

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



MAY 2024



President's Message

I can't tell you how excited I was to see all the new faces at our April meeting. Word is spreading about the wonderful and welcoming quilters that make up our guild! Keep talking us up and also take the time to introduce yourself to one (or many) of those new faces!

Our May meeting is.... Drum roll please... Rafflemania!!! See the article for details but in a nutshell, you bring your stuff and take home other peoples' stuff, all while fundraising a little for the guild! Win-Win-Win!

I also want to mention that the Antioch Township Center is in the process of making some major changes. For this reason, our events will start being held at alternate locations later this year. We will make sure to keep everyone in the loop but please be sure to check an event location before heading out.

I hope everyone enjoys the last few days of April and I look forward to seeing you all on the 1st!

Karen

Change Your July Calendar!



Due to our location change (and the fact that many of you would like to enjoy a fireworks celebration on the 3rd) we will be pushing the July guild meeting back one week. Mark your calendars to celebrate with BINGO and ice cream on July 10th!

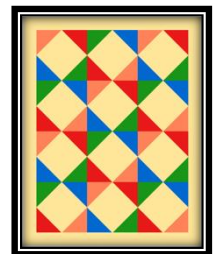
Guild at a Glance

- May 1** Guild Meeting - Rafflemania
Township Center
Charity sewing 2:00 – 5:00
- May 23** Wool Applique Group 10:00 – 1:00
Antioch Public Library
- May 25** UFO 9:00 – 5:00
Township Center
Skill Builder-Electrify Your Quilt 10-11:30
- June 5** Guild Meeting – Vicki Hodge
Township Center
Round Robin Begins
- June 29** UFO 9:00 – 5:00
Township Center
Skill Builder - Twister Demo
Batik Rip Challenge ends
- July 10** Guild Meeting - Ice Cream Social/Bingo
Lake Villa Library
Mystery Quilt Display

Charity Challenge

Details here:

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/nlcgg-charity-challenge.pdf



Reminders

Use only guild fabric (except batting). Bring completed quilts, ready for voting, to our September meeting.

Contact us at charity@nlcgg.org if you have any questions or need fabric for the challenge.

Upcoming Meeting Information

Guild meetings are held at the Antioch Township Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM for socializing. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

May 1 - Rafflemania

One of the most popular events of the year... Rafflemania! Members donate gently used fiber related items to “raffle” off as a guild fundraiser. This includes items such as quilt books, yarn, crochet and knitting supplies, sewing supplies, sewing patterns, gadgets, rulers, templates, threads, bobbin holders, needles, pins and of course, those fabrics that you once loved and now categorize as hideous. (Only fiber related items and no magazines.) Please bundle items together either in bags or with rubber bands to keep them from intermingling with other stacks.



How this works:

Items are placed on the tables next to paper bags. Members purchase and fill out raffle tickets to try for items they wish to win. (Hint: Return address labels come in handy for this!)

A name is drawn from each bag and the winner gets to take home the goodies!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10 and 35 for \$20.

If an item did not have any tickets submitted, the contributor is responsible for taking it home.

Show and Tell

We are going to try again to get those racks up for Show and Tell at our May meeting! Looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on!



June 5 - Vicki Hodge

Vicki has been designing and piecing reproduction scrap quilts for over 40 years. An accumulation of unquilted tops naturally lead to pairing two tops into one quilt - equally interesting on front and back.



Vicki teamed with Quiltmania Editions to publish 'Button Box Quilts' in September, 2018. The book includes 20 designs (10 quilts) inspired by 19th century patterns.

Vicki has exhibited quilts at the Pour l'Amour du Fil show in Nantes, France; the Paducah Quilt Week Show in Paducah, Kentucky; and 'In the American Tradition' exhibit at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. Her AQSG Civil War Quilt Study quilt was selected to travel to several locations over four years.

The guild program trunk show includes quilts included in the book and those that didn't make the cut. Discussion of her quilting process is included along the way

The June meeting will also feature the Illinois Quilters Inc., annual raffle quilt. They will be selling tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. This quilt will go on to be displayed as part of the Fine Art Fiber Show held at the Chicago Botanical Garden in November.

July 10 – Bingo Game Night & Ice Cream Social Mystery Quilt Display

Enjoy yummy ice cream treats (watch those sticky fingers) while viewing our finished mystery quilts and playing Bingo! Click on this link to download instructions to make your personal bingo card:

<https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/nlcqg-quilters-bingo-2024.pdf>

****Note:** These are the same cards we made last year to play bingo but we're hoping to make one change. To make these blocks easier to sew into charity quilts we're asking everyone to give their bingo boards a 2" border (using 2 ½" strips). Black or white fabric would work best so as not to blend with the bingo squares.

UFO Meetings

Mark your calendar for our next two UFO meetings! Join us to work on your unfinished objects at the Antioch Township Center from 9am – 5pm on: May 25 and June 29.

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

The Quilt Fabric Store Sale

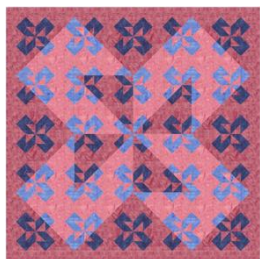
Our May 25th UFO will also include a sale table by our guild's KayCee Rivera. KayCee will be bringing items from her on-line store for attendees to peruse and purchase. Included will be:

- Over 20 different quilt kits
- Pre-Cuts - Jelly rolls, layer cakes, fat quarter bundles
- Art Gallery Fabrics Spring Equinox line - Yardage cut as needed
- White on white and neutrals (just in case someone needs them for the jelly roll workshop)
- Misc Patterns
- Gutermann and Aurifil Thread

Credit card payments are welcome and you can also pre-order on thequiltfabricstore.com and use codes NLCQG10 for 10% off and NLCQGSHP for free shipping. These discount codes can be used any time for guild members for deliveries to meetings or UFO's and will be shipped free to your home if KayCee is unable to attend.

Mystery Quilt

Many thanks to everyone in the guild who participated in the 2024 mystery quilt. The plan is to have racks up to display these at our July meeting and be surrounded by quilts as we play



bingo and eat ice cream. Plan on bringing your completed quilt (or quilt top) in July and share it with the guild!

April Meeting Pictures

Link to pictures of our April meeting [here](#).

Skill Builders

May 25th – Electrifying your Quilts

Learn how to add led lights to your quilts while making a zodiac constellation wall hanging. In this class we will be adding coin battery holders and conductive thread to fabric and learning a technique to make future projects sparkle!



Sign up deadline is May 18th and space is limited! Email skillbuilders@nlcgg.org with any questions and to sign up.

Teacher: Karen Grage

Date: May 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Cost: \$20

****Note:** Cost covers kit which includes fabric with embroidered constellation, electrical items and embroidery hoop.

Supply List: Sewing Needle, Scissors

June 29th – Twister Demo

Twister Sisters Designs has many twister tools, we even have some in our guild library as well as pattern books! There's the original Twister, the Midi Twister, the Lil' Twister, the Mini Twister, the Tiny Twister, the Itty Bitty Twister... have we listed them all? Come join Cathy for this twister template demo and learn all about this versatile template!



****Note:** Jelly Roll Shuffle Skill Builder has been rescheduled for the August UFO day.



Binding Tool Workshop Pictures

Link to pictures of the workshop pictures [here](#).

Round Robin Quilt

Hello quilters! A new activity is starting in June... a Round Robin!



For those not familiar with a round robin, each participant makes a center block of their choice. Their block gets passed on and the next person adds a "round", or border, to the top they are given. The blocks are passed each month until everyone in the round robin has added a border. How this will work:

Sign up at the May guild meeting or with Cathy at cathyb1810@gmail.com by May 28.

Put your block in a non-see-through bag that is large enough to accommodate a growing pieced top.

Each month the bags will be passed to the next person listed on a tag that you will be given to attach to your bag the first night.

We will keep them a secret until the last person has finished their border and then have a reveal at the next meeting.

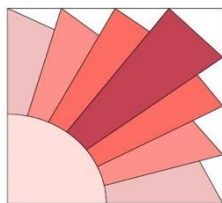
Optional: Add a note to introduce yourself and journal the quilt. If you want, you can include any fabric you would like to be used along the way.

Bring your starting block to the June meeting and let the creativity begin.

There is no fee for the round robin.

Block of the Month – May

Summer is almost here and the spring air is warming up quickly! What better way to stay cool than to have a beautiful fan! This Applique block is sure to kick your quilt up a notch! The Circus tent tends to be warm so get your fan ready for a cool breeze while the acrobats show off their skills! Enjoy this easy block!



Note: Block of the month ends in August.

Charity Sewing (or not sewing)

May is Make a Kit Day! For our charity sewing time – leave your sewing machine at home; bring your eye for color!

We have patterns, precuts and yardage ready for us to coordinate into kits for future, no thinking sewing.

Join us at Antioch Township Center, Wednesday May 1, 2:00 – 5:00 PM.

Roberta & Dawn

Wool Applique Group

Our Wool Appliqué Group led by Carolyn Kujawinski will be meeting 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.

Next meeting Thursday, May 23, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Place: Antioch Public Library
757 Main Street, Antioch

We will be taking the summer off, but will be back in the fall. Keep on sewing!

Contact Carolyn at woolgroup@nlcgg.org or 847.373.3307 (leave a msg if no answer) with any questions.

Upcoming County & State Fairs

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

List of fairs and general information is [here](#).

Editors Note: Thank you to Cathy Bruski for compiling all of this information!



Pledge To Complete Those UFOs!

Many of us donated UFOs for the Holiday raffle and lightened our load. But also, many of us gained UFOs from winning(?) at the Holiday raffle. Join our 2024 UFO (Unfinished Objects) Challenge by pledging to finish some of these up!



For this challenge, you complete one UFO every other month (or monthly for those who are truly motivated). Upon sign up, you will receive a form to list the UFOs you plan to finish in 2024. Fill out your form and present your progress during Show & Tell starting at our March meeting. Results will be announced at the November meeting.

If interested, contact Joanne at: UFOchallenge@NLCQG.org. You will receive the UFO form with complete instructions. A \$5 participation fee is being asked to fund prizes.



May Birthdays

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

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| Irene Aken | Laurie Austin |
| Rose Gray | Charlene Karls |
| Annette Klingsporn | Vickie Kruse |
| Dung Le | Donna Lechowicz |
| Joanne Mittelmeyer | Cathy Nelson |
| Lynne Ray | Julie Reynolds |
| KayCee Rivera | Jonnie Staggs |
| Debbie Tomec | Linda Wiemerslage |

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

Carpool Coordination

Looking for a ride to guild events? Willing to give rides to other guild members? Contact Vickie at carpools@nlcqh.org.

Book Review by Nann Hilyard

THREADS OF LIFE

Clare Hunter

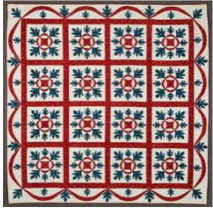
(Warning: textile/fiber metaphors are inevitable!) I love textile history so it was a given that I would be totally enthralled (ensnared) by Clare Hunter's wonderful account. She weaves all the strands of eras into a shimmering panorama -- pre-Egyptian, the Bayeux Tapestry, Mary Stuart (she's written an entire book on the Queen of Scots' embroidery), and plain and fancy needlework in the ensuing centuries.

Hunter understands the psychological value of embroidery. She writes, "We think of embroidery as a confined art... hands, eyes, and a lap are all that are required. But that constricted environment can be expansive, a creative portal to other worlds, a way of staying connected, sewing not only as mental and physical comfort, but also a channel for knowledge, imagination, and passion." (48)

The chapter titles describe every aspect: Unknown (the anonymous Bayeux stitchers), Power, Frailty, Captivity, Identity, Connection, Protect, Journey, Protest, Loss, Community, Place, Value, Art, Work, Voice. I marked so many passages of interesting stories that illustrate all of Hunter's points!

"Sewing is a visual language. It has a voice. It has been used by people to communicate something of themselves--their history, beliefs, prayers, and protests. For some, it is the only means to tell of what matters to them: those who are imprisoned or censored, those who do not know how or are not allowed to write of their lives...Sewing is a graphic way to add information and meanings. But it is not a monologue.... it connects the maker to the viewer across time, cultures, generations, and geographies.... to provide a continuum of traditions, values, and perceptions." (176)

Upcoming Quilt Events



Call for Open Entry Houston Festival 2024

<https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>

Join Illinois Quilters Inc. and Sue Pawlowski for two wonderful May workshops

“Good for the Gander” Table Runner
Fri., May 3, 2024 (9am-1pm)

Dancing with Squares
Sat., May 4, 2024 (9:30am-4:30pm)

Workshops held at: Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL

You'll find details for these and other IQI workshops here:

<https://www.illinoisquilters.com/events/>



Jane Sassaman Workshop – Moths and Moons

The Country Quilters of McHenry would like to invite you to participate in a Jane Sassaman workshop to be held on 6/8/24 from 9am – 3pm at the Algonquin Township facility.

MOTHS & MOONS
Pattern for a 38" x 30" Appliqued Quilt

Cost for non-members is \$60 and does not include the Moths and Moons pattern (Pattern available on the Sassaman website and in on-line stores). If interested in joining the workshop contact Karen Christensen at kraftykc@comcast.net. There is limited space.

Sew 'n Save in Racine is having a DeStash Blast!

Friday June 7th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday June 8th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

We are looking for Sellers! Do you have sewing/quilting stuff to sell? Sign up for a space at our DeStash Blast and sell it! Your trash could be someone else's treasure.

Each space will consist of approximately one 8' table. Some tables may be outside on the covered sidewalk. You are welcome to sell Quilt Kits, fabric, thread, notions, and patterns. Each seller is responsible for their own set up, take down, pricing, negotiating, and cash exchange.

Space is limited, first come, first served for all sellers.

A check for \$25 made out to Racine Relay for Life will reserve your spot!

The reservation fee is non-refundable.

Stop in at Sew 'n Save and reserve your spot now!

Wisconsin Museum Of Quilts & Fiber Arts 25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee

(March 1–July 28, 2024)

25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee is an artistic

statement from the international community about human displacement, immigration, and solidarity. It is

an aggregation of 25 million hand-sewn stitches, each representing a single displaced human being as counted in the UN's High Commissioner on Refugees 2019 report. The stitches are bound to 407 muslin banners, each 14' long. Building this physical representation of this statistic required participation from 2,300 stitchers from 37 countries, all 50 U.S. states.

<https://www.wiquiltmuseum.com/current-exhibits>

Get a preview of the exhibit here:

youtube.com/watch?v=JMZYWNlydHg



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.

Questions? dearjane@nlcgg.org.

Board Meetings

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.

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

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 80.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org.

Batik Rip Reminder

Have you made something for our charity program or our sales boutique with your batik rip fabric? If so, you have until June to bring it along to an upcoming meeting and as a thank you, you'll receive a yard of batik fabric... still in one piece!

NLCQG Library

Rulers, MSQC Block magazine and more!

Check out the ruler list. We have 77 rulers from the large 20" Dresdens to tiny templates for tiny quilts. We have several Flying geese rulers in different sizes. Need to cut scallops? There is a ruler for that. Take a peek at the Updated Missouri Star Block books and grab a new ruler to make something beautiful.

Need help cutting binding? We have Accquilt dies to cut 1.5, 2.5 and 3.5 dies to cut accurate strips. Doing a rag quilt? There is a die for that. Cut up to (6) 8.5" squares at a time, rag cuts included. Don't have a cutter? We do have 1 hand die cutter to lend out.

Ruler, Block magazine, and Accquilt lists can be found on the NLCQG site. To borrow contact: library@nlcgg.org

Books

Books owned by the guild:

[goodreads.com/review/list/96787411](https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/96787411)

Block Magazine

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/MSQC-Block-Magazine.pdf

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Rulers-3-24.pdf

Patterns For Templates

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Patterns-with-Templates.pdf

Accquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Accquilt-3-24.pdf

Have something to sell?

Our guild is now offering free newsletter space for members to sell quilt related items. If you are interested, please send name, a picture of your item(s), a description and what is included (if applicable), price, and your contact information (phone and/or email) to newsletter@nlcgg.org

Kromski Palomia Spinning Wheel



This is a Kromski Palomia Spinning Wheel and a Lazy Kate for sale. Asking \$700.00 for the Spinning Wheel and \$45.00 for the Lazy Kate. You can reach Carolyn at 847-373-3307 or at woolgroup@nlcgg.org

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

Elections & Nominating Committee

September will be here before you know it and the position of Guild President will be up for election. Please consider this guild position to help guide our membership activities for the next two years.

Pat Giovacchini will be heading up the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for President for the next term. Please let her know if you would like to co-chair this committee or if you would like to nominate a fellow member or yourself for the position.

Interesting Quilting Links

2024 Quilt Shows around the World!
<https://ronatheribbiter.com/2024-quilt-shows/>

Have lots of half square triangles to make? Try these free downloads!
<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/half-square-triangle-paper.html>

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

NLCQG Meeting Minutes 4/3/2024

The meeting started at 6:59 P.M.

- Karen welcomes members and guests
- Minutes were approved by Michael Nardi and Joanne Mittelmeyer
- Membership reported that we had 5 new members at the meeting
- Treasurer reported that we had a balance of \$11,240.45 as of March 31, 2024
- The nominating committee is looking for a co-chair
 - Karen gave a quick summary of the president's position
- Karen invited all members to join the Guild Board meeting Via Zoom on 4/11/2024
- Newsletter
 - Please let Gail know if you are not getting the newsletter each month
 - She also highlighted the new book review section in the newsletter
- Mystery quilt is nearly done
 - The Reveal will take place at the July meeting
 - Bingo at the July meeting as well, see the website or newsletter
- Karen discussed possible future activities
 - A card exchange
 - Holiday boxes
 - And a Round Robin which will start in June
 - And asked for more suggestions
- The two folding tables the guild donated were in use tonight
- The complete UFO's challenge is still open
 - There are ten members participating so far
 - There is a \$5 sign-up fee for prizes
- Karen announced that the guild will not have a boutique or raffle quilt this year
 - This year will be a planning year
 - The guild will have a monthly project to build up boutique stock for 2025
 - Bowl cozy patterns will be made available for the first project
- The guild is seeking a contact person to keep the guild informed about county and state fairs
 - They would provide information on dates and what submissions are open at each event

- The guild is looking at activities outside of the guild such as Feed My Starving Children
 - Trips to fiber arts displays other charity activities
- Programs
 - The May meeting will be Rafflemania
 - There were volunteers for set up
- Karen explained the Skill Builders coming up at UFO meetings
 - She gave a preview of classes and demos that are coming
 - April is a jelly roll shuffle
 - She encouraged a positive atmosphere at the meetings
- Charity
 - Roberta thanked members who donated 110 blankets to the abused children drive
 - Roberta explained the Challenge quilt this year which is a charity event
 - Directions are in the newsletter and on the website
 - Fabric was available to choose
 - You must sign up and give the colors of fabric you chose
 - The May and June charity sews will be making kits
- The Library had embroidery patterns available for sale
 - There are new rulers look at the list on the website
- Dear Jane has 10 participants
- Block of the month displayed the Dec., Jan., Feb. and March blocks
 - See the website for photos
 - Prizes were given out
- Birthday fabric was passed out
- The business meeting ended at 7:40
- The presentation by Susan Brown started at 7:50
 - She had a table with rulers and Block magazines for sale
- Show and tell followed the presentation

The meeting ended at 9:20 P.M.

Board Members – 2023-24 NLCQG

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| President | Karen Grage | president@nlcgg.org |
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Committee Chairs - 2023-24 NLCQG

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