

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



AUGUST 2025



Hello again Fellow Quilters,

Can you believe August is upon us. Boy I sure can't. Where has the summer gone? I am sure I don't have any idea.

While reminiscing with friends the other day, we were talking about getting to know people in the Guild and probably the worst place to get acquainted is at the actual Guild Meetings. I remember when I first joined and how out of place I felt at the meetings. Probably as many of our new members feel or have felt, just kind of lost. But I just kept coming back. Where I actually met people was at the UFOs. There is so much more time to visit and socialize at the UFOs and other various groups we have going on like Wool Club, Skill Builders and Charity Sews. As so many of you have heard me say so many times, UFOs are for visiting with friends, seeing what everyone else is working on and if you happen to get some sewing done that is a plus. There are days I wonder why I even bothered to bring my sewing machine. Which brings me to another topic. You do not have to bring a sewing machine to attend a UFO! Bring some handwork, anything you would like to work on or ignore while you make the rounds of visiting with others.

We are a friendly bunch, come sew with us and find out just how friendly we really are!

On to that pesky stuff, Guild Business. I was just informed that our former Historian, Cindy Schilling, is no longer a member of the guild. So unfortunately, we need a new Historian. This is not an elected position, rather a volunteer spot. So, we are seeking a volunteer.

We are so excited, we have a full slate of candidates for the September Election:

Vice President – Pat Giovacchini

Treasurer – Alicia Alexander

Programs – Lory Leyman, Michael Nardi **

Membership – Pam Aitchison, Marie D'Amico **

***First person listed is primary, second person listed is back-up*

Thank you to each and every one of you for stepping up to support our Guild.

Charities will be having a sale table at our September meeting. Please come prepared to shop, cash would be appreciated.

Remember, this is your Guild and we are only as good as you want us to be. On that note, here is a little food for thought:

A quilt is the subtle expression of the makers hopes, fears, joys and sorrows.

Quilt on my friends and see you at our meeting on August 6th.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Aug 6	Guild Meeting 7:00, Michael Nardi
Aug 9	UFO/Skill Builder – Antioch Township
Aug 9	Signup for Grant Twp UFO
Aug 13	Board Meeting 7:15 pm Wool Applique 10:00 am @ Antioch
Aug 16	Connecting Ribbons Workshop At Antioch Township
Aug 23	UFO – Grant Township
Aug 27	Spark Plug Zoom meeting 7:30 pm
Sep 3	Guild Meeting/Elections 7:00 pm Challenge Quilt Presentations
Sep 6	UFO Antioch Twp
Sep 6	Signup for Grant Twp UFO
Sep 10	Board Meeting 7:15 pm

Raffle Quilt

The Raffle Quilt has been completed and will be on display at our August Meeting. Let's all give Sharon Wick a big round of applause for all the hard work she has done to make this happen for us!

Our Raffle Quilt Ticket Coordinator, Alicia Alexander, will have tickets available for you to pick up. We ask that every member take 30 tickets to sell to friends, family or just to purchase yourself to help support the guild. You can take a picture of the quilt at the meeting to have on your phone to show off the quilt.

Our first event will be August 9-10 at the Cruising Tiger's GTO Club at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn. Roberta and I will be running this event as we will be at the show all weekend. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for all the upcoming events which include a few craft shows and quilt guild visits. Please consider signing up where you may be able to help, especially if you are a member of that guild.

I'm looking forward to getting this show on the road!

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Thanks, Lynn

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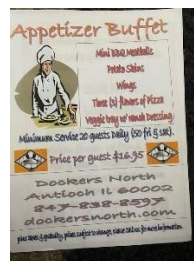
Challenge Quilt

Hello all! Thank you so much for participating in the 2025 NLCQG challenge Quilt: half yard handoff challenge! Please bring your finished quilt to our September meeting to be anonymously voted on by our members for a first, second, and third place cash prize! I'm so looking forward to seeing what you all have come up with thank you again for joining in on the fun!

Michael

Christmas Dinner Menus

Here are some menu choices from Docker's North. Please look them over so we can discuss the possibilities.



Appetizer Buffet picture [here](#)
Chicken/Mostaccioli picture [here](#)
Beef/Chicken/Mostaccioli picture [here](#)

2025-26 Block of the Month

It's time to kick off the 2025–2026 NLCQG Block-of-the-Month! I'm so excited to share this program with you. This year, we're featuring the Quilted Series by Lori Holt, and it's sure to be a hit!

What makes this Block-of-the-Month extra special is that you can choose from three fantastic options:

- The Quilted Scarecrow
- The Quilted Snowman
- The Quilted Witch

These patterns are not only adorable—they're also easy to follow, so quilters of all levels can join in on the fun!

The cost for the Block-of-the-Month is \$20 total:

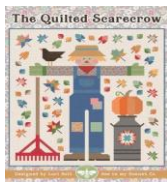
- \$10 to sign up
- \$10 for the pattern

You'll receive the complete pattern up front, and each month we'll provide guidelines on which blocks to complete.

Sign-ups will be open from July through our August meeting, with all patterns ordered through Michael. The deadline to sign up is our August meeting. The program officially begins in September 2025 and runs through September 2026.

If you'd like more details, please reach out to Marie D'Amico.

Let's have some fun and make this a quilting year to remember!



NCLQG Historian Needed

The Guild has lost its Historian. We are looking for someone to step up and fill that valuable position. Please let me know ASAP if you can find time in your busy schedule to fill this important role for the Guild.

Carol

2024-25 Block of the Month

2024-2025 BOM Quilters - I hope you enjoyed our journey to the completed quilt! The BIG REVEAL will be at the November Guild meeting, Nov 5th. I will need to know how many quilts to expect to hang for show and tell - and yes voting! I will contact everyone mid-October to get an approximate count. Prizes will be awarded! Looking forward to seeing all of the creativity!!!

Nancy Brieschke
BOM Chair

Spark Plugs – Electric Quilt

During July, the Spark Plugs talked about sampler layouts, a virtual round robin and the serendipity tool! Intrigued? Join us! The Spark Plugs meet via zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Even if you don't own EQ, you are always welcome. The depth of Electric Quilt is truly remarkable and it's so much fun to explore.

If you're interested in being a Spark Plug, send an email to sparkplugs@nlcgg.org.

Round Robin Quilt

Hello everyone! Isn't it amazing what we can do when our creativity is challenged! Can't believe another month has gone by. Time to bring your current bag for another trade at our August 6 meeting.

Please let me know if you cannot be at the meeting and I will arrange for an exchange. Again, if you have a friend that will be attending the meeting, feel free to ask them to bring your bag.

Cathy:)

UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

August 23rd UFO Grant Township

Sign-up starting August 09th via email at ufo@nlcgg.org

This event is open to all guild members.
We will open the reservation list up to guest if not full by Thursday August 21st.

Please email ufo@nlcgg.org For availability.

\$5 will be collected for donation to the Grant Township Food Pantry.
\$10 for non-members.

If your plans change and you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation via email as soon as possible.

Please remember to bring a surge-protected extension cord.

Suggested supply packing list [here](#).

UFO Grant Township Future dates

August 23 rd	Sign up August 9 th
September 20 th	Sign up September 6th
October 24 th & 25 th	Sign up October 11 th
November 22 nd	Sign up November 8 th
December	No UFO



Antioch Township UFO

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 out.

Current Scheduled Dates:

August 9th
September 6th
October 4th
November 8th
December 6th

Any questions can be directed to: antiochUFO@nlcgg.org



Upcoming Meeting Information

August 6 – Michael Nardi



Like most people my sewing journey started when I was 7 years old. my grandmother put a needle in my hand and began to teach me everything she knew about sewing by hand. I learned how to sew by hand using my coloring books.

She would tear out a page and make

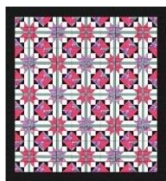
me sew in the lines practicing stitch length.

Throughout the years I have worn many different hats, trying to find my place in this wonderful world. 13 years ago, I was lost. I was starting over for the first time in my life, having lost everything (talk about a complete failure of my life). I was laying in bed crying and trying to figure out what I wanted to do. At the time it felt like the darkest moment in my life. I was surfing YouTube when I discovered Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company! It was her ultimate quilt binding video. You know that moment in your life where God just puts someone in your path to make things click for you? Well, she was my moment! The crying instantly stopped and 2 hours later, video after video, I had a plan.

The next day I went to Joann Fabrics on Elston Ave in Chicago IL. to sign up for a learn to sew class. At this point I had never used a sewing machine in my life! I went one to take more classes and quilting became my whole world! I was so successful that my mentor Marilyn Baker who was the Education Director hired me as her Assistant Education Director only 8 months into my training. She taught me everything I know when it comes to using a sewing machine. Thanks to Jenny Doan and Marilyn Baker, two of the strongest women I know brought me out of my darkness. I owe my journey to them!

13 years later I'm a pattern writer, I have been published and continuing to be published for my quilt pattern, and I'm a successful quilt instructor. Who knew that an Italian boy from the South-side of Chicago would end up where I am? I thank God every day for shining His light on me through this amazing craft. Someone asked me once why quilting and I said, "Because through quilting I found myself again."

August 16 – Connecting Ribbons Quilt



Michael will be teaching the class on Saturday August 16 at Antioch Township. The cost of the class is \$50 with an additional \$5 donation for use of the facility. Some spaces still available.

September 3 – Elections

We will be electing Vice President, Programs, Treasurer and Membership positions. Bring finished Challenge Quilts to be anonymously voted on for first, second and third place cash prizes.

October 1 – Judy Martin



Judy Martin has been making quilts steadily since 1969. She is an internationally known quilt designer and author of 24 quilt books and 4 electronic-only books. Judy was a pioneer of machine

piecing, popularizing the now-ubiquitous technique in her writings at Lemn Publications from 1979–1987. As a senior editor of *Quilter's Newsletter* and the first editor of *Quiltmaker*, she was instrumental in modernizing pattern presentation and standardizing yardage calculations at the two magazines.

Judy designs her quilts in Adobe Illustrator. She likes it for the mathematical precision and for its versatility with non-grid designs. She usually works within the traditional framework of repeating blocks or medallions. Her work clearly shows a familiarity with and appreciation for traditional quilts, yet it is subtly original. She appreciates all the pattern possibilities handed down from our quilting forebears and strives to find new ways to rotary cut the wide variety of shapes found in these quilts. She is one of the few traditional style designers and authors to continue to offer food for thought for intermediate and advanced quilters.

Judy is considered by many to be among the top of her field in the areas of scrap quilts, Log Cabins, and pieced borders. Most of her quilts are scrap quilts with pieced borders. She has made 62 Log Cabin quilts over the years, written 3 books dedicated to the subject, and included a Log Cabin quilt in most of her books. Lone Stars are another interest of hers, and she written 2 books of Lone Star quilt variations. Her five block books make her a frontrunner for the title of the Queen of Quilt Blocks.

Judy has a passion for quilts, and she has made it her life's work to share her enthusiasm and experience in quilt design and construction with other quilters. Judy is one of the most prolific pattern writers in the business, but nothing pleases her more than seeing her students and readers take her patterns in new directions of their own.

Skill Builders

August – Change of Plans!

The bad news is that we've had to cancel the Tree of Life skillbuilder for August.

The good news is that we've substituted a class on **Pojagi Patchwork!**

Back in January of 2023, Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studios presented a zoom program to our guild on Pojagi. Pojagi is the ancient Korean textile art of making wrapping cloths. Some were custom made with special cloth and others were pieced together with scraps left over from sewing clothes. In this class we'll be using batik scraps and this technique to create our own Pojagi Patchwork Window Hanging.



Subject: Pojagi Patchwork

Teacher: Karen Grage

Date: Saturday, August 9th

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

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

Provided: Batik Scraps

Supplies needed: Basic sewing supplies and sewing machine.

Cost: \$10 (This fee does not include the \$5 donation to the township fund)

Contact skillbuilders@nlcgg.org to sign up. Payment for the class can be sent electronically via zelle or in person at the August guild meeting via cash or check.

September - Basic Canvas Tote Bag

Join Lynn in creating a striped tote with a pattern by Natalie Santini.

This is the perfect bag for a beginner bag sewist. This easy tote sewing pattern requires one yard of fabric for the entire bag and no bag hardware.

We will be using webbing for the handles, however we will discuss modifications to make fabric handles instead.

Supplies needed:

Main Fabric: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard *(If cutting strips 1/8 yd each fabric (they are 2-1/2" wide)

plus $\frac{1}{2}$ yd for bottom half of bag

Lining Fabric: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard (includes enough for a pocket)

Handles: 3-1/2 yards of webbing OR add'l $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of one of your fabrics

Subject: Basic Canvas Tote Bag

Teacher: Lynn Ray

Date: Saturday, September 6th

Time: tbd

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

Cost: \$10 (This fee does not include the \$5 donation to the township fund)



Upcoming Skill Builders

Exploring Applique – October

Fidget Quilts - November

Rope Baskets – December

****Note: Many thanks to Cathy Gallagher for offering to run the skill builders program going forward!**

August 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

Time to get your Hugs in! Please bring your quilted hugs to our August meeting. Click the link here to find out where the hugs will be shared.

<https://gynonc.nm.org/survive-and-thrive-2025.html>

If you are unable to get your hugs to the meeting, but can get it done before August 29th, contact Laura Tritschler.

Our Farmers Market season is about to kick off – at a car show. Bring in your fun, ready to sell items. Just about anything goes! We've got pillows, mug rugs, bowl cozies and bags galore, just to name a few. If you make it, we'll try to sell it to help our guild grow.

Get ready to do some shopping! The September Super Sale is right around the corner. The guild stash has been measured, sorted, and curated into delightful sale bundles and yardage. Great fabric at a fraction of the usual cost. It's a win, win, win. We will empty some bins, support the guild and go home with some wonderful fabric. As always, we have facilities for whatever you choose to make, youth to senior. Check our website for ideas. Email Charity@nlcgg.org with any questions.

Thanks for all you do,
Roberta & Dawn

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 87.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

Santa Swap

Only five more months till Santa swap. This year will be swapping quilted tote bags. Smaller size would be 21 x 21 and every bag must have something quilted on it whether it's the pockets, the handles or something special on the front of the bag. The bag does not have to be Christmas themed nor does it need to have a zipper. Pinterest has many ideas for wonderful looking tote bags. Start your project now so you'll be ready for the Santa swap at our Christmas party!

Thank You
Cathy Warchal

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.



Wool Applique Club

We are holding our meetings at the Antioch Township Center on route 83 (1275 Main Street). The next date is August 13 (Wed.) from 10 to 2. Contact Carolyn at woolclub@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. Click [here](#) for a copy of the UFO tracking form. No participation fee this year.

For Sale

Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine 221. Was just cleaned and serviced at Sewing Source. Sews beautifully and has a lot of extra stuff with it. New carrying bag. \$800.00

Interested? Contact Carolyn at

woolclub@nlcgg.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@nlcgg.org

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



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@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:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Rulers-updated-1.pdf>

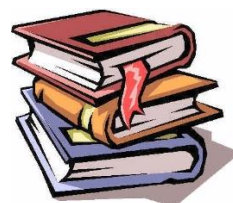
Patterns For Templates

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

Accuquilt Dies

Dies owned by the guild:

<https://www.nlcgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Accuquilt-01-14-25.pdf>



NLCQG Meeting 7/2/2025

The meeting started at 7:00 P. M.

- Carol welcomed members and guests
 - The minutes were approved by Michael Nardi and Laura Tritschler
 - The Treasurer reported the balance of as the end of June
 - Membership reported 87 members as of this meeting
 - The Wool club will meet next Wednesday from 10 to 2 P.M.
 - Skillbuilders at Antioch will be taken over by Cathy Gallagher
 - Announcements about paper piecing were made
 - Sparkplugs meet the last Wednesday of the month
 - The Mystery quilt had 40 participants and 15 were displayed this evening
 - UFO's at Grant Township announced new dates starting July 11th for a 3 day retreat
 - Cindy Piet introduced a retreat At Mukwonago Wisconsin
 - September 11th-15th
 - \$150.00 cost
 - Needs sign ups by July 25th
 - Walker bags for Vets are being collected at the Grant Township meeting
 - Charity asked that donations be turned in soon and ready to sew kits are available tonight
 - Programs are still looking for a chairman
 - Block of the month last block has been sent out
 - Michael's class at the Grant Township is \$45 and there are a few spots still open
 - The next Block of the month has 3 options
 - Cost \$10 to participate
 - \$10 a pattern
 - Birthdays celebrated
 - Show and tell
 - Ice Cream and Bingo
- Meeting ended at 9:00 P.M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcqg.org
Vice President	Pat Giovacchini	vicepresident@nlcqg.org
Treasurer	Dung Le	treasurer@nlcqg.org
Secretary	Nancy O'Connor	secretary@nlcqg.org
Membership	Jeanne Wetherbee	membership@nlcqg.org
Programs	Michael Nardi & Cathy Brusky	programs@nlcqg.org
Newsletter	Gail Johnson	newsletter@nlcqg.org

Committee Chairs – 2024-25 NLCQG

Block of the Month	Nancy Brieschke	bom@nlcqg.org
Boutique	Lynn Ray	boutique@nlcqg.org
Charity Quilts	Roberta Alexander & Dawn Wiltberger	charity@nlcqg.org
Dear Jane Quilt	Donna Lechowicz & Kathy Gorski	dearjane@nlcqg.org
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Opportunity Quilt	Sharon Wick	opportunity@nlcqg.org
Ornament	Dung Le & Gail Johnson	ornaments@nlcqg.org
Skill Builder	Cathy Gallagher	skillbuilder@nlcqg.org
Spark Plugs	Karen Grage	sparkplugs@nlcqg.org
Sunshine	Nancy Taylor	sunshine@nlcqg.org
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UFO-Antioch Twp	Cindy Piet	antiochUFO@nlcqg.org
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