



The News-Patch

January 2026

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

Hope your 2026 has started off well. We have official word from the Federated Church that we will be able to use the facility for our quilt show this October. In lieu of a regular October meeting on 10/22/26 we will use that evening to set up our quilt show. The show will run on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 in conjunction with the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival.

I did manage to gift 3 quilts this Christmas. One of which has been completely finished (quilted, bound, EVERYTHING) for more than a year. The other two were panels that I started on during the November retreat and finished at home in December.

I showed three quilts last January that I wanted to complete during the last year. I carried one around to a Sewing Saturday and Retreat. But besides getting out and about, nothing happened toward getting completed. These three are still UFO's that I want to finish, but probably not in 2026 either. I hope you all made some strides in getting some UFOs to the completed pile.

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[Butterfly Garden pattern](#)

I am back to work on the 12th so my machine and quilting supplies got tucked away so that I have room to do schoolwork. I have to admit, writing a syllabus is nowhere near as fun or as rewarding as piecing, but the bills have to get paid!

Hope to see you all in a couple of weeks for our January meeting.

Best, Kyra

Snacks sign-up 2026

Gail Marshall has a new sign-up sheet for the first part of the year. We will have it available at the January meeting and you can sign up for any month through July. 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 January are:

Diane McCuiston
Linda Parker
Cheryl Lorden
Sid Bennett
Bonnie Webb

Raffle Tickets for sale during January Meeting

Sinnissippi Quilters will have their 2026 raffle quilt and tickets available during the January meeting. In My Garden by Kelli Saffell. This Quilt is an original collection of beautiful Birds, Baskets, and Blossoms to make it a Garden Paradise!! It is set in 12 blocks with a beautiful mix of Applique and Piecing and finished is approximately 76" x 88". The blocks were constructed by a past member of Sinnissippi's guild, Lily Rude, and assembled and quilted by the members of the guild.

Their 2026 Parade of Quilts, Quilt Show will be May 2 & 3, 2026. More information is available here:

<https://sinnissippiquilters.org/2024-quilt-show/>



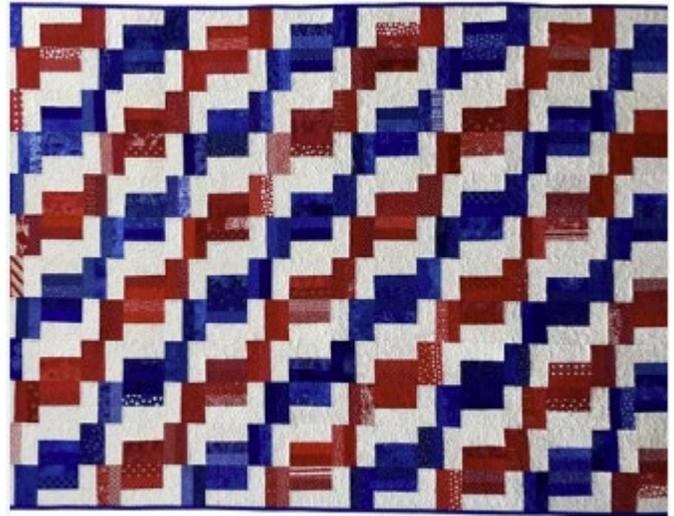
PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb –

January 2026 – Assembly instructions for the mystery quilt and Showing of the 2025 UFO Challenge quilts. You can find the instructions on the website if you need a printed copy. [Link to Mystery Quilt Instructions on DCQG.org](#) - scroll down to see the special section with the handouts. “2025 : Meadow Mystery Quilt Handouts “

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.

A friendly reminder...

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

WAYS & MEANS



From Kathi Davis – Well, not everything goes as planned! Rob Stoll's long arm quilting machine is down for the count. We are very sad about this, as I am sure he is. So we are now searching for another long arm quilter that does custom quilting (versus overall quilting). I have a few people I'm calling. But if you know of anyone, please have them give me a call.

A photo of the final version with the blue border and before quilting is to the left.

Thanks so much! Kathi

Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP

MEMBERSHIP and RETREAT INFO

From Kim Colness - Happy New Year everyone!

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and are off to a good start in your sewing areas to get lots accomplished in 2026! A little cleaning and organizing, a few UFOs finished, and maybe even get started on that favorite pattern that has been calling your name for a long time.

We currently have 57 members! January brings us halfway through the fiscal year, so memberships also are half off. Be thinking of who you could invite to come join us for a little socializing and much inspiration! I would also love to see some of you members that have not been to a meeting for a while. We are missing you!

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[Bee Happy pattern](#)

... continued Membership and Retreat info

When you receive this newsletter, we may be at the sewing retreat! It is always a wonderful time of getting to know one another and learning some new tips and tricks you didn't know you needed to know but are sure glad you learned!

If you have any questions about the retreat or membership, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness



[All Aflutter Bargello wall hanging](#)

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – 2025 Generosity Project Tallies

NICU Quilts – Rockford received 47 baby quilts and Dekalb received 22 = 69
Congratulations! We surpassed our goal of 50!! Thank you to everyone that participated in sorting, piecing, QAYG or quilting and delivering the quilts.

Placemats for Dekalb Meals on Wheels – The director asked for 160 placemats for the holiday season. On October 24th, they were delighted to receive our offering of 221 double-sided placemats. Every recipient has been blessed by your collective creativity and generosity. It is my honor to deliver your gifts.

Dekalb Elder Care Services – We started this project at the end of the year but were able to deliver: Wheelchair Quilts – 3 Walker Caddies – 4 Diner Scarves – 7.

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I know 2026 will be even greater participation. Here is the link to our guidelines and some helpful hints on creating your quick projects: [DCQG Generosity Projects](#).

The Generosity Stash will be traveling to our Guild Retreat at the Afton Town Hall. I invite DCQG members to stop by and create your project kits. Guidelines and other donated supplies will also be available. Reach out to a friend or me 😊 if you need the retreat location.

Final Note: As you are tidying up your sewing space and have Scrap batting, please consider donating to the Generosity Projects stash. These can be used for small projects.

Always in Stitches! Linda

Linda Parker -



<https://ilovequiltingforever.com/top-6-free-butterfly-quilt-patterns/>

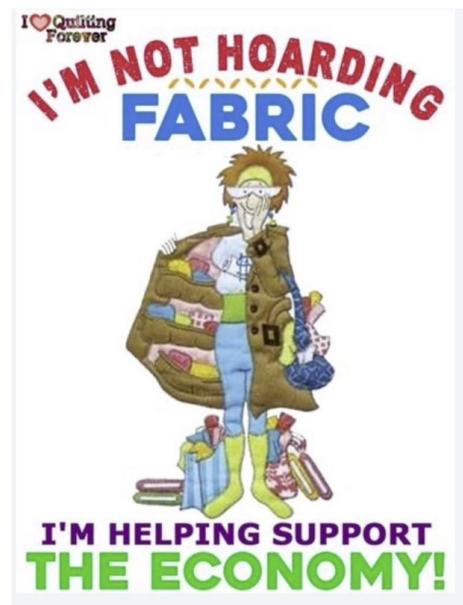
OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these Fabric Sales near us –

Monday, January 19th at 6:30pm - Fair City Guild annual rummage sale

All items are donated by Fair City guild members and priced as a donation to the guild. This means that the buyer will determine a fair price for the items. All funds are used by the guild for future programs and activities. Please be generous with your donations. All Guests will pay a \$5 Guest Fee to come into the sale to browse.

Fair City Guild, Somonauk Public Library
County Line Road, Somonauk, IL 60552
<https://www.facebook.com/FairCityQuilters>
3rd Monday at 6:30p



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A message from Gail Marshall from her friend, Rhonda Settle

Fri-Sun., Feb 6, 7, 8 from 9:00a-5:00p

Hi ladies and fellow quilters! I was hoping you would be willing to start spreading the word about the Quilters Only Estate Sale of my late sister Rebecca's unbelievable stash. I knew she had a lot of fabric, but she had A LOT OF FABRIC! Truly enough for 4 lifetimes. Cotton, vintage cotton, tons of wool, wool kits and patterns, cross stitch "everything", books, patterns, pre-cut pieces. About 75 finished quilts from Mini to Queen. Unfinished quilt tops, blocks, pre-cut bundles, multiple antique quilts and antique blocks, scissors of all kinds, notions, rulers, wool mats, Olfa cutters and cutting boards, cotton thread, silk thread, crewel yarn, literally tons of embroidery thread skeins. One of the 2 antique quilts are in rough shape but could be used to make pillows. Then there's cross stitch materials: cloth, supplies, finished unframed and finished framed pieces. The list goes on!

The sale will be on **Fri-Sun., Feb 6, 7, 8 from 9:00-5:00** at Logan Square Condos at 2155 Derby Drive, Belvidere.

Closest cross streets are Genoa Road and Logan Street.

Please tell everyone you know. It all must go and it is priced to sell!

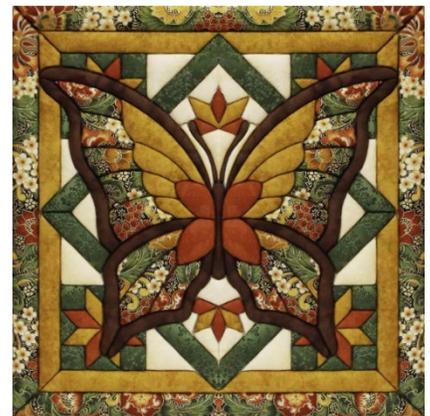


February 19th at 7pm – ON ZOOM – Sandy Fitzpatrick – Free Motion Fun and Facts

<https://hissyfitzdesigns.squarespace.com/> - \$10 Guest Fee ([use this link to register](#))

Northwest Suburbs QG, Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

<http://www.nsqg.net>
3rd Thursday at 7pm



[Paint by Fabric Butterfly wall hanging](#)

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

