

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



AUGUST 2023



President's Letter

Well, I now know how to get a room full of quilters completely silent; call bingo! I had a really good time at our July meeting and I hope everyone else did as well. Thanks so much to everyone who donated items for bingo prizes and many, many thanks to all the quilters who brought in their mystery quilts for display. It was truly something to see.

Our August meeting is going to help us realize how fast the holiday season is approaching with Nancy Snyder previewing what will be available at The Stitchery this year. Like all of you, I'm looking forward to getting started on my holiday shopping!

Hope you all enjoy this month's issue of our newsletter and I look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd.

Karen

Dues Increase Passed

Many thanks to the membership for supporting the dues increase starting with our 2023-2024 year. Your \$35 yearly dues fee will allow us to significantly increase our programming budget which will help us bring a great variety of quality programs to our guild this upcoming year. Membership renews in September and we thank you in advance for rejoining the guild for another year.

Upcoming Guild Meeting Info

Join us on Wednesday, August 2nd, at the Antioch Township Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM for fellowship, questions, and quilting help. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

August 2 - "WHAT'S NEW AT THE STITCHERY"

Nancy Snyder previews the upcoming holiday season. The Guild will be giving away four \$25 gift cards to The Stitchery in a random drawing. Kits will be available for sale.

Opportunity Quilt - Village Quilters

September 6 - ELECTIONS, CHALLENGE QUILT DISPLAY & ORNAMENT CREATION

It's time to vote!

At our September meeting we'll be casting our ballots for Vice President, Membership and Program chairs as well as renewing our memberships for another year.

It is also our challenge quilt meeting so bring your completed quilt and get ready to cast your ballot for your favorite!

After you've cast your ballot...

Christmas is coming! Instructions and supplies will be available for the ornaments we have been featuring all year. Enjoy creating one-of-a-kind ornaments to decorate the guild's tree at Antioch's Kringle's Christmas Village.

October 4 - ANTIQUE QUILTS

Claudia Moffat will present a trunk show featuring antique quilts.

UFO Meetings

Mark your calendar for the next few month's UFO meetings! Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the Antioch Township Center from 9am – 5pm on:

August 26, September 23, October 28...

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

August UFO Skill Builder

Piecekeeper Project Bag

Store and carry all your project pieces or supplies in this handy zippered bag with attached handle. Fabric quilted to Soft and Stable makes a sturdy base and the mesh front affords great visibility of contents plus a bit of added stretchiness.

Use one 13" x 18" rectangle of Soft and Stable and three fat quarters in coordinating prints/colors plus a bit of mesh, interfacing, and a zipper to make this handy bag.

Teacher: Lynn Ray

Date: August 26, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Price: \$10

You'll find class details and downloads information here:

nlcqh.org/wp-content/uploads/Piecekeeper-Bag-Supply-List.pdf



Before class:

Quilt main fabric and lining together **PRIOR to class (this will take about 30 mins)**

Cut all other fabric/interfacing as indicated on the supply list.

Advance sign up required. Payment due by our August guild meeting. Email

president@nlcqh.org with any questions and to sign up.

Show & Tell

Our racks will once again be up to display your show and tell items. Please hang your items before our business meeting and leave them up as long as you like. It has been wonderful to be able to take a longer look at everyone's beautiful creations.

Sneak Peek at Future Skill Builders

September 23 – Quilt-As-You-Go

Repeated by popular demand! In this workshop we will learn a quilt-as-you-go technique. Imagine having a quilt ready for binding to be applied once the piecing is complete. That's exactly what you will have when you use this easy technique!

October 28 - Fidget Quilts

In this workshop we will be making a fidget quilt using either a planned or serendipitous design. We will be making a quilt foundation which will then be embellished with a variety of ribbons, buttons, trims, yo-yos, etc.

November 25 – Ruler Quilting Demo

Are you curious about Ruler Work? Sharon Wick will give us a hands-on demo and explain the sewing machine set up and supplies needed for this technique. If you are tired of quilting by check book and want to finish your own quilts, this demo is for you!

September Elections

The Board positions of Vice President, Program Director and Membership Chair will be on the ballot for elections to be held during the September meeting. Here is a preview of the ballot for next month. All the candidates are relatively new guild members. Their enthusiasm and experience will be a great addition to the leadership of the guild.

Vice President	Pat Giovacchini
Program Director	Michael Nardi
Membership Chair	Jeanne Weatherby

Details about our elections are available in the Guild Documents/By-Laws section of the website.

Upcoming County & State Fairs

Get ready for a summer of sharing your quilts! Attached is a link regarding quilt entries and contests at the County and State Fairs.

List of Fairs and General Information [here](#)

Charity Corner

Thanks to all of you who contributed Bingo Boards at our July meeting. We received enough to make 3 wheelchair quilts. The design we have chosen uses the Bingo Board blocks and a solid alternate block set on point. While it is a simple layout, it allows the fabrics to shine. Kits have been assembled and we are looking for volunteers to complete.



If you are interested in helping with this project or have questions, please stop by the charity table or email charity@nlcqg.org.



Also at our July meeting, we introduced our project for nursing home residents this upcoming holiday season; 8" x 10" mug rugs. Are you considering making a few? Do you have a favorite 8" block pattern you are going to use?

Do you need some inspiration? A couple of quilters shared with me they plan to use the paper piecing design from the workshop at our recent retreat. What a great idea!

See you at the August meeting!

Happy Stitching!
Roberta and Shar

Fabric Available for Charity Work

A donation of beautiful quilting fabric was received by our guild at the July UFO day and groups were welcomed to take fabric for their charity work. Fabric was distributed to those working with Quilts of Valor, Project Linus, Quilts Across America and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Fabric was also taken to make quilts for a woman's shelter, Christmas fabric for stockings for foster children, and walker bags and wheel chair quilts for our local senior facilities. If your charity group would like to choose some of this fabric for their work, please contact Karen at president@nlcqg.org to organize a meeting time.

Current Block of the Month



We are finally on the last row! The block is labeled in EQ as Four X. Pat will be sending out the instructions at the beginning of the month. The BIG REVEAL of the completed projects will be at the October NLCQG meeting. We'll have member voting for their favorite project and FABULOUS cash prizes. Any questions, please contact Pat Frieman or Cathy Gorski at bom@nlcqg.org.

Upcoming Block of the Month

**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!
IT'S FINALLY HERE!!**

Our Upcoming NLCQG Block of the Month!!!

Welcome To The Big Top Quilts! This 1920's Circus inspired quilt, is fun for all ages! Let in the clowns, eat some peanuts and cotton candy, and pick out your fabrics because the Circus is in town!

**WAIT THATS NOT ALL!
You have tickets to both shows!**

The Big Top (Tent 1)



The Small Top (Tent 2)




Sign up starts at the August guild meeting, cost \$10.00. (This underwrites the cash prizes.) and the first block will be released at the September Meeting!

Upcoming Quilt Events

The Country Quilters of McHenry have some great programs coming up! In August, Joan Cain will be there with her "Honey Let's Go to Home Depot" presentation. In September, Jane Sassaman - <https://www.janesassaman.com> Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at McHenry Township Building, 3703 N Richmond Rd, McHenry, IL. All are welcome! Doors open at 6:30 Meeting starts at 7:00.

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltersofMcHenry>

 **Lutherdale Fest** Saturday, August 12, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Live auction begins at 10:00 am

<https://www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction>

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show

Alliant Energy Center

Sept 7 - 9, 2023

THURS & FRI: 9 AM TO 6 PM

SAT: 9 AM TO 5 PM

<https://quiltshow.com>

Southport Quilters Guild, Kenosha Wisconsin

Seasons of Stitching Quilt Show

September 11 – October 15, 2023

Anderson Art Center, 6603 3rd Avenue, Kenosha

<https://www.southportquilters.net/quilt-show>



Autumn Splendor Quilt Show
Kankakee First Church of Nazarene
Kankakee, IL
September 29 & 30,
Friday 9 -5 - Saturday 9 - 3

Entrance fee: \$8.00

Display of Quilts – Vendors - Raffles

<https://www.kankakeequiltmakers.com>

Lighthouse 2023 Quilt Show

Saturday Oct 7 & Sunday Oct 8, 2023

Fountain Banquet Hall • Sturtevant, Wisconsin

Entry Deadline: September 11, 2023

<http://www.lighthousequiltersguild.com/quilt-show.html>

Interesting Quilting Links

How To Frame A Quilt

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/how-to-frame-a-quilt/>



Record Breaking Quilts

How many pieces were in your last quilt?

https://kora.quiltindex.org/files/25-131-266/QJ_21_A3.pdf



Quiltmaker has supported Project Linus, with free patterns since 2000. You'll find them all here:

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/project-linus-quiltmaker/>

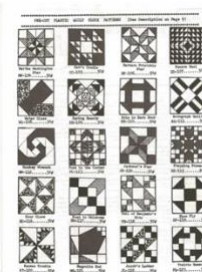
Another great way to use our 2023 'Mystery Quilt' block!

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2023/07/2023-leader-ender-challenge-oopsie.html>

The Fascinating History of Quilting Templates

Be sure to read at least until the 70's where you'll find snippets like this: "In an example of an early **quilting hack**, they also sold sheets of the plastic used for Shrinky Dinks crafts, saying it was ideal for making pattern templates. The advertising copy warned against heating this plastic "unless you want to make an interesting patchwork necklace."

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/a-template-for-success/>



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

Budget Proposal

The board has prepared a budget proposal for our upcoming year and it is presented below. Please review this proposal and prepare any questions you may have for our August meeting.

Northern Lake County Quilters' Guild
Proposed Budget
September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024

Income	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024
	Budget	Actual *	Budget
Membership Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,737.50	\$ 2,450.00
Guest Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00
BOM	\$ 250.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 250.00
Holiday Party	\$ 500.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 200.00
UFO/Township Donation	\$ 50.00	\$ 387.76	\$ 50.00
Challenge Quilt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Rafflemania	\$ 150.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 300.00
Rummage Sale	\$ 200.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 200.00
Charity	\$ -	\$ 372.00	\$ -
Mystery Quilt Along	\$ 600.00	\$ 566.59	\$ 600.00
Skill Builders	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 200.00
Programs - Workshops	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Product Sales	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Member Donations	\$ 600.00	\$ 644.96	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 178.35	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 5,237.16	\$ 5,825.00

Expense	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024
	Budget	Actual *	Budget
Web Site	\$ -	\$ 11.99	\$ 20.00
PO Box Rental	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -
IL State Filing Fee	\$ 13.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Charity	\$ 200.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 200.00
Programs - Guild Meetings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,442.34	\$ 2,500.00
Programs - Workshops	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Guild only events	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Newsletter	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -
BOM	\$ 250.00	\$ 311.53	\$ 250.00
Holiday Party	\$ 500.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 200.00
UFO/Township Donation	\$ 50.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 50.00
Challenge Quilt Prizes	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Sunshine	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 189.46	\$ 200.00
Skill Builders	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ -
Opportunity Quilt	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 362.00	\$ 411.00	\$ 411.00
Total Expense	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,459.82	\$ 4,946.00

Est. Cash balance 8/31/23	\$ 7,900.00
+ Budgeted Income	\$ 5,825.00
- Budgeted Expense	\$ 4,946.00
Excess out of Treasury	\$ 879.00

Estimated cash balance 8/31/24 \$ 8,779.00

These programs are self-funded

*As of 06/30/2023

Opportunity Quilt

Opportunity Quilts are a wonderful fundraiser for our guild but they are long term projects. We currently have two committees working on quilts and could use additional volunteers to work on blocks. Contact opportunity@nlcgg.org if you are interested.

Advent Exchange

It's not too late to sign up for the Advent Exchange! Participants make 12 small items and purchase 12 small items to swap. These items are turned in at our October meeting and swapped out and wrapped by the coordinator. Boxes with the 24 swapped out items are returned to participants at our November meeting to be opened starting December 1st. Sign up deadline is our September 6th guild meeting. Contact: advent@nlcgg.org.

12 Days of Christmas Star Block Kit Exchange

Our new 12 days of Christmas' block kit swap is a go! Participants will be exchanging 'kits' that include the fabric needed to make star blocks. Block choices are already coming in so if you'd like to participate, now's the time to sign up! Contact advent@nlcgg.org for details and with any questions.



Dear Jane

Interested in completing a Dear Jane quilt? This group meets monthly to look at everyone's progress, discuss options on how to sew the blocks, and to give encouragement. Currently we are working on completing the blocks from row A. Free to join at any time. Monthly meetings are held at 1 pm on UFO days held at the township. Any questions, contact Donna Lechowicz or Cathy Gorski at: dearjane@nlcgg.org

Membership & Directory

Our current membership count is at 70. Please welcome these new members from the past few months: Patricia Giovacchini, Cindy Monachos, Yolande Sherrod, Michael Nardi, Debbie Tomec, Al Krueger & Robyn McGarrigle. Remember, membership renews in September! Checks or cash accepted for dues payment.

If you need to update your information, email Cathy at membership@nlcgg.org

NLCQG Library

Books

Books owned by the guild:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/96787411>

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/ruler-library.pdf

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/accuquilt-die-library-.pdf

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

If you find a specific book, ruler or die you would like to borrow, just email Cathy Warchal at library@nlcqg.org and a drop off or pick up will be arranged.

Ornament of the Month

The ornament for August is a cute and easy Swedish heart. This version is a no sew simple weaving project. You can use felt, or stabilize some of your scraps. An alternative heart can also be a scrap buster, creating patchwork scraps cut to a heart shape and either hand stitched or sewn by machine and lightly stuffed. Hint: Use a cookie cutter as a pattern. Happy sewing!



<https://youtu.be/GdBxLdBdoo>
(this is a Missouri Star video)

All variations are welcome and encouraged!
Any questions, contact: ornaments@nlcqg.org

2023 Challenge

Signup for the 2023 Quilt Challenge is still open!



All participants will get a Fat Quarter of the same fabric. The challenge is to use some of it, some way in the quilt. You can use a sliver or the entire fat quarter, as long as it is recognizable. Quilts can be up to 144" around the perimeter. The reveal will be at the September meeting. Cost to participate is \$5.00. (This pays for the FQ and underwrites the cash prizes.)

Your entry must be finished -- that is, quilted, bound, and labeled. The label can be sewn on, or sewn in, or written on, or just fused on.

FOR THE SEPTEMBER REVEAL:

- Cover the label (use a square of fabric and pin it over the label).
- Write your Artist's Statement on a 4 x 6 card to include the name of the quilt and any design notes (inspiration source, a special technique, whatever). Pin the card to the front of your quilt. Do not put your name on the card! Gotta keep everyone guessing!

BY SEPTEMBER 1 let us know if you will have a quilt for the display: challengequilt@nlcqg.org
The voting is simple. All members who attend the September meeting get a ballot and choose their 1st, 2nd and 3rd favorites. 1st place votes are worth 3 points, 2nd place votes 2 points, 3rd place votes 1 point. The highest number of points wins.



August Birthdays

Join us in wishing our August birthday guild members a Happy Birthday!

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

Guild Meeting Minutes 07/05/23

Meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

- Welcome and an introduction the Mystery quilts on display
- Minutes approved moved and seconded by Michael and Cathy
- The Website is now hosted by Dreamhost
- Membership is up to 70 there were 5 guests at the meeting
- Treasurer's report as of June 30th we have a balance of \$8,145.20
- Library
 - Missouri Star magazines are available
 - Accuquilt dies and cutter are available
 - A guest shared information about warranties for the cutters
- Newsletter
 - Times of meetings should be added to the newsletter
 - Almost everyone is receiving the newsletter now
 - Information was shared about the ornaments for the Christmas tree in Antioch
 - We need more ornaments to fill the tree
 - A No-Sew project will be on hand for the September meeting
- The Election for new Board members in September
 - We are still looking for the Vice President position to be filled
- Entries for the County and State Fairs discussed (see the Newsletter)
- Programs
 - We have a quest speaker next month
 - There will be a gift card raffle
- Challenge Quilt Contest
 - Nann was not in attendance
 - If you want to enter the challenge please contact through email
- The Advent exchange is now having sign-up
 - There will also be a 12 Days of Christmas exchange too
 - See the newsletter for details
- Charity
 - Mug Rug samples were on display with Wheelchair bags and Lap quilts
- Staytreat on July 14-16th has some spots still available
 - There will be two Skill builders
 - Paper piecing Samples shown
- UFO July 22 Keep Sewing
 - Ironing boards were arranged for
- Block of the Month
 - Winner Jean W.
 - A new Block of the month program will be introduced by Michael
- Birthday of the month Fat quarters distributed
- Show and Tell/ Mystery Quilts Shown
- Ice Cream Break
- Quilt Bingo was a success
- Meeting ended 8:20

Board Members – 2022-23 NLCQG

President	Karen Grage	president@nlcqg.org
Vice President	Carol Cord	vicepresident@nlcqg.org
Treasurer	Dung Le	treasurer@nlcqg.org
Secretary	Nancy O'Connor	secretary@nlcqg.org
Membership	Cathy Gorski	membership@nlcqg.org
Programs	Laura Tritschler & Sunny McGuinn	programs@nlcqg.org
Newsletter	Gail Johnson & Heidi Johnson	newsletter@nlcqg.org

Committee Chairs - 2022-23 NLCQG

Block of the Month	Cathy Gorski & Pat Frieman	bom@nlcqg.org
Charity Quilts	Sharleen Snellman & Roberta Alexander	charity@nlcqg.org
Guild Historian	Cindy Schilling	historian@nlcqg.org
Facebook Admin	Ellen Hodge	facebook@nlcqg.org
Librarian	Cathy Warchal	library@nlcqg.org
Opportunity Quilt	Sharon Wick	opportunity@nlcqg.org
Ornament	Dung Le & Gail Johnson	ornaments@nlcqg.org
Sunshine	Nancy Taylor	sunshine@nlcqg.org
UFO	Madelyn Anderson	ufo@nlcqg.org
Webmaster	Joanne Mittelmeyer	webmaster@nlcqg.org
Zoom Tech	Karen Grage	zoomtech@nlcqg.org
Dear Jane Quilt	Donna Lechowicz & Kathy Gorski	dearjane@nlcqg.org

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