

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



JANUARY 2024



President's Message

2023 ended with a bang.. or at least a rip or two. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did at the holiday party and with the holidays behind us, I hope you're all happily back in your sewing rooms!

While the weather currently is unseasonably warm, you never know with our area so I'm happy to know that we're holding both our January and February meetings via zoom. We will have our regular UFO Saturday in January and our first guild nature walk as well, so there will still be a chance to see each other. The best of both worlds!

I'm also thrilled to announce that we now have a second program chair! We welcome Cathy Brusky who will be co-chairing programs along with Michael Nardi. Together they'll be bringing us some amazing programming for 2024!

For now, stay safe, warm and healthy and I wish you all the most quiltiest of New Years!

Karen

Mystery Quilt

Our 2nd annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2024! The announcement flyer was attached to the December newsletter and is also on the website so feel free to sign up and start sharing the flyer with your friends and other guilds. Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter!

Charity Corner

It's time to get in touch with your inner child! Now that the holidays are over, let's calm down with some coloring. Our January 3, 2024 Charity Sewing Day will be creating colorful squares to be sewn into patchwork quilts. Project Linus calls it Kids Helping Kids, designed to include children in the quilt making process, but beautiful squares are designed by adults as well. Roberta will bring muslin squares ready for decorating, patterns ready for tracing, pre-cut kid friendly squares, fleece for backing and fabric markers. You can bring your usual sewing supplies and if you'd like, your own fabric markers. Doors will open from 2:00 until 5:00. That will leave us time to get home and get comfortable by our computers for our Zoom meeting with Jenny Doan. Hope to see you there!

Our usual charity giving doesn't stop just because we are not having our usual meetings. Donations can be turned in at our sewing day, UFO and Roberta's porch. 1999 Westfield Dr, Gurnee. Unscented bags please! There is a bin that opens, but if it's full, leaving your bag on the porch is fine. Please include a note with your name and your intended recipient (ie: wheelchair quilt)

If you have any questions about Charity Sewing contact us at charity@nlcwg.org

Thanks Everyone, Keep on Sewing!
Roberta

Upcoming Meeting Information

January 3, 2024

What better way to ring in 2024 than to have **Jenny Doan** from the Missouri Star Quilt Company, join us via zoom! Jenny will take us on her personal quilting journey, her story of family, faith, the power of giving, & how she stitched an American Dream!



February 7, 2024

Marilyn Fettinger was a member of NLCQG for many years. While she left Illinois for Colorado in 2020, she did not stop quilting! Join Marilyn via zoom as she shares the techniques used to make this puzzle quilt! Featured as the January quilt on the 2023 Sew Steady Calendar, this quilt includes



layering, reverse applique and ruler quilting. A PDF pattern will be distributed so you won't have to take notes, you can just enjoy! Non-members are welcome to attend this meeting at no cost so feel free to share the zoom invitation with your quilting friends and other guilds!

March 6, 2024

Sara Hochhauser - Lecture and Trunk Show
Location - Lake Villa Library

International Quilt educator Sara Hochhauser has been a powerhouse in the industry for 40 years. Sara has been published in numerous Quilt syndications, and has been a Quilt instructor for more than 25 years! Her quilting technique takes heirloom quilting, and modernizes it. Please join us for her Quilts by Decades trunk show.



****Note Location Change for March!**

UFO Meetings

Mark your calendar for the next few UFO meetings! Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the Antioch Township Center from 9am – 5pm on:

January 27, February 24, March 30

Link for a suggested supply packing list [here](#).

Skill Builder

January 27 – Embroidery Machine Demo

Curious about embroidery machines? Own one and want to learn about all you can do with it? Want to know when to use wash away and when to use tear away? Come join Joanne at our January UFO Day at 10:00am for an embroidery machine demo! There is no cost to attend this demo and no registration is required.

Show & Tell

Even though we're meeting virtually for the next couple of months, we can still share our projects! If you have a picture you'd like to share during show and tell, email it to zoomtech@nlcgg.org by January 1st.

Wool Applique Group

Our NEW Wool Appliqué Group led by Carolyn Kujawinski will be meeting once a month on Thursdays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Antioch Public Library. Whether you're a seasoned wool worker or a novice, this group will surround you with others to help guide your projects.

Next meeting Thursday, January 18, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Place: Antioch Public Library

757 Main Street, Antioch

Contact Carolyn at woolgroup@nlcgg.org or 847.373.3307 (leave a msg if no answer) with any questions.

Pledge To Complete Those UFOs!

Many of us donated UFOs for the Holiday raffle and lightened our load. But also, many of us gained UFOs from winning(?) at the Holiday raffle. Join our 2024 UFO (Unfinished Objects) Challenge by pledging to finish some of these up!

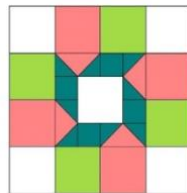


For this challenge, you complete one UFO every other month (or monthly for those who are truly motivated). Upon sign up, you will receive a form to list the UFOs you plan to finish in 2024. Fill out your form and present your progress during Show & Tell starting at our March meeting. Results will be announced at the November meeting.

If interested, contact Joanne at: UFOchallenge@NLCQG.org. You will receive the UFO form with complete instructions. A \$5 participation fee is being asked to fund prizes.

Block of the Month

Time to move this Circus to the countryside with the country village block! Are you ready for additional practice on those partial seams? The tent is set and the country villagers are ready for the show! Please enjoy this incredibly beautiful block! Check your email for this latest pattern and if you have any questions, contact bom@nlcgg.org.



Reminder: While those participating in the BOM will receive patterns for January and February, we will not be sharing our blocks at our zoom meetings. Please hold on to your blocks and bring them to the March meeting.

Sunshine Notes



We hope everyone is well. If you hear of anyone experiencing a difficult time or who needs special cheering up, please contact Nancy Taylor, our Sunshine

Coordinator. sunshine@nlcgg.org

January Birthdays

Join us in wishing the following guild members a Happy Birthday this month!



Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Cathy Brusky
Cheri Hansen
Michael Nardi

Ruth Ann Artz
Patricia Gutknecht
Sunny McGuinn

All of our birthday quilters get to choose a fabric yard from our fabric basket!

Dear Jane

Interested in completing a Dear Jane quilt? This group meets monthly to look at everyone's progress, discuss



options on how to sew the blocks, and to give encouragement. Free to join at any time. Next meeting time and place to be announced. Any questions? Email dearjane@nlcgg.org. See Madelyn's Dear Jane quilt up close [here](#).

Postcard Exchange

The 2024 postcard exchange is up and running! The January partners have already been assigned but if you're interested in joining in for February there's still time! Send an email to postcard@nlcgg.org to sign up or with any questions.



Need additional inspiration? Love Of Quilting, Episode 4 this year was titled... wait for it.... Quilted Postcard Swap!

Upcoming Quilt Events

Quilt 2024

Do you want to make 2024 your best ever year for quilting?

Learn new techniques and more from the comfort of your own home, on your own schedule with QUILT 2024! Join more than 30 experts for this fully virtual quilting event. Download bonuses and enter giveaways. And yes - it's free!

January 10th-14th, 2024

<https://www.quilt2024.com/reg>

McHenry County Historical Society & Museum 2024 Quilt Exhibition

Historic quilts from the McHenry County Historical Society collection will be displayed at the Woodstock Opera House Community Room from **January 5 – January 31, 2024**.

The quilts date from the 1880s to the 1940s and highlight various patterns from the Historical Society's collection of over 160 quilts.

One of the quilts featured is a blue and white commemorative quilt presented to Reverend Lafayette Dillard Beck in 1917 by residents of Woodstock. Reverend Beck was the minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Woodstock from 1912 to 1917. Three white cotton panels on the back of the quilt are embroidered with 539 Woodstock names, including the dedication, "Presented to Rev. & Mrs. L. Dillard Beck by the people of Woodstock, Illinois, Spring 1917."

The quilt display is free for public viewing at the Woodstock Opera House: Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.



The Salt Creek Patchmakers Quilt Show

"Glory Bee Quilts" will be held Friday and Saturday, March 22 - 23, 2024 at Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton. Show will be open from 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Admission is \$8 per person, children under 12 free.

A special bed-turning event will be featured at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. daily.

Along with the annual show, vendors will be featured in a Quilting Expo and will have supplies, fabrics and notions available for sale. In addition, members who have spent time cleaning out their sewing rooms will have pre-owned quilting supplies, books and more for sale in the activity center.

For questions, please contact us at Saltcreekpatchmakers@gmail.com.

Southport Quilters will be hosting a workshop presented by Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs using her Accordion Sewn Half Square Triangles technique to make the Carpenter's



Apprentice quilt. The quilt as shown finishes at 40" x 40". The workshop is SIX HOURS long, and includes a break for a Subway boxed lunch (included). Pattern is also included in workshop cost. Prep work will be necessary before the workshop.

Where: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St., Bristol, WI (The northeast corner of Hwys. 50 and 45)

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024; 9:30 am – 4 pm

Cost (Pattern included): \$100 for Southport Quilters Guild members

\$110 for non-members. This includes admission to Beth's presentation the evening before the workshop.

Registration is limited. The workshop will be opened to non-members on March 7, 2024. For any questions or to register, by contact Pat Frieman at: patfrieman@gmail.com or 262-496-1428.

Let Nature Inspire Your Next Quilt!

Join fellow guild members for the first of four seasonal walks!

Date: Sunday, January 28th

(PLEASE NOTE THE DATE! – THIS IS A CORRECTION FROM THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER)

Time: 10:00am

Place: Pine Dunes Forest Preserve (42909 Hunt Club Road) in Antioch.

No fee, no registration and open to guild members, family and friends! We will be walking the preserve in January, April, July and October to experience the different seasons within the same area. Pine Dunes offers a 2.2 mile circular gravel trail with three scenic overlooks that promise amazing views. The walk will kick off promptly at 10:00am so plan to be there a little earlier to join the group. We will walk the trail clockwise so if you get delayed, you'll be able to catch up with us. Any questions, contact president@nlcgg.org.



By Popular Request

Sharon Wick's Homemade Starch Recipe

2 cups distilled water

1/3 cup of liquid starch.

6-12 drops of 100% pure essential oil

(I like Sweet Pea, Lilac or Lavender. You can find scented oil at Hobby Lobby in their soap making aisle.)

2 oz Vodka.

(This is needed to make the essential oil mix in with the water. Rubbing alcohol can't be used because it's a different type of alcohol. It's a chemistry thing. If you want it to be unscented, simply leave out the essential oil and vodka.)

Shake well before each use.



Interesting Quilting Links

Everything you need to know about using heavy weight threads.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnOs-2zuNPc>

If you're a Facebook user and you are looking for some quick and easy quilt layouts, join the '3 Yard Quilt Group'! 2500



members strong and lots of great ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/104296529395245>

.. do you have a link you'd like to share with the guild? Send it to newsletter@nlcgg.org

NLCQG Library

Books

Books owned by the guild:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/96787411>

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ruler-library-12.22.pdf>

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/accuquilt-die-library.pdf>

New Books in our library. Click [here](#)

If you find a specific book, ruler or die you would like to borrow, just email Cathy Warchal at library@nlcgg.org and a drop off or pick up will be arranged.

Board Meeting

Would you like to be more involved? Have a greater input on what is happening in the guild? Come to our board meeting! All members are invited and you don't even need to leave your easy chair. Board meetings are held each month on the Thursday of the week following the guild meeting via zoom. Zoom links are emailed to all members.

Carpool Coordination

Looking for a ride to guild events? Willing to give rides to other guild members? Contact Vickie at carpools@nlcgg.org.

Membership & Directory

Current paid membership is at 70.
membership@nlcgg.org

Last Month's Pictures

Here is a [link](#) to last month's meeting pictures

Help Still Needed!

Raffle Quilt Ticket Record Keeper - This person will order the hard copies of tickets needed, keep track of quantity of sold tickets by members or from which event and enter into an on-line raffle quilt ticket system as we had done last year. This position does not require you to schedule the events where tickets will be sold as that is now done by the Event Coordinator

Rummage Sale - The guild voted to have Rafflemania during a guild meeting so if we'd like to have a Saturday rummage sale, we will need a coordinator

Advertising - The guild voted overwhelmingly to allow advertising in our newsletter but we'll need someone to chair this fundraising activity.

Month Long Quilt Display - There is an interest, we need a chairman.

Pattern Testers – Some of the quilts for our proposed guild pattern book have been designed and are ready for testing! Let us know if you'd like to be the first to try one of these new patterns.

Contact: president@nlcgg.org for more details on any of these activities.

NLCQG Meeting Minutes 12/06/23

The meeting started at 7:15

- Karen Thanked all the members who helped organized the Holiday Party
 - The Food was fantastic provided by Michael Nardi's family restaurant
- The Minutes from the November meeting were approved by Michael Nardi and seconded by Nancy Brieschke
- Treasurer reported that as of the 30th of November the balance was \$10,399.42
- Newsletter reported that some members hadn't received the newsletter
 - Gail is working on the issues
 - If you have problems, please contact her
- Programs reported that members should sign up for the January Zoom with Jenny Doan
 - The meeting is free for members
 - Please sign in with your email address
 - February meeting will be with Marilyn Fettinger with the Puzzle quilt PDF will be sent to all members
- The Wool Applique club will not be meeting in December
- The committee who decorated the Christmas tree at the Antioch Kringle Village Mart Was the best and invited us all to come and vote for the guilds tree
- The 12 Days of Christmas exchange is all in and ready to go
- The December UFO Will have a session of crochet for the Linus project
 - Please bring a yard and a half of fleece and a crochet hook
- The Postcard sign up was available at the meeting with some books on how to make the cards available
- The December Staytreat is Full
- Charity reported that in both January and February there will be Charity Sew From 2-5 PM
 - Linus Quilts can be dropped off at Roberta's house or given to Karen at the UFO
- The Mystery quilt will email instructions to participants
- Dear Jane asked everyone to keep sewing
- Block of the month displayed the finished blocks and prizes will be distributed in March
- Birthday of the month Fat Quarters were passed out
- The Gift Exchange. Ornament exchange, "Fold it Rip it Drop it" game, and UFO raffle all went well
- Meeting ended at 8:30

Board Members – 2022-23 NLCQG

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Dear Jane Quilt	Donna Lechowicz & Kathy Gorski	dearjane@nlcgg.org



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