

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



NOVEMBER 2025



Hello Again Fellow Quilters:

Gosh where has this year gone. It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanksgiving, my favorite Holiday of the entire year. This is a time regardless of faith where we are invited to focus on Faith, Family and Friends. All of which mean so much to me, those family and friends here with us now and those we have lost this past year and in recent past years but remain in our hearts. I hope you all have a joyous holiday planned and eat lots of turkey.

As our guild begins to wind down for the 2025 year, we have many exciting things upcoming and some changes. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3 at Docker's North in Antioch. If you haven't purchased your dinner ticket yet, please do so by November 19. We have a lovely dinner planned and a sweets table where everyone that wishes can bring a desert of their choice to share with everyone. Our Christmas Party Committee has a wonderful evening planned for us. And we will have the drawing for the Raffle Quilt. If you haven't picked up your tickets for that drawing, please talk to Lynn Ray to arrange to get those. Remember, this is our fundraiser for the Guild since it was voted several years ago not to have a quilt show.

There is one issue that keep coming up that I want to address and that is the issue of our former meeting location which has now been taken over by the school district. The ship has sailed on our use of that building. The school district is utilizing the entire space and the table and chairs we used are now at our new meeting site. I wish I could tell you we will be able to use that site again, but it just isn't going to happen. We are very fortunate that the Township Center grandfathered us in to using their new location because they are charging \$200 plus to rent that room we meet in for one evening.

In other news Lory has resigned as our Program Chair. She was just unable to juggle all she has going on in her life and the duties of the position. We all appreciate her making this decision early in her term so that we can plan for the upcoming year. And I know you will all join me in wishing her well and hope that even though she is not on our board, she continues to join us at our meetings and other events we have scheduled. Best Wishes always Lory.

Lynn has stepped up to be the interim Program Chair until the next election which is September 2, 2026. Thank you, Lynn, for assuming these responsibilities and welcome.

Another warm welcome goes out to Sunny as she assumes the position of Guild Historian. I know you will all help her with any questions she may have about the history of our guild as many of you have many years with the Guild. Welcome Sunny and thank you for accepting the position of Historian.

Please review the 2025/26 budget as we will need to vote on it at our November meeting.

Take care all and Happy Quilting.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

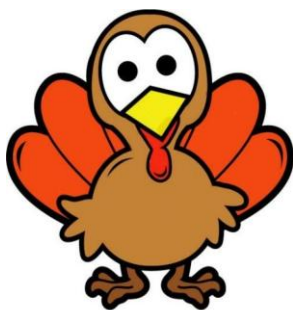
Nov 5	Guild Meeting 7:00 pm BOM Quilt Makers Journey Display Round Robin Reveal
Nov 8	Charity Sew 10:00 am
Nov 8	Signup for Grant UFO
Nov 8	Antioch Twp UFO
Nov 12	Wool Applique Club (10 am)
Nov 19	Deadline to sign up for Xmas Dinner
Nov 22	Grant Twp UFO
Dec 3	Christmas Dinner & Meeting
Dec 6	Antioch Twp UFO

Raffle Quilt

We have attended nine events so far this year and our boutique sales have been doing better than expected. Tote bags have been a big hit, especially at the Farmer's Markets but Bowl Cozys are the #1 seller. People look for themed fabric such as Cars, Cats, Dogs, Thanksgiving, and Christmas of course. If you have time to make additional cozies during November, our 2-day craft show at Prince of Peace is coming up Nov 22-23 and we could use a larger selection. You may bring to the November meeting or contact Lynn Ray and I will arrange a pick-up.

Additionally, if you absolutely cannot sell your raffle tickets, please return them to the November meeting so that we can sell them for you. However, please understand I cannot 'pay you back' for your tickets. Everyone should be either selling the tickets or buying them and putting your name on them. Our last event is at Prince of Peace in Lake Villa and I cannot show up without our raffle quilt as that is why they accepted us into the show this year. Thank you for understanding.

Happy Quilting Lynn



December Meeting /Party

Let's ring in the Holiday Season at The Dockers North Restaurant, 955 Illinois Rte. 59, Antioch, IL 60002 on Wednesday December 3, 2025! Doors will open at 6:00PM, dinner served at 6:30 PM. **You must sign up and pay no later than November 19.** The cost of the dinner is \$35 which includes tax, tip, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Please see or contact Alicia to sign up.

If you choose not to attend the dinner, you are welcome to join us for some special activities starting at or near 7:00. You can choose to participate in any or all of our activities.

We will be playing some table games with prizes, a Sewing Room White Elephant left/right exchange, UFO mini raffle-mania, ornament exchange, Santa Swap, and we will be announcing the winner of our raffle quilt! Our favorite activity – dessert! Please sign up to bring a dessert for our celebration.

See below for details about our activities:

Raffle Quilt: be sure to get your ticket in the box- it might be the winner!

Table games: nothing to bring here, just show up and have some fun.

Sewing Room White Elephant: You know that thing in your sewing room that is just taking up space and you never use? Wrap it up and pass it on with a special story just for our guild.

UFO Raffle-mania: We all have them- a UFO or two that you just don't want to look at anymore. Put the pieces together in a neat bundle or bag and let them go! Everyone will receive 5 tickets to drop in a bag by a UFO that you want to give new life to. Please let me know how many UFO's you will be bringing so I can be sure to have table space.

Santa Swap Tote Bags: Place your wrapped Santa Swap Tote bag near our Christmas tree and get a number when you check in. Numbers will be called in random order for you to choose your gift. Then we can have a Santa Swap reveal!

Ornament Exchange: Create a handmade holiday or winter ornament from any technique. Cut a holiday card in half, bring both halves to the party. Attach one half to the ornament and the other half in a basket. Participants will draw a card and match it to the ornament they get to keep.

Let me know in person or via email if you can bring a dessert and if you will be bringing a UFO or two.

Looking forward to celebrating together!

Roberta Alexander

UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

Join us on Saturday, November 22nd

- At The Grant Township, 26725 Molidor Rd, Ingleside, IL
- (Lower Level)
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sign-up starting November 8th

- 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, November 20th
- Please email ufo@nlcgg.org to sign up and check availability.
- A confirmation email will be sent back.

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

\$5 cash donation will be collected to give to The Grant Township Food Pantry.
(\$10 for non-members).

If your plans change and you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation at ufo@nlcgg.org.

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

- Suggested supply packing list [here](#).



Current Scheduled dates:



Sign-up begins Saturday, 2 weeks before the listed date.

- November 22nd
- **December No UFO**

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

- January 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
- January 24th (this is not a mistake)
- **February: No UFO scheduled at this time**
- March 28th and 29th

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, 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:

November 8th
December 6th

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

Skill Builders

Upcoming Skill Builders

Fidget Quilts - November
Rope Baskets – December

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

2024-25 Block of the Month

Looking forward to seeing your “Quilt Makers Journey” quilts. If they are being donated to charity, please have a paper tag pinned to the back with your name on it. Also, if possible provide a hanger for display. Voting will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

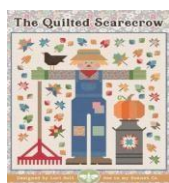
Thank you so much for participating.

Nancy

2025-26 Block of the Month

Thank you to all who are participating. It will be fun to see everyone’s progress! So please keep posting to the Facebook page: 2026 NLCQG: Block of The Month: The Quilted Series.

Thanks, Marie



November 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

Just a reminder that the Wool Club is meeting on Wednesday November 12, from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM at the Antioch Twp. Bldg. Anyone that does hand work is invited. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Kujawinski, my phone number is on the Members List.

Charity Corner

Have you ever wondered where your charity donations actually go? At our November meeting, you’ll be finding out! Karen and Dawn will talk about the facilities we give your beautiful creations to. We will also be welcoming a representative from The Roberti Community House. Joyce Bennet will be sharing how the “RCH is a safe place where people gather to empower, connect, and educate one another.” They have an amazing number of programs to strengthen the community, including sewing classes!

Charity Sewing day will be this month, Saturday November 8, during the Antioch UFO morning. Our focus will be Fidget Quilts. These are small quilts, roughly placemat size, that are full of texture and color to busy restless hands of dementia patients. We will have starter kits, instructions and an assortment of embellishments. Feel free to bring your own, washable, touchy- feely additions! Think texture - lace, washable fur, ribbon, buttons, yo-yo’s etc. would all work on a fidget quilt.

If Fidget Quilts don’t spark your interest, we will have other ready to sew kits available. If you have any questions, email us at Charity@nlcqh.org

Thanks for all you sew for our community!

Roberta & Dawn

Spark Plugs – Electric Quilt

Interested in digitally designing your quilts? Do you have Electric Quilt but haven’t explored all its features? This is the group for you! 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@nlcqh.org.

2026 Mystery Quilt

It's a Mystery!

Our 4th annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2026! The announcement flyer will go out in December but for those planning ahead, here are some details:



This year's quilt has a modern design and will have lots of negative space. The quilt is designed to be twin sized so to help you with your early shopping, you will need 6 yards of your background fabric. Think neutrals, fabric that lets other

fabrics stand out. There will be two alternate sizes given so for a lap quilt you will

need 3 ½ yards of background and for a baby quilt you will need 1 ¾ yards.

Sign up starts in December and if you have any questions you can email mystery@nlcqq.org. Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter!

Round Robin Quilt

Hello everyone!

Is it me or did the summer fly by for everyone? Can't believe it's already November. I'm so looking forward to seeing all of the creativity that has happened during this time. As always, bring the last bag to our November 5 meeting. When you get there, hang on to it. When it is our time, we will then give it to it's original owner for our reveal. We will open them for display one at a time. (Similar to Show & Tell). Hope you had fun and Thank you for participating!

Cathy 😊

Upcoming Meeting Information

November 5 – Charitable opportunities

Karen and Dawn will talk about the facilities we give your beautiful creations to. We will also be welcoming a representative from The Roberti Community House. Joyce Bennet will be sharing how the "RCH is a safe place where people gather to empower, connect, and educate one another." They have an amazing number of programs to strengthen the community, including sewing classes!

December 3 – Christmas Party at Dockers' North

See details on page 2

January 7 – Riley Blake Fabrics with Sammy Firth Via Zoom

Start the new year with inspiration and insight from one of today's leading fabric companies—Riley Blake Designs! We are thrilled to welcome Sammy Firth of Riley Blake for a special lecture that will take us behind the scenes of the quilting fabric we all love. Sammy will share the fascinating history of Riley Blake, explain how fabric is made, and highlight the importance of choosing quality materials to make sure your quilts last for generations. As an added treat, Riley Blake has generously prepared a few giveaways for attendees, so you won't want to miss this exciting evening! Grab your favorite quilt project, settle in with a cup of tea, and join us on Zoom for a night of learning, laughter, and fabric fun.

Santa Swap

The Santa Swap this year is a quilted tote bag. Smallest size 21 x 21, 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! Cathy

Membership & Directory

Please remember to pay dues by December 3rd.

Current membership is at 93.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

2026 Quilted Postcard Pen Pal Exchange

Welcome to our annual Quilted Postcard Exchange for 2026. This pen pal exchange is only for the months of January & February. We will provide you with your pen pal details by the start of the year for January and you will get a new pen pal for February. You will then mail the postcard at a designated date, given in early January.

After the holidays when the rush is gone and you have just enough free time to do a simple but very small quilt project, this is perfect. Your creative juices can explode in a small format. We have five guilds participating: Village Quilters, Northern Lake County, Prairie Patch, Southport and Flying Needles.

Additional info will be sent to you regarding the exchange after you sign up.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up by December 26th, 2025. Sign-up sheets will be at guild meetings, or you can reach us at: postcards@nlcgg.org

Robyn and Rose
Postcard Co-Chairs NLCQG

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.

Thank You for Hugs

Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilts you made and donated to the Northwestern Medical Survive & Thrive. I am Laura's sister and I was thrilled to deliver these quilts to the women at the event and watch them lovingly chose a quilt which I know they will love and cherish. Cancer treatment always makes me cold. A warm hug from a beautiful quilt works wonders on our souls.

Survive & Thrive is an annual event where researchers, oncologists and medical professionals come together to discuss advancements in fighting gynecologic cancers. They give us so much hope. I am an eight-year survivor, I was diagnosed in Sept of 2017 with stage 4 ovarian cancer and Laura has always been an amazing support to me and my daughters.

Thank you again for your incredible gifts. You sent much joy to all of us; helping to bring all of our pieces together.

Best - Janet

Pictures from October Meeting

Link to pictures from our meeting.
(thank you, Maggie!)

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



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

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

For Sale

I have a Cutie Breeze Frame for sale. This is a tabletop quilting frame made by Grace that can be used with most domestic sewing machines. It's almost brand new, but no original box. Asking \$300. (Brand new is on sale for \$599.)

Hello fellow quilters!

Sharing a special offer for NLCQG members from **HulaHoops Quilting**! You can **Save 15% sitewide** at Hulahoops quilting website with the special code **SAVE15NOW**. At Hulahoops Quilting every pattern has been created to share with you a deep love for nature, friends, family, home. You can see this in the top selling patterns **Wildflower Whispers** and **Country Pines**. Each design has so many possibilities for your creative touch and are filled with thoughtful inspiration. Do you need a thoughtful gift or home decor idea? With the holidays approaching, the **Country Pines** Table Runner Quilt Pattern can be a beautiful addition to your holiday table or a thoughtful hostess gift. A link to the website 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](https://www.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>

NLCQG Meeting 10/1/2025

The meeting started at 7:01 P.M.

- Carol welcomed members and guests
- Minutes were approved by Joanne and Julie
- Membership introduced two new members
- The Treasurer reported the guild balance as of September 30th
- Lynn reported that Boutique and Raffle quilt ticket and sale items are going very well. She also asked for volunteers to help at future sales.
- Nancy reported that Skill Builders Antioch need to bring supplies to the event this Saturday and only a \$5 donation is required. She also passed a survey of what classes or demo's they may want to have in the future.
- Charity reported that the November sew will be fidget quilts and that kits are being compiled for future sews. They will have events that help the Mathias house home for disabled adults.
- On December 6th Rose will be having a class on rope baskets. The fee is \$20
- The Postcard exchange will be back again this January and February 2026
- Cathy reported that the Santa Swap is nearer than you think and encouraged members to join in the exchange.
- Grant Township UFO will have a two-day event on the 25th and 26th
- Laura read a thank you note from someone who received a charity item.
- Block of the Month 2025 will display finished quilts at the November meeting.
- Block of the month 2026 is still taking sign-ups fee the Facebook page for more information.
- Round Robin will exchange the last round next month.
- Show and tell had 13 members participate
- Birthdays had 10 members to give fat quarters to this month
- Judy Martian Presentation

The meeting ended at 9:05 P.M.

Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

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