



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

I can't believe how lucky we have been up until this point this summer. Many nice cooler days and rain to keep the plants growing. Then, kablam!! Summer hits with crazy hot weather. I got home from work that first hot day and realized all my plants were dying of thirst and burning up in the sun. Fortunately, I don't have very many (and now maybe even fewer hahas), but I got them all watered and moved around. I'll keep my fingers crossed.

We had both a lovely Sewing Saturday and 4-day retreat in June. I started some new projects and pulled out some that were very old and got stuff done. I had two quilts that have been pieced for a long time that I got quilted probably more than 5 years ago and then didn't finish because they both called for a scalloped boarder. I love the look of the scalloped boarder, but I don't have the space to lay them out and plan the scallops and then to do the binding, it was all a lot of "nope." So, I went ahead and finished them both with straight boarders and put the binding on by machine. I now, finally, have a quilt for my bed.

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...From the President continued

I also have koozies for my two favorite drinks: McDonald's iced coffee and PowerAde. No more sweating all over or using napkins. I made one for my mom too, but who would have guessed that a large Dunkin' was just that little bit bigger than the McDonald's?!? She is just going to have to wait a little bit longer until I get the pattern tweaked. As to the pattern, I just searched and found several different videos and took a little from each one. The pattern I used was just a picture with dimensions and I went for it. It is fun to try something new but also a little bit challenging. It is good for our brains.

I hope you are treating your brains, your plants, and yourself with love and care. See you in July, Kyra



Do you dream of running a Bed and Breakfast?

Okay, it is not really that exciting, but our speaker for July, Janette Dwyer, will be staying the night on Thursday 7/23. She will also be staying one or two nights during the quilt show. We have the funds to put her up in a hotel, but it is always cozy and hospitable to offer space in a member's home (if possible). During our last Board meeting none of the board members were able to make this accommodation. But if this is something you would like to do, please let Kyra know as soon as possible.

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.

JULY Treats will be provided by:

Nellie Speed
MaryBeth Vanous
Laura Wall
Ann Finseth
Moria Titus



A friendly reminder...

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

Harvest of Quilts Show 2026

From Kyra Rider -

The next Quilt Show PLANNING MEETING will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at 6pm at Annie Berg's house: 519 Knolls St. West, DeKalb

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.

On the agenda for the July 14 meeting is looking at categories for awarding quilts ribbons and the process for determining winners. We can start by talking about the use of our space and needs for special displays.



We have an appraiser lined up to be on-site at least one day. More information will be out soon so we can start scheduling appraisals. They will be \$45 and you do not need to enter the quilt in the show to have it appraised.

There will be a lot more information regarding the show in these next few months. We are doing a lot of the same (it has worked well for us) but we are also trying some new things to keep it fun. Hope you can join us at one of the planning meetings.

Kyra

Boutique

From Annie Berg –



SPECIAL PRESALE ANNOUNCEMENT - We have had some very nice donations and a nice amount of patriotic fabrics. Since there may be some of you still working on, or starting a patriotic quilt, table runner etc. for the quilt show, we thought we could do an early boutique sale to members at the July meeting. If you are interested in purchasing fabric, please bring cash or check to the July meeting.

Annie and Rita

Annie Berg

Volunteers

From Jennifer Olbrich - I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting to start getting 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 😊

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Admissions table
- White Glove
- Boutique
- Raffle Quilt
- Tickets Sales
- Raffle Baskets
- Tickets Sales
- Quilt Check-in
- Quilt Check-out
- Floaters to help out wherever needed

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

Thank you, Jennife



Raffle Baskets

From Cheryl Lorden - RAFFLE BASKETS FOR QUILT SHOW

If you have items you wish to donate for raffle baskets, 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...



PROGRAMS

From Cheryl Lorden and Bonnie Webb –

July 23rd - Janette Dwyer - Bargain Quilts and the Quilt Buy of the Century. Checkout this YouTube video from 2025 for some additional information on Janette -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uurLpaAlizY>

Janette is our scheduled Professional Quilt Appraiser for the Harvest of Quilts show in October. Please contact Moria if you would like to schedule a time for a quilt appraisal.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



From Kim Colness - Hello Lovely People!

June 1st began our new fiscal year. We will continue taking membership dues at our next guild meeting. If you did not receive your forms in May, I will have registration forms printed out for you to grab, review, correct (if needed), then sign and return to me with your \$30 membership for the year 2026-2027 membership.

RETREATS



From Kim Colness - We have confirmed retreat dates for some summer fun! Sign-up sheets will be available for you at the July meeting.

Dates are (Thursday through Sunday) - July 16-19 / August 6-9

I have information sheet at the membership table if you have any questions about the retreats and what they are all about. For those of you who are new, the basics are we go to a remote location with no tv, no washer/dryer, no family members (besides your guild family) so no distractions of home. We do, however, take a turn providing one meal for all attendees over the weekend which allows ample time to work on our sewing projects. It is a lovely time!

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness

GENEROSITY

From Linda Parker –Have you filled your clam shells with scraps for the quilt show? I shared clear containers at the Salad Supper – they are for your leftover scraps! We want to ‘harvest’ the strips & scraps from your stashes. These will be used to make QAYG (Quilt as you go) reversible placemats for Meals on Wheels. A holiday theme is not required on either side. Placemats are distributed year-round on birthdays, also. 150 is our target for our annual delivery before the holiday season. We will deliver them to the Meals on Wheels team on Monday, October 26th, after the show.

Donation Tallies for 2026 -

	Year to Date	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Kishwaukee NICU	8	0	0	0	6	0	2
Rockford NICU	20	0	0	11	0	9	0
Wheelchair quilts	10	3	0	5	0	0	2
Walker Caddy	11	4	0	6	0	0	1
Meals on Wheels Placemats	29	0	0	0	0	5	24

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

Always in Stitches! Linda Parker

WAYS & MEANS

From Moria Titus – We have A LOT of fans of the 2026 Raffle Quilt. Please grab some tickets and share with your friends and family. And then, please, return the funds as soon as possible.

I have a personal goal of 1000 tickets sold at the other guilds in our area. Thank you to Kathi Davis for continuing to work with me toward this goal. Would you like to join Kathi or I at one of these meetings? We would love to have more people join us. Checkout the Out & About section for information on the programs that night.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Tues, Jul 20th at 7pm, Country Crossroads QG, Forresteron
- Thurs, Jul 22nd at 7pm, Faithful Circle Quilters, Downers Grove
- Sun, Aug 9th at noon, Crystal Lake Midwest QG, Crystal Lake
- Wed, Aug 12th at 6pm, Common Threads QG, Sugar Grove (rescheduled from Jun due to weather)
- Thurs, Aug 13th at 7pm, Kankakee QG, Kankakee
- 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

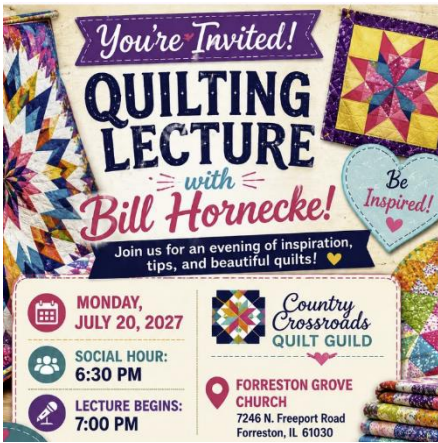


Note: See the Out & About sections for program and address of Quilt Guide meetings.

Moria Titus, VP Ways & Means

OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us –



Monday, July 20th – Bill Hornecke

***DCQG Raffle quilt showing

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild,
Forreston Grove Church

7246 N Freemont Rd, Forreston, IL 61030

<https://countrycrossroadsquiltguild.com/>

3rd Monday at 7p

July 22nd – Lynn Schmidt – *A Different Box of Crayons* -

<https://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com/about-us.htm>

***DCQG raffle quilt showing

Faithful Circle Quilters, Faith Methodist Church

432 59th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516

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

4th Wednesday at 7pm



Aug 9th - Joshua Chernoff will discuss the art of raw edge applique. <https://evanstonmade.org/projects/josh-chernoff/>

***DCQG raffle quilt showing

Crystal Lake Midwest Quilt Guild,

Algonquin Township Building

3702 US 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

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

2nd Sunday at noon

August 13th – *DCQG raffle quilt showing**

Kankakee Quilter's Guild, Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene

1000 North Entrance Avenue, Kankakee, IL 60901

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

2nd Thursday at 7p

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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