



The News-Patch

February 2024

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, what a beautiful day we are having! Sunshine and fifties and only February 9!! I think Old Man Winter is going to come back for round two. I'm not ready to have all these allergies and it is amazing that the grass is still green under all that snow. I don't know if there are even any ugly mounds left!

I love seeing all the challenge blocks members are making. The fabric choices and layout make a huge difference. If you haven't seen them, make sure you follow the "DeKalb County Quilters' Guild of Illinois" on Facebook.

Speaking of the challenge... I know at least one member is going to be working on it during Sewing Saturday. Another member I talked to wanted to wait until more blocks were presented to decide on a color palette. I love that Rob is giving us so much freedom.

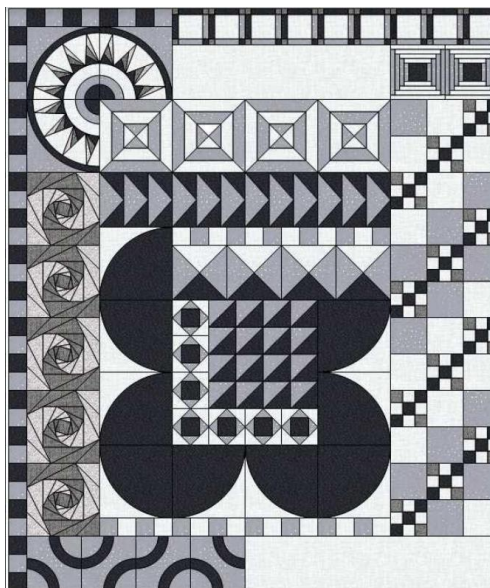
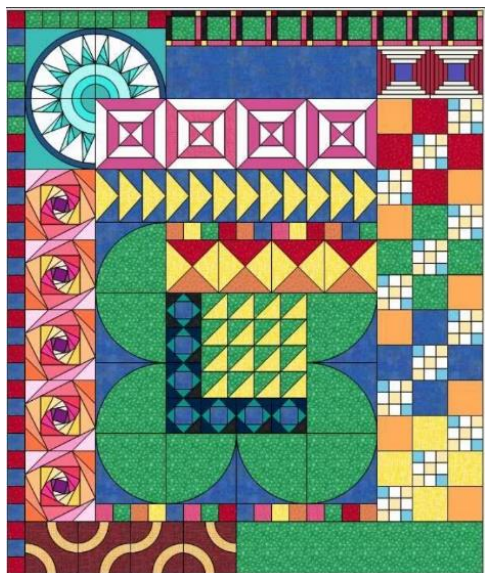
I am working on several of 1,000 other projects this weekend. I'm hoping to get the binding on my pink and red quilt so I can hang it for Valentine's day. This weather has really got me yearning for spring and pastel colors. I'm doing the Super Bowl Shop Hop this weekend and decided I needed a spring/bunny quilt to hang in my foyer. We will see what I find. You can see it in several years when I finally finish it. Hahaha.

Happy stitching!
Kyra

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Month two of the Skill Builder Block of the Month will be shared with four ways to make Flying Geese and strip piecing. Bring your month one blocks to share for Show & Tell!

Rob Stoll



Meeting Treats

Note: With some new members, there is a change in the February treats schedule. 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:

February:

Margaret Garbo
Barb Geiseman
Julie Goedeke
Susie Hughes
Anita Hyde

March:

Debi Karavites-Uhl
Sheryl Keller
Jan Kuhn
Cheryl Lorden
Bobbie Lundberg

WAYS & MEANS

Ways and Means and Harvest of Quilts 2024 Publicity

There are several ways you can assist in the promoting of the show so that we can have a great attendance. The first is to distribute the bookmarks and posters. Each bookmark has a partial photo of the raffle quilt and on the back is the information about where, when, etc. for the show. The poster is available on our website (dcqg.org Quilt Show 2024 tab) to print and has a full photo of the raffle quilt along with all pertinent information. Please help distribute these to your quilting friends, to quilt shops, and to other quilt shows. If you know you are going to visit one of these places, please pick up a hand full of bookmarks and print a poster and leave them everywhere.

The second is to sell the tickets for the raffle quilt. This helps in two ways: 1) money for the guild, and 2) advertising for the show as the information about the show is on the ticket.

The third is to visit other guilds and show our raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets there. I will be setting up visits for the next few months. I will be asking for someone to come with me to assist in this endeavor. It usually is less than an hour of driving and staying for the guild meeting which are usually no longer than a couple hours similar to ours. I will have the information available on each visit before asking for assistance.

I will have other suggestions in the next few months when things get scheduled. Thanks so much for your support of the guild.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me.

Kathi Davis
VP Ways and Mean
Harvest of Quilts 2024 Publicity Chair

A friendly reminder...

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

HARVEST OF QUILTS 2024

Harvest of Quilts – October 25-26, 2024

Many of you have shared the start of your Skill Builder Challenge Quilts on the guild's Facebook group page and we hope to have numerous completed quilts on display at our show. Isn't it amazing how the same pattern can look so different just by the choices of fabrics used?!

As you consider your fabric choices for the next month's blocks, please also consider volunteering to coordinate an area of our show. We need someone(s) for Quilt Check In and/or Quilt Check Out, Demonstrations, and Special Displays. Contact Chris Wells or Peg Simonds with questions and offers to help. Thank you to Kathi Davis (Publicity), Dorothy Francke (Raffle Baskets) and Jennifer Olbrich (Volunteers) for agreeing to head up an area.

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MEMBERSHIP AND RETREAT

We welcomed five new members (Debi, Kathy M., Julie, Annie and Karla) at our January meeting! Be sure to say hello and welcome anyone that you have not seen before or have not seen in a while!

Attached is information on the retreat for any new members and for anyone who needs a reminder. Our Spring Retreat will be March 7-10, \$10/day or \$35 for all four days. Sign-up sheet for attendance and food will be at the February 22 meeting.

Please note, we are not to use the retreat venue as a means to produce anything that will be sold. So unfortunately, all of those bowl cozies, potholders, etc. that you are planning to make for our Ways and Means opportunities must be done elsewhere.

Any questions, let me know!

Sew Many Blessings!
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GETTING TO KNOW.. LAURA WALL

How long have you been a guild member?
since 2022.

How long have you been sewing?
My mom taught me to sew about age 10. I started quilting in 2019.

What was your first project?
My first quilting project was a small rail fence quilt.

Favorite colors? Yellows, greens and blues.

Least Favorite Color? Red

Favorite Quilting Celebrity? Nancy Zimmerman

On what are you currently working? An Easter table runner, among other things I usually have 3-4 projects going at once. when I get bored, I switch back and forth.

Any other hobbies or interests? Baking, crocheting, reading and beginning gardening.



GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
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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.

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "DeKalb
County Quilters Guild
Group"