



# The News-Patch

October 2021

## Our Mission Statement:

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

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## From the President

Happy Fall!

I really enjoyed our speaker last month. I wonder how many miniatures will be in Show & Tell at the next meeting? Then we had our retreat the next weekend. We had such a good time (and ate so many sloppy joes) we're doing it again in November!

We're going to have a Holiday Party - I reserved the church hall for Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-10:00 pm for a holiday potluck, so pull out your recipes and bring your favorite dish to pass, along with a table setting & drink.

Sorry, I won't be able to attend the October meeting, but looking forward to seeing many of you at the retreat and the Holiday Party!

Happy Quilting,  
Jennifer

# OCTOBER MEETING

## Quick and Easy Holiday Gifts featuring – YOU!

I'm trying something new for the October meeting. I'm hoping to have participation from each and every one of you in the way of a mini presentation/demonstration of a quick and easy holiday gift. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or new. I believe many of us made the "10-minute table runners" years ago, but we probably have members who haven't seen or remember these sweet gift items. Do you have a go-to item for birthday gifts? Shower gifts? It doesn't have to be Christmas themed. Let's try and keep it more-or-less on topic: a quilted, sewn, or hand stitched item, general craft items, or gift for the quilter.

I don't want you to feel pressured or afraid to come to the meeting without something to share – but the more of us who play along, the more ideas we all walk away with. Some ideas that could use presenters include:

1. 10 minute table runners
2. Bowl Cozies
3. Coasters
4. Striped table runners with a 60 degree ruler
5. Napkins
6. Tote bags
7. And ornaments of all types

If you reach out to me before the meeting, I can compile some notes to prepare in advance of the meeting. Give me a call 815-751-0502 or email [kyra.rider@gmail.com](mailto:kyra.rider@gmail.com) Be sure to bring paper and pencil to take notes. Take advantage of our November retreat or Sewing Saturday and you can get some gifts made in the company of quilty friends.

Kyra

## Meals on Wheels Placemat Challenge – Bring 'em if you've got 'em!

The October meeting is our last "regular" meeting of the year. Please bring your completed placemats. I have already collected 48 placemats. Madeline and Kathy Davis have both posted pictures of their bounty of placemats these will get added to the count. Keep working on those placemats for Meals on Wheels clients! Our goal is to provide one placemat for each of their 150 clients this holiday season.

My original challenge to you was to use one of Madeline Carpenter's scrappy methods to create your placemat. But maybe you have some orphan blocks, want to try a new technique, have a panel to repurpose – go for it! We are looking for placemats to be approximately 12" x 18." Here are some pictures that might help motivate.



Want to view Madeline's demos again? Find them here: [Flip and Stitch](#) or [Raw Edge](#)

Kyra

## OCTOBER QUILT LOTTO

For October's quilt lotto block, let's make pumpkins! This block was completed at this month's Sewing Day using 2-1/2 inch squares. The 16-patch is then snowballed on the corners to "round out" the pumpkin. The green stem is a half square triangle that is also snowballed on the green corner. The border is completed with 2-1/2 inch strips. Use a neutral color for the background and any festive pumpkin colors for your 16-patch.

If you'd like you could also make striped pumpkins using 2-1/2 inch strips instead of 16-patches.

The final block should measure 12-1/2 inches square. This will be our final lotto block of the year. Hope you can join in the fun!



## MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 45 members registered for the 2021-22 membership year. Feel free to bring a friend when you come. This is how we promote the fellowship and art of quilting!

## ANOTHER RETREAT!

We had so much fun in September we are doing it again! On November 5-7, we will be meeting at the Afton Township Hall, 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115 (Off Elva Rd south of town), for 3 days of sewing and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass (for 10-12...except for sloppy joes! 😊), some snacks to share and come join the fun! To cut down a little on the amount of garbage we produce, I would encourage all to bring their own table service to wash and reuse while you enjoy all the goodies. Please refer to the retreat supplies list included with our September Newsletter to make your own list of what you need to bring. Be sure to **pack** everything so you don't leave it sitting on your kitchen table! (Thank you, Jennifer for gifting me some thread to use!)

If you have any questions, feel free to call, text or email me 815-757-8115 or [kimcolness@comcast.net](mailto:kimcolness@comcast.net).

Sew blessed!  
Kim Colness

# HARVEST OF QUILTS 2022

## Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Show – September 24 & 25, 2022

**Update on how the show is progressing:** We have a venue (DeKalb Sports and Rec Center) a judge (Maribeth Schmidt) and an appraiser (Chris Moline) and the quilt has been appraised! We are moving along at a good pace.

**Things we need to do now:** Publicity is key! There are several ways you can help with publicity. First, sell the raffle tickets. The stub that the purchaser receives has the show details so they can't forget. Second, pickup bookmarks at the meeting or by contacting Kathy or Chris Wells and distribute them to EVERY quilt/fabric store you visit. And third, talk, talk, and talk up the show! There is a poster on the website that you can print if you wish to use it (or bookmark) as a talking point! Tell all your friends and everyone you meet!!! We accept applications from everyone, not just DCQG members as do some other guilds.

The next thing we need for work is stuffing envelopes for requesting items for the baskets for the raffle baskets. Everything will be ready, just need to stuff envelopes! Let Kathi know at [kad0522@comcast.net](mailto:kad0522@comcast.net) or [quiltshow@dcqg.org](mailto:quiltshow@dcqg.org).

Thanks so much for your assistance!

Kathi Davis, Chair

Harvest of Quilts 2022

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**Harvest of Quilts 2022 Quilt Show Committee:** **Chair:** Kathi Davis, **Treasurer:** Peg Simonds, **Boutique:** Jean Bradford, **Volunteers:** Kim Colness, **Vendors:** Chris Wells, **Raffle Tickets:** Chris and Kathy Wells, **Ribbon Toppers:** Kathy Wells.

P.S. There is a photo of the raffle quilt on the DCQG website with the most current information about the quilt show: [www.dcqg.org](http://www.dcqg.org) click on Quilt Show 2022 tab at the top.

## GETTING TO KNOW...

If you have not yet participated, please email [dcqgnews@gmail.com](mailto:dcqgnews@gmail.com) or snail mail Kathy Wells a photo to share as well as your answers to the following questions. We'd love to learn about you!

- How long have you been a guild member?
- How long have you been sewing?
- What was your first project?
- Favorite colors?
- Least favorite color?
- Favorite quilting celebrity?
- On what are you currently working?
- Any other hobbies or interests?

## GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG  
P.O. Box 385  
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Email Address: [info@dcqg.org](mailto:info@dcqg.org)

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



### Meeting Info:

- Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors opened at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

### A friendly reminder...

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