

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



SEPTEMBER 2023



President's Letter

Sharpen your pencils and restock your pens! You'll want a writing implement for all the voting we'll be doing this month! September will bring us a changing of the guard (so to speak) as we elect new officers and welcome them to the board. We'll also be voting for our favorite quilts in the 'Check It Out' challenge so remember to bring your cameras (okay, your phones... it is 2023) to take pictures of this highly anticipated quilt show!

In between voting everyone will have the opportunity to add to our Kringle Christmas Village tree by making an ornament or two. If Nancy Snyder's August presentation didn't get you in the mood for holiday sewing, this sure will!

As always, there is a lot going on in the guild and the newsletter covers it all! Enjoy the September issue and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday the 6th.

Karen

Show & Tell

There **will be** show at tell at our September meeting but our quilt racks will be in use to display the challenge quilts so they will not be available this month. Look for them again in October when we'll once again be able to display our creations for the entire meeting.

Upcoming Guild Meeting Info

Join us on Wednesday, September 6th, at the Antioch Township Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

September 6 - ELECTIONS, CHALLENGE QUILT DISPLAY & ORNAMENT CREATION

Board elections, membership renewal, challenge quilt voting, ornament making, phew!

Enjoy creating one-of-a-kind ornaments to decorate the guild's tree at Antioch's Kringle's Christmas Village. Instructions and supplies will be available for the ornaments we have been featuring all year. Please bring scissors, needle, thread and appropriate notions to add as basic ornaments will already be assembled.

October 4 - ANTIQUE QUILTS

Claudia Moffat, a collector of 19th and 20th century quilts will present a trunk show featuring antique quilts. These are mostly humble quilts, as her budget limit was no more than \$50. In later years her budget grew a bit, but these are mostly anonymous quilts, some ugly, some sweet, some fabulous.



November 1 – Join us for Mrs. Marilyn Baker, Midwest education director for the Chicago region of Joann Fabrics!

We hope everyone joins us for an evening with Marilyn as she shares her trailblazing approach to quilting.

2023 Challenge Quilt Contest

For those participating in the 2023 Challenge Quilt Contest it is: **TIME FOR THE REVEAL!**

- Cover your quilt 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, special techniques, whatever). Pin the card to the front of your quilt. **Do not put your name on the card!** We want to keep everyone guessing!
- Bring your quilt to the September guild meeting in a container or bag so that it cannot be seen until display.

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.

September Elections

The Board positions of Vice President, Program Chair and Membership Chair will be on the ballot for elections to be held during the September meeting. Here is a preview of the ballot. 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 Wetherbee

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

Annual Membership Renewal

Our annual dues of \$35 are due in September. Bring a check, or cash is accepted, of course; but please have the exact amount. While renewing, please make sure your photo release is up to date! We have lots of amazing programs planned for the upcoming year and we'd like to share our photos.

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:

September 23, October 28, November 25...
Link for a suggested supply packing list [here](#).

September Skill Builder

Quilt As You Go

Repeated by popular demand! In this workshop



you 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 quilt-as-

you-go technique! Participants have the option of keeping their completed quilt or donating it.

Interested in 'auditing' the class? Shar welcomes 'sit ins' – no charge!

Teacher: Shar Snellman

Date: September 23, 2023

Time: 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Supplied: Pattern, Fabric & Batting

Bring: Sewing Machine, Walking or Free Motion Foot, Thread, Pins, Quilt Clips (optional), Scissors, Rotary Cutting Supplies

Advance sign up required. Payment due by our September guild meeting.

Email skillbuilders@nlcgg.org with any questions and to sign up.

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.

Sneak Peek at Future Skill Builders

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!

December 29 – Crocheting Around Fleece

Think outside (but right up against) the box! Take a break from your sewing machine during our December Staytreat and pick up your crochet hook! Don't know how to crochet? Crocheting around fleece is a great way to learn!

Experienced crocheter? Learn how to prep fleece for a beautiful crocheted border. **Note: Cost for this class will be a 1 ½" yard piece of anti-pill or blizzard fleece to be donated to Project Linus so keep an eye on those pre-holiday fleece sales!

Ornament of the Month

The ornaments for September are a couple of adorable Santa Clauses. Attached are links to two versions, a log cabin and a paper pieced (or strip sewn) version. The Log cabin version is on Pinterest, so you can go to this site and look for the youtube demo.



Link [here](#)



Other Link [here](#)

Any questions? Email ornaments@nlcgg.org

2022/23 Block of the Month



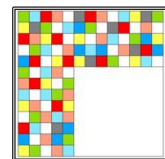
Please bring your last row for the Row by Row series to the September meeting. Completed quilt tops should be brought to the October meeting. All the rows must be sewn

together to be eligible for raffle prizes. It does not need to be quilted. Any questions, please contact Pat Frieman or Cathy Gorski. bom@nlcgg.org.

2023/24 Block of the Month

Welcome to the Big Top! We hope you are ready for the greatest show on earth (well at least for quilters)!

Those who have signed up should have received the email with block one, the Patience Quilt block. Time to brush up on your Bargello skills but in an easy way! If you complete your block by our October meeting, your prize will be something that can course correct! Can you guess? We can't wait to see what you come up with!



It's not too late to get your ticket!

The Big Top (Tent 1)



The Small Top (Tent 2)



Sign up started at the August guild meeting, cost \$10.00. (This underwrites the cash prizes.) and the first block will be revealed at the September Meeting! Sign-ups are taken at guild meetings or you can contact bom@nlcgg.org.

Charity Corner

As we begin a new year, we would be remiss if we did not stop and acknowledge our previous year's donations. A total of **273** items were gifted to those within our community and Lake County from Sept. '22 – Aug. '23. Checkout www.nlcqg.org for a breakdown of who received these items as well as a brief description of what was received. Applause, Applause! Well done.

Please continue to make wheelchair quilts and walker bags on an ongoing basis. Kits are available at no charge and can be picked up at the guild meeting. You do not need to sign them out and there is no due date. However, you can use your own fabric if you choose. You'll find patterns on the website at www.nlcqg.org/charity/. The preferred size for wheelchair quilts is 36" x 40" and no larger than 40" x 50".

As a reminder, we are asking you to stitch up one, two or a few 8" x 10" holiday/winter theme mug rugs. These will be gifted to the residents at the Oak Hill. The due date is our December meeting.

And in other news...

Our Charity Sewing Days have been approved! Now it's time to Help Empty the Bins!

Fabric sitting in plastic bins isn't helping anyone so let's get busy turning storage into comfort.

For the next three months, September, October and November, on the day of our meeting, join us at the Township Center from 2:00- 5:00 p.m. for Charity Sewing. Take a break for dinner and be ready for our usual evening meeting as doors open at 6:00 p.m..

Wednesday September 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will be stripping! ;)

We have a bin of precut strips and have a plan for easy squares. Bring your usual sewing supplies.

Please direct all questions about these sewing days to Roberta at charity@nlcgg.org.

Happy Stitching!
Roberta and Shar

Fabric Available for Charity Work

We have been blessed with a number of beautiful quilting fabric donations recently. Fabric has been 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 Roberta at charity@nlcgg.org to organize a pickup time.

Budget Proposal

There were no changes to the proposed budget at our August meeting. Please take one more chance to review this proposal and we will have a 'show of hands' approval vote at our September 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
Raffleman	\$ 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	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
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	\$ 513.00	\$ 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

Upcoming Quilt Events

The Country Quilters of McHenry have Jane Sassaman speaking at their September guild meeting. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at McHenry Township Building, 3703 N Richmond Rd, McHenry, IL. All are welcome (\$5.00 charge for non-members)! Doors open at 6:30 Meeting starts at 7:00.

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

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>

Faithful Circle Quilters

"A Quilt Odyssey"

September 23-24, 2023

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Jefferson Junior High School

7200 Janes Avenue Woodridge, IL



Autumn Splendor Quilt Show 2023

Kankakee First Church of Nazarene

1000 N. Entrance Kankakee, IL

September 29 & 30, 2023

Friday 9 - 5pm Saturday 9 - 3pm

Entrance fee: \$8.00

Display of Quilts - Vendors - Raffles & Raffle Quilt

<https://www.kankakeequiltmakers.com>

Lighthouse 2023 Quilt Show

The Lighthouse Guild will be showing their quilt at our September meeting.

Saturday Oct 7 & Sunday Oct 8, 2023

Fountain Banquet Hall • Sturtevant, Wisconsin

Entry Deadline: September 11, 2023

You Do Not Need to be a Guild Member to Enter!

lighthousequiltersguild.com/quilt-show.html

Interesting Quilting Links

For quilt organization, education & designing there's an app for that!

<https://www.sewingmachinefun.com/free-quilt-apps/>

Quilting Daily offers 10 Tips to Get Better at Free Motion Quilting

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/10-tips-for-free-motion-quilting/>



American Patchwork & Quilting shared a little history of Hawaiian Quilts

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/news/hawaiian-quilts>

The Loose Ends Project

Check out an organization that aims to ease grief, create community, and inspire generosity by matching volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left unfinished due to death or disability.

<https://www.looseendsproject.org/>

Sew Powerful Purse Program

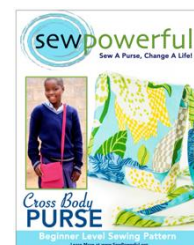
The intent of this program is to sew purses for girls from Zambia, to hold and provide sanitary supplies and health education. This organization has supported over 100,000 girls, keeping them in

school. Girls that stay in school all month are much more likely to pass their 7th grade exam, allowing them to pursue secondary education. Failing the test ends all educational opportunities. This year's sew-a-thon sign up deadline has passed

but they are always accepting purses. Check out the organization and the free purse pattern here:

<https://www.sewpowerful.org>

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



Advent Exchange

For those signed for the advent exchange the due date is looming! All items need to be turned in by our October guild meeting but it's not too late to sign up. Participants make 12 small items and purchase 12 small items to swap. These items are turned in and then 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 at any guild or UFO event or by contacting advent@nlcgg.org.

12 Days of Christmas Star Block Kit Exchange

Our new 12 days of Christmas' block kit swap is also 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. 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



Help Wanted! - Pattern Designers

Looking for a way to get more involved with the guild? Work is going to start on a very special guild pattern book! If you are interested in quilt pattern design or quilt pattern testing, contact president@nlcgg.org. Details to come!

Membership & Directory

Current membership total is at 71 members.

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

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.

Rummage Sale Tables

Is your sewing room overflowing? You don't need to wait for a yearly rummage sale, we're now offering a sale table each month! One table will be available at each of our meetings for a member to prebook for a fee of \$10. Limited to one table per meeting, you'll have no competition for your sales! Your fee will not only include the table but we will also put in a notice of your sale information in the newsletter so members can be ready to buy, cash in hand. If you're interested in booking a table for a guild meeting to sell your quilt and fiber related items, contact programs@nlcgg.org. If you'd like to book this table for one of our UFO events, contact ufo@nlcgg.org.

September 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!

Commission Work

We often get requests through our website for quilt related help. Just recently one individual was looking for someone to restore a vintage Sun Bonnet Sue quilt and another person was looking for someone who makes t-shirt quilts. If you are interested in commission work, contact president@nlcgg.org to be added to the list.

NLCQG Library

Books

Books owned by the guild:

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

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ruler-library-12.22.pdf>

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/accuquilt-die-library.pdf>

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

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

Board Meeting

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. So join us this month on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Zoom invitations sent out via email three days before the meeting.

Last Month's Pictures

Here is a [link](#) to last month's meeting pictures

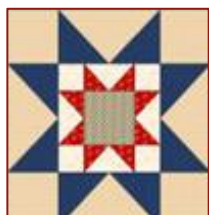


Board Members – 2022-23 NLCQG

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

Committee Chairs - 2022-23 NLCQG

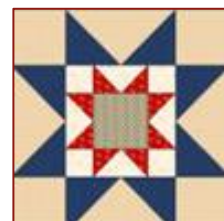
Block of the Month	Cathy Gorski & Pat Frieman	bom@nlcgg.org
Charity Quilts	Sharleen Snellman & Roberta Alexander	charity@nlcgg.org
Guild Historian	Cindy Schilling	historian@nlcgg.org
Facebook Admin	Ellen Hodge	facebook@nlcgg.org
Librarian	Cathy Warchal	library@nlcgg.org
Opportunity Quilt	Sharon Wick	opportunity@nlcgg.org
Ornament	Dung Le & Gail Johnson	ornaments@nlcgg.org
Sunshine	Nancy Taylor	sunshine@nlcgg.org
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Dear Jane Quilt	Donna Lechowicz & Kathy Gorski	dearjane@nlcgg.org



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