

# NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES



NOVEMBER 2023



## President's Letter

If you ask my children what they remember most about our family vacations, they'll roll their eyes and talk about all the museums we took them to. My husband and I love to learn about history, which made our October presentation a special treat for me. Claudia's vintage quilts, and her stories behind them were just amazing and I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

Our November program promises to be just as wonderful as we learn about Marilyn Baker's trailblazing quilting!

If you were unable to attend our October meeting, please pick up a guild ballot and share your input for our 2024 plans. We have a great variety of activities to look forward to and I'm sure there will be something for everyone. In the meantime, enjoy this month's edition of Threadlines and we hope to see you all on the 1st!

Karen

## 2024 !

There were many great ideas submitted with the 2024 ballot we distributed at our last meeting. Next year will bring another mystery quilt, a round robin, an opportunity quilt and boutique sales, the postcard exchange, and much more. We also had some interest in other activities but in order to offer these, we need some additional chairmen. Please take a look at the following list and see if you'd like to help out the guild in any of these ways:

**Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales & Sales Coordinator**  
We have volunteers willing to help out in these areas but need coordinators.

**Rummage Sale** - The guild voted to have Rafflemania during a guild meeting so if we'd like to have a Saturday rummage sale, we will need a coordinator

**Road Trips** - We have a connection with a transportation business but need someone to coordinate a trip or two for 2024.

**Advertising** - The guild voted overwhelmingly to allow advertising in our newsletter but we'll need someone to chair this fundraising activity.

**UFO Yearly Pledge** - There is an interest, we need a chairman.

**Month Long Quilt Display** - There is an interest, we need a chairman.

Contact: [president@nlcag.org](mailto:president@nlcag.org) for more details on any of these activities.



There was a lot of interest in the guild offering some non-quilting activities so to start things off...

### Let Nature Inspire Your Next Quilt!

Join fellow guild members for four seasonal walks in 2024 at Pine Dunes Forest Preserve in Antioch. We will be walking the preserve in January, April, July and October to experience the different seasons within the same area. Pine Dunes offers a circular gravel trail with three scenic overlooks that promise amazing views. Look for more details in January, but for now, you can start thinking about your next 'nature inspired' quilt!

## Upcoming Meeting Information

Join us on Wednesday, November 1st, at the Antioch Township Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.



### November 1

Join us for Mrs. Marilyn Baker, Midwest education director for the Chicago region of Joann

Fabrics as she shares her trailblazing approach to quilting.

### Workshop - Thursday, Nov. 2

Marilyn will be offering a Tricks and Tips class, 9:15am to 12:00pm at the Lake Villa Library (140 N Munn Rd, Lindenhurst). Are you all ready for life's quilting hacks? Muddled mitered corners, pesky partial seams, those tough Y seams, and even more! Marilyn has you covered!

Space is limited to 25 students and there is a fee of \$25 per student. Please contact Michael at [programs@nlcgg.org](mailto:programs@nlcgg.org) to sign up.

### December 6 – Holiday Party (details - page 3)

### January 3, 2024

What better way to ring in 2024 than to have



The Queen of all things quilting from the Missouri Star Quilt Company, **Jenny Doan**, join us via zoom! Jenny will take us on her personal quilting journey, her story of family, faith, the power

of giving, & how she stitched an American Dream! Four \$25 Missouri Star gift cards will be raffled off to attendees. Non-members will be welcome for a \$10 guest fee so start spreading the word. We hope you all can join us for this amazing event!



### February 7, 2024

Marilyn Fettinger was a member of NLCQG for many years. While she left Illinois for Colorado in 2020, she did not stop quilting! Join Marilyn via zoom as she shares the techniques used to make this quilted puzzle! Featured as the January quilt on the 2023 Sew Steady Calendar, this quilt includes layering, reverse applique and ruler quilting. A technique pdf will be distributed so you won't have to take notes, you can just enjoy! Non-members are welcome to attend this meeting at no cost.



### Why do we zoom?

We've been asked why we're offering our January and February 2024 programs via zoom...

- Virtual meetings allow us to avoid the unpredictable winter weather of Illinois and enjoy programs from our own homes.
- Offering programs via zoom allow us to have presentations that would otherwise be cost prohibitive.
- Members that spend the winter months in warmer climates are still able to join our meetings.

You can access zoom using your phone, tablet or computer. If you haven't tried this technology or could use a refresher, contact [zoomtech@nlcgg.org](mailto:zoomtech@nlcgg.org) and we'll setup a meeting to get you started.

### Show and Tell

The quilt racks will be up in November for show and tell! Please hang up your quilts before 7:00pm and leave them up until you leave (hangers will be available next to the stands). This added display gives everyone a chance to really enjoy your creations. So that everyone has a chance to share their stories, show and tell will be the final feature of our meetings. This way no one will feel rushed and we will always be ending our meetings with a favorite activity!

## December Holiday Party

Our December meeting is never one to be missed! Doors will open at 6:00, dinner will be at 6:30, and activities will start at 7:00. Members not participating in the dinner are still welcome to come and enjoy the holiday fun! The party will include a mix of our traditional favorites and some new twists.

### Dinner - Optional

Catering will be provided by Ignatz Restaurante and will tentatively consist of:

- House Salad
- Sausage and Peppers
- Chicken Vesuvio W/ potatoes
- Vodka Rigatoni
- Italian Beef

If you are interested in our family style dinner, please see Michael. The price per guild member is \$20. Checks should be made out to NLCQG.

If you are interested in helping populate the sweet table, please see Joanne Mittlemeyer.

### Socializing and Playing:

#### “Fold It – Snip It – Rip It – Drop It – Pass It”

Circular tables of 7 will be set up for dinner and the meeting, and attendees will be ‘assigned’ to a random table. Enjoy dinner and a game with other members you may not know very well yet, and start 2024 with some new fabric and some new quilting friends!

### Holiday Ornament Exchange - Optional

Make a holiday or winter themed ornament from any pattern or technique and bring it to the party. Ornaments will be displayed on a tree for all to enjoy. Take an old holiday card and cut it into 2 pieces. Attach one card piece to the ornament and place the other piece in a basket. Participants will draw a card from the basket and match it to the ornament they get to take home.

### Grab Bag Gift Exchange - Optional

Participants will bring a gift costing around \$10 and wrap it in white tissue or regular white wrapping paper. Bring your gift to the party and place it among the others. Numbers will be selected from a basket, and you can select any item on the table when it is your turn.

## Holiday Party continued.. (yes, there’s more!)

### \*\*NEW\*\* A UFO Raffle \*\*NEW\*\*

Have a UFO you’ve lost interest in? One you know you’ll never finish? Donate it to our first ever UFO raffle! Each attendee will receive five tickets and tables will be set up with ticket bags (similar to rafflemania) next to donated UFOs. Drop a ticket in the bag next to the UFO you’d like to give new life to and take a chance on starting 2024 with a brand-new project! If you see something you’d really like to take home and would like more chances, additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase at 50 cents each, with proceeds going to the Antioch Township Food Pantry.

(So that we have a handle on how many UFO’s we will have to raffle, we ask that you email [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org) if you’d like to donate one or more. UFOs should be donated in plastic cases/boxes to keep things together and include instructions if appropriate (we do have some empty boxes available for asking).)

## Advent Exchange

Nineteen guild members submitted 21 boxes for this year’s advent exchange! Boxes will be returned to the participants at our November guild meeting, all wrapped and ready to start opening on December 1<sup>st</sup>! Thanks to all who participated!

## 12 Days of Christmas

### Star Block Kit Exchange

Block kits for our new 12 days of Christmas exchange are due at our November guild meeting. Participants will be exchanging ‘kits’ that include the fabric needed to make star blocks. It’s not too late to sign up so contact [advent@nlcgg.org](mailto:advent@nlcgg.org) for details and with any questions.

## Mystery Quilt

Our 2nd annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2024! Stay tuned for more information but in the meantime, start spreading the word!

## UFO Meetings

Join us on October 28<sup>th</sup> & November 25<sup>th</sup> to work on your unfinished objects at the Antioch Township Center from 9am – 5pm.

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

## Dear Jane

### Applique Demo

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.

**The October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting features an applique Demo by Nancy Brieschke (material list [here](#).)**

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

## Quilt 'til You Wilt Staytreat

One day not enough to work on your UFOs? Join us for three days of sewing!

Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 9 pm (Sunday 9 am – 5 pm)

Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa

Cost: \$10.00 per person \*\*

\*\* Funds donated to the Antioch Township Food Pantry. (an additional \$5.00 per day for non-guild members)

All Lunches and Saturday dinner are Bring Your Own. Friday Dinner – Pizza will be ordered out for those that would like to participate. (Cost for pizza will be collected Friday evening.)

Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks for the counter. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water will be provided.

Attendance is limited to the first 30 to sign up. Due to limited tables, the larger tables will seat two. Attendees are welcome to bring their own tables. Please sign up and pay at the November or December guild meeting.

Questions: email - [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org)

## November Skill Builder

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!

Teacher: Sharon Wick                      Cost: None

Date: November 25, 2023              Time: 1:00

## Sneak Peek at Future Skill Builders

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 – Embroidery Machine Demo

Curious about embroidery machines? Own one and want to learn about all it can do? Want to know when to use wash away and when to use tear away? Come join us at our January UFO day for an embroidery machine demo!

## Ornament of the Month

We will be decorating the guild Christmas Tree November 16<sup>th</sup>. We have about 200 ornaments, **thank you** to our Membership!!

Please bring any additional ornaments you may have to the November meeting.

Come and enjoy the tree and display at Antioch Kringle's Christmas Village from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day at #510 Orchard Street on the far end of the Piggly Wiggly Plaza.

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



## Charity Corner

Cooler days and falling leaves are my (Shar) reminder that the holidays are fast approaching. Each year I have the best intention of making my Christmas gifts in July and each year what I have finished by November 1 is just a “drop in the bucket” compared to what I need to complete my gift list. This is about the time I start to feel like one of Santa’s elves, with my days spent in my quilt studio rather than the toy shop. Perhaps you find yourself in the same scenario or maybe all your gifts are finished. Thinking of gift giving, would you consider making a holiday/winter themed mug rug or two to be gifted to seniors? We are well on our way to meeting our goal of 100. Our current total is 56, thanks to everyone who has contributed. They will be delivered following our December meeting.

Thanks for your positive feedback on the fidget quilt samples that were shared at our October meeting. If you are considering giving them a try, stop by the charity table and feel free to pick up a fidget quilt starter kit. The kit will contain fabrics and a variety of embellishments along with some helpful tips. We will continue to have kits available for wheelchair quilts and walker bags as well.

We look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

Happy Stitching!!

Roberta and Shar

## Membership & Directory

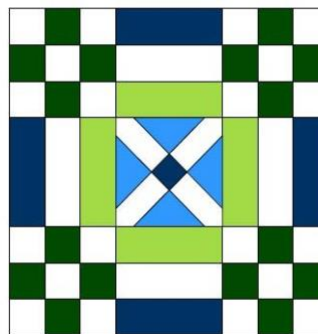
Current paid membership is at 56. REMINDER: We still have a few members with unpaid dues. These can be paid at the November meeting when checking in. [membership@nlcgg.org](mailto:membership@nlcgg.org)

## Charity Sewing Days

Join us Wednesday, November 1 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. as we go Square Dancing! We have a bin of 5” squares that need stitching! Fortunately, we know how to do that! There are many patterns to choose from for any size you feel like creating: table runners for the Senior Center Bingo prizes, wheelchair quilts, kids’ quilts or full-size quilts. Download your own free copy of Pat Sloan’s “Oh, My Stars” on our website under charity – “Scrappy Squares.” Project Linus has a variation called “All Boxed In.” One copy of these patterns and more will be available at our sewing day. Perhaps even mingle squares with the strip bin...the possibilities are endless! Take a dinner break, clean up and be ready for our regular meeting as doors open at 6:00 p.m. Please direct all questions about these sewing days to Roberta at [charity@nlcgg.org](mailto:charity@nlcgg.org)

## Block of the Month

Mrs. Dewey's Choice (BLOCK 3)



Woo Hoo!!! We all survived the tightrope of block 2! It's smooth sailing from here on out! At least Mrs. Dewey agrees. The owner of this Big Top, Mrs. Dewey, is honored that you are constructing her very own block. It's back to basics with this incredibly simple yet impactful block. For those signed up, check your inbox for the information regarding this block soon and join us for block 3 in this series!

## Phishing

Our website recently was used for a phishing expedition. In other words, “the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.” Using my name (but not my email address) these emails targeted our guild email addresses and in asking for a response, was working to receive personal email addresses.

Please know, we do not share personal emails on our website. Our membership list link is only available to members and as far as I know, no one has received this phishing email to their personal accounts. But.. we ask you all to be vigilant when receiving ‘vague’ emails, ones asking for your time or if they can ‘ask you a question’. If you’re not sure where an email comes from, check the email address and confirm with a new email or text, not one replying to the original.

With an on-line presence this is bound to happen from time to time but know, the guild will never ask for personal information or for you to purchase any gift cards for our activities. If you are ever concerned about an email you receive from our guild, please contact [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org)

Karen

## 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)

## November Birthdays

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

Madelyn Anderson  
Lory Leyman

Al Krueger  
Yolande Sherrod

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](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)

## 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 this is a great opportunity. Contact [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org). \*\*Note: Pattern testers also needed!

## Upcoming Quilt Events



Fine Art of Fiber  
Botanic Gardens  
November 3-5, 2023  
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.

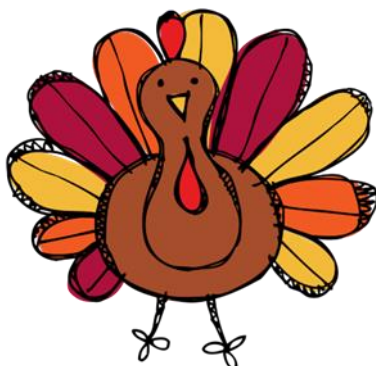
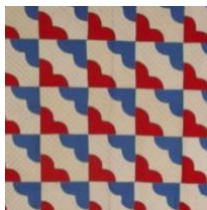
## Interesting Quilting Links

The story of the *Hearts and Gizzards* quilt pattern.  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdeb5x7c>

Add a quilted tree skirt under your tree!  
<https://tinyurl.com/yc4mrb7h>

Fat Quarter Shop Exclusive Free Quilt Patterns  
<https://tinyurl.com/mfjxua2d>

.. do you have a link you'd like to share with the guild? Send it to [newsletter@nlcqh.org](mailto:newsletter@nlcqh.org)



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

### Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:  
<https://www.nlcqh.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@nlcqh.org](mailto:library@nlcqh.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 November 9th 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

## NLCQG Meeting 10/04/23

- Meeting started at 7:00 P.M.
- Karen welcomed the members and asked for approval of the minutes
  - First and Seconded by Jeanne Gundrum and Carolyn Kujawinski
- Membership reported that we have 73 members with one new member this evening
  - Karen pointed out that membership renewal is still going on and reminded members to sign the photo waiver sheet when they renew
- The Treasurer reported we have \$9521.98 as of September 30th
- Library reported they have new bowl cozy templates and new rulers check the website for more details
- Website reported that she is continuing to correct email issues and let her know if you are having issues with the site
- Programs reported that the November meeting will be with Marilyn Baker From Joann Fabrics
  - She is also doing a workshop November 2nd at the Lake Villa Library
  - The December meeting is our Holiday Party with details to follow
  - January Zoom will be with Jenny Doan
    - Four \$25 gift cards will be raffled off as well
- Ornament of the month reported that we have over 200 items donated so far
  - They also asked for volunteers to decorate the trees in November
- Advent exchange reported that all items had been turned in on time
- 12 Days of Christmas items must be in by the November meeting
- The Fidget Quilt workshop at the October UFO meeting were demonstrated
- Charity reported that 56 mug rugs have been turned in so far and that there were kits for Wheelchair quilts and walker bags were available as well
- The Guild will offer a rummage sale table to one member on any month there isn't an opportunity quilt being raffled there is a fee
- Dear Jane announced a Demo for the October UFO meeting
- The Ballot survey was handed out to the membership
  - The events that need volunteers were explained
  - What members might be interested in were voted on
  - All suggestions were welcomed
- The 2023 Block of the month quilt tops were displayed
  - Winners were drawn 1st place Jeanne Weatherbee 2nd place Sunny McGuinn 3rd place Dawn Wiltberger
- Block of the month 2024 first squares were displayed and all participants received binders with patterns instructions
- The Birthday Fabric Quarters/Yard were passed out
- The Antique Quilts presentation by Claudia Moffat Started at 8:05 P.M. The quilts were wonderful reminders of the past
- Show and tell ended the evening

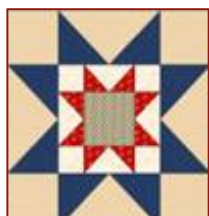


### Board Members – 2022-23 NLCQG

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