

# NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES



OCTOBER 2023



## President's Letter

The revealing of challenge blankets is always one of my favorite things and September's reveal did not disappoint. It truly amazes me how a number of quilters can take the same set of directions with the same fabric and go in so many different directions. Just walking around and looking at them all made me smile. Thanks so much to Nann for all the work she put in to making this happen!

I have to admit, I didn't get an opportunity to get close to the ornament making tables, mostly because they were always packed! Many thanks to Gail and Dung for bringing supplies and running this activity all year long. Like many of you, I can't wait to see our guild sponsored Christmas Tree go up this holiday season!

Looking forward, there is a lot going on in the guild and the newsletter covers it all so grab your favorite beverage and sit and enjoy all our guild has to offer. Hope to see you all on the 4th!

Karen

## Show & Tell

The quilt racks will once again be available for show and tell. Please hang up your quilts before our 7:00pm business meeting and leave them up until you leave. This added display gives everyone a chance to really enjoy your creations. October is once again a really busy meeting so there is a strong possibility that we will be 'presenting' our show and tell after our program. We hope everyone is able to stay and enjoy!

## It Was A Challenge!

Nineteen NLCQG members responded to the Check It Out challenge. Each participant got a fat quarter of red-checked fabric with the instructions to use some of it in a recognizable way on the front of a quilt. The creativity and the variety of interpretation resulted in a delightful quilt show at our September meeting.

All guild members voted for their first, second, and third favorites. Congratulations to the winners:



1st Place Marge Carhart



2nd Place  
Nancy Brieschke



3rd Place  
Cathy Brusky

## September Pictures

See all the entered quilts and more here: [link!](#)

## Upcoming Guild Meeting Info

Join us on Wednesday, October 4th, at the Antioch Township Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

### 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.

### **\*\*Workshop\*\***

**Thursday, Nov. 2** - Marilyn will be offering a morning Tricks and Tips class at the Lake Villa Library. Are you all ready for life's quilting hacks? Muddled mitered corners, pesky partial seams, or even those tough Y seams, and even few more. Marilyn has you covered!

Please join Marilyn for her game changing tips and tricks quilting class. Space is limited to 25 students. There is a fee of \$25 per student. Contact Michael for more details or email [programs@nlcqq.org](mailto:programs@nlcqq.org) to sign up.

### **December 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party**

Join us for food, fun and camaraderie at our annual holiday party. Activities will include old favorites like our popular exchanges and new games and displays.



### **January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jenny Doan via Zoom**

What better way to ring in 2024 by having none other than Jenny Doan! She will take us on her personal quilting journey, her

story of family, faith, the power of giving, & how she stitched an American Dream! We hope you all can join us for this amazing event!

## 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:

October 28, November 25,  
December 28-30 StayTreat

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

## October Skill Builder – Fidget Quilts

In this workshop we will be making a fidget quilt using either a planned or serendipitous design, the choice is yours. We will be making a quilt foundation which will then be embellished with a variety of ribbons, buttons, trims, yo-yos, etc. This fun mini-quilt provides an opportunity to “play” and let your creativity flow. Participants have the option of keeping their completed fidget quilt or donating it.

Teacher: Shar Snellman

Date: October 28, 2023

Time: 10 – 11:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Supplied: Pattern, Fabric, Batting, Embellishments

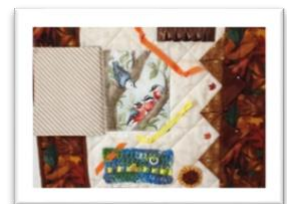
Bring: Sewing Machine, Walking or Free Motion

Foot, Thread, Pins, Quilt Clips (optional), Scissors,

Needles (Sharps) (optional), Rotary Cutting

Supplies, Embellishments: buttons, ribbons, trims, etc. (optional)

Advance sign and payment due by our October guild meeting. Email [skillbuilders@nlcqq.org](mailto:skillbuilders@nlcqq.org) with any questions and to sign up.



## Sneak Peek at Future Skill Builders

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!

January – What Else Can You Do With An Embroidery Machine?

Whether you have an embroidery machine or not, you will not want to miss this demonstration! Learn about the different types of stabilizers and when to use them and about all the different things you can do 'In The Hoop', including quilting!

## 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.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ruler-library-12.22.pdf>

### Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

<https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Accuquilt-Die-Library-923.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](mailto:library@nlcgg.org) and a drop off or pick up will be arranged.

## Charity Corner

As the gloomy weather keeps us inside, I ask myself two questions. How can I make someone smile and what am I going to do all day? Charity Corner has the answers! Make a few 8"x10" holiday/winter mug rugs and bring a smile to a senior. We hope to be able to give 100 mug rugs so all the residents can receive a special gift. We were at 50 last month, so keep on sewing! Need more to fill your day? Pick up a kit at our meeting or head to our website for all our patterns to create walker bags, quilts and more.

If you have any questions or comments – email us at [charity@nlcgg.org](mailto:charity@nlcgg.org)

Thank you for helping us help others,  
Roberta & Shar

## Charity Sewing Days

Wednesday October 4, Sewing for Sale, 2:00–5:00 pm. Clean up and take a break for dinner and be ready for our usual evening meeting as doors open at 6:00 pm.

Help fill our Farmers Market booth and learn tote bag techniques! Lynn Ray will demo bag construction. Bring your usual sewing supplies, and if you wish, fun fabric that you think would be good for a bag. We will be supplying fabric if you don't bring your own.

Thank you to all the sewers who came to our September Strip Sewing day. I'm looking forward to see the finished quilts we all started. We still have many strips left! If you're ready for more strip quilts, check out our page of links for free patterns and inspiration.

Please direct all questions about these sewing days to Roberta at [charity@nlcgg.org](mailto:charity@nlcgg.org)

## Fabric Available for Charity Work

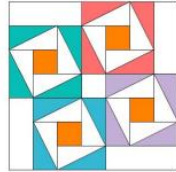
We have been blessed with a number of beautiful quilting fabric donations recently. Fabric has been distributed to those working with Quilts of Valor, Project Linus, Quilts Across America and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. If your charity group would like to choose some of this fabric for their work, please contact Roberta at [charity@nlcgg.org](mailto:charity@nlcgg.org) to organize a pickup time.

## 2022/23 Block of the Month

Remember to bring your completed row by row quilt tops to our October meeting. All the rows must be sewn together to be eligible for raffle prizes. It does not need to be quilted.

## 2023/24 Block of the Month

### **BLOCK 2** - WHIRLING SQUARES BLOCK



Amazing!!! Everyone made it through Block one! Are you ready for Block two!? It is a real whirlwind of fun! Challenge yourself with this beautiful block and its partial seams. I promise you it's easy and I'm not clowning around with you! Enjoy your process with the delectable Act 2 with the Whirling Squares Block! Questions? [bom@nlcgg.org](mailto:bom@nlcgg.org)



## Membership & Directory

Out of our 72 members, 45 have renewed their membership for the 2023/24 guild year. As a reminder, members need to have paid their dues to attend our December holiday party. If you still need to renew, please see or contact Jeanne at: [membership@nlcgg.org](mailto:membership@nlcgg.org).

If you need to update your information, email Jeanne at [membership@nlcgg.org](mailto:membership@nlcgg.org)

## Help Wanted! - Pattern Designers

Our proposed guild pattern book could use some budding pattern designers! If you are interested in quilt pattern design or in learning how to design a quilt from scratch, contact [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org). \*\*Note: Pattern testers also needed!

## Ornament of the Month



Thank you for supporting our ornament of the month program since the beginning of January! The last 2 ornaments are a beautiful 8-pointed lace star and a globe string quilted ornament. We hope you have fun with them!

Ornament - String pieced or whole cloth  
<https://youtu.be/W5NGIJEwx1Q>

Pictures and instructions for the Star are linked [here](#).

We will be decorating the tree(s) during the second or third week of November. Please bring any ornaments you may have to the October or November guild meetings or the October UFO.

We need 5 or 6 decorators to put on lights, ornaments, and garland. Anyone who would like to help decorate the tree(s), please contact [ornaments@nlcgg.org](mailto:ornaments@nlcgg.org),

Come and enjoy the tree(s) and display at Antioch Kringle's Christmas Village. It is located on #510 Orchard Street on the far end of the Piggly Wiggly Plaza. The building is open from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. This activity is a wonderful way to let everyone know about our guild and our incredibly talented members!

Any questions? Email [ornaments@nlcgg.org](mailto:ornaments@nlcgg.org)

## October Birthdays

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

**Cathy Briscoe**

**Karen Edgecombe**

**Barb Jolley**

**Sarah Stannard**

**Margaret Workman**



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

## Upcoming Quilt Events

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>

Lighthouse 2023 Quilt Show  
Saturday Oct 7 & Sunday Oct 8, 2023

Fountain Banquet Hall  
8505 Durand Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI

<http://www.lighthousequiltersguild.com>



Quilts from the Village XVIII  
Friday, Oct 20, and Saturday, Oct 21, 2023.  
The gymnasium of the Physical Education Bldg F  
Grayslake campus of the College of Lake County

19351 West Washington Street, Grayslake, Illinois  
<https://www.villagequilters.org>

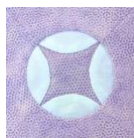
Fine Art of Fiber  
Botanic Gardens  
November 4 – 6, 2022  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regenstein Center.

Stunning quilts, lovely knitted artwear, woven wonders, and eye-catching jewelry are among the abundant handcrafted items on view and for sale during the event.

## 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 at the township building. Material list for demo for the Oct 28 meeting see link [here](#).

Any questions, contact Donna Lechowicz or Cathy Gorski at: [dearjane@nlcgg.org](mailto:dearjane@nlcgg.org)



## Interesting Quilting Links

Fabric, Pre-Cuts & More at the Benartex Warehouse!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiM6mY8\\_ipI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiM6mY8_ipI)

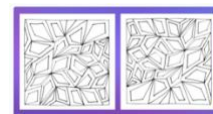
Pictures of the winners of The Monarch Cherrywood Challenge



<https://cherrywoodfabrics.com/pages/monarch-cherrywood-challenge>

Join Susan Brubaker Knapp for:

Free-Motion Weekly! Videos for 52 free-motion motifs and fillers for finishing your quilts



<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/category/free-motion-weekly/>

American Patchwork & Quilting share  
How to Clean and Care for Your Sewing Tools  
<https://tinyurl.com/2s4xsbk3>

.. do you have a link you'd like to share with the guild? Send it to [newsletter@nlcgg.org](mailto: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. Boxes with the 24 swapped out items will be returned to participants at our November meeting to be opened starting December 1st. Questions? Contact [advent@nlcgg.org](mailto: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](mailto:advent@nlcgg.org) for details and with any questions.

## 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](mailto:programs@nlcgg.org). If you'd like to book this table for one of our UFO events, contact [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org).

## 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. The board meeting for October needs to be pushed back a week so join us this month on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom invitations sent out via email three days before the meeting.

## 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](mailto:president@nlcgg.org) to be added to the list.

## 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](mailto:sunshine@nlcgg.org).



## NLCQG Meeting Minutes 09/06/23

Meeting began at 7:03 P.M.

- Minutes were approved by Ruth Ann Artz and Carol Kujawinski
- Treasurer's report: As of August 31st, the balance was \$8079.71
  - The budget for the next year was approved by hand vote
- Karen asked the membership to be aware of photos being taken, if you prefer not to be in the photo please move or ask to be left out of the picture being taken
- Membership report: We have 72 members (Dues were collected today) we also had 3 guests
- Newsletter report: We are up to 10 pages we have much more information to share
- The Guild belongs to a Google group, if you want to join let Karen know
- Website is expanding by adding an announcement page to keep information up to date
- Library report: Plastic bowl cozy templates have been added and Christmas pattern books were available
- State and County fairs are over for the year
  - A summary of events will be summarized in the newsletter
  - A discussion of the events followed
- Election for new board members took place
  - Michael Nardi was elected to programs
  - Pat Giouacchini was elected Vice President
  - Jeanne Weatherbee was elected Membership Chair
- Karen asked the membership to Thank the retiring board members
  - Patterns will be named after the retirees
  - Karen asked for volunteers to design a pattern
- Programs report: The October meeting will have Claudia Moffat Antique Trunk Show
- Survey Ballot was discussed
  - If you have any suggestions to add to the ballot, please contact Karen or join the September 14th board meeting on Zoom

- Ornament of the Month had a display table with materials for making an ornament this evening
  - It was commented that we have had a large number of ornaments donated by members
- Advent exchange emails have been sent out items will need to be to be collected at the October meeting
- The 12 Days of Christmas items well need to be collected at the November meeting, you can still sign up, email Karen
- Charity report: They displayed the Mug Rugs and showed the progress on the Bingo boards quilts and made available fabric for projects
  - Roberta is compiling a list of charities that the members contribute to so fabric can be shared from the Charity stockpile
- September UFO skillbuilder is quilt as you go sign up is still open
- The Racine quilt guild had a raffle quilt on display and had information about their upcoming quilt show
- Dear Jane will have a demonstration at the October UFO
- Block of the Month 2023 had the final drawing Dawn Wiltberger won
- Michael introduced the first Block for the next (2024) Block of the Month sign-ups are still open
- Show and tell had a large group showing beautiful items
- The Check it Out challenge took place
  - Winners
  - 1st Place Marge Carhart
  - 2nd Place Nancy Brieschke
  - 3rd Place Cathy Brusky

Meeting ended at 8:45



### Board Members – 2023-24 NLCQG

President	Karen Grage	<a href="mailto:president@nlcqg.org">president@nlcqg.org</a>
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Newsletter	Gail Johnson & Heidi Johnson	<a href="mailto:newsletter@nlcqg.org">newsletter@nlcqg.org</a>

### Committee Chairs - 2023-24 NLCQG

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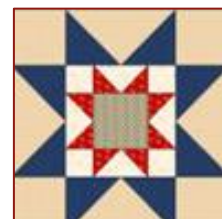
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