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 November, Thank you all for an amazing quilt show. I realize we spent a lot of time and energy talking about and planning for the show, but it all paid off. I am thrilled with the success of the show. Are there things I would do differently? Of course; but I think we should ALL be proud of what we accomplished for a relatively small group.

Now I can turn my attention toward the end of the school semester and getting back caught up on the work that was neglected during the show. Hahaha This time of year always seems to flash by in a blur. I still have a few pieces of Halloween candy left (I had zero kids show up). In a couple of weeks, it will be Thanksgiving, Guild Holiday Dinner, Graduation, and then Christmas.

It is important that we take time to reflect on what we have accomplished during the year and enjoy living in the present. Enjoy the cooler weather and the remaining leaves. Take time to spend with family, friends, and other loved ones. Try not to wish away the rest of the year. I have several quilts to finish and 8 more books to read (listen to) to make my goal for the year.

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...Continued From the President



https://www.favequilts.com/Quilted-Ornaments/Scrappy-Stocking-Ornament

I am REALLY looking forward to Thanksgiving because I feel like I need a day off. Labor Day was a L-O-N-G time ago and I want a guilt free "me" day. I will try to enjoy every day between now and then and not wish the days away.

I am thankful to know you; to have had the chance to share my love of quilting with you and learn from you. I look forward to our future time together and new and exciting quilting escapades. Hope to see many of you at the Holiday Dinner.

Best, Kyra Rider

Retreat Info

From Kim Colness - Fall Retreat dates are set for November 12th -15th (Thursday thru Sunday) at the Afton community building. See Kim to sign up for the retreat and a meal to share.

Retreats are a great way to socialize while we sew together. We rent a shared space, setup tables, a shared cutting station, and shared ironing station. You bring your machine and a project (or two or three 😊). You can set up your station and leave everything until we tear down on the last day. Plus, you get to sleep in your own bed. There is a daily fee to join us or a reduced overall fee if you sign up for the entire time. The fee covers the cost of the rental space. You are also requested to sign up for a meal slot with other members. You only cook once and eat the rest of the time.



https://www.favequilts.com/Quilted-Ornaments/Fabric-House-Ornament

Winter 5 DAY Retreat has been scheduled – mark your calendar for January 14th thru 18th (Thursday thru Monday (MLK Jr Day and many members have this day off – we should keep on sewing!). I will have a signup sheet available at the Holiday Dinner.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out by phone, text or email.

Sew Blessed! Kim Colness

Holiday Dinner

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



This year's holiday dinner is on Thursday, December 3rd
The doors will open at 6:15pm,
and we will eat around 6:30pm.

DINNER - The meal will be catered at no cost to members only. All table service will be provided, and hot cider will be available. You may also bring your own drink.

DESSERT - Please bring a plate of 1 dozen of your favorite homemade or bakery Christmas cookies to share. No other desserts are necessary.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zad_TkO1mVs&t=22s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsZKQWAp7tc

GIFT EXCHANGE – optional activity - If you are participating in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift of $20. It can be any theme and participation is entirely optional.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE – optional activity - If you are participating in the ornament exchange, we do one that is for the exchange, and one that is donated to the nursing home. You may do one or the other, both or none. Totally optional as well. However, the nursing home ones must be unbreakable and preferably handmade. Even a leftover small, quilted block can be a delightful ornament that residents can enjoy and touch without harm. Together we could make a beautiful tree for the residents to enjoy. It won't take much of your time. There are some great free ornament patterns shown throughout the newsletter with ideas.

SHOW N TELL - Lastly, don't forget to bring your show and tell. We want to see what you've been up to. Quilt show winners are requested to bring the Viewer's Choice quilts for Show 'n Tell. We want to get some great pictures of the quilts.

If you have any questions, call Annie, Rita, Barb or Patty.

Harvest of Quilts Show 2026

A HUGE THANK YOU! And Congratulations to our Favorite Quilts

From Kyra Rider – Viewer's Choice Winners - The winners of the Viewer's Choice awards were announced late on Saturday of the quilt show. We are working on getting pictures to share with everyone but until then, the following people should be acknowledged for their accomplishments:



https://www.favequilts.com/Quilted-Ornaments/Vintage-Baubles-Felt-Christmas-Ornaments

Overall Viewer's Choice

1) Patricia Pallansch - "Getting to Know Hue"
2) Krista Urban - "Wander Lane"
3) Jennifer Olbrich - "Escher"
3) Patricia Pallansch - "Beauty Around"
3) Laura Wall - "Mega Star"

A THREE-WAY tie for third place in the overall category. YAY!!



https://www.polkadotchair.com/how-to-make-a-vintage-folded-fabric-star-ornament/

Red/White/Blue Viewer's Choice

1) Rob Stoll - "E Pluribus Unum – Out of Many, One"
2) Laura Wall - "Celebrating the States"

Mystery Quilt Viewer's Choice

1) Moria Titus - "Daisy Meadow"



https://files.allpeoplequilt.com/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/sites/42/2021/11/05/A-Bit-of-Cheer.pdf

We had no entries in the Youth category, so we opted to award a ribbon to the youngest quilter who entered an item in the show.

1) Josie Speed entered two quilts, "Blue" and "Rainbow"

And a huge shout out to Sidneya Bennet for creating the ribbon toppers. We will share photos of those too.

Harvest of Quilts show update continued on the next page …



https://www.pinterest.com/pin/394487248630071472/

Post Show Meeting - If you attended any of the show meetings, volunteered at the quilt show, or just have input to share regarding the show, please plan to attend one final meeting. On Tuesday, November 17th at 6pm. We will be meeting at Annie Berg's house (519 Knolls St. W, DeKalb). Topics for discussion will include "what went well?" and "what we can improve upon?" for the next show. This needs to be documented before we forget. If you cannot make it but have thoughts or suggestions to share, please send me an email.

Kyra Rider



kaleidoscope star

Treasurer's Report from Jennifer Olbrich - We had a very successful show! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. We increased our profits by 50% when compared to our last show in 2024 and more than double the profits from 2022 and 2019. I am still waiting on a few items to get recorded, but I will have preliminary financial statements at our holiday party if you would like to see the results.

Also, I have updated financials at every meeting, so, if you are interested on how the guild is doing, please stop by a take a look. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. We have been asked in the past to publish these in the newsletter, but, since we post the newsletter on our website, we decided to keep these results separate.

Thank you, Jennifer Olbrich, Treasurer / Quilt Show Volunteer Coordinator



https://pinyourpin.com/diy-crafts/diy-folded-fabric-pinecone-ornaments.html?utm_source=Pinterest&utm_medium=organic

Programs

From Cheryl Lorden – Mark your calendars for these upcoming Programs during our regular meetings in January thru October 2027



December - Holiday Dinner - No program

January 2027 - Connie Martin - *Pre Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad*
https://ilhumanities.org/speakers/connie-martin

Connie Martin, MA. provides an American historical information presentation from research on her family history to reveal secret codes in quilts as a 6th generation descendant of enslaved Africans in Kentucky.

Connie finds joy in sharing stories of her great grandmother Lizzie, as told to her from her enslaved mother who told stories of plantation escapes traveling through Kentucky, Missouri and into Illinois to freedom in Canada.

- *Who began the Underground Railroad?*
- *Why was it the most successful national covert operation to exist in America?*

Learn the untold history of secret safe routes, and codes used on the Underground Railroad, including special stitching in the quilts; used throughout our counties - including use of Illinois rivers and streams that freedom seekers used to follow using abolitionist guides who risked their lives assisting them north to Canada.

February – TBD -
March - Linda Parker - *Generosity projects*
April - Beth Randall - *Professional organizer*



https://www.craftystaci.com/blog/fabric-ribbon-candy-ornament

Generosity

From Linda Parker - How many days did it take for you to recover from the 2026 Harvest of Quilts show? It was just "sew" good. Yup, I am stating the obvious again.

Many THANKS to everyone who created, sewed, and visited the Demo Studio. It was an amazing model of an interactive classroom and rest stop. Resetting that area back to its original form was sad. But the results are/were satisfying.



https://www.polkadotchair.com/how-to-make-fabric-kimekomi-christmas-ornaments/

Donation Tallies for 2026 -

	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kishwaukee NICU	23	0	8	5	10		
Rockford NICU	29	11	9	3	6		
Wheelchair quilts	17	8	2	7	0		
Walker Caddy	11	10	1	0	0		
Diner Scarves	14	0	0	0	14		
Placemats	64	0	29	8	27		

I will have placemat supplies at the retreat or call me for what you need. Next delivery to Meals on Wheels will be Friday, Dec 4th. Please bring any completed items to the Holiday Dinner so they can be delivered before the end of the year.

Always in Stitches, Linda Parker



https://www.tildasworld.com/christmas-birds/

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
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Email Address: info@dcqg.org

Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
Sycamore IL 60178

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "Dekalb County Quilters Guild"

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 Fall Retreat
  - November 12th-15th
  - See Kim Colness for additional information
- 2027 Winter Retreat
  - January 14th–18th
  - See Kim Colness for additional information