

Dear Fellow Quilters:

Spring has arrived and April is almost here. I don't know about you but I am very much looking forward to the warmer weather. Although the mantra I remember hearing as a child was "April Showers bring May Flowers," I must admit I am not looking forward to the mud that comes with.

So how do you all think our first in person meeting of the year went in our new home? I thought it went very well and it was so nice to see everyone in person again. We did learn something. We were under the impression that we could not enter the building until 6:00 pm. But truth is we can get in at 5:00. So, anyone wanting more visiting time can arrive earlier than we thought. We will just need someone to be responsible for opening the doors at 5. Just let me know who and I will make sure you have the door code and the secret to opening the front door. Hint, it's a church key. Otherwise, I will be there at 6 to open the doors.

We are still looking for that person, or group of persons, who would like to host a second UFO. The host or hosts are really only responsible for opening the doors at the designated time and making sure the front door is locked at the end of the day and the room is set up as we found it for the Antioch Senior Center.

On March 22 we began working with a 4H Group helping them learn about sewing by making a table runner. Five of us met the girls and helped them get started on their table runners. It was a great deal of fun and we will meet again on March 29 and every Saturday for six weeks for an hour. We sure could use a few more volunteers. We began with 4 girls and the 29th we anticipate having seven students. Several of the Guild Members will be unavailable every one of those Saturdays. So, if you could join us for some of the meetings it would be a great help. If you can spare a little time to help these young people learn about sewing, please contact Gail Johnson (our Newsletter Editor) to coordinate.

We are looking for two individuals to be our Nominating Committee to begin the search for a new Vice President, Treasurer, Programs Director and Membership Director. Please think about volunteering for the Nominating Committee. We also still need volunteers for the Vice President and Programs Director positions. We already have a volunteer for Membership and a tentative volunteer for Treasurer.

Mark your calendars for May 10, 2025 for Michael's Sewing Machine Clinic where he will teach us how to clean our sewing machines. Doors will open at 9 with a 9:30 start time. The clinic is anticipated to last about 2 hrs. I must admit I am really looking forward to this.

Another exciting event coming up is Chair Yoga with Lory Leyman. Karen Grage is coordinating with Lory to hold these events in conjunctions with Skill Builders. We look forward to hearing more about dates and times.

Charity Sews are scheduled for May 10 and June 7. Hopefully you will be able to attend to support the wonderful work this Guild does for Charity and just as important to support our Charity coordinators in all the hard work they do for the Guild. It occurs to me that with 85 Guild members, if everyone took just one of the kits Roberta and Dawn have put together we would do two things, (1) have many completed items to present to our various organizations and (2) help clear out some of our fabric stash from Roberta's basement.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting. And remember, this is YOUR Guild. If there are things you want to talk about, please come to the Business Meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm. Speaking for the Board, we want to hear from you!

Take care all and Happy Sewing

Carol

Guild at a Glance

- Guild Meeting & Rafflemania Apr 2 Apr 5 Skillbuilder @ Antioch Twp Apr 9 Wool Applique @ 10:00 Apr 12/13 UFO @ Grant Township May 7 Guild Meeting & Misty Doan May 8 Misty Doan Sweet Violet Class Machine Maintenance Class **May 10 May 10** Skill Builder Travel Thread Catcher May 10 Charity Sew (afternoon) May 14 Wool Applique @ 10:00 May 17/18 UFO @ Grant Township
- May 30 Deadline to Join Round Robin

Round Robin Quilt

Spring is here and I saw my first Robin of the year! So I took it as a sign that I need to plan another Round Robin Event! It is an opportunity for everyone. Whether you had so much fun, you want to return, or were unable to participate last year or you are new to the guild. There is no fee for this event! You can sign up by contacting Cathy Briscoe or Jeri Schertz

Please send by May 30!!!

Just for fun, you can add a note to introduce yourself and journal your work. This is optional! Remember these will be kept **SECRET** until the last person has completed a border. When all are completed, we will have a reveal.. Date to **TBD** Here's how it goes:

- 1. Make a block of your choice
- 2. Place your block in a non-sew through bag big enough to hold a growing pieced top.
- 3. Include any fabric you want used in your quilt. This is optional! Other fabric will also be used throughout.
- Bring your bag to the guild meeting in June. You will receive a tag to attach to your bag. This stays on for the duration. You will give your bag to the first person on the list on your tag.
- You will take it home and add a border around the block. Then bring to the next month's meeting and it will be passed to the next person.

2025 Mystery Quilt

Our 3rd annual guild mystery quilt is still going and boy did the week 6 clue turn some heads! Sign ups are on going and previous clues will be sent to everyone who would like to join in. Join your fellow guild members in trying to quilt without pre-knowledge of the pattern! Sign up with, or direct any questions to mystery@nlcqg.org

UFO Meetings – Grant Township

Join us for 2 fun days of sewing and camaraderie and sleep in your own bed. Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 at the Grant Township 9:00am-5:00pm Please note the location and time change from last month.

Sign-up starting March 29th via email <u>ufo@nlcqg.org</u> Due to limited space, this event is currently for guild members only. However, we will open the reservations list up to guests, if not full by Thursday, April 10th.

Please email ufo@nlcqg.org to see what is available.

If you cannot attend, please remember to cancel your reservation via email at ufo@nlcqg.org, as soon as possible so we may accommodate members on the waitlist.

A \$5 cash donation will be collected per day of attendance to give to the Grant Township Food Pantry. \$10 for non-members. A larger donation will always be greatly appreciated.

Please remember to bring a surge-protected extension cord.

Link for a suggested supply packing list <u>here</u>.

Future dates

May 17/18 Grant Township Sign up May 3 June 28 Grant Township Sign up June 14 July 25-26-27 Grant Township Sign up July 5th

Village Quilters Raffle

The Village Quilters will be showing their beautiful quilt at our April meeting. Raffle tickets will be available.

Machine Maintenance Class

Hello fellow quilters! I am so pleased to bring to you sewing machine, maintenance 101! I believe I could speak for everyone when I say that you have invested a lot of time and money into our wonderful craft, that is certainly the case when it comes to our sewing machines. One of the things I've realized is when purchasing a machine, you're not properly taught how to maintain and care for your machine on an in-depth level. Well, those days are over! Please join me on May 10 from 9 AM to 12 PM when I will show you how to properly service your machine at home and avoid those pesky maintenance fees! After you take my class, you will only have to bring your machine in for major tune ups!

Here is a list of items that you will need to bring and or purchase for the class to effectively work on your machines:

1. Your machine

2. The tool set that you were provided when you purchased the machine or an equivalent

3. One can of condensed air or forced air

4. Q-tips, tweezers, sewer aid or sewing machine oil, wet wipes or something equivalent, small Phillips or flathead screwdriver if you don't have your original tool set for your machine.

Please note that I will be teaching you on your domestic machines, and I am certified in all brands with the exception of Brenna or Burnett.

There will be a five dollar donation collected the day of for charity. Also bring your lunch or snacks to munch while we are going through class.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all and teaching you some new skills and in the process of saving you money!!

Michael F. Nardi Jr.

Upcoming Meeting Information

April 2 - Rafflemania

One of the most popular events of the year... Rafflemania! Members donate 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.

May 7 – Misty Doan



Misty is the go-to for fabulous home decor projects! She grew up surrounded by sewing and quilting. She loves spending time with her family and with her "quilts" friends each week as she hosts her At Home with Misty tutorials. She is also hosting a new Missouri Star show called Homespun. Catch up with her as she chats with designers, makers, and influencer in the world of fabric and fiber arts.

May 8 – Sweet Violet Class with Misty Doan

Is everyone ready for a little spring!? Please join Misty as she shows us how to make her Sweet Violet Quilt! Class will be held on May 8th, 2025 at the Grant Township center and start promptly at 9 AM and ending at 1 PM. Class is \$50 per person, which includes the pattern. One more thing, make sure you bring your pennies with you. Misty is going to have a small shop going during class for some extra goodies! This is going to be so much fun and I'm looking forward to it. Space is limited so it's first come first served. You will be able to pay for the class at our March meeting!

Join the Spark Plugs!

The March spark plugs discussion revolved around using EQ to draft your quilt blocks Whether you are creating your own quilt from scratch or redrafting blocks you like, this is a wonderful topic for discussion

Even if you don't own EQ, we'd love to have you join us for future meetings. The depth of Electric Quilt is truly remarkable.

If you're interested in being a Spark Plug, send an email to <u>skillbuilders@nlcqg.org</u>

Block of the Month 2024-2025

Sorry that so many of you did not receive the last block in a timely manner. I send the block out the day after the guild meeting. So, if you do NOT receive it within a day or two, please let me know.

I did send a TEST email to everyone to respond to. When you respond please just reply to me, not <u>all</u> - everyone would get a duplicate email! Look for the next block on April 3rd. I hope that you are enjoying this project. The blocks have a variety of techniques to sharpen your skills!! Looking forward to seeing all of your lovely quilts! Nancy Brieschke BOM Chair

Skill Builders

April NLCQG Skill Builder: Traditional Paper Piecing vs. Freezer Paper Piecing

Whether you're a beginner paper piecer or an expert who really hates removing the paper after piecing, this skill builder is for you. Join us as we create the Interwoven Star block with



traditional paper piecing as well as with the freezer paper method. You'll learn, or brush up on the basic and intermediate skills of paper piecing while creating two star blocks that will be ready to add to your next project.

Subject: Paper Piecing – Two Ways Teacher: Karen Grage Supplies Provided: Patterns and fabric scraps. Date: Saturday, April 5th Time: 9:30 – 11:30 Location: Antioch Township Center - 1275 Main Street, Antioch, IL Supplies to Bring: Sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, fabric scraps, paper scissors. Cost: \$15

Contact skillbuilders@nlcqg.org to sign

up. Payment for the class can be sent electronically via Zelle or in person at the April guild meeting via cash or check.

May Skill Builder

In between tuning up your machines with Michael and working on charity quilts with Roberta, we'll be offering a quick and easy 'Travel Thread Catcher' demo! Join us at 11:30am on May 10th as we show how quickly to sew up a thread catcher you can add to your retreat bag. No cost and no rsvp necessary. Contact <u>skillbuilders@nlcqg.org</u>

Upcoming Skill Builders

Flowers in My Cabin – June Tree of Life – August Applique for Christmas – October English Paper Piecing – December

..and much more! Keep an eye on your newsletter for future details.

April Birthdays

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

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



4H Quilting Class

We have begun our 4H Quilting Class with 7 students. There were 4 students in attendance the first Saturday and all were first time sewers. They all did great and were able to start sewing on their table runners. We're hoping some will have an interest in entering the fair this summer with the completed projects.

We currently have 4 teachers but would love to have 5 and a couple of floaters. If you are interested in teaching a one-hour classes or filling in as a floater at the Old Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, please give Gail a call (or text) at 847-702-5589.

Wool Applique Club

Our organizational meeting at the Antioch Twp Center was wonderful. We will be holding our meetings at the Antioch Twp Center on route 83 (1275 Main Street). Dates scheduled are Apr 9 and May 14. All meetings are on Wednesdays from 10 to 2.

Contact Carolyn at woolclub@nlcqg.org or 847.373.3307

Charity Corner

Charity sewing days are making a comeback! Join us Saturday May 10 and Saturday June 7 at the Antioch Township Center for Skill Builder/Charity Sewing. Our focus project will be Quilted Hugs. I will be bringing some of our fabric, including fleece for the lining, to the May sewing day. Please take a look at the links in the newsletter to start getting an idea of what your hug will look like. Many are made with jelly rolls but they can be created with a single piece of fabric or blocks. If you're not interested in making a quilted hug, that's ok too! I will have ready to sew kits of all kinds.

Please note, Roberta will not be at the April meeting. Please give Project Linus blankets to Cathy Briscoe and all other donations to Dawn. Be on the lookout for great scrappy bags at Rafflemania!

Thank you for all you do!

Roberta & Dawn

Quilted Hug Project

Attached is the information about the Quilted Hug Project that was discussed prior to the January Zoom meeting. Thank you, Barb!

This is the link to the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1000 64806756343

This is the link to the pattern (it is best to listen and watch the Utube video first)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story fbid=pfbid0AUGkXLc5NfBmDBP2iFZDM7hFWhU 24cq3WkpQP2mEPasqMoDp8qEnMNjbayXK29m1 l&id=532216613649251

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 85. Any changes, contact <u>membership@nlcqg.org</u>

Quilted Postcard Exchange

Thanks to everyone who participated and we hope to get more of you to participate next year!!

The following is a link to pictures of the postcards sent in January & February. Link <u>here</u>

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? <u>dearjane@nlcqg.org</u>.

2025 UFO Challenge



This was so much fun, let's do it again! Join our 2025 UFO (Unfinished Objects) Challenge by pledging to finish some of these UFOs from 2024 or older! For this challenge, show your

completed UFOs during Show & Tell at our monthly meetings. Final results will be announced at the December 2025 meeting.

If interested, contact Joanne at:

<u>ufochallenge@nlcqg.org</u>. Click <u>here</u> for a copy of the UFO tracking form. No participation fee this year.

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. <u>sunshine@nlcqg.org</u>



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 <u>newsletter@nlcqg.org.</u>

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@nlcqg.org

Books

Books owned by the guild:

goodreads.com/review/list/96787411

Block Magazine

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

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-

content/uploads/2025/01/Rulers-updated-1.pdf

Patterns For Templates

https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-

content/uploads/2025/01/Patterns-with-Templates.pdf-01-08-2025.pdf

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

https://www.nlcqg.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/01/Accquilt-01-14-25.pdf

Upcoming Quilt Events

Dunn Museum - Threads of Time: Quilts and Textiles

1899 W Winchester Rd, Libertyville, IL February 15–May 4, 2025 | Open in-person and virtually

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.lcfpd.org/museum/exhibitions/

Thread Painting with Nina Clotfelter Full day workshop on Monday, April 7, 2025; \$85 which includes kit



The Southport Quilters Guild is hosting a workshop on Monday, April 7, 2025, at St Paul's Lutheran Church (8760 39th Ave in Kenosha). We have several slots still available for anyone who wants to learn more about thread painting. This is a full day workshop starting at 9:00am. We will of course take a break for lunch.

There is a supply list which I will share to anyone who is interested. The kit supplied by Nina includes different stabilizers. Thread Painting is many things...creating a picture, adding details, dimension, and/or depth to an applique, making fur on an animal, or just adding little details to make your creation come alive. You will learn loads of techniques in this class, and you'll learn all about stabilizers. You'll create different items using the stabilizers. This is a fabulous technique to add to your skills! You'll be surprised how fun and forgiving Thread Painting is!!! Be warned...this is addictingly fun!!!!

You will need to be comfortable with free motion quilting but don't need to be an expert!!

Southport Quilters Guild Destash Sale

All members are invited to participate in the Southport Quilters Destash Sale Friday April 4 – Saturday April 5. The sales will be held at The Vault, 625 57th Street, Downtown Kenosha.

If you have fabric to sell, tables are \$25 per 8' table with 2 chairs (10 spots available) If you are interested, contact Tara via text at (262) 620-2790. If you would like to shop, hours are Friday noon to 5, and Saturday 9 to 2.

International Quilt Festival -Houston

Entries for the Festival are now open. This is a judged show this fall, 2025. All finalists and winners will be displayed at the festival in Houston this Oct 9-12. Registration is open now and the deadline to enter is May 15 at 1 pm CDT. Details are on the following <u>link</u>.



A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters presents: Garden Party Quilt Show - Manitowoc, WI Adults - \$6 Kids 16 & under - Free

Quilt Show 2025

April 5, 9am-3pm April 6, 9am-3pm Manitowoc Expo Center - 4921 Expo Drive A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters is proud to share our talent, hard work and heart with you!

- Enjoy the visual treat of our many quilts; from traditional to modern!
- Shop our vendors, boutique, and raffle baskets.
- Satisfy your hunger with a delicious lunch or dessert.
- Kids are invited to enjoy a hands-on creativity area and I-Spy activity.

Raffle Quilt "Garden Party" Quilt Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5 available at quilt show



NLCQG Meeting 3/5/2025

The meeting started at 7:01 P.M.

- Carol welcomed all to our new Antioch Township meeting space
- Minutes were approved by Michael Nardi and Joanne Mittelmeyer
- Treasurer reported that on January 31 2025 the guild had a balance of \$\$\$
 - It was announced that all cash transactions must go through the Treasurer who will issue a receipt which can be applied to the event you sign up to attend
- Membership announced that we have two new members bringing membership to 83 and we had two guests this evening
- Programs reported that in May Misty Doan will have a class with limited spaces available and if anyone wanted to sign up please do tonight
 - The North Shore Quilt guild was in attendance with a raffle quilt this evening
 - Rafflemania takes place next month see the Newsletter for details
- Karen Gage reported on several events
 - The Dunn Museum has a tour for the fibers arts show on April 10
 - The Mystery Quilt has 39 participants and is still open for more participants email interest
 - Gail and Carol will lead a group of 10 4H girls in making table runners and need help in instruction and supervising the for one hour and several Saturdays please contact Gail or Carol if you can help
 - Skillbuilders will meet at the Antioch Township building the Saturday after the guild meetings until December
 - A \$5 dollar fee will be added to cover a donation to the Township which will bring the fee to \$15
 - A donation of old quilt boxes and metal templates have been

donated to the guild and suggestions of where they should go were made

- The UFO Challenge 2024 distributed Prizes
 - 3rd Place Madelyn Anderson
 - 2nd Carol Cord
 - 1st Jeanne Gundrum
- UFO Challenge 2025 is taking sign-up's now
- A chair yoga class will be offered Time and place to be announced
- Charity
 - Kits are available
 - Charity sews are being arranged for Saturdays after Skillbuilder
- Postcard exchange is completed and pictures ore on web-site
- UFO at Grant Township center are continuing the Guild is looking leadership for a second UFO at Antioch Township
- Wool group is meeting at the Antioch Township 10 to 2
- Presentation Deb Strain
- Show and tell
- Birthdays

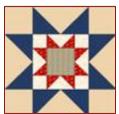
Meeting ended at 9:45 P. M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

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