



The News-Patch

July 2025

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, my birthday month is over, but the celebrations (and cake) continued into July. For those of you at the June meeting, you saw that I got a free fat quarter for announcing my birthday during celebrations. I LOVE IT!! I want to celebrate everyone.

Some of you missed (or *almost* missed) the June meeting because it was on a Wednesday. Guess what?!? It's on Wednesday again this month. Mark your calendar Wednesday 7/23.

I am so excited by all the new opportunities we have coming up. Bonnie has done a fantastic job presenting new ways to create and build with standard blocks. Sid introduced some of you to foundation piecing with the block lotto block. And we have a new mystery quilt to work on together. I am always amazed at how different the quilts look based on fabric choices. Fabric requirements and cutting instructions were handed out in June and available here in the newsletter. We won't start putting blocks together until August.

Not interested in doing the mystery quilt – I get it. I only did one and was not happy with the resulting quilt but ready to give it another try. Hopefully, I get further than I did on Rob's Skill Builder quilt. Hahaha!

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We have lots of smaller generosity options available. Linda created a sheet to help create baby quilts, walker bags, wheelchair quilts, AND is coordinating another placemat donation to Meals on Wheels.

I hope something we do as an organization helps keep you motivated to sew and quilt and get a bit out of your comfort level. See you later this month (on Wednesday).

Best, Kyra

Extended Topics From the President – 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](#) or [Raw edge placemats](#)

Donations

Throughout the years the guild is contacted by people who want to make donations of fabric, magazines, supplies, etc. We use these donations for generosity projects and/or to sell at the boutique during the show. Currently Linda and Moria are full-up on fabric for generosity projects. And we have another large donation coming in. I think we have a place to store this donation, but if you could help in one of the following areas, we would appreciate it:

- Helping haul the donations out of the home
- Organizing the donation
- Storing totes/bins - If you have any spare bins – we could use those to keep the fabric away from the elements and critters.

Please talk to Kim Colness, Linda Parker, or Kyra Rider.



<https://crinklyquilts.com/blog/ice-cream-social-quilt>

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2026 Quilt Show

We had a long talk about the 2026 quilt show during our last board meeting. At this time, we have not had anyone remotely interested in taking on the Quilt Show Coordinator position. We all understand that this is a large undertaking and that none of us on the board can pick it up as an additional duty.

So, before we do anything drastic, we are going to try and recruit some volunteers for smaller show responsibilities/roles. Once those are established, we are hoping someone will feel confident stepping into the cat-herder err... I mean... Show coordinator role.

Legal/bylaw help requested

During the May Board meeting, I asked board members to look at our guild bylaws. (you can find there here: [DCQG Bylaws](#) on our Website.)

There is a need to update some of the roles and responsibilities and other information within the Bylaws. If anyone has done this with another organization and/or has some expertise in this area, we would love some help. Or if you know someone else we could consult with please let one of the board members know. Thank you!

PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb - July Program – Trunk Show with Patricia Pallansch

Block Lotto drawing!!

August Program – 1st Month of the Mystery Quilt.

The Cutting instructions are included as an attachment to this newsletter.

Thanks, Bonnie Webb



<https://quiltingbooksatternsandnotions.com/collection/s/sew-what-designs-quilt-patterns/products/ice-cream-cone-pillow-wrap>

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From Kyra Rider: Special thanks to Gail Marshall for stepping up and taking over the organization of snack duty. For July, we ask the following people to bring snacks. Please plan on coming early (during social hour 6:00pm - 6:45pm)

From Gale Marshall - Snack Schedule:



<https://www.kristamoser.com/freshfruit>

July

Sheryl Keiler
Jan Kuhn
Cheryl Lorden
Bobbie Lundberg
Eena Lundberg

August

- We are starting a monthly treat sign-up.
- There will be 5 available spots each month.
- Sign-up for the rest of the year (2025) will be available at the treat table in July.
- Based on our membership numbers, please plan on signing up to bring treats at least once per year.

MEMBERSHIP

From Kim Colness - We are currently at 40 members strong! It is July already and there are still many of you that have not renewed membership. This is your reminder that our July meeting is on WEDNESDAY, July 23rd. I hope to see all of you there if I can remember that it is on Wednesday and not Thursday. LOL I will have registrations forms for you to check that your information is correct and then sign.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness



https://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2012/05/free-pattern-day-sweets-cupcakes-ice.html#google_vignette

BLOCK LOTTO

From Sidneya Bennett - Block Lotto - Scrappy Lattice paper pieced blocks – At the JULY meeting, we will be gathering the blocks and draw a name for the winner(s). If we have an abundance of blocks we will draw 2 or more winners. Your name will be in the drawing one time for each block you bring. Correction on the Name collections – it will be much easier to give you a two piece duplicate ticket (like you would receive for a raffle drawing). One for you and one in a bucket for the drawing.

See the examples in the pics below - They are looking great. There is still time for you to participate. Make as many blocks as you would like. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sidneya Bennett



GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – Placemats - Meals on Wheels has request 160 holiday placemats for the upcoming season. Requested finished size is 12 inches x 18 inches. I will bring supplies to the August Sewing Saturday on August 9th OR feel free to bring your own scraps. It will be fun to see what everyone puts together. A finished placemat can take approximately 1 hour to complete with the quilt as you go methods. It is a great way to use your batting scraps.



NICU Quilts – I have more kits available for anyone that would like to complete another NICU quilt. If you would only like to do one process (Top Piecing, Quilting, or Binding) – let me know. If you have a kit at home ready, please complete it and return. I would love to have a few end-of-year festive options for the Holiday babies coming.

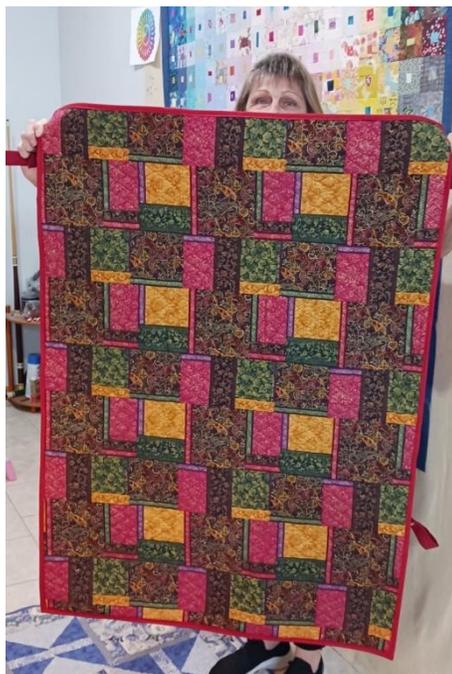
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Wheelchair Quilts – Refer to the attached suggestions sheet for enhancements for the wheelchair quilts. There are recommendations for sizes based on height. The photos here are from Syd. She chose to create fabric straps with contrasting snaps to secure at the arm rests and behind the shins.

With all thanks for your generosity,

Linda Parker



A friendly reminder...

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

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,

OUT & ABOUT

THREE Quilt Shows in September – Mark your calendars. And some fun programs within an hour of our guild.

Prairie Star – Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd, St. Charles, IL 60174

Maria DeGroot – Creative Grids USA Marketing Coordinator

Mon, 7/28 at 7pm – Pineapple Trunk show

Tues, 7/29 at 9:30am – What’s New at Creative Grids



Fall in Love with Quilts

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.

Other shows upcoming:

Faithful Circle Quilters in Woodridge IL – September 20-21st

Kankakee Quilt Guild in Kankakee IL – September 26-27th

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

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Sycamore IL 60178

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.

*** May, June, and July meetings will be on WEDNESDAY each month.

Date Changes

July meeting: Wednesday, July 23

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 the 2nd Saturday of the month thru November from 10a-4p
 - Sat, August 9th - Placemats
 - Sat, September 13th – TBD
 - Sat, October 11th – 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.

