots with “How to make 8 HST at a time”. Call me to schedule your demo spot and topic.

Sewists Studio – the other side of the room will be workstations setup for anyone that would like to sew during the show. These slots can be part-time as you are available to sew. We will be demonstrating Placemat creation for the Meals on Wheels generosity project.

I have a mini retreat area planned for guild members to set up personal workstations. PS. Stop by for some hidden snacks and water bar for the volunteers to sneak a break behind the design wall.

Always in Stitches, Linda Parker



Name Tag Challenge

From Kyra Rider - Let Freedom Ring by sewing your own patriotic themed name tag for our Quilt Show, October 23rd and 24th. The name tag can be any size or shape. Make it your own by being creative with fabrics, embroidery, beads and more! Due by September 24th, at our monthly meeting. There will be a special Raffle prize drawing for anyone that participates.

Why create a patriotic name tag??

- Because all the “cool-kids” are doing it.
- For the sense of completion and competition
- To be easily recognizable as a volunteer at the Quilt Show.
- So, you don’t have to keep putting a quarter in the basket at every meeting.
- Start a collection to remember the theme of each quilt show you were a part of
- Because we “said so” hahaha



PROGRAMS



From Cheryl Lorden –

August - Ann Finseth talking about making t-shirt quilts

September- Quick gift ideas by guild members

October – Quilt Show Setup night – please attend to make the setup complete as quick as possible.

November & December –Our normal meeting night in November is on Thanksgiving. We will not be meeting on that night. However, watch for info on this year’s Holiday Dinner in early December.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



From Kim Colness - Hello DCQG members!

As you may remember, we finished our fiscal year 2025-27 with over 60 members. We currently have 49 members that have renewed from last year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so at the August meeting. We will remove names and emails from our roster for the September newsletter mailing.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out by phone, text or email.

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness

GENEROSITY

From Linda Parker – I am prepping for the Quilt Show Demo Studio. All the details are in the section above. To continue prepping – I need the filled clamshell containers returned at the September guild meeting. During the Quilt Show we will be working on the Placemats for Meals on Wheels before the holidays.

What's next? Lap Quilts! I have created kits of larger fabric and batting. Come and see me to sign out a kit and prepare for the long winter months ahead.

Donation Tallies for 2026 -

	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Kishwaukee NICU	8	0	0	0	6	0	2	0
Rockford NICU	20	0	0	11	0	9	0	0
Wheelchair quilts	12	3	0	5	0	0	2	2
Walker Caddy	11	4	0	6	0	0	1	0
Meals on Wheels Placemats	29	0	0	0	0	5	24	0

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

Always in Stitches! Linda Parker

A friendly reminder...

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

WAYS & MEANS

From Moria Titus – There are a few more times to join this year's Raffle quilt at other guild meetings. At the meetings, we get to showcase our guild's beautiful work. People love it!

Fundraising efforts are used by our guild to obtain speakers, Special Events (such as the holiday party), and the start expenses of our next Quilt Show. Will you help us with this guild fundraiser? Each ticket is \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 (this is a pack). If each person in the guild were to share 5 packs of tickets with your friends (\$25) we would meet our goal. Please come and see me to obtain your pack of tickets. These need to be returned to me before the September meeting.

Upcoming Schedule:

- 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

Note: See the Out & About sections for program and address of Quilt Guide meetings.

Moria Titus



OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us –

August 17th at 6:30pm- **DCQG Raffle Quilt showing

Joliet Quilt Guild,

Joliet Moose Lodge

25 Springfield Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

[Joliet QG Facebook](#)

3rd Monday at 6:30pm



August 26th at 7pm– Lynn Gerard – *The Magic of Cork* - [The Cork Emporium](#)

Faithful Circle Quilters, Faith Methodist Church

432 59th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516

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

4th Wednesday at 7pm

September 10th at 7pm– Diane Harris - *Stash Bandit– Improv and Inspiration* - <https://stashbandit.net/> **DCQG Raffle Quilt Showing

Salt Creek Quilt Guild, The Community House

415 W. 8th St., Hinsdale, IL 60521

<http://www.saltcreekqg.org>

2nd Thursday at 7p (Sept – May)



September 17th at 7pm– Taylor Krz – *Color Craft: Crafting your palette* [Toad and Sew](#) **DCQG Raffle Quilt showing

Northwest Suburbs QG,

Rolling Meadows Community Center

3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

<http://www.nsqq.net>

3rd Thursday at 7pm



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
- 2026 Summer Retreats –
 - July 16–19th, August 6-8th
 - See Kim Colness for additional information

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