



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

Happy Thanksgiving!

I am amazed by how fast this time of year flies by. Last Wednesday I took a picture of my 3 favorite trees at school. They end up green, red, and yellow at the same time – so beautiful. On Monday when I got to campus, the green tree was naked!! All but about 2 leaves had fallen off. Now they are all sad looking – except at 5pm when it is dark enough that the clear lights make them festive. I don't know if I should laugh or cry.

I'm getting ready to spend part of the weekend at the retreat. The dedicated sewing time is fantastic, but I have not organized what I want to work on. I'll end up doing a little of this and a little of that and hopefully accomplish something.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in December for our holiday dinner. We will have show and tell as usual and a catered meal (for the first time ever!). We aren't together again as a group until the third week in January – unless you attend Sewing Saturday with me. By then the holiday cheer has worn off and time will have ground to a halt. But we have each other – and our quilts to keep us warm.

In case I don't see you, enjoy all the year-end festivities and hope you get to spend quality time with loved ones.
-Kyra

PROGRAMS

From Bonnie Webb –

Last Month – We continued our Mystery quilt lesson 1 thru 6.

You can find the instructions on the website if you need a printed copy. [Link to Mystery Quilt Instructions on DCQG.org](https://www.dccqg.org)

The Holiday Dinner – Mark your calendar – Dec 4th

December 2025 - No regular meeting in December

January 2026 – Assembly instructions for the mystery quilt and Showing of the 2025 UFO Challenge quilts.

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



[Free No-Sew Ornament Pattern](#)



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!

2026 – Coming Soon – Game Night, Foundation Piecing and Needles, Thread and Fabric – How they work together or not in relation to each other.

Thank You, Bonnie

HOLIDAY DINNER

From Annie Berg - REMINDER, the December 4th Holiday dinner is just around the corner. Here are the last few bits of information.

- The meal is being catered for you at no cost and will include ham, roast turkey, pasta and other sides.
- All table service will be provided. Decaf coffee and spiced cider will be served. If you wish to drink something else, please bring that.
- To make this extra festive, each member is asked to bring 1 dozen of your favorite homemade or bakery Christmas cookies on a plate to share.
- If you are participating in the gift exchange, the amount should be at least \$20. It can be any theme and wrapped for a fun game.
- If you are participating in the ornament exchange, please bring two ornaments. You may bring one to exchange, and/or one for the nursing home. Nursing home ornaments can be handmade and must be unbreakable.
- Doors open at 6, we will begin eating at 6:15.

****Don't forget your show and tell, and don't forget your festive outfit and your plate of Christmas cookies. ****

Can't wait to see you there. Any questions please call Annie



[32 Festive Christmas Table Toppers](#)

A friendly reminder...

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

WAYS & MEANS

From Kathi Davis - The front of the raffle quilt is finished! We found backing fabric. And batting was donated by Kim Colness. So, we are ready for the longarm quilter. And we are so lucky to have a commitment from Rob Stoll who has agreed to do the quilting in January.

A photo of the final version before quilting is below.

Thanks so much! Kathi

Kathi Davis, Ways and Means VP



RETREAT RECAP

From Linda Parker – Our retreat was really a sewing party in disguise! And we shared the BEST FOOD every day! Check our Facebook group for more pictures from the retreat. Hope you will join us on the next one in the Spring. [DCQG Facebook Group](#)



GENEROSITY PROJECTS

From Linda Parker – October/November Totals – **Placemats** - We delivered 221 placemats to the Meals on Wheels team on Oct 24th. They were very excited about the wide variety of designs and double sides. These will be distributed during the Holiday season. A few requests from the organization –

1) They can take placemats anytime. My plan is to make deliveries of our projects on the 3rd Friday of each month. Client's birthday is celebrated with a card, cupcake and a placemat.

2) The newly requested size is 13½" x 18". This will prevent a drink from spilling if set on the binding. (Thank you, Patty, for this info)



[Pine Valley Christmas Quilt Pattern](#) • [Maple Cottage Designs](#)

Nicu Quilts – In November we donated 4 quilts to the Rockford NICU. December's collection will be provided to the Kishwaukee Hospital.

Elder Care Services - 3 wheelchair quilts, 4 walker caddies and 7 Dinner scarves were delivered in November. My plan is to make deliveries of our projects on the 3rd Friday of each month.

2025 Totals will be provided in the January newsletter.

What's Next in 2026? - I will continue to take donations from any completed projects you have from kits received prior. The cold weather is a great time to finish those – once your holiday gifts are complete. I have continued to improve the Gen Project Guidelines and will have printed copies for anyone that would like them. Or you can print a copy from the website. [DCQG Generosity Projects](#).

Always in Stitches! Linda

Linda Parker

OUT & ABOUT

Have a favorite guild you would like to see featured in OUT & ABOUT? Let me know and share the fun with the rest of our community.

Moria Titus

GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG
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Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
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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, December 13th from 10am-4pm
 - Bring a project and \$5 to help pay for the room rental
 - Held at Federated Church, 612 W State St., Sycamore

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