

# NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES



DECEMBER 2023



## President's Message

\*\* Disclaimer, if the following President's Message looks a lot like the one from December of 2022, it's because it is. Gotta love copy/paste (with a few changes).

Handmade ornament for the holiday ornament exchange... **check!**

Grab Bag gift wrapped in white for the grab bag exchange... **check!**

A pair of 'snips' to play "Fold It – Snip It – Rip It – Drop It – Pass It" ... **check!**

Mug rugs for charity... **check!**

Block of the month... **check!**

Ready to party.... **CHECK!**



While there is always a lot to prepare and bring to our December Holiday Party, I have to say, it is one of my favorite meetings of the year. I promise to get through guild business quickly so we can all enjoy good food and good company and start off our holiday season in warmth and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th!

Karen

**\*\*Please Note Change\*\***

## Show and Tell & The Freebie Table

With everything going on at our holiday party we have decided to forgo Show & Tell and the Freebie Table for December. The December staytreat will be a wonderful time to bring your items to show, as well as to populate a freebie table.

## Mystery Quilt

Our 2nd annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of



2024! The announcement flyer is attached to this newsletter so feel free to start signing up and start sharing the flyer with your friends and other guilds. Sign up starts at our December meeting or by emailing [mystery@nlcag.org](mailto:mystery@nlcag.org). Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter.

## Wool Applique Group

There is always something new happening in NLCQG! With the interest indicated on our October ballot, Carolyn Kujawinski has offered to head up a Wool Appliqué Group!

The group started meeting November 30<sup>th</sup> and will continue meeting Thursdays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM once a month at the Antioch Public Library. Whether you're a seasoned wool worker or a novice, this group will surround you with others to help guide your projects.

Details:

Dates: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Place: Antioch Public Library

757 Main Street, Antioch

Contact Carolyn at [woolgroup@nlcag.org](mailto:woolgroup@nlcag.org) or 847.373.3307 (leave a msg if no answer) with any questions.

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### December 6 – Holiday Party

Doors will open at 6:00, catered dinner will be at 6:30, and activities will start at 7:00. Members not participating in the dinner are welcome to come and enjoy the holiday fun! The party will include a mix of our traditional favorites and some new twists.

\*\*A major thank you to all who have pulled this event together! Many hands will be helping set up on Wednesday but we could use help with cleanup. Contact Gail at [newsletter@nlcgg.org](mailto:newsletter@nlcgg.org).

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

Circular tables of 6 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!

\*\* Note: Each person could use a pair of snips for the ‘snip’ portion of this game so please add them to your ‘to bring’ list.

#### 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.

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### January 3, 2024

What better way to ring in 2024 than to have **Jenny Doan** from the Missouri Star Quilt Company, 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! Non-members will be welcome for a \$10 guest fee and there is a flyer attached to the newsletter so you can start spreading the word. We hope you all can join us for this amazing event!



Members need to sign up at our December meeting or by contacting [programs@nlcgg.org](mailto:programs@nlcgg.org).

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

Our first ever UFO raffle! Each attendee will receive five free tickets at check-in. 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 (12 for \$5), with proceeds going to the Antioch Township Food Pantry.

We have over 30 UFO’s already pledged for the raffle but feel free to bring one (or two) with you to add to the party! The UFO’s range from orphan blocks to unfinished tops to brand new kits, so truly, there will be something for everyone.

#### 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. Cut an old holiday card into 2 pieces, attach one card piece to the ornament and place the other in a basket. Participants will draw a card from the basket and match it to the ornament they get to take home.

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### 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 puzzle quilt! Featured as the January quilt on the 2023 Sew Steady Calendar, this quilt includes layering, reverse applique and ruler quilting. A PDF pattern 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.



## Quilt 'til You Wilt Staytreat

### SOLD OUT!

One of the most popular guild events of the year, all the spots for the staytreat have been spoken for. As a reminder:

Dates/Times: Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 5 pm

Place: 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)

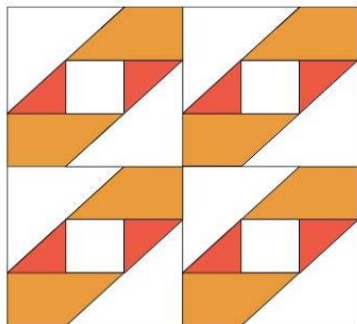
All Lunches and Thursday dinner are Bring Your Own. Friday Dinner – Pizza will be ordered out for those that would like to participate. (Cost for pizza will be collected Friday evening.)

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

Due to limited tables, the larger tables will seat two and we encourage those who can, to bring their own table. If you have signed up and cannot attend, please contact [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org) and let us know in case others would like to join.

## Block of the Month

Welcome to act four! The Ringmaster has spoken and the Garret Window block is ready



to be assembled! This block is so easy you will be able to handle it like the lion tamer! Join us for block 4 in this series!

## Carpool coordination

Looking for a ride to guild events? Willing to give rides to other guild members? Contact Vickie at [carpools@nlcgg.org](mailto:carpools@nlcgg.org).

## Upcoming Skill Builders

### December 29 – Crocheting Around Fleece

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: You do not need to attend the staytreat to participate. We also encourage seasoned crocheters to come and help others who would like to learn.

Facilitator: Karen Grage

Cost: 1 ½ yard piece of anti-pill or blizzard fleece (Donated to Project Linus)

Date: December 29 Time: 11:00am

### 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 for an embroidery machine demo!

## Ornament of the Month

The Kringle's Christmas Tree was decorated November 16th. Please visit and enjoy the tree and display at Antioch Kringle's Christmas Village now through New Year's Day at #510 Orchard Street on the far end of the Piggly Wiggly Plaza in Antioch. You may also vote for your favorite tree (Pick us! Pick us!) Many, many thanks to Gail and Dung for spearheading this project all year!



## Road Trip Ideas

Ruby Hall has offered to coordinate a road trip (or two) this year and is looking for ideas! Whether it's a museum visit, a quilt show or a shop hop, we'd love to see what you're interested in sharing with your fellow guild members. Contact [roadtrip@nlcgg.org](mailto:roadtrip@nlcgg.org)

## Charity Corner

Thank you to all our Charity Sewers! We are making a difference in our fabric inventory, but more importantly, we are making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. December is party month so we will **not** have our Charity sewing hours earlier in the day. Join us January 3, 2024, 2:00-5:00, to put your own decorator twist on Project Linus blocks. Roberta will bring fabric and markers for designing and kid friendly fabrics to compete the top. There will also be plenty of fleece for backings. In February we will be focusing on Fidgets!

We have a place for whatever you feel like making!

**Twin size** – Adult themed – City of Hope

**Small twin**- (60x80ish) –Kid themed- Sleep in Heavenly Peace

**Small twin to minimum** 36”square –Kid themed- fabric design appropriate to size –Project Linus

**Wheelchair size** – 35x40- Oak Hill Senior Living, Antioch/Lake Villa Township Seniors

### Non-Blanket items

**Walker Bags** – Oak Hill Senior Living, Antioch /Lake Villa Township Seniors

**Placemats** – Antioch/Lake Villa Township Seniors

**Fidget mats** – 12”x16” (max size 18”x20”)

Bickford Senior Living

Stay tuned for more information about our Farmers Market requests.

We hope you all have a warm, wonderful charitable holiday season.

Roberta and Shar

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

## Postcard Exchange

During our zoom meeting months of January and February, our guild will be sponsoring a quilted postcard exchange. It's not complicated, sign up and you'll receive an email at the end of December with your January partner. Send your partner a quilted postcard at any time during January and they'll send you one in return! At the end of January, you'll receive an email indicating your February partner and you'll just repeat the process. Easy peasy! New this year, we will be issuing the invitation to join in to other guilds so you may find a brand new pen pal! Need more information about making a quilted postcard? Check out these links:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtlGFdexJD0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aC6-GyD0f6s>

<https://saroy.net/2020/06/fabric-postcard-tutorial/>

Want to see the postcards exchanged by our guild members during 2020 and 2021?

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17zoVGOcV-ZPwYNuQmW22\\_2buC0QCHmpd](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17zoVGOcV-ZPwYNuQmW22_2buC0QCHmpd)

Ready to sign up? Just send an email to [postcard@nlcgg.org](mailto:postcard@nlcgg.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet at our December meeting.

## December Birthdays

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

Roberta Alexander     Marge Carhart  
Kathleen Gedvilas     Cathy Gorski  
Nancy O'Connor     Cindy Schilling  
Maureen Zabloudil



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.

## Learning Zoom

Our January and February 2024 meetings will be via zoom. If you haven't tried this technology or could use a refresher, contact [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org) and we'll set up a meeting to get you started.

## Help Wanted!

**"Raffle Quilt Ticket Record Keeper** - This person will order the hard copies of tickets needed, keep track of quantity of sold tickets by members or from which event and enter into an on-line raffle quilt ticket system as we had done last year. This position does not require you to schedule the events where tickets will be sold as that is now done by the Event Coordinator

**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

**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.

**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. \*\*Note: Pattern testers also needed!

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

## Let Nature Inspire Your Next Quilt!

Join fellow guild members for the first of four seasonal walks!

Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00am

Place: Pine Dunes Forest Preserve (42909 Hunt Club Road) in Antioch.

No fee, no registration and open to guild members, family and friends! 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 2.2 mile circular gravel trail with three scenic overlooks that promise amazing views. The walk will kick off promptly at 10:00am so plan to be there a little earlier to join the group. We will walk the trail clockwise so if you get delayed you'll be able to catch up with us. Any questions, contact [president@nlcgg.org](mailto:president@nlcgg.org).



## Interesting Quilting Links



'tis the season  
Leah Day shares Wonky  
Christmas Tree Blocks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZe-Rsd-KPo>



Yeiser Art Center is now accepting entries for the **FANTASTIC FIBERS 2024** international juried exhibition.

[https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals\\_unique\\_in\\_fo.php?ID=12522](https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_in_fo.php?ID=12522)

<https://theyeiser.org/fantastic-fibers-call/>

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

<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/2023/05/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@nlcqg.org](mailto:library@nlcqg.org) and a drop off or pick up will be arranged.

## 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@nlcqg.org](mailto:sunshine@nlcqg.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. Board meetings are held each month on the Thursday of the week following the guild meeting via zoom. Zoom links are emailed to all members.

## Membership & Directory

Current paid membership is at 69.  
[membership@nlcqg.org](mailto:membership@nlcqg.org)

## Last Month's Pictures

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



## NLCQG Meeting 11/1/23

- Meeting began at 7:00 P.M.
  - Minutes of the October meeting were approved Moved Nann Hilyard and Seconded by Ruth Ann Artz
  - Membership reported that we have 74 members. a New member Rose Gray and a guest this evening
  - Treasurer Report the Guild has \$9,523.88 as of October 31,2023
  - Karen reminded members that dues must be paid before signing up for the Holiday Party in December
    - There was a discussion about paying dues or fees electronically using PayPal
  - Newsletter reported that the letter goes out the Friday before the next meeting
  - The Next Board meeting will be November 9th and all are invited to attend
  - Website reported That the update is complete visit the site to see the new format and see Lynn Rays link for information about the boutique
  - Library reported That they have a good deal of threads for interested parties and books on postcards and small projects were available this evening
  - Pat Frieman Reported the Kenosha's Southport Quilt guild will host A guest speaker Beth Helfner from Evapaige Quilt Designs
  - Carpool for members who need rides to meetings will be coordinated by Vickie Kruse contact her if you can help or need a ride see the Newsletter or Website for details
  - Advent exchange is distributed
  - 12 days of Christmas has been turned in
  - There will be a ruler Quilting Demo at the November UFO
  - Programs, Michael will take the fee for the Holiday Party at the Break today
    - It was reported that there were a few seats left for the Marilyn Baker workshop on Thursday
    - Joanne Mittelmeyer will coordinate the sweets table for the party
    - The January Zoom Meeting will Host Jenny Doan. It is free to members and guest will pay a \$10 fee
      - The session is a question and answer format if you have questions email Michael or Karen
  - Holiday Party events
    - UFO raffle If you have an unfinished project, box it up and contact Karen ahead of the party
    - The Purchase of raffle tickets funds will go the Township food pantry
    - The Dinner will be served Family style and there will be a table game with batiks (bring small snips)
    - The ornament and gift exchange will also take place this year see the Newsletter and Website for details
  - The Staytreat Form is available and there are 30 spots, more spots could open up if you bring your own table.
    - There is a \$10 fee with proceeds going to the Township food pantry
    - There will be a crochet skill builder all are welcome
  - Charity reported They hadn't met their mug rug goal but if you have some they can be dropped off
    - They also have kits for Walker bags, Placemats, Wheelchair quilts available to anyone one who would like to help
    - They thanked the guild for the list of charities members support
    - If you want to branch out and support a charity information is available
    - They thanked Kathy Brusky for cutting so many 5 inch squares for the charity kits
    - There will be a charity Sew January and February at the Township from 2-5 P.M.
  - The Postcard exchange will take place in January and February
    - This year we will include other Guilds in the exchange
    - Sign ups at the December meeting
  - The 2024 Ballot survey is available at the sign in desk, please fill it out if you haven't
  - We are looking for help coordinating the Boutique at the farmers market this year, please contact Lynn Ray
  - Block of the Month blocks were displayed and everyone went home with a lipstick pin cushion
  - The Birthday Fat quarters (which are more than a quarter now) were distributed
  - The Marilyn Baker Program was presented
  - Show and Tell
- Meeting ended at 9:30 P.M.

### Board Members – 2022-23 NLCQG

President	Karen Grage	<a href="mailto:president@nlcgg.org">president@nlcgg.org</a>
Vice President	Pat Giovacchini	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@nlcgg.org">vicepresident@nlcgg.org</a>
Treasurer	Dung Le	<a href="mailto:treasurer@nlcgg.org">treasurer@nlcgg.org</a>
Secretary	Nancy O'Connor	<a href="mailto:secretary@nlcgg.org">secretary@nlcgg.org</a>
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Programs	Michael Nardi	<a href="mailto:programs@nlcgg.org">programs@nlcgg.org</a>
Newsletter	Gail Johnson & Heidi Johnson	<a href="mailto:newsletter@nlcgg.org">newsletter@nlcgg.org</a>

### Committee Chairs - 2022-23 NLCQG

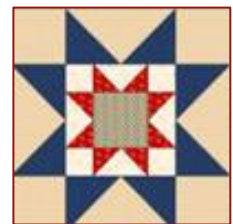
Block of the Month	Michael Nardi	<a href="mailto:bom@nlcgg.org">bom@nlcgg.org</a>
Charity Quilts	Sharleen Snellman & Roberta Alexander	<a href="mailto:charity@nlcgg.org">charity@nlcgg.org</a>
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Facebook Admin	Ellen Hodge	<a href="mailto:facebook@nlcgg.org">facebook@nlcgg.org</a>
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Zoom Tech	Karen Grage	<a href="mailto:zoomtech@nlcgg.org">zoomtech@nlcgg.org</a>
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Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NLCQG>

Friends of NLCQG Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208197212878063>

NLCQG Mission: To Promote the Art and Education of Quilting

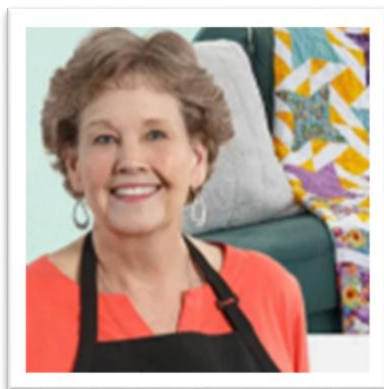




Hello fellow Quilters!!! NLCQG is proud to announce the start of our 2024 programs season with none other than the incomparable Jenny Doan from The Missouri Star Quilt Company!

Jenny Doan will take us on her personal quilting journey, her story of family, faith, the power of giving, & how she stitched an American Dream! Please join us for our zoom night with Jenny on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7pm.

Registration for non-members will be from **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9am**. There is a \$10 fee to attend this one-time event and the limited space is on a first come first serve basis. Upon payment, you will receive an email with the link to the zoom event. This link is not to be shared, as it will only allow the individual using the registered email to enter the event.



To register, please contact NLCQG at [programs@nlcqg.org](mailto:programs@nlcqg.org) with the following information:

- First and Last Name (this needs to be the name you use when entering the zoom event).
- email Address
- How you will be paying. (We accept check, Zelle and Paypal)

If paying by check, you will be emailed a mailing address. If using Zelle or Paypal, you will be emailed an on-line link.

We will be collecting questions that participants would like to ask Jenny in advance, so if you have a specific question, please include it along with your registration.

Feel free to contact us with any questions and we look forward to sharing this unique opportunity with you in the new year!



Northern Lake County Quilters Guild  
Mystery Quilt Along  
2024

**Searching For Twenty-Six**

**Northern Lake County Quilters Guild is having a mystery quilt along!**

Once a week, for 9 weeks this winter, our guild will be releasing clues via email for an intriguing pieced quilt pattern that is perfect for beginners, but also has enough options to interest the experienced quilter. This year's finished quilt is designed to be 52" x 52" but there will be instructions included to make it smaller or larger.

This is a guild fund raiser so join in and invite your friends, family and fellow quilters! For a cost of \$10.00 for NLCQG members and \$15.00 for non-members you'll receive:

- All the fabric requirements, block directions and assembly instructions.
- Access to three optional virtual meetings to discuss fabric choices, quilt assembly & quilting options.
- An optional facebook group, set up for sharing and discussion.
- Email access to the mystery pattern designer for any questions.
- AND A BONUS! For our non-members, your fee will cover attendance at our July Ice Cream Social and Bingo Meeting where we will be sharing our completed quilts.

**To sign up, email [mystery@nlcqq.org](mailto:mystery@nlcqq.org) with your name, and payment preference.**

**Payments accepted via check, Zelle or Paypal.**

**If paying by check, you will be emailed a mailing address.**

**If using Zelle or Paypal, you will be emailed an on-line link.**

First clue will be released February 12th so sign up by February 5th and don't miss a thing!

It's always fun to quilt with friends whether in person or virtually and we hope to quilt along with you this winter!

Any questions?

Contact: [mystery@nlcqq.org](mailto:mystery@nlcqq.org).

