

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



JULY 2025



Hello Again Fellow Quilters:

I was sitting here on Thursday evening after our June Guild Meeting, thinking about what a wonderful meeting we had. And I said to myself, self, wonder how many members attended the meeting last night. It certainly seemed like a full house. Wouldn't you know it, on Friday Dung sent the attendance list to Jeannie. And being the nosey person I am, I got a copy of the email. Soooooo I counted how many people attended the meeting. Oh my gosh, ladies and gentlemen, there were 50 people there on June 4th. And of course, being me, I thought wonder how that compares to May, so I counted May attendance also and 52 people attended in May. I think that is just wonderful.

I also want to thank you all for stepping up to make sure the Township Center was neat and tidy when we left and that no person was left alone at the end of the meeting. Your efforts are much appreciated by all and especially me. Thank you!

We have had some sad news. Karen Grage has decided to step back her involvement with the Guild. She is not leaving us but rather would like more time to devote to her personal projects and her family and I think we can all identify with that. Karen has been a true asset to our guild and certainly worked hard to make it the huge success it has become. Thank you Karen for everything you have done and accomplished within and for the Guild.

To that end one of the things Karen has decided to pass on to someone else is her Skill Builders Program. This has been a very successful fund raiser for the Guild as well as a way to showcase some of our very talented members. I sincerely hope someone will step forward and take over this Program. If you have questions, please let me know, we can talk.

Not sure how many of you have heard the news, but there is a new Quilt Store coming to Lake County. It is going in next door to the Stitchery Store which is located at 406 Peterson, Libertyville. I understand it has a July 1 opening date. I will keep you posted as I get more information.

Speaking of quilting fabric and supplies, don't forget The Quilt Fabric Store, an on line store run by our very own Kaycee Rivera.

We also need to offer a profound thank you to Carolyn K for organizing our Christmas party. I for one am very glad we have decided to go to a restaurant rather than trying to do some kind of carry in. I was exhausted after our last Christmas party, between setting up and clean up I was pooped. I am including menus to be included in this newsletter. Please look them over and be thinking about which one suits you best. I will be asking for input at our July Meeting. Again, Thank You Carolyn!!!! So nice to be on top of things.

The question came up at our last board meeting about pictures being posted on our website and on our Facebook page. If you object to your picture being posted, it would be best if you avoided having your picture taken but in those instances where it does occur, if you do not want it posted for others to view you need to let me know ASAP.

As I am sure you all have heard by now, Karen Edgecombe is leaving us. At the board meeting, we decided to include Karen on our membership rolls as an honorary member. This way she can join us for our January and February Zoom meetings as well as continue to get our newsletters. And any time she is in town she can join us at our monthly meetings or UFOs or other get-to-gathers we have.

I know I say this often, but not often enough, this is your guild and your input is invaluable. See you all at the upcoming meeting on July 2, 2025. Until then;

Happy Sewing All,

Carol

Guild at a Glance

July 2	Guild Meeting/Bingo/Ice Cream/ Mystery Quilt Presentation
July 5	UFO @ Antioch Township/ Skill Builder
July 9	Board Meeting 7:15 pm Wool Applique Club @ Antioch
July 25-27	3-Day UFO @ Grant Township
July 30	Spark Plug Zoom 7:30 pm
Aug 6	Guild Meeting 7:00 pm
Aug 9	UFO – Antioch Township
Aug 13	Board Meeting 7:15 pm Wool Applique Club @ Antioch
Aug 23	UFO – Grant Township

Mystery Quilt

Participation in the NLCQG mystery quilt for 2025 entitled everyone, members and non-members to attend our July Bingo / Ice Cream Social meeting! Our plan is to put up the quilt racks and be surrounded by mystery quilts as we play bingo and eat ice cream.

This year's quilts are large so if we don't have enough racks, we will have a show and tell where we hold up and talk about everyone's quilts. Quilt tops and finished quilts are welcome!

While guild members are already aware of the mystery quilt reveal meeting, I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the date and location.

Meeting Date/Time: July 2nd, 7:00 - 9:00

(doors open at 6:00 so come early to enable us to hang your quilt!)

Location: Antioch Township Center, 1275 Main Street, Antioch IL (THIS IS THEIR NEW BUILDING!)

Bingo cards will be provided as will ice cream! Thanks again for participating this year and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's quilts!

Karen

Spark Plugs – Electric Quilt

For the June spark plugs meeting we discussed the adding borders to your quilt design. Inspired by the guild's current Round Robin we found so many options to virtually design your border additions.

The spark plugs meet via zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. 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 sparkplugs@nlcgg.org.

Christmas Dinner Menus

As Carol mentioned in her President's Letter, here are some menu choices from Docker's North. Please look them over so we can discuss the possibilities at the July meeting.



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

September Elections

This fall there are four positions on the Board which are up for election - Vice President, Treasurer, Membership and Programs

Three of the positions have members who are interested in completing those roles. We do not have someone who is interested in Programs. The position is a fun one, being responsible for bringing in guest speakers and arranging workshops. Michael Nardi has done a great job, but isn't able to continue with his time commitments...But Michael has offered to share his contacts and he has set the stage for starting to talk with possible presenters. The person who is interested in this position will have those resources; there is also another member who doesn't want to commit to the position but offered to be a helper.

If you are interested and would like to talk more about this opportunity, please reach out to Cathy Brusky for more details.

Round Robin Quilt

Hope you enjoyed your first round of borders. Remember to bring your current bag for the exchange at our July 2 meeting. Please let me know if you cannot be at the meeting and I will make arrangements for an exchange. Another option would be to give it to someone you know who is attending the meeting.

Cathy

2025-26 Block of the Month

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again—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!



UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

Please join us for a Sleep In Your Own Bed Retreat. 3 full days of sewing and camaraderie.

Friday July 25th, Saturday July 26th, and Sunday July 27th at the Grant Township, 26725 Molitor Rd, Ingleside, IL
9:00 am-5:00 pm

Bring your lunch or enjoy the multiple fast-food options at Woodman's Corner in Volo.

Sign-up starting July 11th via email at ufo@nlcgg.org

This event is currently open to guild members only, due to limited space. However, we will open the reservation list up to guests if not full by Wednesday, July 23rd.

Please email ufo@nlcgg.org to see if space is available.

\$5 will be collected per day of attendance 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

July 25-27	Sign up July 11
August 23	Sign up August 9
September 20	Sign up September 6
October 24-25	Sign up October 11

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 out.

Current Scheduled Dates:

July 5th
August 9th
September 6th
October 4th
November 8th
December 6th

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



Upcoming Meeting Information

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?)

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 wondrous 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 Grant Township. The cost of the class is \$50 with an additional \$5 donation for use of the facility. Signup will be available at the June and July meetings.

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 Leman 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

July

Our July Antioch Township UFO will include not one but two paper piecing skill builders!

Foundation Paper Piecing

Join us in the morning to work on your foundation paper pieced projects. If you don't have a current one you'd like to try, we will have samples and supplies, or you are welcome to watch others as they work on their projects.

There is no cost and no rsvp necessary.

Questions? Contact skillbuilders@nlcgg.org.

English Paper Piecing (EPP) the freezer paper way: Part 1

Every quilter has a growing stash of scraps – you know you do! Slow stitching enables you to turn those scraps into jewels of colored tessellating shapes. A needle case will be our first project. No need to buy a kit nor commit to hours and hours of time.

Note: Machine stitching, glue baste and inking methods will be mentioned but not tried.

Bring: Color-coordinated (or not) fabric scraps
2 pair scissors: 1 for fabric
1 for paper
Pencil: mechanical preferred or very sharp #2
A couple spools of thread: color coordinated and contrasting
Your skinniest needle whose eye you can easily thread
Magnifiers (optional but helpful)
Pressing mat and small iron

Supplied: Sheet of freezer paper
Piece of felt
A few commercially cut hexagons to use as templates

Look for part 2 and part 3 in future skill builders!

Subject: English Paper Piecing The Freezer Paper Way

Teacher: Diane Oster

Date: Saturday, July 5th

Time: 1:00 – 3:00

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

Cost: \$10 (This fee **does not** include the \$5 optional 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 July guild meeting via cash or check.

August

August 9 - Tree of Life: Using QuiltSmart stabilizer, a quick and easy way to create this block will be the focus of this workshop. It's using 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" of fabric, planned or scrappy, to create this block on a foundation. NO half square triangles to make! A supply list will be available upon sign-up as well as a small fee to cover the cost of the stabilizer. It's a block that can be completed in a short period of time. A finished block will be about 14 1/2" square. Great pillow size or continue on and make a quilt!



Those that would like to take this class will need to let us know by mid July! The foundation needs to be ordered. Right now the cost is between \$6-\$8 depending on numbers! You will also get a prep sheet before the event.

Upcoming Skill Builders

Basic Canvas Tote Bag - September

Exploring Applique – October

Fidget Quilts - November

Rope Baskets – December

****Note: While Skill Builders are all booked for 2025, the guild is looking for one or two members to take over this program. Now is the time to volunteer so you can get things going for 2026! Contact skillbuilders@nlcgg.org for more information.**

July 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.

Lake County 4H Classes

Our 6 week 4H project has concluded. To accommodate Spring Break vacations, we offered one additional class for students to finish up. We had 7 students, most first-time sewers, participating. A big thank you to Carol, Karen, Jeanne, Cathy and Dawn taking on the teaching of the table runners. These projects will be eligible for entry into this summer's Lake County Fair! A special thank you to Karen for also designing the table runners. Thank you to the guild for the donation of the fabric for this project. We look forward to a continuing partnership teaching interested youngsters.

Gail

Charity Corner

I hope everyone is staying cool in their sewing rooms sewing up a storm for charity donations! Remember that we have facilities for anything you feel like making. Check out our website for ideas and patterns. Farmer Market season is about to kick off. You can make something fun, unique or useful for us to sell.

I intend on having a charity table at our meeting. Turn in your quilted hugs or finished kits and pick up another. If there is something specific you'd like me to bring, please email me a couple days ahead of our meeting date.

Thanks for all you do for our community,
Roberta & Dawn

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 an 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!

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 87.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcqq.org

Santa Swap

Only seven 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@nlcqq.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

Block of the Month

The next Block will be out in June.

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

Pictures from the June Meeting

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

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, our Sunshine Coordinator. sunshine@nlcgg.org



Wool Applique Club

We are holding our meetings at the Antioch Township Center on route 83 (1275 Main Street). The dates are July 9 and August 13 (both Wednesdays) from 10 to 2. Contact Carolyn at woolclub@nlcgg.org or 847.373.3307

Upcoming Quilt Events

Yoga for Quilters

Taught by Lory Leyman
Join us for a fun hour of chair yoga!
Lake Villa District Library
140 N Munn Rd
Lindenhurst

Tuesday Evenings 6:00-7:00 pm
July 8, 2025 - Youth Services Room
Skip the 4th of July week
July 15, 2025 - Adult Services Room
July 22, 2025 - Adult Services Room
Looking forward to practicing together soon.

A copy of the exercise brochure is [here](#).



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

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

Rulers

Rulers (or ruler sets) owned by guild:

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

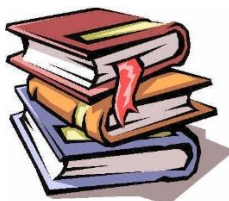
Patterns For Templates

<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/Accquilt-01-14-25.pdf>



NLCQG Meeting 6/4/2025

The meeting started at 7:04 P.M.

- Carol welcomed everyone
- The minutes were approved by Michael and Carolyn
- Treasurer reported that the guild balance as of May 31st 2025
- The Round Robin exchange took place
- Charity reported
 - That there was one template for a quilted hug available
 - Quilted hugs were displayed at show and tell
 - Quilted tissue boxes will be worked on at the next charity sew
- The Boutique committee reported that
 - Kits are available for seed bag totes
 - As well as kits for others projects
 - The Raffle quilt will be ready by the end of June
 - The boutique will be open at 12-14 events
 - The tickets will be ready by the July meeting
- The Wool club will meet next week from 10-2 P.M.
- The December holiday party will be at Dockers in Antioch
- The opportunity quilt for next year took a kit donated to the guild
- Karen reported that
 - Skillbuilders for this week will be the folded flower block
 - The July skillbuilder will be paper piecing with a \$15 fee
 - The August skillbuilder The tree of life Fee \$6-8
 - Please sign up by July meeting
 - The September skillbuilder will be Tote bags
 - Karen is looking for someone to take over the skillbuilder duties
- The UFO at Grant township will meet June 28th and in July there will be a 3 day stay treat the 25th thru the 27th

- Birthdays were celebrated
- Programs reported that
 - The July meeting is the ice cream social
 - In August the class after the meeting is limited to 25 seats at a fee of \$50
 - The September meeting will have a display of the challenge quilts and the election of board members
 - The October meeting will feature Judy Martin
- Show and tell
- The presenter was Carol Wilhoit

The meeting ended at 9:10 P.M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcqg.org
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Committee Chairs – 2024-25 NLCQG

Block of the Month	Nancy Brieschke	bom@nlcqg.org
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