

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



OCTOBER 2024



President's Message

Good Morning, Fellow Quilters:

Thank you all for inviting me to be president of this wonderful guild for the next 2 years. I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me and will endeavor not to disappoint you.

I would like to take a moment to thank Karen Grage for the wonderful job she has done over the past 2 years. Our guild would not be where it is today without her excellent and dedicated leadership. Thank you, Karen!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. You will hear me often refer to myself as "the Farmer's Daughter," so if you ever have the urge to discuss corn, beans or wheat I am here for you. I have lived in Lake County since 2007, having spent the bulk of my life in Vermilion County in East Central Illinois, Danville, the home of Dick and Jerry VanDyke, Gene Hackman and Bobby Short. I often joke that where I come from 5 cars is a traffic jam and it's true. I have 5 children, 3 daughters and 1 son, and a foster son. I worked for Vermilion County for 34 years, retired, moved here and worked for 9 years for the Chief Judge here in Lake County where I had the privilege of meeting and sewing with Robyn McGarrigle and Rose Gray. I began quilting in 1984 and the rest is history.

It is my sincere hope that I get to know each of you over the next two years and beyond.

I am in absolute awe of the beautiful quilts so many of you made for the Charity Quilt Challenge this past year. Beautiful job ladies and gentlemen! They will be cherished by those that receive them.

Don't forget about the Stay Retreat coming up at the end of the month, September 28 thru 29, 2024. Seats

are limited so sign up early. Then there is the much-anticipated presentation by Natalie Doan on October 2 and her Carpenter's Square Quilt Workshop on October 3, 2024, again with limited seating. Pre-payment is appreciated as funds cannot be accepted at the door. October 12 will bring us another UFO, with limited seating, and October 19 brings us a skill builder with Nancy Brieschke, Faux Cathedral Window. The guild will be offering this skill builder at no cost to our members and friends.

Let's not forget that as of October 2, 2024 we have 84 days till Christmas. Happy sewing everyone!

Carol C

Guild at a Glance

Sept	UFO 9/28 - 9:00 - 7:00
28 - 29	9/29 - 9:00 - 5:00 Sleep In Your Own Bed Retreat Grant Township Center
October 2	Guild Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 Lake Villa Library Natalie Doan
October 3	Carpenters Square Quilt Workshop 10:00 – 2:00 Lake Villa Library
October 12	UFO 9:00 – 5:00 Grant Township Center
October 19	Faux Cathedral Window Skill Builder 10:00 – 12:00 Charity Sew 1:00 - 4:00 Lake Villa Library – Pillow Book
Nov 6	Guild Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake April Soulak-Andrews Challenge Quilt Exchange
Nov 23	UFO 9:00 – 5:00 Grant Township Center

Upcoming Meeting Information

October 2 - Natalie Doan Lake Villa Library 6:30 – 8:30

Natalie is the remarkable host of The Final Stitch and the Quilting 101 series. You will also see her showcase her teaching skills in Triple Play tutorials alongside her mother Jenny Doan and Sister-in-Law Misty Doan. Along with sewing and being a full-time mother, she also loves painting and working with stained glass. Natalie also loves the outdoors and has taken up running and hiking in her spare time. Join us Oct. 2, 2024 for her amazing Triple Play Trunk Show.



October 3 - Carpenters Square Quilt Workshop Lake Villa Library 10:00 – 2:00

Break out those crumb/scrap bins folks! We are pleased to announce Natalie Doan's Carpenter's Square class! We have 50 seats for this class and will open up available seats to non-members on September 5th. The class cost is \$45 to members and \$55 to non-members and once payment is received you will receive an email with your class requirements. Please contact programs@nlcgg.org to sign up.

To watch the tutorial, click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/h5jtSXfb7xU?si=k6rGZJeEwqURnLCB>



November 6 – April Soulak-Andrews Founder of Penny's Purpose

The Penny's Purpose was founded in October 2019 by April Soulak-Andrews, as a heartfelt tribute to her late mother, Penny Soulak, who sadly passed away in July 2019 after a brief illness. Penny's life was marked by a deep commitment to giving, whether it was extending a helping hand to people or animals in need. Even in times when resources were limited, Penny always found a way to make a positive impact. This unwavering spirit inspired our mission statement, which is encapsulated by the phrase, "Learn to give, even when blessed with less."

During Penny's time in hospice care, a family friend gifted her a warm and comforting blanket, which provided solace and comfort during her difficult journey. After Penny's passing, April found herself in need of warmth one day and reached for the same blanket that had once provided her mother with comfort. In that poignant moment, April felt a calling within her. She decided to channel her mother's love for blankets, combined with her innate generosity towards people and animals, into the creation of The Penny's Purpose.

Since 2019, The Penny's Purpose has annually hosted a blanket drive spanning from November 1st to December 15th. The initiative collects both new, homemade and gently used blankets. Beneficiaries include Willow House, Reach Rescue, PADS of Lake County, ELCA of Kenosha, Love Inc., among others. To date, the drives have amassed a total of 7,000 blankets.

In addition to presenting at our November meeting, our members are invited to attend The Penny's Purpose annual blanket making party November 9th at the Antioch VFW. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own materials, and food will be provided. For more information visit www.thepennyspurpose.org.

December 4 – Holiday Party

Join us for food, fun and camaraderie at our annual holiday party. Activities will include old favorites like our popular exchanges and new games and displays. More information and sign-up next month.

UFO Meetings

Sept 28-29

Join us for two fun filled days of sewing & friendship, then sleep in the comfort of your own bed.

Grant Township Center, 26725 W Molidor Rd. Ingleside, IL.

9/28, 9:00-7:00 – 9/29 9:00-5:00

Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the Grant township Center, 26725 W Molidor Rd. Ingleside, IL.

Bring your lunch or enjoy all the fast food you want in Volo, at Woodman's corner.

If you sign up and find you are not able to attend, please cancel with ample time to accommodate those on the waiting list.

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

UFO is a no cost event, but we are asking attendees to support the Grant Township Food Pantry by bringing donations. All items should be in their original, unopened packaging, in good condition & not past its "best by" date.

**** Please No Glass Items ****

Pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal cream of wheat, muffin mix, Jello, pudding, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned soups, canned chili, canned meat, canned tuna, canned Manwich, canned beef stew, instant potatoes, hamburger helper, mac and cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, other sauces, rice / rice mixes, cake mix, canned frosting, juice, toilet paper.

Cash donations to restock the pantry are also greatly appreciated

Future UFO dates:

October 12th

(sign up via email starting Sept 28 at ufo@nlcgg.org)

November 23rd,

December No UFO,

January 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Show and Tell

Bring what you have been working on as we end each guild meeting by showing and telling!

Skill Builders & Charity Sews

Date: October 19th

Faux (Mock) Cathedral Window Workshop

Teacher: Nancy Brieschke

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Lake Villa Library

A fun new way to create the traditional Cathedral Window quilt. It's easy, fast and fun. Multiple options for color and contrast. There are quick ways to make the block using 9 pieces of fabric per block. This method uses 6 pieces and is less bulky. The "windows" can be hand stitched down or machine sewn. It's a perfect way to use scraps or planned fabric choices.



Supply list for fabrics and supplies needed will be provided upon sign up. Contact skillbuilders@nlcgg.org for more information or to register.

Date: October 19th

Charity Sew: Pillows! / 1:00 – 4:00

We have a couple new outlets for our sewing talents! Thanks to an idea from Nann, we contacted the local Children's Advocacy Center and they loved the idea of Book Pillows and also requested pillow cases. A Book Pillow is a pillow with a handle and a pocket for a book. Easy patterns and kits for both will be available at our October meeting and will be the focus of our Charity Sewing Day on October 19.

Charity Corner

Our September meeting was amazing! Thank you, thank you to all who participated in our Charity Quilt Challenge. It brought together all the aspects of what makes quilting, and specifically our guild, great. The room was lined with a beautiful display of color and creativity. While using the same pattern, we shared our different color placements and quilting techniques. We oo'd and ah'd, voted, and won prizes! The best, unseen part is that our quilts, 41 total, 31 eligible for voting, will be comforting and warming the residents of Hillcrest Nursing Center and The Village at Victory Lakes. Speaking of prizes, in case you missed the announcement, Honorable Mentions went to Jeanne Wetherbee, Rose Grey, Linda Wiemerslage, Sunny McGuire, and Jan Berkely. Fourth place – Debra Dodd, Third place- Nancy O'Connor, Second place- Cathy Briscoe, First place- Karen Grage. All participants received a thread snip with a tag of an embroidered version of the quilt block used in the challenge quilts. Thank you to Karen Grage for creating those keepsakes. For those of you that have not yet turned in your challenge quilt, you will receive a snip when you do.

Looking forward, October will focus on a much quicker project. Children's Advocacy Center would like to receive pillowcases and book pillows. Book pillows are a pillow with a pocket for a book and a handle for easy transport. Kits and instructions will be available at our October meeting and at our Charity sewing day on Saturday, October 19, 1:00 at the Lake Villa Library.

Keep on stitching for the community, young and old!

Email Charity@nlcgg.org if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,
Roberta & Dawn

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 88.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org.

Farmers Market Boutique News

What to do with your leftover half square triangles?

If you made the challenge charity quilt, there will be many leftover half square triangles. Here is a suggestion for their use. Take four of the squares and sew them together in a pattern that appeals to you. This will produce a 9-inch block you can use to make a potholder for selling at our 2025 boutique.



Take the 9-inch block, another 9-inch block or 9-inch square of coordinating fabric, and place them right sides together. Add a 9-inch square of batting and a 9-inch square of Insul-Brite interfacing (which stops heat from transferring) to the two pieces of fabric and sew around the outside, leaving a 3–4-inch opening for turning. Turn the fabric to the right side, close the opening and stitch a ¼ inch top stitch around the perimeter. Stitch in the ditch within the potholder to provide stabilizing quilting to the potholder.

There will be 9-inch squares of the Insul-Brite interfacing available for your use in the charity potholders at every guild meeting.

Farmers Market Boutique kits will be available, be sure to take a few to sew!

Round Robin Quilt

Remember Your Round Robin!

For those signed up, bring the bag you received in September to our October meeting and pass it on to the next person on the tag.



If you are unable to attend, contact your recipient or Cathy at cathyb1810@gmail.com to coordinate the hand off.

The final reveal for our quilt tops will be held at our November meeting.

Wool Applique Group

The Wool Applique Group meetings are held at the Antioch Library (located at 757 Main Street, Antioch) in meeting room 1 from 10 to 1.

Next meeting is Oct 17.

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

Ornament of the Month

We are busy making quilted, pieced ornaments and Santa Clauses to decorate our second Kris Kimble tree. Please plan to turn them in at the November meeting.

Questions? Contact Gail or Dung at ornaments@nlcag.org.

Pledge To Complete Those UFOs!

One more month to complete your UFOs for this challenge!

Results will be announced at the November meeting.

Questions? Please contact Joanne at:

UFOchallenge@NLCQG.org.



Block of the Month 2023-2024

Completed BOM Quilts for 2023-24 will be displayed at our November meeting!

Block of the Month 2024-2025

Quilt Maker's Sampler

The BOM has begun! It's not too late to join in on the fun! The quilt is a journey sampler. New blocks you may not have heard of! And of course some are familiar. Please see me for your pattern folder.

Cost is only \$10 payable to the guild - cash, check or ZELLE. You may choose to make your quilt either very scrappy OR Christmas scrappy (do not mix the two, pick one or the other). Background fabric to be the same throughout the quilt. Each block will finish at 8" There is sashing between the blocks if you wish to add it. Information with the block pattern and directions will be sent at the beginning of each month. Bring your completed blocks to the following month's meeting - there may be a few surprises to be had!

Nancy Brieschke
BOM Chairman
bom@nlcag.org

Santa Swap

Get ready for our new activity this year, The Santa Swap! Swappers will fill a shirt sized gift box with a main swap item, then fill the rest of the box with handmade and other Christmas goodies.

This year the main swap item will be a Holiday/ Winter table runner. Table runners should be at least 12 inches by 36 inches and be winter or holiday themed. (We request no 10-minute runners.) Fill the rest of the box with goodies to a \$20.00 minimum. Examples of swap box stuffers could include: fat quarters, fancy pins, thimbles, rug mugs, thread, zipper pulls, zipper pouches, holiday candy, and hot cocoa. Boxes will be exchanged at the Guild Christmas Party.

Now is the time to start planning for the Christmas Swap. We will have a sign up starting in September. If you have a question, please contact Cathy Warchal @ Library@nlcag.org

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.

October Birthdays

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

Cathy Briscoe	Karen Edgecombe
Barb Jolley	Kathleen Jo Mitchem
Mary Phemister	Diana Shelby
Sarah Stannard	Margaret Workman

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

Carpool



Coordination

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

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



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:

[goodreads.com/review/list/96787411](https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/96787411)

Block Magazine

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/MSQC-Block-Magazine.pdf

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Rulers-3-24.pdf

Patterns For Templates

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Patterns-with-Templates.pdf

Accquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Accquilt-3-24.pdf

NEW! - Challenge Quilt Exchange

At the November meeting we will kick off our Challenge Quilt Exchange. This project will start by exchanging half-yard pieces with fellow guild members. More information is attached in the link [here](#) and Programs will be introducing this event at the October meeting.

Upcoming Quilt Events

Southport Quilters Guild - Quilting with the Stars

September 8 – October 13

Southport Quilters Guild in Kenosha, WI is excited to share with you information about our upcoming fall quilt show – “Quilting with the Stars!”

We will once again be displaying our quilts at the Anderson Arts Center – a picturesque mansion along the shore of Lake Michigan that has been converted into an art gallery.

We will also present our Challenge Quilts with this year’s theme of “I’m a Star” using the year of our birth and some star fabric for inspiration. It is always amazing to see what our members come up with!



Prairie Star Quilt Guild 2024 Quilt Show

Join us at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Event Center

[2015 Manchester Road Wheaton Illinois 60187](https://www.manchester.il.us/60187)

Friday, October 18, 2024 9am – 5pm
and

Saturday, October 19, 2024 9am – 4pm
<https://psqg.org/quilt-show-2024/>



Home is Where Our Quilts Are

Presented by Pieces from the Heart Guild of Morris Illinois

Friday, October 11, 2024 – 9am-4pm

Saturday, October 12, 2024 – 9am-4pm

Admission \$5.00

Channahon United Methodist Church
24751 W. Eames (Rt.6) Channahon IL

Sarah’s Grove Fall Retreat Invitation

October 24-27

Baraboo, Wi.

Our guild received an invitation to attend Sarah’s Grove Fall Retreat in Baraboo, Wi on October 24-27. Bring your own machine and projects. Cutting tables and ironing boards will be provided. See the following link for a registration form and information on lodging and cost. Link [here](#).

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 your 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.

Photo Album of September Meeting

Link to the album is [here](#).

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.

Looking For a Memory Quilt Quilter

I recently sat down with a neighbor who is a volunteer grief counselor. Over the years in his work, he has come to appreciate the comfort of a quilt made with the clothes and belongings of a lost loved one. He is looking for a quilter or a recommendation for a creator of memory quilts. If you create these kinds of quilts, or know and can recommend someone who does, please contact me at: jkgrage@comcast.net. Thanks so much for your help.

Karen

Interesting Quilting Links

Most libraries have subscriptions for their patrons to Creative Bug! There are lots of quilt related classes available including “Sew a Color Wheel Pillow”!



<https://www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/sew-a-color-wheel-pillow>

Contact your local library to see how you can access these classes.

How to Clean and Care for Your Sewing Tools



<https://tinyurl.com/mr7a75xz>

The Schweinfurth Art Center Presents
Beyond the Surface:
Contemporary Artists and Printed Textiles



Take a virtual tour or listen to some of the artist interviews here:

<https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/beyond-the-surface-contemporary-artists-and-printed-textiles/>

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

NLCQG meeting 09/04/2023

- The meeting started at 6:45 P.M.
- Karen welcomed everyone
- Minutes from the August meeting approved by Michael Nardi and Jeanne Gundrum
- Treasurer reported the end of the year and August balance was \$10,963.97
 - Karen asked for approval the next year's budget and it was approved
- Membership reported that we have 81 members with an additional 7 new members this evening
- Newsletter Gail thanked Heidi Johnson for the two years she served as co-chair
- Karen announced the next Board meeting in Thursday August 12th and all are invited to attend
- Karen asked if anyone knows someone who makes memory quilts to contact her
- Meeting location update
 - October meeting and workshop will be at Lake Villa Library
 - November and December meeting will be at State of the Lakes Bank in Grayslake
- Round Robin quilts will be revealed at the November meeting
- A new opportunity quilt was introduced for 2025 and volunteers were requested to help complete the quilt
- Programs reported the October meeting has 80 seats reserved for members and 70 seats for non-members at \$20 a seat
 - There are 19 seats open for the workshop with Natile Doan
 - The December Holiday party will have sign up at the October and November meeting cost \$20
 - The next Skill Builder at the Lake Villa Library is a schoolhouse demo at no cost please sign up there will be a charity sew afterwards
 - UFO Three-day retreat has 28 seats, please sign up and donation to the Grant Township food pantry is the cost
 - The October Skill Builder will cost \$10
- Ornaments for the Kringle Village asked that you keep sewing the ornaments will be collected at the November meeting
- Barb Jolley announced the Prairie Patch quilt guild will have Michael Nardi speak in September on the 9th
- Rose Gray is looking for someone who can restore a quilt at the County Courthouse, please contact her
- There was a large donation of books made to the library and members could take as many as they wished
- Charity thanked everyone who made quilts for the challenge this year
 - The quilts were displayed and voted on
 - Winners
 - Honorable mention
 - Rose Gray
 - Jeane Weatherbe
 - Linda Wiemerslage
 - Jan Berkley
 - 4th place Debra Dodd
 - 3rd place Nancy O'Connor
 - 2nd place Cathy Briscoe
 - 1st place Karen Grage
 - New charities
 - Making book pillows and pillow cases
 - Almost home charity
 - Karen read a letter from a parent who received blankets from Project Linus
- Boutique reported they have kits to pick up tonight
- Wool applique, see the newsletter for updates
- Block of the month 2024 displayed the last block
 - There be prizes at the October meeting for finished quilts
- There will be a charity speaker in November from Penny's Purpose
- The Election for President and Newsletter and Secretary
 - Carol Cord President
 - Gail Johnson Newsletter
 - Nancy O'Connor Secretary
- Birthdays were passed
- Show and tell started

Meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Board Members – 2023-24 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcgg.org
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Newsletter	Gail Johnson	newsletter@nlcgg.org

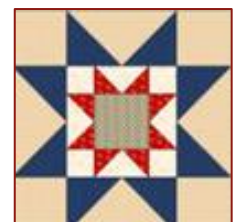
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