

## NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES

MAY 2025



Dear Fellow Quilters:

Can you believe April is almost over, I know I certainly can't. So, you know what I can't understand? I delved into my ridiculously large stash of fabric and found everything I needed to make a quilt top without purchasing even a spool of thread. This project was to take to April's UFO stay-retreat. And this was the second one I pulled out of the stash this month. Very proud of myself I might add. But I looked back at my ridiculously large stash of fabric and you can't tell I even touched it. How depressing.

We had a wonderful UFO weekend in April. Lots of new people came as well as many regulars. It was a full house. And so much fun. Thank you, Madelyn and Debi, you did a wonderful job as usual. And even more exciting news. Cindy Piet has stepped up to host a UFO North at our new home, the Antioch Township Center. Thank you so much Cindy. I know all of you who are unable to attend at our Grant Township location will enjoy having a more northerly location closer to home and you will work hard to support Cindy and our guild. Please feel free to attend/sign up for UFOs at both locations!

All of that being said, I had an extraordinary experience at our UFO. My travel sewing machine was not feeling good. I had been nursing it along waiting for Michael's tutorial on the care and feeding of our sewing machines. Well, he took pity on me and did some basic cleaning on my machine. Oh, my word!!!! It sews like a new machine! If any of you were hesitant about attending the May "Sewing Machine Maintenance" class with Michael, take it from me it will be well worth your time, the difference is amazing.

We had what we thought would be our last sew with our 4H friends. Unfortunately, we were not quite done with the beautiful table runners the 4H members are making. One young lady finished, unfortunately six did not. So, we will have another day of fun sewing with these wonderful kids on May 24 and hopefully finish up. I must tell you it has been a wonderful experience to share a bit of sewing knowledge with these eager to learn girls and boy. A quick thank you to everyone who has given of their time to help these young people learn some basic sewing skills. Thank you!

Happy May Day to everyone and looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Carol

## Guild at a Glance

<b>May 7</b>	Guild Meeting & Misty Doan
<b>May 8</b>	Misty Doan Sweet Violet Class
<b>May 10</b>	Machine Maintenance Class
<b>May 10</b>	Skill Builder Travel Thread Catcher
<b>May 10</b>	Charity Sew/UFO Antioch (afternoon)
<b>May 14</b>	Wool Applique @ 10:00
<b>May 17/18</b>	UFO @ Grant Township
<b>May 30</b>	Deadline to Join Round Robin
<b>June 4</b>	Guild Meeting & Carol Wilhoit Round Robin begins
<b>June 7</b>	UFO @ Antioch Township
<b>June 28</b>	UFO @ Grant Township

## Round Robin Quilt

Hello everyone! Once again I am reaching out to anyone who is interested in participating in this event. Remember there is no fee for this. Just a chance to have fun being creative.

Make a block of your choice.

Put block and any coordinating fabric you want used (this is optional) in a

NON SEE THROUGH bag that is big enough for a growing pieced top.

Bring to our June meeting for the kick off. Maybe you missed our last meeting or have had time to think about joining. There will be a sign-up sheet at our May meeting. In addition, this month you can sign up by contacting Jeri. PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN MAY 30.

## Block of the Month 2024-2025

Quilters, Have you any clue about our Journey? I know one of you have figured it out! We are almost to the end! I hope you have enjoyed this monthly trip. Next block goes out the day AFTER the guild meeting.

Nancy

BOM Chair

## Machine Maintenance Class

Hello fellow quilters! I am so pleased to bring to you sewing machine, maintenance 101! I believe I could speak for everyone when I say that you have invested a lot of time and money into our wonderful craft, that is certainly the case when it comes to our sewing machines. One of the things I've realized is when purchasing a machine, you're not properly taught how to maintain and care for your machine on an in-depth level. Well, those days are over! Please join me on May 10 from 9 AM to 12 PM when I will show you how to properly service your machine at home and avoid those pesky maintenance fees! After you take my class, you will only have to bring your machine in for major tune ups!

Here is a list of items that you will need to bring and or purchase for the class to effectively work on your machines:

1. Your machine
2. The tool set that you were provided when you purchased the machine or an equivalent
3. One can of condensed air or forced air
4. Q-tips, tweezers, sewer aid or sewing machine oil, wet wipes or something equivalent, small Phillips or flathead screwdriver if you don't have your original tool set for your machine.

Please note that I will be teaching you on your domestic machines, and I am certified in all brands with the exception of Brenna or Burnett.

There will be a five dollar donation collected the day of for charity. Also bring your lunch or snacks to munch while we are going through class.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all and teaching you some new skills and in the process of saving you money!!

Michael

***\*\* You can drop off your machine at the back of the building by the ramp and then park your vehicle. We will have help to move your machine into the building. \*\****

## UFO Meetings – Additional Location Added!

### Grant Township UFO

Join us for 2 fun days of sewing and camaraderie.

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at  
Grant Township 26725 Molidor Rd Ingleside, IL  
9:00am-5:00pm

Bring your lunch or enjoy the multiple fast food choices at Woodman's corner in Volo . We will have coffee and tea available, bring treats and snacks to share.

Sign-up starting May 3rd via email [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org)

This event is currently for guild members only due to limited space.

However, we will open the reservation list up to guests, if not full by Thursday, May 15th  
Please email [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org) to see if space is available.

A \$5 cash donation will be collected each day of attendance to give to the Grant Township Food Pantry. \$10 each day for non-members.

If you cannot attend, please remember to cancel your reservation via email at [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org), as soon as possible so we may accommodate members on the waitlist.

*Please remember to bring a surge-protected extension cord.*

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

### UFO Grant Township Future dates

June 28<sup>th</sup> —Sign up June 14<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> —Sign up July 5th

August 23<sup>rd</sup> —Sign up August 9th

### Antioch Township UFO

The Guild is happy to add another UFO day for your sewing pleasure. Any guild member is invited to join us at the Antioch Township Building, the Saturday after our guild meeting. A \$5 cash donation will be collected to give to the Antioch Township Center (\$10 for non-members).

Times are from 9am to 5pm (check event calendar for any date or venue changes).

**Make sure to bring the cutting mats, ironing boards, irons, task lights (lighting is not the best), and extension cords that you will need.**

This date may also be shared with other events on the same day, such as Skill Builders, Charity Sews, etc...

The doors will be opened at 9:00 am for setting up, and clean up must begin by 4:00 pm. Food is allowed, but if it is not completely gone by the time you leave, please make sure to clean up before you go, anything left behind will be thrown in the garbage.

### Current Scheduled Dates:

May 10th

June 7th

July 5th

August 9th

September 6th

October 4th

November 8th

December 6th

Any questions can be directed to: [antiochUFO@nlcgg.org](mailto:antiochUFO@nlcgg.org)

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### May 7 – Misty Doan



Misty is the go-to for fabulous home decor projects! She grew up surrounded by sewing and quilting. She loves spending time with her family and with her “quilts” friends each week as she hosts her At Home with Misty tutorials. She is also hosting a new Missouri Star show called Homespun. Catch up with her as she chats with designers, makers, and influencer in the world of fabric and fiber arts.

### May 8 – Sweet Violet Class with Misty Doan

Is everyone ready for a little spring!? Please join Misty as she shows us how to make her Sweet Violet Quilt! Class will be held on May 8th, 2025 at the Grant Township center and start promptly at 9 AM and ending at 1 PM. Class is \$50 per person, which includes the pattern. One more thing, make sure you bring your pennies with you. Misty is going to have a small shop going during class for some extra goodies! This is going to be so much fun and I’m looking forward to it. Space is limited so it’s first come first served. You will be able to pay for the class at our March meeting!

### June 4 - Infinite Opportunity: Quilts Hidden in Your Stash by Carol Wilhoit

As quilters, we love to collect beautiful fabrics – yet we are often unsure how to put them all together to make quilts that we love. The term “scrap quilt” may bring to mind using leftovers that don’t necessarily look good together. By contrast, while STASH quilts utilize your stash and scraps, they contain thoughtfully selected materials and look BETTER because of the variety – not tired because they were created just to use up fabrics. The lecture addresses several key design principles that make multi-fabric quilts work and includes pairs of quilts to show the impact of incorporating these considerations. Multiple examples of color combinations are provided to give ideas for selecting and using fabrics from your stash to make fabulous multi-fabric quilts.

During forty years of quilting, Carol has become interested in making both quilts and small quilted projects such as zipper bags, tote bags, table runners and pillows. Smaller projects do not require a large investment of time or materials, and therefore provide a perfect opportunity to exercise creativity. As a retired physician, she enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She enjoys figuring out how to make the construction process easier while producing better results. She has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a fabric stash that make it a joy to have and to use.

**June 5 - How Far Can a Jelly Roll?** - Carol will be presenting a 6 hour workshop June 5 at the Grant Township Community Center. The cost for the workshop is \$45, which includes the \$5 fee for the use of the community center. The workshop starts at 9:30 am.

Have you bought some packages of 2 ½” wide strips because the fabrics are so beautiful, and coordinate so well – but they remain unused because you don’t know what to make with them? Or have you seen a package of richly colored batik strips or a fun thirties jelly roll, and wanted to get it, but you’ve been hesitant because you don’t know how to use it? In this class, we will start with a package of 2½” strips and add coordinating fabrics to make a table runner, tote bag, notebook cover and zippered document bag. You will finish some in class and leave with instructions for finishing the others. You will be amazed at how far your jelly can roll!

### July 2 – 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! We’re changing things up this year so you won’t need to create your own bingo card. Instead, everyone will receive a ‘quilters’ bingo card containing quilting terms, acronyms and some fun and interesting quilting codes! (Anyone familiar with PIG?)

## Mystery Quilt

Our 3rd annual guild mystery quilt is in the books and our July meeting will include displays of all of these amazing quilts! The facebook group remains active for sharing but as always, feel free to email [mystery@nlcqq.org](mailto:mystery@nlcqq.org) with any questions.

## Skill Builders

### May Skill Builder



In between tuning up your machines with Michael and working on charity quilts with Roberta, we'll be offering a quick and easy 'Travel Thread Catcher' demo! Join us at 11:30am on May 10<sup>th</sup> as we show how

to quickly sew up a thread catcher you can add to your retreat bag. Supplies to make your own will be provided and there is no cost and no rsvp necessary. Questions? Contact [skillbuilders@nlcgg.org](mailto:skillbuilders@nlcgg.org).

### June Skill Builder

Flower in My Cabin – presented by Cindy Piet.

Cindy has always been interested in Origami and found a great book called Fantastic Fabric Folding by Rebecca Wat. She took her instructions for an InsideOut Flower and created her own pattern using a log cabin with the flower being the center.



Cindy would love to share this technique with you and show you how you can incorporate this flower in your own patchwork designs.

Subject: Flower in My Cabin

Teacher: Cindy Piet

Date: Saturday, June 7th

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Location: Antioch Township Center - 1275 Main Street, Antioch, IL

Cost: \$15

### Upcoming Skill Builders

Paper Piecing Palooza - July

Tree of Life – August

Basic Canvas Tote Bag - September

Exploring Applique – October

English Paper Piecing – December

Keep an eye on your newsletter for future details.

## Spark Plugs – Electric Quilt

For our April spark plugs discussion we each created quilts using the theme 'Under The Sea'. Creating a monthly theme is a great incentive to try drafting your own blocks or searching the software library.

Even if you don't own EQ, we'd love to have you join us for future meetings. The depth of Electric Quilt is truly remarkable.

If you're interested in being a Spark Plug, send an email to [skillbuilders@nlcgg.org](mailto:skillbuilders@nlcgg.org).

## May Birthdays

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

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





## Charity Corner

Charity Sewing returns! Join us in the afternoon, Saturday May 10 at the Antioch Township Center. We will be working on quilted hugs for chemo patients. Please preview the "Quilted Hug Project" Facebook page for ideas and inspiration. We will be providing the fleece for lining and I will bring many of our fabric bins to choose from, along with printed instructions. I will also have many ready to sew projects if a quilted hug is not what you're interested in creating.

It would be helpful if you could let me know if you will be participating in the hug project so I can have enough instructions printed. Email [charity@nlcgg.org](mailto:charity@nlcgg.org) I do not anticipate finishing our hugs on Saturday.

We have many different facilities that we donate items to. Whatever you feel like making, we can find a home for it! Check our website for patterns and ideas.

Our Farmers Market will soon be up and running. Novelty gift items would be a wonderful addition to our market table. Bring your creations to any meeting and give them to Lynn Ray or Roberta.

Thanks for all you do!

Roberta & Dawn

## Quilted Hug Project

Attached is the information about the Quilted Hug Project that was discussed prior to the January Zoom meeting. Thank you, Barb!

This is the link to the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064806756343>

This is the link to the pattern (it is best to listen and watch the Utube video first)

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0AUGkXLc5NfBmDBP2iFZDM7hFWWhU24cq3WkpQP2mEPasqMoDp8qEnMNjbayXK29m1l&id=532216613649251](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0AUGkXLc5NfBmDBP2iFZDM7hFWWhU24cq3WkpQP2mEPasqMoDp8qEnMNjbayXK29m1l&id=532216613649251)

## Wool Applique Club

We will be holding our next meeting at the Antioch Township Center on route 83 (1275 Main Street) on Wednesday, May 14, from 10 to 2.

Contact Carolyn at [woolclub@nlcgg.org](mailto:woolclub@nlcgg.org) or 847.373.3307

## Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 85.

Any changes, contact [membership@nlcgg.org](mailto:membership@nlcgg.org)

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



## 2025 UFO Challenge



This was so much fun, let's do it again! Join our 2025 UFO (Unfinished Objects) Challenge by pledging to finish some of these UFOs from 2024 or older! For this challenge, show your completed UFOs during Show & Tell at our monthly meetings. Final results will be announced at the December 2025 meeting.

If interested, contact Joanne at: [ufochallenge@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufochallenge@nlcgg.org). Click [here](#) for a copy of the UFO tracking form. No participation fee this year

## Pictures from April Meeting

[Here](#) is a link to pictures from our April meeting.

## Upcoming Quilt Events

### International Quilt Festival - Houston

Entries for the Festival are now open. This is a judged show this fall, 2025. All finalists and winners will be displayed at the festival in Houston this Oct 9-12. Registration is open now and the deadline to enter is May 15 at 1 pm CDT. Details are on the following [link](#).

## 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)



## Have something to sell?

Our guild offers free newsletter space for members to sell quilt related items. If you are interested, please send your 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@nlcqg.org](mailto:newsletter@nlcqg.org).



## 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 Accuquilt 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 Accuquilt lists can be found on the NLCQG site. To borrow contact: [library@nlcqg.org](mailto:library@nlcqg.org)

### Books

Books owned by the guild:  
[goodreads.com/review/list/96787411](https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/96787411)

### Block Magazine

[nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/MSQC-Block-Magazine.pdf](https://nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/MSQC-Block-Magazine.pdf)

### Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:  
<https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Rulers-updated-1.pdf>

### Patterns For Templates

<https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Patterns-with-Templates.pdf-01-08-2025.pdf>

### Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:  
<https://www.nlcqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Accuquilt-01-14-25.pdf>



## NLCCG Meeting 4/2/2025

Meeting started at 7:06 P.M

- Carol opened the meeting
- Minutes approved by Nann and Barb
- Treasurer report as of March 31, 2025
  - Nann reported the audit was completed for 2024
- Membership reported that we have 83 members
- The committee for nominations this fall, Cathy and Ruth Ann
- Karen announcements
  - Tin Templates still looking for a home
  - Mystery Quilt has 40 participants
    - Last clue coming soon
  - Spark Plug meeting last Monday of the month
  - Skillbuilders at Antioch Township will be Saturday after the Guild meetings
    - This next meeting is a paper piecing project
    - 9:00 to 11:00
- The 4 H classes
  - Are going well
  - There are 7 kids sewing
  - If you can help all are welcome
  - At the old Fairgrounds 11-12
- Programs reported that the May meeting is with Misty Doan with a class the following day
  - See the newsletter for more announcements
- Block of the Month asked for participants to email any questions
- UFO at Grant Township is having a stay-at-home retreat April 12th and 13th 9:00 to 5:00 P.M.
- Wool group meets next Wednesday at Antioch Township
- The opportunity quilt will be completed by June
- An announcement for the Village Quilters Show in October was made
- Birthdays were announced
- Show and Tell had 7 members showing their work
- Rafflemaina raised \$467 dollars



### Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

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