



The News-Patch

September 2026

Our Mission Statement:

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, fellow quilters,

It is a blazing 90+ degrees out today and humid and gross. But the leaves are starting to get hints of color, mums are popping up at local nurseries, and the pumpkin spice everything is back. I'm ready for cooler weather and apple cider donuts – I am going to make a donut run tomorrow no matter the weather.

This “change” in the season means the quilt show will be here before we know it. Please read the whole newsletter to get all the details.

I have already finished the first 3 weeks of the fall semester, and they went by in a flash, and my brain is spinning with new names and a new schedule. So, I'm going to keep my message short. Enjoy all the fall tastes that you love (just saw a zucchini bread recipe that I might have to try). If you make it up to Madison for the quilt show, I hope you come home with lots of inspiration and just the right amount of fabric. Get sewing on those quilts you want to display in the show!! And stay cool (sorry Kim).

Hugs, Kyra

Snack Schedule - To provide full coverage, please volunteer at least once each calendar year; a few members may need to volunteer twice. Please check the sign-up sheet at the welcome table when you check in.

September	
Pat Boesche	Ann Sands
Cathy King	Monica Gum
Lillian Imasuen	

Harvest of Quilts Show 2026

From Kyra Rider - Quilt Show Meetings: Saturday, September 12th at 9:30am - Federated Church - We will take the opportunity to spend time in the church since we have it reserved for Sewing Saturday. Anyone doing any of the bigger displays (raffle baskets, boutique, special displays, etc.) is welcome to join and make sure we have appropriate space and furniture requests (tables & chairs)

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm at Annie Berg's house

Possibly our last Planning meeting before the show. We will need to tie up loose ends and assign last minute tasks.

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 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.

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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.

Or we have attached a PDF to the Newsletter email. Please print it and submit it at September's guild meeting.

Check-in / Check-out Info

From Jennifer Olbrick - 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.*

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.

Thank you to the people who have given me items or baskets for our upcoming quilt show. Our September meeting is the final call for items you wish to donate. A small group will assemble the baskets in early October.

Thank you, Cheryl Lorden

Volunteer Signup

From Jennifer Olbrich - I will, again, have the sign-up sheets at the September meeting. The show is extremely important to the success of our guild; therefore, I know you all will be happy to help out 😊

We are currently at about 50% participation, so it would be very helpful if additional members would step up to volunteer. The three main areas in which we could use volunteers are admissions, selling raffle basket tickets and selling raffle quilt tickets.

Please give me a call or send an e-mail if you are able to volunteer and I will get you added in wherever it works best for you.

Thursday night set-up areas:

- Quilt check-in
- Displaying quilts on pews
- Red, White and Blue quilts display set-up
- Demo Studio (generosity) set-up
- Raffle Basket set-up
- Boutique set-up

Volunteer Opportunities during the show:

- Admissions table
- Raffle Quilt Tickets Sales
- Raffle Baskets Tickets Sales
- Quilt Check-out
- Placemat sewists in the Demo Studio
- Runners for getting quilts to the appraiser
- Floaters to help out wherever needed

Door Prizes

Door Prizes: We are also looking for members to make items to be used for door prizes; we need twelve more. If your specialty is making bowl cozies, hot pads, placements, etc... maybe you could plan to make one or two extras to donate to this area of the show.

As of now, only four people have signed up, and we need 13 items.

If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to send me a note or give me a call.
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 \$45 (written) or \$20 (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

Name Tag Challenge

From MaryBeth Vanous - Let Freedom Ring by sewing your own patriotic themed name tag for our Quilt Show, October 23rd and 24th. The name tag can be any size or shape. Make it your own by being creative with fabrics, embroidery, beads and more! **Due by September 24th, at our monthly meeting.**

Why create a patriotic name tag??

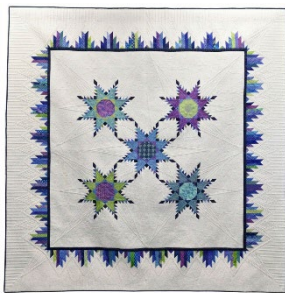
- Because all the “cool-kids” are doing it.
- For the sense of completion and competition
- To be easily recognizable as a volunteer at the Quilt Show.
- So, you don’t have to keep putting a quarter in the basket at every meeting.
- Start a collection to remember the theme of each quilt show you were a part of
- Because we “said so” hahaha

AND... everyone who participates in this challenge will have their names placed in a raffle for an awesome prize to be awarded 9/24.

PROGRAMS

From Cheryl Lorden –

September- Various Guild Members will be showcasing ideas and tips for quick gift ideas. We will have our Name Tag Challenge drawing (bring your finished patriotic name tags) and a Raffle Quilt display from Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild.



Raffle Quilt Tickets Available - During our September meeting the Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild will be selling tickets for their raffle quilt, Stargazing. Tickets are \$5 each and the raffle will take place during the NSQG 2027 Show, “Sew Happy Together” happening May 15 and 16 at Harper College in Palatine. For more information check out their website: Sew Happy Together 2027 Quilt Show

October – Quilt Show Setup night – please attend to make the setup complete as quick as possible.

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November & December –Our normal meeting night in November is on Thanksgiving. We will not be meeting on that night.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - this year's Holiday Dinner IS SCHEDULED for Thursday, December 3rd at 6pm.

MEMBERSHIP & RETREAT

From Kim Colness - Hello DCQG members!

Our current membership is 52 members strong! Welcome to new member Barbra who joined us in August. The updated roster is attached to the email.

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 Colness

Visit and Support a New Quilt shop in our area:



Our Store Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 5:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

<https://www.sewcozyquiltshop.com/>

GENEROSITY

From Linda Parker – Please join me on Saturday, September 12th at Sewing Saturday. We will be prepping Placemat pre-cuts (Backs, batting, and Binding) and sorted clamshells will be available to stitch together. We have a goal of 150 placemats for our annual donation to Dekalb's Volunteer Action Center. This is a practice run for the placemat studio during the quilt show. Stay and stitch with us or pickup supplies to complete some in your sewing space.

Donation Tallies for 2026 -

	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Kishwaukee NICU	13	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	5
Rockford NICU	23	0	0	11	0	9	0	0	3
Wheelchair quilts	17	3	0	5	0	0	2	2	5
Walker Caddy	11	4	0	6	0	0	1	0	0
Meals on Wheels Placemats	37	0	0	0	0	5	24	0	8

Here is the link to our guidelines and some helpful hints on creating your quick projects:
DCQG Generosity Projects.

Always in Stitches! Linda Parker

A friendly reminder...

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

WAYS & MEANS

From Moria Titus – There are a few more times to join this year's Raffle quilt at other guild meetings. At the meetings, we get to showcase our guild's beautiful work. People love it!

Fundraising efforts are used by our guild to obtain speakers, Special Events (such as the holiday party), and the start expenses of our next Quilt Show. Will you help us with this guild fundraiser? Each ticket is \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 (this is a pack). If each person in the guild were to share 5 packs of tickets with your friends (\$25) we would meet our goal. Please come and see me to get your pack of tickets. These need to be returned to me before the October meeting. Thanks to everyone that picked up tickets last month.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Thurs, Sept 17th at 7pm, Northwest Suburban QG, Rolling Meadows



Moria Titus

Taylor Krz – *Color Craft: Crafting your palette* Toad and Sew

Northwest Suburbs QG,
Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
<http://www.nsqg.net>
3rd Thursday at 7pm

OUT & ABOUT

Mark your calendar for these fun activities near us (note: Guest fees may apply)–

October 1st - Guild Small Quilt Auction & Gift Boutique

Riverwalk Quilters Guild, Knox Presbyterian Church

1105 Catalpa, Naperville, IL 60540

<http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/july-2026---june-2027.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters>

2nd Tuesday at 6:30p

October 15th – Monique Kleinhans - “Creative Backgrounds: Creating a Radiant Landscape Quilt” -

<https://moniquekleinhans.weebly.com/>

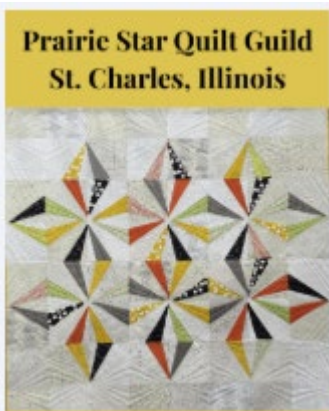
Special Invitation from Pride of the Prairie

Pride of the Prairie Quilters, Zion Lutheran Church

11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60564

<https://prideofprairie.org/>

3rd Thursday at 7pm



Prairie Star Quilt Guild 2026 Quilt Show -

Fri, Oct 16th 9am – 5pm / Sat, Oct 17th 9am – 4pm –

Admissions \$10

DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds

2015 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL 60187

Details at PSQG.ORG 200+ Quilts on Display, Vendors, Scissor Sharpening, Quilty Resale, Raffle Baskets, Quilter’s Boutique, Challenge Quilts, Café & More!

October 13-30 - The Fiber Art Divas present their annual show of original fiber art – *Elements of Innovation*

Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery

508 North Center St, Naperville, IL.

www.napervilleartleague.com

for Gallery hours to visit at other times.

An Artist Reception will take place on Sunday, October

18 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Fine Art Center. All are welcome to come and meet the artists.

view the exhibit and learn from demonstrations of fiber art techniques.



GUILD INFO

Mailing Address: DCQG

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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
- 2026 Fall Retreat
 - November 12th-15th
 - See Kim Colness for additional information

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