

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



APRIL 2024



President's Message

How fun was it seeing everyone in 3 dimensions! Our March presentation was one to remember and I look forward to seeing guild members wearing quilted clothing inspired by this talk.

April brings us our guild meeting with Susan Brown and our first workshop of the year with Susan sharing many uses for her binding tool. Not to be missed!

While it is officially spring, as I write this it is snowing... a lot! So my plans for this week involve a lot of time in the sewing room. I hope you all enjoy this month's newsletter and can take advantage of some of the many different activities the guild offers. As always, we are open to suggestions for additional activities and events!

Enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd.

Karen

Nominating Committee

Pat Giovacchini will be heading up the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for President for the next term. Please let her know if you would like to co-chair this committee or if you would like to nominate a fellow member or yourself for the position.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell is back in full force! We'll be back at the township center and the quilt racks will be set up for display. Looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on!

Mystery Quilt

How is your mystery quilt coming along? Only a few more weeks before the mystery is revealed! Sign up never closes (previous clues will be sent to new sign ups) so keep sharing with your friends. Looking forward to seeing these all come together.

Charity Challenge

Our April 3rd meeting will hold one of a quilter's favorite past times; picking out fabric!

In March we announced our first ever Charity Challenge! It's the perfect challenge; it is free to join, the fabric is free, easy rules and there will be prizes! The two-part goal makes it even better, bringing comfort and joy to our seniors, and using our stash of donated fabric.

We will be bringing over 25 bins of fabric to the April meeting. Come early to sign up and avoid the crowd choosing fabrics. We will be there starting at 2:00 for charity sewing so you can join us for that as well! See the March newsletter for the pattern.

If you can't make the April meeting don't despair! Smaller selections of fabric will be brought to subsequent meetings so you can get in on the fun as well.

Upcoming Meeting Information

April 3 - Susan Brown

Spring is here and we are pleased to welcome Susan Brown as our April speaker! This pioneer in the industry has truly been a gift to the quilting world with her innovative approach to quilt education. She is known to the quilting world as the cutting corners quilt Queen! Susan is also responsible for the TMQ Rulers company where her most popular ruler is the binding tool ruler. For the past 15 years along with running her company, she has also been in charge of education for the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Please join us April 3rd for her trunk show where she will dive into her life's work and quilting journey from educator to entrepreneur all while showing her quilt work with her custom designs! Susan will also have a small sales table with her rulers and organizational items available with a discount after her presentation.



April 4 - Binding Tool Workshop



Join renowned educator Susan Brown for her amazing binding tool quilt ruler class. Class registration includes the binding tool ruler that Susan designed herself and the choice of 1 of the above 3 projects. Students will learn how to use the binding tool in alternative ways along with how to use the binding tool as intended! Contact Michael at programs@nlcgg.org
Location: Antioch Township Center
Time: 9:00 - 1:00, Cost \$35.00

May 1 - Rafflemania

One of the most popular events of the year... Rafflemania! Members bring gently used fiber related items to "raffle" off as a guild fundraiser. This includes items such as quilt books, yarn, crochet and knitting supplies, sewing supplies, sewing patterns, gadgets, rulers, templates, threads, bobbin holders, needles, pins and of course, those fabrics that you once loved and now categorize as hideous. (Only fiber related

items and no magazines.) Please bundle items together either in bags or with rubber bands to keep them from intermingling with other stacks.

How this works:

Items are placed on the tables next to paper bags. Members purchase and fill out raffle tickets to try for items they wish to win. (Hint: Return address labels come in handy for this!)

A name is drawn from each bag and the winner gets to take home the goodies!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10 and 35 for \$20.

If an item did not have any tickets submitted, the contributor is responsible for taking it home.

June 5 - Vicki Hodge

Vicki has been designing and piecing reproduction scrap quilts for over 40 years. An accumulation of unquilted tops naturally lead to pairing two tops into one quilt - equally interesting on front and back. Vicki teamed with Quiltmania Editions to publish 'Button Box Quilts' in September, 2018. The book includes 20 designs (10 quilts) inspired by 19th century patterns.



Vicki has exhibited quilts at the Pour l'Amour du Fil show in Nantes, France; the Paducah Quilt Week Show in Paducah, Kentucky; and 'In the American Tradition' exhibit at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. Her AQSG Civil War Quilt Study quilt was selected to travel to several locations over four years.

The guild program trunk show includes quilts included in the book and those that didn't make the cut. Discussion of her quilting process is included along the way

The June meeting will also feature the Illinois Quilters Inc., annual raffle quilt. They will be selling tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. This quilt will go on to be displayed as part of the Fine Art Fiber Show held at the Chicago Botanical Garden in November.



UFO Meetings

Mark your calendar for our next few UFO meetings! Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the Antioch Township Center from 9am – 5pm on: March 30, April 20 and May 25. Link for a suggested supply packing list [here](#).

Skill Builders

March 30th – 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 and Karen at our March UFO Day at 10:00am as they talk about everything these amazing machines can do, including 'edge to edge' and 'in the hoop'! There is no cost to attend this demo and no registration is required.

April 20th – Jelly Roll Shuffle

Have you ever wanted to learn how to take a Jelly roll and make it come to life without cutting it up into a million pieces? This skill builder will teach you the proper way to work with a jelly roll while learning a new technique that takes your jelly roll to a next level! Advance sign up required.

Email skillbuilders@nlcgg.org with any questions and to sign up.

Teacher: Michael Nardi

Date: April 20, 2024

Time: 11:00am – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Supply List: Sewing Machine, Rotary Cutter and Mat, Quilt Pins, 1 Jelly Roll (Print), 1 Jelly Roll (Background) or 3 yards of fabric. You will be provided a pattern the day of the skill builder BUT please note that the pattern is subjective, you will be able to make it look however you want!



April 20th - The Quilt Fabric Store Sale

Our April 20th UFO will also include a sale table by our guild's KayCee Rivera. KayCee will be bringing items from her on-line store for attendees to peruse and purchase. Included will be:

- Over 20 different quilt kits
- Pre-Cuts - Jelly rolls, layer cakes, fat quarter bundles
- Art Gallery Fabrics Spring Equinox line - Yardage cut as needed
- White on white and neutrals (just in case someone needs them for the jelly roll workshop)
- Misc Patterns
- Gutermann and Aurifil Thread

Credit card payments are welcome and you can also pre-order on thequiltfabricstore.com and use codes NLCQG10 for 10% off and NLCQSHIP for free shipping. These discount codes can be used any time for guild members for deliveries to meetings or UFO's and will be shipped free to your home if KayCee is unable to attend.

May 25th – Electrifying your Quilts

Learn how to add led lights to your quilts while making a zodiac constellation wall hanging. In this class we will be adding coin battery holders and conductive thread to fabric and learning a technique to make future projects sparkle!

Sign up deadline is May 18th and space is limited! Email skillbuilders@nlcgg.org with any questions and to sign up.

Teacher: Karen Grage Date: May 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 pm Cost: \$20

**Note: Cost covers kit which includes fabric, electrical items and embroidery hoop.

Supply List: Sewing Needle, Scissors



June 29th – Twister Demo

Twister Sisters Designs has many twister tools, we even have some in our guild library as well as pattern books! There's the original Twister, the Midi, the Lil', the Mini, the Tiny, the Itty Bitty... have we listed them all? Come join Cathy for this twister template demo and learn all about this versatile template!



Charity Corner

The bins of fabric are ready to roll! Charity sewing begins at 2:00pm on April 3rd. Fabric bins for the charity challenge will be there at that time. Sewing will be focused on finishing our fidgets, scrappy squares or strip quilts. Fidget findings will be available.

Our Charity Challenge kicks off this month! The rules are simple –

1. Only use the provided pattern
2. **Only** use fabric from our donated stash. (except for batting).
3. Have it finished by our September meeting.

Everyone participating will be leaving with approximately 4 yards of fabric. You might want to bring a tote bag! There will be a signup sheet for your name and a brief description of the fabric you are taking.

If you need a printed pattern, please let us know with plenty of time to have it for you at the meeting. Contact us at charity@nlcgg.org with any questions.

Roberta & Dawn

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.

Let Nature Inspire Your Next Quilt!

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

Date: Sunday, April 21st

Time: 10:00am

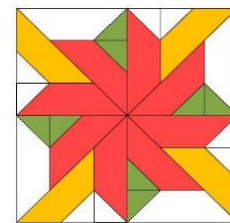
Place: Pine Dunes Forest Preserve (42909 Hunt Club Road) in Antioch.



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.

Block of the Month - April

Wow, that was a fun ride through Albuquerque! The ladies have spoken and they are happy with the show! I fact they have donated the next pattern!!! The Whirling Stars block is such a fun and beautiful piece of art! This block was designed to look like a Circus Windmill toy for kids, One of the Circus' first toy they ever sold! It may look complicated BUT it truly is easy if you work in quadrants! Let blow some wind and root for the Ring Master this month!



A Reminder! Bring your blocks from December, January, February and March to this month's meeting to show!

Note: Block of the month ends in August. If you are interested in running this program for 2024-2025, contact president@nlcgg.org. **On a personal note, this is the first guild program your current president ran! A great way to get your feet wet.

Wool Applique Group

Our Wool Appliqué Group led by Carolyn Kujawinski will be meeting once a month 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, April 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Place: Antioch Public Library

757 Main Street, Antioch

May 23 at 10:00 - 1:00.

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

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.

Questions? dearjane@nlcgg.org.

April Birthdays

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

Karen Grage

Robyn McGarrigle

Cathy Warchal

Jamie Huebner

Laura Tritschler

Jeanne Wetherbee



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

Book Reviews – New this Month!

New this month are book reviews by our own members! This first offering is written by Nann Hilyard, thank you, Nann!

QUILT OF SOULS

Phyllis Biffle Elmore

Charlesbridge, 2023

The title pulled me in: quilts! But the stories kept me turning the pages. Phyllis Elmore's memoir is compelling and inspirational.

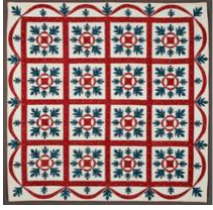
In 1957 four-year-old Phyllis was taken from her family in Detroit to live with her maternal grandparents in rural Alabama. She does not go into details about why, but the result was life-changing in the very best way. Grandma Lula was patient and caring. She knew just how to ease the little girl's fears.

Lula was renowned for her memory quilts. When someone "passed over" (Phyllis learned not to say "died") their families commissioned Lula to make quilts from the loved one's clothing. As she cut and stitched she told stories about strong, determined, and courageous people. "...I used to imagine G.C. wandering in a clear space, looking for someone he could romp and run with. When Grandma sewed his brothers into the quilt it felt like he was no longer along...Their fabric, those pieces of corduroy, wool, and denim, were arranged throughout the sides in the middle of my quilt of souls. Then Grandma put a strip of G.C.'s gray britches along the left edge. Looking at it, I imagined him running down to the spring to romp and splash around, and I smiled." (p/ 130)

Lula's own parents were born into slavery. She knew first-hand the experience of separated families. For many years she worked as a nanny/housekeeper for a white family, making a long daily round trip by wagon and car (though she did not drive) because she had her own children and household.

The personalities that Elmore writes about are memorable -- not only Grandma Lula and Grandpa Edgar but also Miss Sugar and Miss Evelyn, Mama Nall, Aunt Bessie, and Sheriff Scruggs. Just as all the fabric in a scrappy quilt combines and blends to an intriguing (and most often pleasing) whole, all of the people we encounter contribute to the quilt of our lives.

Upcoming Quilt Events



Call for Open Entry Houston Festival 2024

<https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>

Fischer Farm Quilt Show

April 6 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Experience the artistry of quilting at the Fischer Farm "All Around the House" Quilt Show on April 6-7. Explore a stunning array of intricate quilts created by local talents, or have a quilt appraised by an AQS-certified appraiser by appointment for a small fee. From traditional designs to contemporary masterpieces, this event celebrates the timeless craft of quilting. Don't miss the quilter's barn sale featuring quilts, fabric blocks, patterns and more. Vendors and volunteers needed. Email CShiel@BvilleParks.org for information.

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

Where: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St., Bristol, WI

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.

Join Illinois Quilters Inc. and Sue Pawlowski for two wonderful May workshops

"Good for the Gander" Table Runner
Fri., May 3, 2024 (9am-1pm)

Let's get together for three hours to make a table runner! We'll practice a great way to make accurate flying geese and learn the partial seam method for putting the blocks together.

Dancing with Squares
Sat., May 4, 2024 (9:30am-4:30pm)

This fun six-hour class will demonstrate the dot-to-dot method of joining squares and diamonds without Y seams!

You decide on what size and scale you want to work on. Then grab your collection of charm squares or scrap collection and a coordinating background fabric and you're ready to go.

Workshops held at: Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL

IQI has many other workshops running! Check them out here:

<https://www.illinoisquilters.com/events/>



Carpool Coordination

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

Board Meetings

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.

NLCQG Library

Rulers, MSQC Block magazine and more!

Check out the ruler list. We have 77 rulers from the large 20" Dresdens to tiny templates for tiny quilts. We have several Flying geese rulers in different sizes. Need to cut scallops? There is a ruler for that. Take a peek at the Updated Missouri Star Block books and grab a new ruler to make something beautiful.

Need help cutting binding? We have Accquilt dies to cut 1.5, 2.5 and 3.5 dies to cut accurate strips. Doing a rag quilt? There is a die for that. Cut up to (6) 8.5" squares at a time, rag cuts included. Don't have a cutter? We do have 1 hand die cutter to lend out.

Ruler, Block magazine, and Accquilt lists can be found on the NLCQG site. To borrow contact library@nlcgg.org

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>

Accquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

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

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

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

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 75.
Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org.



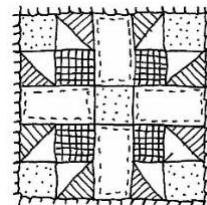
Batik Rip Reminder

Have you made something for our charity program or our sales boutique with your batik rip fabric? If so, you have until June to bring it along to an upcoming meeting and as a thank you, you'll receive a yard of batik fabric... still in one piece!

Have something to sell?

Our guild is now offering free newsletter space for members to sell quilt related items. If you are interested, please send name, a picture of your item(s), a description and what is included (if applicable), price, and your contact information (phone and/or email) to newsletter@nlcgg.org

What do you call a gathering of quilters?



A block party!

Interesting Quilting Links

Check out **Rachael Daisy Designs** and her fun and quirky quilt patterns. New to her store, the Double Denim Wedding Ring Quilt.



<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/RachaelDaisyDesigns>



"It's All About The Face" isn't always all about the human face. Take a look at Phyllis Cullen and Cindy Richard's book and join their facebook page.

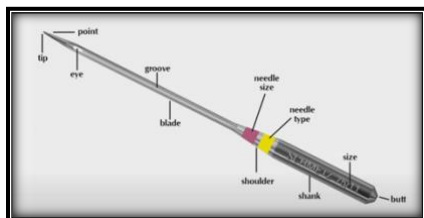
<https://www.amazon.com/Its-All-About-Face-Portraits/dp/1736054406>

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

PBS Wisconsin's production crew recorded four lectures during the **2023 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** to be edited and freely shared after the event. The first one is now available to watch!

Rhonda Pierce of Euro-notions SCHMETZ needles shares the differences between needle types along with needle facts in her lecture, "What Needle Do I Use?"

Piecing and quilting? Sewing with knits? Selecting the appropriate needle can



make the difference between struggling with stitches and sewing with ease. Elevate your confidence in machine needle selection.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RChetxbIkVM>

This Maine Artist Is Making Elaborate Mosaics From Discarded Books. Read about **Larry Clifford's biblioquilts** here:



<https://tinyurl.com/yc76dytu>

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

Rummage Sale Tables

Is your sewing room overflowing? You don't need to wait for a yearly rummage sale, we're now offering a sale table each month! One table will be available at each of our meetings for a member to prebook for a fee of \$10. Limited to one table per meeting, you'll have no competition for your sales! Your fee will not only include the table but we will also put in a notice of your sale information in the newsletter so members can be ready to buy, cash in hand. If you're interested in booking a table for a guild meeting to sell your quilt and fiber related items, contact programs@nlcgg.org. If you'd like to book this table for one of our UFO events, contact ufo@nlcgg.org



NLCQG Meeting Minutes 3/6/2024

The Meeting at the Lake Villa Library started at 6:58 P.M.

- The presentation of quilted garments by Sara Hochhauser went very well
- The Business meeting started at 7:58 P.M.
- The Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Michael Nardi and Nancy Brieschke
- Membership reported we have 75 Members and one guest as of this meeting
 - Two goodie bags were distributed to new members
- Treasurer reported that the guild has \$11,114.86 as of February 29th
- Newsletter reported that members can place ads in the newsletter at no charge
- Karen invited all members to join the next Board meeting on March 14th
- Mystery quilt has 60 participants Which has raised over \$700 for the guild
- The Postcard exchange went well, and a Guild from California requested information on starting and exchange in their guild.
- The UFO meetings are growing. There were 30 participants at the last event.
 - The Guild is donating two tables to the Township center to support such events
 - There will be a demo of edge-to-edge embroidery at the March UFO no sign up is needed to attend
- The UFO Pledge has 8 members signed up
 - There is a \$5 fee
 - You can still sign up if interested
- The September election for guild President needs a nominating committee
- We are also looking for a County Fair information and contact person for the coming year
- Library has new rulers and Accu quilt dies, we also have embroidery patterns for sale
- Programs
 - Susan Brown will present a workshop, March 30th at the Lake Villa Library
 - The workshop which includes a ruler is \$35
 - Programs is looking into a trip to Missouri Star for a retreat
- Charity
 - Announced the Challenge quilt for the 2024
 - All fabric must come from the charity stash
 - All must use the same pattern
 - The size must be 35" by 45"
 - See the newsletter for instructions
- The Museum of fiber arts in Cedarburg is having a special display running to July 28
- Dear Jane encouraged participants to keep going
- Block of the month will have a show of all blocks from January to April at the April meeting
- Show and tell

The meeting ended at 8:46 P.M.

Board Members – 2023-24 NLCQG

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