



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

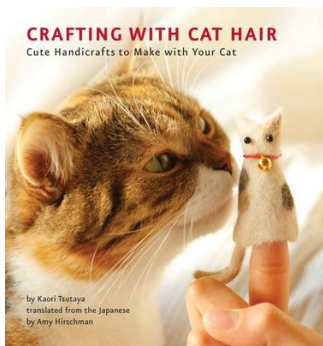
Greetings,

My spring break was supposed to be ending today but due to the “surprise” blizzard I get one extra day. Lucky me. Even better, I spent 5 days during the break sewing with guild members. The retreat was the first weekend and then we had Sewing Saturday. Such delightful distractions.

I did spend time during my break working - housework, schoolwork, and committee work. I spent one afternoon helping the new president of the Illinois Math Association of Community Colleges get ready for the annual conference. The new president gave me a book as a thank you for my time. What is funny is that another faculty member at Kish had given me the same book several years ago for Christmas. I infuse so much of my life and loves in communication that people get to know me. I love it.

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So, I know you are anxious to know what this book is that screamed my name to multiple people. It's called *Crafting with Cat Hair*. You will be happy to learn that there is an entire section on ethically harvesting cat hair so, I will not have a bunch of bald cats.

I have done some needle felting and Kim Colness has a very cool machine for felting, but I honestly think I will stick with wool and synthetic fibers.

And if you come across this book, I'd love you to think of me but save your money, I already have two copies of it. Hahaha (meow)

Best, Kyra

Snacks sign-up 2026

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. Please look for the sign-up sheet when you check-in we need at least one more volunteer for June.

Bringing **snacks in March** are:

Nellie Speed

Kyra Rider

Pat Barger

Rosemary Smith

April Treats will be provided by:

Sidneya Bennett

Diane McCuiston

Kim Colness

Ilene Covert

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 for 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.

We need a full slate of candidates for the elections in April. If you are interested, please let Kyra know as soon as possible. I can also answer questions regarding roles and responsibilities. Open for 2026 are the following positions: Treasurer, Second VP Programs, Ways & Means Chair, Director at Large.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

Our Quilt Show is this year in October 2026 during Pumpkin Fest Weekend. It is time to get organized. Check out the Newsletter Attachment with this year's Quilt Show Poster.

From Kyra Rider - 2026 Quilt Show Committees

Kyra and Linda met last week to start brainstorming and planning for the 2026 quilt show. But now we need your help. Look for a survey to be sent to your email this week to solicit feedback and help in decision making.

When the show is being setup, run, and cleaned up, (October 22-24) we will be looking for everyone to volunteer some time and manpower. Until then, we need some brainpower and planning.

Our first quilt show planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3/31 at 6pm. Location to be determined. We are hoping for a large turnout. If you would like to have a say in what we do (or don't do) we need you there and will be looking to divvy lots of big jobs into smaller tasks. Again, this is where you come in! You do not need to oblige yourself to a major task but we can pair people up and assign small tasks such as making calls, sending emails, planning our space, etc. No computer skills, no problem! Only computer skills? Great! We want you!



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

From Annie Berg – Boutique - We are accepting fabric donations at this time for the boutique so we can get started on bagging and pricing. If there are questions, please call Annie Berg or Rita Mitchell.

PROGRAMS



From Bonnie Webb –

March 2026 – GAME Night!!! - Come prepared to have some fun!!

April 2026 – Demonstration of Paper Piecing tips and tricks – 2 different techniques will be presented.

May 2026 – Annual Salad Supper

SPECIAL EVENTS

From Annie Berg and team– Salad Supper Details – May 28th at 6pm

We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings. Each of you will need to bring your dish to pass and your own table service and beverage. If you'd like to bring your own placemat to show, we'd love to see it. Let us know if you have any questions.

Your special event committee, Annie Berg, Rita Mitchell, Patty Pallansch and Barb Gieseeman

MEMBERSHIP



From Kim Colness - Would you believe that last month's meeting brought 4 new members to our guild! Two brand new members (Laurie and Robyn) and two past members (Pattie and Winifred) who have returned! So wonderful to see you, Ladies! We look forward to getting to know you in the coming months! This brings our total 2025-26 membership to 61 strong! Attached is an updated roster for you.

Sew Blessed!

Kim Colness

WAYS & MEANS

From Kathi Davis – In case you missed the last meeting, the raffle quilt which will now be called “Starry Galaxy” is shown at the right. It was named by a member of the guild who attended the February meeting. I had 9 suggestions for names for the quilt. I narrowed them down to 4 and asked the DCQG board members to vote for their choice. “Starry Galaxy” won the vote by a large margin. Thus, that is the name of our quilt.

I will now create and attach a label for the quilt. Moria, Linda, and I have scheduled several days in which to show the quilt at other guilds (see list below). These are raffle ticket selling and quilt show promoting events. We need volunteers to take the quilt to these locations.



Showing raffle quilt at:

- Prairie Star Quilt Guild (St Charles), Monday evening March 23rd and Tuesday Morning March 24th (Moria and Linda)
- Sinnissippi Quilt Guild (Rockford), Thursday April 2nd both afternoon and evening (Kathi and Linda)
- Geneseo Quilt Guild (Geneseo), Tuesday evening, May 12th
- Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild (Morris), Thursday evening May 14th
- Pride of the Prairie (Naperville), Thursday evening June 18th

Please pick up raffle tickets at our guild meetings until the quilt show to sell them wherever and whenever possible. This is the major fundraising event for our guild. Thus, the more tickets sold, the more money in our coffers!

Thanks again to everyone that assisted with creating such a beautiful raffle quilt!

Kathi

Kathi Davis

RETREAT RECAP



From Kim Colness - Our March Retreat was well attended with 21 sewists coming together to work on projects. Projects that were new and some old, some easy and some a little more challenging. The weekend was a success and enjoyed by all!

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness



From Linda Parker – Retreat Report from March 5-8 – This lovely hand embroidered quilt top was discovered at a 2021 garage sale. The blue on cream background, floral topper was purchased for only \$20. Laura Walls did her research and learned it was a Marshal Fields’s 1990’s twin size embroidery kit. Laura later found the perfect back at another sale. This rescued quilt was fully assembled and quilted in the Fall of 2025. Thank you, Laura, for sharing your story at the retreat.

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – Do you have Generosity Kits that need completed and turned in? Spring is just around the corner. I would like to do a full inventory. Please return the project (partial or completed) or the kit so someone else can complete it.

Do you need a new project? You can message me to set up a time to shop together. OR - The entire Generosity Stash will be available at the next retreat. Members can stop by any of the days (at Afton Townhall building in Elva) to pick out the fabrics and supplies.

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 -

More Photos from the Retreat Recap:

3 finished projects! According to Kyra, only 67 more to go!



OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us –

Fabric Sale Cotton Quilting Fabric

Thousands
of yards at
\$5 yard



A lot of fabric still on bolts.

March 20 & 21
9am - 4pm

First Christian Church
455 W. Southmor Road, Morris, IL

Sponsored by:
Pieces From the Heart Guild

April 12th at 12pm - Susan Hornagold - *discussion about historic quilts with some tips on quilt appraisals.*

Crystal Lake Midwest Quilt Guild

Algonquin Township Building
3702 US 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

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

2nd Sunday at noon

April 14th at 7pm – Pam Helfers – *Custom Not Required – E2E to Create Magical Quilts*

Geneseo Quilt Guild

Concordia Lutheran Church

316 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL 61254

<https://geneseoquilters.wixsite.com/geneseocommquilters>

2nd Tuesday at 7p

A friendly reminder...

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

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

