

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



DECEMBER 2024



Hello again Fellow Quilters,

Can you believe that December is almost upon us? I certainly can't. I am not sure where this year has gone.

What a wonderful meeting we had in November. The highlight of the meeting was seeing all the beautiful quilts and quilt tops, from the Round Robins, the Block of the Month, and of course the Show and Tell quilts. It always blows me away at all the talented quilters that belong to our guild.

What didn't happen in November was acknowledging the November Birthdays. For this I am very sorry, but Sunny unexpectedly became ill and was unable to attend and there just wasn't time to get the fabric given as a gift. But have no fear, we will be acknowledging all of the November birthday at our December meeting.

Speaking of belonging to our guild, we have welcomed so many new members during this past year. I just want to take a moment to tell you how thrilled we are to welcome you all and hope in short order you all feel right at home with us.

Unfortunately, I need to address email Spam. I have been receiving numerous emails that appear to come from Karen Grage and are asking for money. If you receive emails that appear to come from Karen, PLEASE know these are Spam and should be deleted immediately. I just deleted 16 this morning.

We suffered quite a blow a year ago when we lost our prime meeting and sewing location at the former Antioch Township Building. The Township has been most welcoming in their new location. However, they were doing extensive remodeling and we were not able to utilize their space immediately. Our committee on location has worked tirelessly to find us space big enough and free to meet and sew. I think they have done an amazing job and deserve a **heartfelt thank you** for the time and effort they have put into this on-going project. To that end we will be moving back to the Antioch Township Center in their new location for our monthly meetings only starting in March 2025 at **1275 Main Street, Antioch IL**.

Since we will be back at the Township Center (their new location) beginning in March we can once again have snacks and beverages at our meetings. The board was in favor of beginning the practice of those celebrating their Birthday during the current month bring a treat for everyone to enjoy. Of course, that does not preclude anyone not celebrating a birthday from also bringing something for everyone to enjoy. Slowly but surely we begin to return to normal.

We are so excited to have Rose Gray and Robyn McGarrigle taking over the post card exchange. I know they will have a wonderful time engaging in this with all of you. So, sign up so you don't miss one single moment of this wonderful activity!

I have taken the time to read thru the bi-laws of the guild and there are some things we need to look at and update. But one thing I did want to bring to everyone's attention involves the Board Meetings we have each month. That being the voting members, the bi-laws state: **Voting privileges at Board meetings are granted to only Officers and Committee Chairpersons**. In talking to some of the chairpersons I found they did not realize they were voting members of the Board. So, I wanted to clear this up and stress how important your attendance at the Board Meetings is as your input and vote are invaluable. All other guild members are welcome, valued and encouraged to attend as your input is pertinent to help the board make decisions that reflect how you want the guild to move forward.

Let me stress: **This is YOUR Guild!** One person should not be making decision, they should be a collaborative effort of all 90+ members with the majority ruling. Ladies and Gentlemen let's make that happen. Ok, I am now off my soapbox.

And with getting off my soapbox, I will say **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL**. Stay warm and safe. – Carol C.

Guild at a Glance

Dec 4	Guild Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake Holiday Party
Dec 7	Informal Sew - Lake Villa Library
Dec 11	Board Meeting 7:15 (Wednesday)
Jan 3-4-5	UFO
Jan 8	Guild Zoom Meeting
Jan 15	Board Meeting @ 7:15

Christmas Party Details

Our December meeting is never one to be missed! This year the meeting will be held at the **State of the Lakes Bank, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake IL, 60030**. The doors will open at 6:00, dinner will be at 6:30, and activities will start at 7:00. Members not participating in the dinner are still welcome to come and enjoy the holiday fun! The party will include a mix of our traditional favorites and some new twists.

Prepaid Dinner

Catering will be provided by Ignatz Restaurante and will consist of:

- House Salad
- Sausage and Peppers
- Chicken Vesuvio W/ potatoes
- Vodka Rigatoni
- Italian Beef

Holiday Ornament Exchange - Optional

Make a holiday or winter themed ornament from any pattern or technique and bring it to the party. Ornaments will be displayed on a tree for all to enjoy. Take an old holiday card and cut it into 2 pieces. Attach one card piece to the ornament and place the other piece in a basket. Participants will draw a card from the basket and match it to the ornament they get to take home.

Santa Swap - Optional

There is still time to join the Santa Swap!

Just bring a wrapped gift containing a table runner and other goodies. Drop it off at the Santa Swap table when you come in and leave with a Swap package to open when you get home or on Christmas morning.
Please join in the fun!

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

If you have a question, please contact Cathy Warchal @ Library@nlcgg.org

Fold It – Snip It – Rip It – Drop It – Pass It”

The Batik Rip game was so popular at last year’s holiday party that we have decided to do it again! Join your table mates in folding, snipping, ripping and passing! Full instructions will be given at the party and the batik fabric will be supplied.

** Note: Each person could use a pair of snips for the ‘snip’ portion of this game so please add them to your ‘to bring’ list.

The UFO Raffle

Back by popular demand is the UFO raffle! Are your UFOs taking over your sewing room? Have you moved on to other projects? Now is the time to find those UFOs new homes! Whether you have orphan blocks, unfinished tops or even brand new kits, bring them to the holiday party and add them to the tables.

Tables will be set up with ticket bags (similar to Rafflemania) next to donated UFOs. Drop a ticket in the bag next to the UFO you’d like to give new life to and take a chance on starting 2025 with a brand new project!

Each attendee will receive five free tickets at check-in but if you see something you’d really like to take home and would like more chances, additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase at 50 cents each (12 for \$5). UFOs should be donated in plastic cases/boxes to keep things together and include instructions if appropriate.

**Watch next month for the shared recipes of the donated deserts.

Upcoming Meeting Information

January 8 - From fast fashion to sustainable stitching (Zoom)



It follows the journey from the fashion world to the world of upcycled and denim quilts; from creative reuse centers to QuiltCon. Radha Weaver is sustainability educator and quilter based in San Francisco. Her upcycled denim quilts have been seen in Quilting Arts and Fibert Art Now

magazines and at QuiltCon. Her unique expertise and passion for sustainability and specifically upcycling denim was fueled by a 15-year career in the apparel and textile industry where she had a front seat to the rise of fast fashion. She used to create products for Levi's and was responsible for getting millions of pairs of jeans out into the world. Now she helps keep those same jeans out of a landfill by teaching quilters and sewists to create with upcycled materials.

Radha can be found online as Sewing through Fog where sustainability is approached with humor and delight, and no one is shamed for buying new fabric.

February 5 – Beth Helfter (Zoom)

Author, pattern designer, and national quilting instructor Beth Helfter has one rule about quilting - it's supposed to be fun. With that in mind, along



with her company motto of "Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude," Beth brings visionary designs and techniques to her patterns and exuberance and encouragement to the classroom. Looking for staid or typical? You

won't find it here.

Beth has never met a scrap she didn't appreciate, and prefers to dig into her stash to create designs and patterns that appeal to her senses of color and value, using as many different fabrics as possible. Keeping to just a few color families in each quilt palette is one of her best tricks to

keeping scrappy quilts from getting too out of hand but allowing them to sing with tone and movement. As a member of Quiltmaker Magazine's 2014 Scrap Squad, she recreated a design from each of six issues using only scraps, and was able to bring out different secondary designs and block highlights simply by adding more tone and value, as scrap quilts will do. Her popular lecture "Consistency in the Chaos" seeks to inspire quilters to think about scrap quilts and pull fabrics to make them shine without overwhelming the eye. Beth has decided she will never solve the mystery of why even scrap quilters can never use up their fabrics, and no longer even tries.

Her penchant for scraps and her need to use as many fabrics as possible in her quilts led her in 2017 to develop the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method of creating half square triangles that don't have a match and yet waste no fabric. Delving into the method further, she discovered "ordering" the accordions could lead to the creation of whole blocks and quilts from a single accordion. Her first book on the method "Oompah! Jazz Up Your Scrap Quilts with Accordion Sewn HSTs™" was published in 2018, and "Another Round of Oompah" was published in 2020. It's been called "life-changing," "magical," "addictive," and, her favorite, "witchcraft," and is the basis for many of her most popular lectures and workshops. She's currently at work on new variations of the basic Accordion Sewn HSTs™.

Since founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs in 2005, she has published a vast range of scrappy patterns and her work has been featured in various quilting magazines and on well-known quilting websites. As a traveling quilt teacher, she's visited guilds coast to coast and taught at national and regional quilt shows, and never tires of the ah-ha moments and banter of a classroom full of quilters.

Beth resides in Pepperell MA with her cute but calendar-obsessed husband, three delightful but dramatic teenage and almost adult daughters, and a psychotic but adorable cat.

UFO Meetings

At The Grant Township Center 26725 West Molidor Rd., Ingleside, IL

Join us to work on your unfinished objects

No UFO in December, Happy Holidays January 3rd 4th and 5th. Friday Saturday and Sunday,

Sleep in your own bed 3-day retreat!

Due to limited space, this event is currently for guild members only. Sign-up starting December 21st, via email at ufo@nlcgg.org.

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

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.

December No UFO,

January 3rd, 4th, & 5th

February and March to be determined

April 12

May 24

Pictures from November UFO meeting [here](#).

Happy Birthday Madelyn!

Show and Tell

There will be Show & Tell at the December meeting, so bring your completed projects!

Challenge Quilt Exchange

At the December meeting we will draw numbers and exchange fabrics to kick off our Challenge Quilt. Please bring your fabric!

2025 Mystery Quilt

Our 3rd annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2025! The announcement flyer is attached to this newsletter so feel free to start signing up and start sharing the flyer with your friends and other guilds. Sign up starts at our December meeting or by emailing mystery@nlcgg.org. Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter. See the link [here](#) for the full flyer.



From the Treasurer's desk

Our guild is setup to receive payments such as dues, BOM's, workshop fees, etc. via Zelle. This service does not incur any transaction cost to us and is faster than sending a check. You can send Zelle payment to treasurer@nlcgg.org with a note to designate its purpose.

Skill Builders & Charity Sews

Date: December 7th

There is no skill builder or charity sew scheduled for December but if you'd like to work on some of your holiday projects away from the house, the guild has reserved the Adult Services Meeting Room from 9:30 – 4:15 on December 7th. There will be twelve tables set up so please let us know if you'd like to attend at skillbuilders@nlcgg.org.

Join 'The Spark Plugs'!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Electric Quilt video presentation we rented for November. Even after working with EQ for many years, I still learned new things. It truly is an amazing piece of software.



There was interest in creating an Electric Quilt group within the guild and we'd love you to join us! We'll be creating challenges, exploring features and mostly just trying to use EQ8 a little each month. We'll try to accommodate the group we'll have some meetings on-line and some in person.

The group is open to everyone whether you have EQ or not. On-line you can see what EQ can do and in person you can try it yourself.

If you're interested in being a Spark Plug, send an email to skillbuilders@nlcgg.org and we'll work together to expand our EQ8 skills/

Black Friday Sale

The Electric Quilt Black Friday sales have started! Use the code FRIDAY to save 25% on all products at ElectricQuilt.com. (Sale ends December 2nd.)

Block of the Month 2024-2025

Once again, the display of the October BOM blocks was awesome! Keep up the good work. Please bring the November blocks to the December meeting to Show & Tell once again. December is a busy month, The next block to go out the day after the meeting. With the holiday rush over, sit and relax and tackle the block!! Hope to see the blocks via ZOOM in January. Nancy Brieschke bom@nlcgg.org

Link to pictures of the blocks presented at the November meeting is [here](#).

Charity Corner

Our December 4th meeting is the deadline for turning in book pillows and pillow cases for The Children's Advocacy Center. I will be delivering them later that week. We have done an amazing job sewing them up! Currently we have 23 book pillows and 24 pillow cases. We are sure to put some smiles on kids' faces.

Speaking of smiles on faces, some of us had fun creating our silly monster blocks a couple weeks ago. I can't wait to see our monster mash beauties! Please have them ready to donate to Almost Home at our March meeting.

We have facilities with needs for all size quilts, all year long. Patterns for suggested projects are on our website. The Antioch Senior Center has requested small items to use as gifts and prizes. Items like that are perfect for quick finishes in between bigger projects.

Please remember that anything you have ready to donate can be dropped off at Roberta's. Email, text or call for details. Don't wait for March to share your donations!

We plan on spending time this winter making ready to sew kits for future Charity Sewing Days. We'll keep you posted when sewing days get scheduled again.

In the meantime – Happy Holidays, stay warm and keep on sewing for our community!

Roberta and Dawn

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 90.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

Wool Applique Group

The Wool Applique Group meetings will be put on hold for the holidays. We will start back up in March 2025.

Contact Carolyn at woolgroup@nlcgg.org or 847.373.3307

Let Nature Inspire Your Next Quilt!

November 10th was a beautiful day for the last of our Pine Dunes walks. Most of the leaves had already fallen but there was a spot or two of color left if you looked hard enough. Thanks to all who joined us each quarter for the walk and we look forward to seeing some nature inspired quilts in the future!

December Birthdays

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

Roberta Alexander Marge Carhart
Pam Eulberg Cathy Gorski
Nancy O'Connor

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



Quilted Postcard Exchange

We are excited for NLCQG to participate in our quilter pen pal postcard exchange. There are many different things you can experiment with as long as it is in the 4 x 6 format (ex. machine embroidery, paper pieced, small blocks...etc). We are partnering with Village Quilters, Flying Needles, Castle Rock Quilt Club (Castle Rock, CO), and possibly Prairie Patch (still in the works).

A Postcard Exchange email will be sent out to participants outlining the process as well as links to creating fabric postcards. Deadline for signing up for the Postcard Exchange will be January 3, 2025. To sign up online please send your Name, Address, email address, phone number and Quilt Guild to: postcard@nlcgg.org

Robyn McGarrigle and Rose Gray

Ornament of the Month

The ornaments are finished, the tree is decorated! Thank you to all who contributed ornaments and their time. The beautiful angel was crafted by Carolyn Kujawinski and the tree skirt by Heidi Johnson.

Please stop in at the Kringle's Christmas Village, 510 Orchard Street, Antioch to see it in person and all the other trees and displays. It will be open every day from 10a.m.- 8p.m. through January 1st. Don't forget to vote for your favorite tree!

Dung Le and Gail Johnson



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.



Board Meetings return to Wednesday night

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 Wednesday of the week following the guild meeting via zoom at 7:15 p.m.. Zoom links are emailed to all members.

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



Have something to sell?

Our guild offers 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.

For Sale

Janome 3160 QDC Sewing Machine

Has extension table, and all feet that it comes with. Sews good and in good condition. I only used it for classes and UFO. It was my travel machine. I bought a Featherweight to replace. I am asking \$400.00. If interested contact me at email hafsqtri@gmail.com
Carolyn Kujawinski

Karen Edgecombe has a **Janome 6650** for sale, with many bobbins, extra feet and an acrylic table to go with it. Asking price is \$1,500. Contact Karen at kedgecom@yahoo.com

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 Accuquilt 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 Accuquilt 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

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

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

Photo Album of November Meeting

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

Baby Tags Security Blanket

Follow this [link](#) for instructions for making a Baby Tags Security Blanket for the boutique.

Upcoming Quilt Events

Dunn Museum - Threads of Time: Quilts and Textiles

February 15–May 4, 2025 | Open in-person
Quilts and textiles from the Dunn Museum's collections provide a colorful glimpse of Lake County's history from the 1830s to the 2000s. Through quilts, clothing and sewing artifacts, this exhibition showcases stories stitched into every piece—from a quilt passed down through four generations to a winter wedding gown worn by a Yugoslavian-American bride. Textiles, whether used for fashion, décor or comfort, reveal the rich and intricate narratives woven into the fabric of our shared past.

<https://www.lcpd.org/museum/exhibitions/>

Interesting Quilting Links



Jack Edson's Quilts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtKP-1RbwC8>

Scrappy Wall Quilt Projects

Is your fabric stash taking over your sewing room? If so, make a few of these wall hangings to clear it out. (Then you can start building your stash all over again!)

<https://tinyurl.com/twprfrbt>



NLCQG Meeting 11/6/2024

Meeting started at 6:35 P.M.

- Carol welcomed guest and members
- Minutes from the October meeting were approved by Heidi Johnson and Michael Nardi
- Treasurers report the balance as of October 31, 2024 was \$11,561.19
- Membership reported that we have 92 members
- Programs report
 - They asked for members to consider taking the Programs committee for next year
 - December the Holiday Party
 - Payments of \$22 you can use Zell
 - Please sign up to help with set-up and clean-up
 - The sign up for the sweets table is available tonight
 - Dinner starts at 6:30
 - The second part of the holiday event will start at 7:00
 - Next year's Challenge quilt Half Yards will be exchanged at the party see the newsletter for more information
- Newsletter/ Ornaments
 - Let Gail know if you have trouble receiving the newsletter
 - The Kris Kringle Mart will be decorated the Day after Thanksgiving
- Charity report
 - There are many different kits ready for pick up
 - To date we have 17 book pillows and 19 pillowcases turned in to Charity
 - The November charity sew will on the 16th at the Lake villa Library please sign up
- Boutique report
 - Minky kits are available this evening

- Library report
 - See the newsletter for what is in the library
 - Items for the Santa swap box were suggested
- Block of the month 2025 were displayed and folders were passed out
- Karen shared information on the EQ video and how to access it
 - She also invited members to the Zoom presentation on the 13th
 - A holiday sew will be at the Lake Villa Library please sign up
- Wool group meets at the Antioch Library November 19th please see the newsletter for more information
- Location update we will be meeting at the new Antioch Township center starting in March
- The Speaker from Penny's Purpose made her presentation
- Birthday fat quarters were postponed to December
- Round Robin Quilts were displayed
- The Block of the Month 2024 quilts were displayed
- Show and tell were displayed

Meeting ended at 8:45 P.M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcgg.org
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Committee Chairs – 2024-25 NLCQG

Block of the Month	Nancy Brieschke	bom@nlcgg.org
Boutique	Lynn Ray	pending
Charity Quilts	Roberta Alexander & Dawn Wiltberger	charity@nlcgg.org
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Dear Jane Quilt	Donna Lechowicz & Kathy Gorski	dearjane@nlcgg.org



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