



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

Well, we did bad... **REALLY BAD** with the challenge to finish up UFOs in 2025. That was Madeline’s challenge at the start of 2025. She made great progress on her bridesmaid dresses inspired wedding quilt. In January, one person had a UFO Show and Tell. Barb Geiseman brought her gorgeous Four-Star General Quilt. So, huge kudos to Barb and Madaline. I think some others finished and showed theirs earlier in the year. As for me, I did work on one of the three quilts I brought to show in 2025. And they will continue to sit in my UFO pile as something I do really want to complete. But there is so much new that distracts me!!

Starting this month, I need to be begging and pleading for volunteers again. We need to get a full roster of nominees for quilt guild positions starting in May (but elected in April). And Linda Parker agreed to work with me to co-chair the 2026 Quilt Show. See the call for volunteers later in the newsletter. Find a friend and don’t be afraid to jump in. Bonnie Webb was a relatively new member and volunteered for Programs all on her own and has done an amazing job!

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Speaking of which, I cannot wait for our February meeting. Bonnie has brought in a local speaker to discuss the use of metallic threads in quilting. I have a half-dozen or so spools that I bought (who knows why, and who knows where) but have been afraid to use. Now I have the perfect excuse to use them or give them away to someone who wants to give it a try. (hint, hint) See you soon.

Best, Kyra

Snacks sign-up 2026

Gail has a new sign-up sheet for the first part of the year. We will have it available at the meetings for you can sign up at your convenience. 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.

Bringing snacks in **February**:

Josie Speed
Cheryl Lorden
Paulanne Rider
Barb Geiseman

March Treats will be provided by:

Nellie Speed
Kyra Rider
Pat Barger
Rosemary Smith

Retreat Show and Tell – Can you guess who?



BOARD NOMINATIONS



From Kyra Rider - Please consider nominating yourself or yourself and a friend to take on one of the roles we will have open in 2026. All positions are a two-year commitment. As a Board Member you are asked to attend a board meeting on Zoom once a month (usually 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. Open for 2026 are the following positions with a short description and the name of the member currently serving in the role.

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... continued Board Nominations



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These Positions are up for a Voting this year -

Treasurer (Sidneya Bennett): You will be responsible for keeping checking and savings accounts in good standing order and reporting balance and activities to the board. You will write checks, make deposits, keep paperwork on all transactions, it is recommended that the interested party have some computer and spreadsheet knowledge.

Second VP Programs (Bonnie Webb): During your first year in this role, you will shadow the First VP of Programs (Chery Lorden and Paulanne Rider). You will be responsible for securing all speakers or special events for the (June 2027 – May 2028) year.

Ways & Means (Kathi Davis): Person is responsible for planning all fundraising activities for the guild including the raffle quilt.

Director at Large (Moria Titus): This is an elected and voting position. You are to give guidance and assist the Board in all guide-related matters.

We could also use someone to spearhead the nominations process. This would involve soliciting members to run for positions, creating a ballot and/or nomination form, counting ballots. If interested, please contact Kyra asap.

A friendly reminder...

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

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

Our Quilt Show is this year in October 2026 during Pumpkin Fest Weekend. It is time to get organized.

From Kyra Rider - 2026 Quilt Show Committees

Covered areas – Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

- Chairperson: Linda Parker and Kyra Rider
- Treasurer: Guild Treasurer will handle the monies in and out for the show.
- Boutique: Annie, Patty, Barb, Rita
- Raffle Baskets: Cheryl and Paulanne
- Demonstrations: Linda Parker

Where we need volunteers:

- Volunteer Scheduling: Determine how many and where “helpers” are needed during the show. Create a schedule and recruit volunteers.
- Special Exhibits: Plan and set-up special exhibits. Suggestions have been Red/White/Blue for the 250th anniversary of USA. Generosity projects, quilt along (mystery quilt) and non-quilt items.
- Publicity and Signage: Publicize the show through newspaper, radio, distribution of flyers/posters. Help with the set-up of signs the morning of the show.
- Quilt Handling: Create and distribute quilt show entry forms. Coordinate the acceptance of quilts, receiving quilts and release of quilts.
- Coordination of show space: designate areas for boutique, demonstrations, vendors, special exhibits, featured speaker, etc. Will also work closely in setting up quilt display in the sanctuary.
- Other General Volunteers: depending on decisions made by the committee, we will need people to coordinate vendors, door prizes, views choice awards, award ribbons, membership information, memorial displays, etc.

Retreat Show and Tell – Can you guess who?



Quilt show meetings will be scheduled soon and approximately once a month until the show in October. Location of meetings is to be determined.

From Cheryl Lorden – Quilt Show Raffle Baskets - Cheryl and Paulanne are organizing raffle baskets for the upcoming quilt show. Please consider donating something for the baskets. Perhaps you have a nice basket, a kit you know you will never complete, a kitchen item you've sewn or knitted, a nice table runner, or some item you'd like to donate. Bring anything you would like to donate to an upcoming meeting. Thank you in advance. Paulanne and Cheryl

PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb –

February 2026 – Carol Wilholt – *Machine Quilting with Metallic Thread* -
<https://www.carolquilts.com/>

Carol has been teaching quilting classes for fifteen years. She loves sharing her knowledge with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. One of her favorite aspects of teaching is seeing students succeed at completing a challenging project. Another is seeing students have “Aha!” moments during which they see how simple changes in construction technique can help them create projects that are fun to make and look great.



NO recording will be allowed during the lecture. However, Carol does encourage photographs of her projects. A merchandise booth will be available – bring your money!

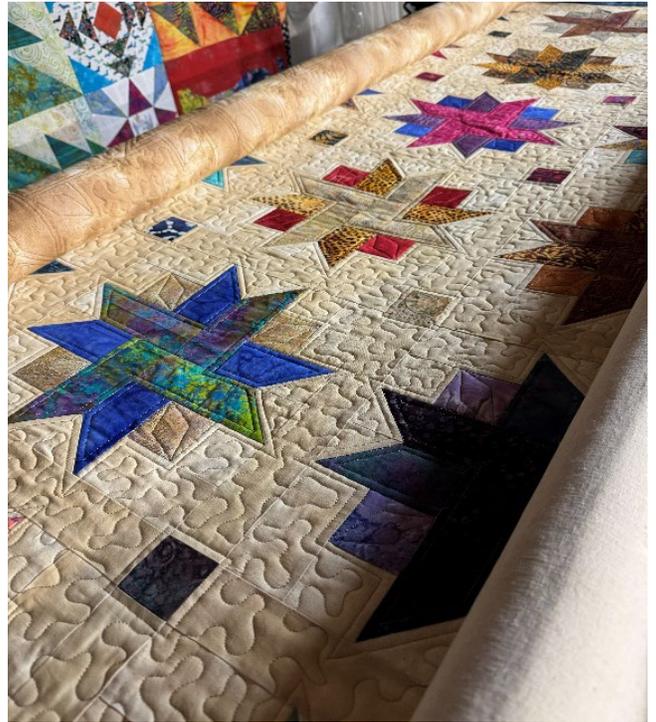
March 2026 – GAME Night!!!

April 2026 – Demonstration of Paper Piecing tips and tricks

May 2026 – Salad Supper – details are forthcoming. No Formal Program.

WAYS & MEANS

From Kathi Davis – YAY! The longarm quilting of the raffle quilt is DONE! Kate Hall out of Rockford, the longarm custom quilter that did the Sinissippi Quilt that was at our meeting last month, did ours also. Kate had a different vision for the quilting than I did. I really like hers. This is custom quilting—NO computers! All the stitches she did by herself and each design was done individually. The corner squares were done last.



Here's a sample hint! I'm putting on the binding and hope to have the quilt done by our February meeting—keep your fingers crossed!

Thanks so much to everyone that contributed a block and assisted with the construction of the quilt!!!

Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP

RETREAT INFO

From Kim Colness - Spring is in the air! or is it? Well, I have been hearing lots of singing birds the past couple of days, and the temps are creeping up in the 50s and maybe even 60s? Crazy! I am not convinced we are out of the cold yet, but we have reserved the Afton Town Hall for our Spring Retreat on March 5-8. The sign-up sheet will be at the February meeting. Fees are \$10 per day or \$35 for all 4 days. Phone, text or email me for more information!

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness

From Linda Parker – Winter Retreat Recap – We had such a fun time at the 5-day winter retreat. Thank you, Kim, for organizing everything. Here are a few tidbits to get you excited for the next one. You will find pictures scattered throughout this month’s newsletter. Can you guess who made these projects? Maybe you will see them completed at the next Show and Tell.

MaryBeth took her Juki on its maiden voyage. She found features she didn’t expect. How many of you know that releasing the foot pedal will trigger the automatic thread cutter?

Linda P was patiently guided in the process of using the needle threader successfully. That was a challenging effort taken on by the bravest.

Laura W introduced us to her vintage Singer. She bought an attachment that trims a pinking fabric edge while sewing a seam! That is a great gadget.

Kim supplied mats to cover our power cords. Safety Upgrade! Thank you Kim!

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – I love making pretty things that folks can use. Donations in January were put on hold until February 27th. I was kept home by wicked weather and the flu.



February’s Tote focus will be NICU Quilts. Stop by my station during the meeting to shop our baby fabric for your next project with the project guidelines. The entire Generosity Stash will be at the next retreat in March. You are invited to stop by and visit the retreat and create your own kits from the donations.

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 -

OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us –



Pride of the Prairie Quilters
Presents

Quilting with the Stars

QUILT SHOW

Sat. March 14, 2026 9am-5pm
Sun. March 15, 2026 10am-4pm

Richland Grade School
1919 Caton Farm Road
Crest Hill, IL

ADMISSION \$10
Children under 12. Free



Vendors
Silent Auction
Raffle Baskets
Strip Search

March 8th at 12pm -Sue Daurio - *Quilting and Needle Felting.*

<https://suedaurioquilting.com/>

Crystal Lake Midwest Quilt Guild, Algonquin Township
Building

3702 US 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

<https://clmqg.wordpress.com/>

2nd Sunday at noon

March 23rd 7pm and 24th 9:30a - Eileen Uchima -

<https://eileenuchima.com/index.html>

Prairie Star QG, Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St, St Charles, IL 60174

<https://psqg.org/programs/>

4th Monday 7 pm, Tuesday 9:30 am

March 25th at 7pm – Giuseppe Ribaudò (aka Guicy Giuce) -

<https://www.giucygiuce.com/>

Faithful Circle Quilters, Faith Methodist Church
432 59th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516

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

4th Wednesday 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
 - Sat, February 14th from 10am-4pm
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore

