

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



JANUARY 2025



Hello Fellow Quilters:

Can you believe it, 2025 is here. I know I can't. I am wondering where the time has gone. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and brought in the New Year safe and sound. I know our thoughts and prayers are with the folks in New Orleans who are suffering right now.

I spent New Years Eve putting the finishing touches on a quilt I made for a 10 year old little girl who is facing surgery for scoliosis very soon. Her spine is at a 50 percent curvature and surgery is a must. So please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she faces this horrific surgery and recovery.

I am so looking forward to what the upcoming year will bring for our Guild. And especially looking forward to the Mystery Quilt, will there or won't there be half square triangles? We shall see.

One piece of housekeeping we need to address. There have been a few issues with the exchange of cash for our various projects, so we are going to start issuing receipts for cash only. We have to work out details but right now Dung will have the receipt book. Again, this is for cash transactions only.

We are looking forward to our January Zoom meeting and I will be getting the link for that meeting out to you all early next week.

2024 has been a very trying year for the NLCQG and I know many of you are feeling the pressure of the loss of our "home" at the former Antioch Township Building. I know this was quite a blow for Karen to have to deal with during the second half of her term as President and is on-going. Certainly it is one I wish I had an easy answer for, unfortunately I do not. I do want to commend our "Location Committee" who worked tirelessly to find us space for all our events. They did an amazing job! Thank you, Ladies!!!!!! The Lake Villa Library has been a blessing, but we can only book 2 months at a time there and there are others booking the same space. We also cannot have paid events at the library. So as wonderful and welcoming as they have been there are limitations. The Antioch Township Center has said they want us back in their new location, however, they were not ready for us until 2025. I am thrilled to announce that when we start back with our in-person meetings in March we will be meeting at the new Antioch Township Center. Hopefully at that time we will be able to scope out whether Charity Sews and Skill Builders will be able to start meeting there. If those two important events work out at the township center it might be possible to start a second UFO sew there also. So things are looking up for us.

When Grant Township asked us to donate a quilt to be auctioned off at their March fund raiser we scrambled a bit. Barb Jolley came to our rescue with one of her beautiful quilts. Thank you again Barb for your generosity. And ladies and gentlemen, you can buy a raffle ticket for this amazing quilt when they go on sale. At that time it was suggested that we have a small stash of quilts ready when we are again asked for a quilt donation. Karen Grage has made the first donation. Thank you, Karen, it was most generous of you and greatly appreciated. Karen donated the beautiful quilt she made with Natalie Doan. The generosity of this Guild takes my breath away at every turn and makes me so proud to be a part of it.

And with that I am going to say HAPPY NEW YEAR. See you via Zoom on January 8.

Best Wishes and Safe Travels all!

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Jan 3-4-5	UFO
Jan 3	Post Card Sign up ends
Jan 8	Guild Zoom Meeting Guest: Radha Weaver
Jan 15	Board Meeting @ 7:15
Jan 22	Skill Builder 2025 7:00 pm via zoom
February	Mystery Quilt begins Spark Plugs begins
Feb 5	Guild Zoom Meeting
Feb 8	UFO – Lake Villa Library
Feb 12	Board Meeting @ 7:15

UFO Meetings

January 3rd, 4th, and 5th
Sleep in your own bed retreat

Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the
Grant Township Center, 26725 W Molidor Rd.
Ingleside, IL.
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday Potluck Soup & Salad
Saturday Order in Pizza and Salad cost to be determined
Sunday to be determined
Sign up with Debi at ufo@nlcgg.org

Due to limited space, this event is currently for guild members only.
Sign-up starting 2 weeks before the event via email at ufo@nlcgg.org.

Please cancel with ample time to accommodate those who may be on the waiting list.

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

We are asking attendees to support the Grant Township Food Pantry by bringing a cash donation. (They can purchase more items at wholesale pricing).

Future UFO dates.

Please note Location and time changes

February 8th Lake Villa Library 9:30-4:30

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April 12th Grant Township 9:00- 5:00

May 24th Grant Township 9:00 – 5:00

June 28th Grant Township 9:00 -5:00

2025 Mystery Quilt

Our 3rd annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2025! Everyone should have already received the the announcement flyer but just to let you know, it is also available on the webiste at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HK8b6gby4f2MBO9ouKsDB7L4vCovdrhd/view> We've had so much fun in the past quilting along with others so remember to share this with your friends and other guilds. Sign up by emailing mystery@nlcgg.org. For those already signed up, fabric requirements will go out mid January so you'll have a good month to pull from your stash. Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter.

Join “The Spark Plugs!



Do you EQ? The guild has formed an Electric Quilt group. Starting in January we'll be creating challenges, exploring features and mostly just trying to use EQ8 a little each month.

January will bring us our first quilt design challenge. If you're signed up, look for the challenge in your inbox along with an invitation to a zoom meeting to discuss the process. If you're not signed up, we'd love to have you join us! Even if you don't own EQ, it's fascinating to see what it can do.

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.

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.

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.

March 5 – Deb Strain



Deb Strain

A designer for Moda Fabrics since 1996, Deb feels honored to have watched Moda's growth and success over the years. "Moda's integrity and genuine caring about quilters, the quilting industry and their designers has always been part of why I love working with this wonderful company. That and the "best in the business" members of the Moda family have made it an incredible journey."

Drawing and painting her fabric designs by hand, Deb has created over one-hundred collections since she began working with Moda. She loves working with different colors and patterns, the more intricate the better!

A life-long passion for art led Deb to teaching art before becoming a designer. Her artwork has been featured on many different products over the years – calendars, greeting cards, garden flags, books, framed prints and more. Recently, she and Scott proudly launched a line of notecards for sewing and quilting enthusiasts titled "Sew Noted".

Please Join us March 5, 2025 for Her program called "Fabric Design: The In's and Outs from creativity to manufacturing". Also bring your wallets because Deb has graciously agreed to set up a Moda Fabrics shop selling all of her goodies!

Skill Builders

What have you missed by skipping skill builders?

Since starting guild skill builders, we've had demos on serger gift bags, ruler quilting, crocheting around fleece, ¼ square triangles, embroidery machines, the tiny twister tool, fabric painting, working with ties, the Accuquilt tool and Electric Quilt. We've also had classes on fabric postcards, walker bags, applique, color theory, quilt-as-you-go, paper piecing, project bags, fidget quilts, table runners, electrifying your quilt, jelly roll tips and tricks, and faux Cathedral Windows! 2025 is already shaping up to be full of fabulous skill builders, taught by our members, for our members, so mark your calendars! You won't want to miss a thing.

First Skill Builder of 2025

Subject: Quilting and the Internet

Date: January 22nd

Time: 7:00 pm

Format: Zoom

For January's skill builder, we'll be taking advantage of our guild zoom account and meeting virtually! Topic, Quilting and the Internet. We'll be presenting sources of information, patterns and freebies along with discussing how to use AI to enhance your quilting and answer your questions. The zoom invitation will be sent out a few days before the meeting but for now, mark your calendar for Wednesday evening the 22nd.

Interested in Sharing your Talents?

The skill builders program is always looking for members to share what they know with either demos or classes. Contact

skillbuilders@nlcgg.org if interested in sharing your knowledge!

Block of the Month 2024-2025

BOM Journey into 2025! I hope you have enjoyed our journey for the BOM. I am looking forward to seeing the December block at our January ZOOM meeting. The January block will be sent out the day after our meeting, January 9th. Happy New Year quiltmakers!

Nancy Brieschke
Chair BOM 2025

Charity Corner

It's quiet in the Charity Corner this month. Time to nestle into our sewing rooms and create for our community. We have outlets for anything you feel like making, from small gifts for the senior center bingo to twin size quilts! Easy patterns are all on our website.

Contact Roberta or Dawn to drop off your winter creations. Stay tuned for our year end totals and upcoming Charity Sewing dates.

Thank you for all you do to warm the those around us both in body and heart.

Roberta and Dawn

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 79.

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 2024 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!

January Birthdays

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

Ruth Ann Artz	Cathy Brusky
Patricia Gutknecht	Cheri Hansen
Sunny McGuinn	Michael Nardi



All of our birthday quilters get to choose a fabric yard from our fabric basket when we come back together in March.

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

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.

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 December Meeting

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

Photo Album of November UFO

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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.lcfdp.org/museum/exhibitions/>

Little Nana's Butterscotch Rum Cake

2 1/2 cups of cake flour
1 1/2 tablespoons of baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 cups of white sugar
1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon of ground clove
1/2 teaspoon of ground Nutmeg
1 package of butterscotch pudding (dry)
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 whole eggs
1/2 cup of spiced rum
1/2 cup of water

Preheat the oven 350 degrees combine all your dry ingredients and mix well. Add your oil, water, rum and start mixing. Add your eggs one at a time until mix is combined well. In a well-greased bundt pan, pour your cake mixture. Bake at 350 until a toothpick is clean in the center. Let cool. serve with a caramel drizzle or powder sugar.

Contributed by Michael Nardi
Served at our 2024 Christmas Party

NLCQG Meeting 12/04/2024

Meeting started after dinner at 7:12 P.M.

- Carol welcomed every one
- The minutes from the November meeting were approved by Michael Nardi and Nancy Brieschke
- The Treasurer reported that the balance at the end of November was \$11,123.38
- Membership reported that we have about 90 members
- Programs reported that all programs for the year are confirmed
- The ornament committee reported that our second tree at the Kringle Market is completed and that it will be open thru the New Year
- Charity reported
 - that a few kits were available tonight
 - That the committee will be making kits through January and February
 - Pennies Purpose is a year round charity
 - Senior homes will take many different items as donations
 - Please see the newsletter for more information
- Boutique reported that they will collect items at the March meeting, with sales beginning in June
 - Alicia Alexander will monitor the raffle quilt ticket sales
- Block of the month displayed the December blocks
- Karen asked members to sign up for the sew along the December at the Lake Villa Library due to limited space
- There was a signup sheet for members who are interested in participating the Postcard exchange
- Barb Jolley offered to help with the cost of thread from Superior company
- The business meeting ended at 7:27 P.M.
- Games. Exchanges, fabric swap, and Show and Tell completed the evening

The evening ended at 8:10

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcgg.org
Vice President	Pat Giovacchini	vicepresident@nlcgg.org
Treasurer	Dung Le	treasurer@nlcgg.org
Secretary	Nancy O'Connor	secretary@nlcgg.org
Membership	Jeanne Wetherbee	membership@nlcgg.org
Programs	Michael Nardi & Cathy Brusky	programs@nlcgg.org
Newsletter	Gail Johnson	newsletter@nlcgg.org

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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