NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES





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Hello Again Fellow Quilters:

Seems like I just worked on my August President's message and now here I am wondering what I am going to talk about for September.

It's been a year and so far the Guild hasn't folded under my Presidency. I must admit I am kind of amazed. I have spent most of my life avoiding being the center of attention and yet here I am. I bring this up because I want to express to you all a heartfelt Thank You for accepting me and my little idiosyncrasies and making my job so easy during this past year. I look forward to spending the next year with you.

It's time to "reup" for another year. I hope to see you all this upcoming year. We have some great things planned and I would hate for you to miss any of them.

So the big question I have for you all now that we are at the end of summer is, did you get as much sewing done as you had hoped too? I know I did not. I am looking forward to our upcoming UFOs to hopefully catch up a little bit. I have all these bags of projects put together that I want to get finished. But I have to start on them before I can finish them. Sigh. Oh well, Sew On.

I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Board Members, Dung Le, Treasurer, Michael Nardi, Programs, Jeanne Weatherbee, Membership, and last but not least, Pat Giovacchini, Vice President. Pat has agreed to stay on for another term as V.P.

A heartfelt Thank You to you all for all you have done for the Guild. The Guild is better for your having given of your time and talents.

I was very excited that we have finally found a solution to having UFOs, Skill Builders, and other sewing sessions at the Antioch Township Center. I know we have all found the main room difficult, not enough light, too hot, not enough electrical outlets, the list goes on. But using the community room has proven to be perfect, lots of light, temperature is acceptable and most importantly, lots of electrical outlets. Thank you to all of you who worked to make sewing in the community room a possibility.

I just wanted to mention that if you have a change in email address, please send that change to membership. Our membership chairman takes care of keeping the master list updated so you will get email as well as newsletters and any other information for the Guild.

From September 1 we have 116 days till Christmas and 95 days till our Holiday Party. We will be at Dockers North in Antioch. Signups will begin at our September meeting. See Programs to sign up, if you are paying cash the treasurer will take your payment and give you a receipt. Our menu will be carved roast beef, baked chicken and mostaccoli and the cost is \$35.00 per person, which includes non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity. We will have a desert table so we can bring in our own creations to share for dessert. I hope you will all be able to attend. And this year we won't have to set up or clean up and no taking out the trash.

Don't forget that Charities is doing a Sale Table at the September meeting. This will give you an opportunity to pick up some much needed items for your stash and that quilt you need just the right fabric to finish. It would be appreciated if you could bring cash or a check for this event. Plan to stock up at these prices.

We were hacked again. I wish there was some way we could stop this, but I just don't know of any. One thing I can assure you is I will NEVER ask you to send me money and certainly will NEVER ask you to purchase gift cards to send to me. A quick check, if you are unsure if the email is really from me, is I never sign an email with my full name and never reference being the president. If either of those things are included in an email you think might be from me, you can rest assured it is NOT from me.

And with that I am going to continue binding the quilt I have in my lap right now and will see you all on September 3.

Sew on my friends.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Sep 3	Guild Meeting/Elections 7:00 pm
	Challenge Quilt Presentations
Sep 6	UFO Antioch Twp/Skillbuilder
Sep 6	Signup for Grant Twp UFO
Sep 10	Board Meeting 7:15 pm
Sep 10	Wool Applique Club 10:00 am
Sep 20	UFO for Grant Twp
Sep 24	Spark Plug Zoom
Oct 1	Guild Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 4	UFO Antioch Twp
Oct 10	Guild Board Meeting 7:15 pm
Oct 10	Wool Applique Group 10:00 am
Oct 11	Signup for Grant Twp UFO
Oct 25-26	UFO for Grant Twp
Nov 5	Guild Meeting/BOM Display 7:00 pm

September Elections

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.

Please take a moment to review the proposed budget for next year on page 10.

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

Raffle Quilt

Our Raffle Quilt Ticket Coordinator, Alicia Alexander, will have raffle 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.

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!

Thanks, Lynn

2025-26 Block of the Month

The program officially begins this month 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!







2024-25 Block of the Month

2024-2025 BOM Quilters - For the November display of your quilt it MUST BE: Finished- three layers, top, batting, backing. Quilted, bound and a hanging sleeve. Don't forget a label on the back, your name. Quilt title if it has one, and date finished.

Thanks, Nancy B

Charity Corner

September Super Sale! This is the sale you've been waiting for! Curated bundles, yards and yards of fabric and fat quarters at low, low prices! Please bring small bills or checks. It's going to be a busy month; we don't want to slow down the shopping!

Do you know someone with dementia or Alzheimer's? Fidget Quilts have been proven to reduce anxiety and agitation and promote a sense of calm. November Skill Builder/Charity Sewing in Antioch will be focused on creating Fidget Quilts. I have heard that some quilters are confused with the fidget quilt process. I will have step by step instructions in kits, including fun textures to add interest. Give one to a loved one or donate it to the guild for our nursing home donation. Watch the newsletter for timing, and sign- ups. There is no charge for this, it would be helpful to know how many people are interested to get kits ready.

Check our website for other patterns and ideas. Anything you feel like making, we can find a good home for. From small items to bed quilts, we have facilities in need.

Thanks for all you do for our community,

Roberta & Dawn

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 September 3 meeting.

Please let me know if you cannot be at the meeting and I will arrange for an exchange. cathyb1810@gmail.com. Again, if you have a friend that will be attending the meeting, feel free to ask them to bring your bag.

Presentation of completed tops will be at the November meeting.

Cathy:)

4-H Thank You

We received a lovely thank you from Ofelia for the 4-H classes we provided.

Dear valued 4-H volunteer,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to extend my deepest thanks to you and the Northern Lake County Quilters Guild for the incredible support and guidance you provided to our 4-H youth this spring and into summer. Thanks to the careful instruction and encouragement from your dedicated volunteers, most of the children were able to complete their quilting projects just in time to be eligible for the Lake County Fair. It was truly inspiring to see how patiently and kindly they were guided—whether adjusting a seam, fixing a thread, or learning to cut with care. Your team's gentle words and steady presence made a lasting impact. The NLCQG volunteers truly embodied the 4-H spirit: by surrounding children with people who believe in them, leading with care, and creating a safe and inclusive space where every child feels like they belong. You helped our youth explore what excites them, discover new passions, and grow into their best selves.

Thank you again for your generosity, your time, and your belief in our young people. We are so grateful for this partnership and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate.

Thank you again for all your efforts!

Kind regards,
Ofelia Delgado
Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development



UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

Join us Saturday, September 20th, at Grant Township, 26725 Molidor 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 September 6th. This event is open to all guild members; due to limited space, reservations are required. We will open the reservation list up to guests if it is not full by Thursday, September 18th. Please email ufo@nlcqg.org to sign up and check availability. A confirmation email will be sent to you.

\$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
Sept 20 Sign-up begins on Sept 6
Oct 25-26 Sign-up begins on Oct 11
(Please note the date change)
Nov 22 Sign-up begins on Nov 8
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:

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

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



Skill Builders

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: ¾ yard *(If cutting strips 1/8 yd each

fabric (they are 2-1/2" wide)

plus ½ yd for bottom half of bag Lining Fabric: ¾ yard (includes enough for a

pocket)

Handles: 3-1/2 yards of webbing OR add'l ½ 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!

Spark Plugs - Electric Quilt

During August, the Spark Plugs main topics were foundation paper piecing creations as well as our virtual round robin. There were lots of other topics touched on and discussed so if you're 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, Debbie spoke with EQ and they said EQ9 won't be out for over a year. To upgrade from EQ7 to EQ8 it's \$99. It is however going to be 20% off at the end of August so if you're interested in an upgrade, head on out to the EQ Website soon!

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

September 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.

Wool Applique Club

We are holding our meetings at the Antioch Township Center on route 83 (1275 Main Street). The next dates are:

Sep 10, 10 - 2

Oct 8, 10 - 2

Nov 12, 10 - 2

Contact Carolyn at woolclub@nlcqg.org or

Upcoming Meeting Information

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.

November 5 – Charitable opportunities presented by Roberta and Karen.

May 6, 2026 - Cathe Holden



Cathe Holden designs fabric for Moda Fabrics, drawing inspiration from her treasured collection of vintage textiles and ephemera. With a long career in graphic design that naturally transitioned into the

quilting industry, her work blends nostalgia, artistry, and modern usability—celebrating the charm and craftsmanship of textiles past while sharing her love of stitching projects with others. She lives in rural Petaluma, California, and works from her large, mercantile-inspired studio.

Presentation (May 6th 2026 7pm)

Cathe Holden will present a keynote sharing her creative journey, her studio, and her background as a graphic designer turned fabric designer for Moda Fabrics. She will also showcase a trunk show of inspiration with her delightful stitching projects.

Provisions Keeper Workshop (May 7th, 9am-4pm)



In this one-day workshop with all materials included, you'll step away from the sewing machine with needle in hand to create a charming sewing notions holder using a mix of vintage and new textiles and trims to organize and store your on-

the-go sewing essentials. Utilizing pieces from some of Cathe's favorite fabric collections combined with an antique quilt block, this project blends utility with nostalgic style, making it both a practical tool and a keepsake you'll treasure.

The class price is \$60 and includes all the material! This class has limited seating and kits. there are 25 slots available. Signup's will begin at our September guild meeting.

Santa Swap

Only four 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

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 87.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcqg.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@nlcqg.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@nlcqg.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@nlcqg.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@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

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

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/wpcontent/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

Upcoming Quilt Events

Southport Quilters Guild

Quilty Treasures, 2025 Quilt Show September 7-October 12, 2025 Tuesdays thru Sundays 1:00-4:00 Free Admission & Parking Anderson Art Center 6603 3rd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Faithful Circle Quilt Guild

September 20-21, 2025
Jefferson Junior High School
Over 400 Quilts on display
7200 Janes Ave, Woodridge, IL 60517
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Admission: \$10 pre-show and at the door

Village Quilters Lake Bluff

Quilts from the Village XIX
Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2025
Over 250 Quilts
Admission \$10
College of Lake County, Building F
19351 West Washington Street
Grayslake, Illinois

Quilt Repair Help Requested

We received a message on Facebook from Wendy Wightman Peterson: "Hello! I am trying to find someone in the local area - my daughter lives in Lake Villa. Looking for someone that can do some repair to a vintage family piece quilt that we want to preserve."

If any member is interested in repairing this quilt, please contact Sharon Wick and she will give your contact information to Wendy.

NLCQG meeting 8/5/2025

The meeting started at 7:03 P.M.

- The treasurer reported a balance of as of the end of July
- Membership reported that we have 87 members with 4 guests this evening
- The minutes were approved by Julie Reynolds and Barb Jolley
- Nancy Brieschke announced that Block of the month reveal will be at the November meeting
- Karen announced
 - The Sparkplugs will meet the last Wednesday of the month
 - Mystery Quilt had 40 participants and 15 quilts will be displayed this evening
 - Paper piecing presentation will be replaced by a Korean window pane project
 - Antioch township Skillbuilders will be will be taken over by Cathy Gallagher
 - The September Skillbuilder making a tote bag this Saturday
- The Wool club will meet next Wednesday from 10- 2 P.M.
- The Antioch Township center has asked for items from the guild to use as prizes for Bingo
- Charity
 - Kits were available for making small quilts
 - Quilted hugs are due by August 28th
 - Charity will have a sale table at the September meeting
- The Grant township UFO will have a staytreat August 23-24
 - Walker bags for Vets are being collected by the next UFO meeting
- Round Robin finished tops will be displayed at the November meeting
- The Raffle quilt was on display this evening and raffle tickets were available
- Cindy Piet announced a retreat in Wisconsin September 11-15th cost \$150.00

- Michael's Class has been moved from Grant Township to Antioch and has a few spots still open
- The 2026 Block of the month has pattern options
 - \$10 to participate
 - \$10 for the pattern
- Santa Boxes will have quilted Tote bags this year
- Nine birthdays were celebrated
- Elections will take place at the September meeting
- Show and Tell ten members displayed their works
- The Ice Cream social and bingo

The meeting ended at 9:30 P.M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

President Carol Cord <u>president@nlcqg.org</u>

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Committee Chairs – 2024-25 NLCQG

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Boutique Lynn Ray <u>boutique@nlcqg.org</u>

Charity Quilts Roberta Alexander & Dawn Wiltberger <u>charity@nlcqg.org</u>

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