



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 Fall Y'all!

I love, love, love the cooler weather; the sound of football and marching bands in my backyard (Sycamore High School); and the trees are starting their beautiful show of changing colors. Sigh...

That also means it is time for Pumpkin Fest, Halloween, and the Quilt Show! I am honestly amazed at how everything is coming together. We have a great team of hard workers, and I don't think anyone will be disappointed. Thanks to Moria, Kathi, and several other members we already have close to \$2,000 in raffle ticket sales.

Annie Berg and her team have amassed a huge amount of goods to sell during the boutique and if you remember from 2024, Annie doesn't just shove scraps in bags. Every bag is coordinated, curated, and ironed they look like they should be sold in quilt shops!

Raffle Baskets – WOW. Again, I am always amazed. Cheryl had a small group over last Sunday to assemble and wrap baskets. There are 32 baskets with maybe another one or two coming. Each one easily contains \$50 worth of product and/or gift certificates.

From the President continues on the next page ...

The one thing we absolutely need at the show is quilts to be displayed. While quilt entries are still coming, we only have 54 official entries as of today. There is a good collection of Red/White/Blue – Patriotic quilts, 5 mystery quilts, and **no** 😞 youth entries. Many of you submitted more than one quilt – thank you. Again, I will say that you all have done work worthy of showing off and being admired. I would be happy to help you fill out the entry form if that is holding you back. Hit up your son, granddaughter, or best friend to return a quilt you gifted them for the weekend. [Link to Quilt Entry Form](#)

Show weekend will be busy but also rewarding and we need you to make it happen. See you (or just your quilts) October 22 – 24.

Kyra

Holiday Dinner

Everyone is so focused on the Quilt Show – but it is time to finalize our Holiday Dinner plans.

Will you be there?? **December 3rd at 6pm**

How can you RSVP? - See Annie Berg in the Boutique during the Quilt Show. She will have a signup sheet available

- Watch your mailbox for more details and request to reply with your RSVP.
- More info in the November newsletter

Contact me with any Questions – Annie Berg



Fall Retreat

From Kim Colness - Hello DCQG members!

Fall Retreat dates are set for Thursday, November 12th thru Sunday, November 15th. At the Afton community building. See Kim to sign up for the retreat and a meal to share.

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

Sew Blessed! Kim

Harvest of Quilts Show 2026

A HUGE THANK YOU! Here are some final details about the Quilt Show.

If you signed up to help setup on Thursday, October 22nd at 6pm – See you then. Otherwise, we will see you on Friday or Saturday to Volunteer.

STOP BY the Sycamore Courthouse pumpkinfest display to see the DCQG display. We are featuring Betsy Ross sewing and caring for the Americana Quilt. You can find our display in the Organization section during the fest weekend (Thursday-Sunday).

Quilt Submissions

From Kyra Rider - We need your quilts!

What is the most important part of a quilt show? No! Not the shopping or the food! It's the quilts. We want to give our patrons a beautiful show with a great variety of quilts. This is where we REALLY need all of you to help. Even if you are unable to help at the weekend of the show, your quilts can be there. Just ask a friend to help with drop off and pickup.

I guarantee your quilts are good enough! We are not doing any formal judging. And obviously not everyone will like every quilt but that is why we need variety. I would love to see EVERYONE enter at least one item into the show. Drag a friend or family member to the show and let them see your work on display. It is good for our self-esteem.

Quilt Categories for Viewer's Choice ribbons:

- Red/White/Blue – Americana
- Mystery Quilt
- Other quilted items
- Quilts of any size, shape, or use

As in the past, we also encouraged young people to enter. You will need to be a sponsor for your grandchild, niece, neighbor, godchild, etc. (Spoiler: every youth entry will receive a ribbon)

Speaking of ribbons, we are not going to go overboard. Ribbons will be awarded based on Viewer's Choice and possibly in each of the special exhibits (Mystery and Americana)

The easiest way to submit your quilt is to use the link below and fill out the online form.

[Quilt Show Submission Form](#)

Check-in / Check-out Info

From Jennifer Olbrich - We will be printing labels, based on the data received from the quilt show submission forms. When you drop your quilt off on *Thursday evening at 6pm or after*, we will put the label on our side of the two-part ticket and attached that to the back of your quilt, giving you the other part of the ticket to be used when you pick up your quilt **after the end** of the show on Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon at approximately 4:30pm, quilts will be brought from the sanctuary into the coat rack area, where we will have tables set up. You will bring your ticket to that table, and we will then give you your quilt. We ask that you please do not remove your quilt yourself, to ensure the security of everyone's quilts. *Please check out your quilt after 4:30pm on Saturday.*

Thank you, Jennifer

Equipment List

From Moria Titus - We are requesting Equipment to use as displays at the show. This can be a personal quilt rack, cute ladders, or photo backdrop racks. If you have something that you think will be usable, please let us know. And then bring it to setup night at the Check-in Table. You will be provided with a pickup tag for pickup after the show. *Items can be picked up after 4:30pm on Saturday.*

Thanks – Moria Titus,

Boutique

From Annie Berg – We are done accepting donations of fabric for the boutique. Thank you to all who donated. We have a very nice selection of quilt kits, yardage, small cuts, panels and scrap bags for you to shop from during the quilt show. Books, magazines and patterns can be brought to the setup meeting, as well and we'll have a lot! Any handmade items you wish to sell can be brought on the night of setup. I will have 2-part tags available again at the September meeting for you to tag your items. The Guild receives 20% of the sales and you keep the rest. The tag is important to keep track of your items. If you have any questions, just call or text me.

Thanks, and let's have a great show! Annie Berg

Raffle Baskets

From Cheryl Lorden – We will have a Raffle Basket display at the quilt show. We will be selling raffle tickets to attendees. The tickets are then placed into containers they would like a chance to win that basket. In the past, the most popular baskets have included themes such as sewing, candy, and items from various local companies.

Raffle Basket tickets will be \$1 each or 10 for \$5, 20 for \$10, or 40 for \$20.

Thank you to the people who have given me items or baskets for our upcoming quilt show.

Thank you, Cheryl Lorden

Volunteer Signup

From Jennifer Olbrich - Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at our quilt show! The current version of the schedule is included in this newsletter.

Many people said to “put me wherever”, so I did. Please send me a note or give me a call if your assignment needs to be revised. I tried to keep Kyra and myself as free as possible, so we can cover any unexpected openings. Feel free to call or text me at any time during the show if you have a question or need a break.

You will notice a 30-minute overlap in the time slots. This is so your replacement shows up prior to the end of the shift, in case you are scheduled in another area during the next timeslot.

For those of you working the first and/or the last shift of each day, in areas that have cash, I will have a sheet for you to sign-off on the cash balance in your bag/box. This is to ensure a double-count of all the cash for accurate financial reporting.

Thank you, Jennifer

Appraisals

From Moria Titus – Janette Dwyer, professional quilt appraiser, will be attending our quilt show to provide insurance appraisals. I have a signup sheet for anyone that would like to have a quilt appraised. Appraisals are available for \$40 (written) or \$25 (verbal). You will be asked to complete an information sheet about your quilt. You can drop off the quilt and pick it up

later. If you are showing your quilt in the Quilt Show Janette will visit your quilt where it is displayed.

Why have a quilt appraised? Appraisals will help you realize the true worth of your cherished quilts and pass on their true value to the recipients. If your quilt is lost, stolen or damaged an insurance company may only give the cost of a blanket to replace it. That will not replace a treasured family heirloom nor cover the cost to remake a quilt of similar quality. A written appraisal is a legal document for insurance purposes or determining fair market value. A complete written description and document determining financial value is provided. A verbal appraisal is for determining date, pattern, and other details No financial information is provided.

Thanks – Moria Titus

Demo Studio for Generosity

From Linda Parker – I am excited to share that our Demo schedule has been completed for the entire show. Each subject is very interesting and many thanks in advance to our presenters.

We will have three sewist stations available for placemat creation during the show. So far, there are time slots still available. Volunteers can reserve a preferred time thru the Volunteer signup by contacting Jennifer Olbrich or me. If you would like to reserve a spot for the entire show, please let me know. Bring your setup on Thursday night and that will be your spot for the entire two days.

Joy in Sewing, Linda Parker

What's Next?

We are starting the planning for TWO next events. If you would like to help with these activities, start volunteering now.

- Feb 2027 – Guild Garage sale – we have an abundance of boutique items and more donations requested for us to take in. Will you assist with this massive effort?
- 50th Guild Anniversary Quilt Show in 2029 – This will be HUGE and we need to start preparing as soon as possible. Will you help with ‘all the things’?

A friendly reminder...

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

Guild Info

Mailing Address: DCQG

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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 Fall Retreat
 - November 12th-15th
 - See Kim Colness for additional information

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