

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



FEBRUARY 2026



Fellow Quilters,

January is behind us and the days are getting longer. Now if February will just bring us some warmer weather, anything above 0 would be nice.

Oh my gosh ladies and gentlemen, I am just blown away by the beautiful postcards you have been sending each other. They are so creative and certainly something to be treasured.

We have some wonderful things planned for the 2026. Color Theory with our very own Lory Lyman, Lina Owens will be doing a program with a class on the following Thursday and Cathe Holden in May with a class on the following Thursday, just to name a few. We need to get ready for some great sewing in April and May at the classes presented by Lina and Cathe. Sign up early to reserve your spots for these wonderful classes, there are only 25 spots available in each class.

We have elections coming in September. I know this seems early to be thinking about this, but it will be here before we know it. We need to put together a nominating committee in May to begin the search for a new President, Newsletter Chairman and Recording Secretary. We will also need someone to fill the second year of the Program Director's position.

Carolyn K has contacted the Antioch Parks Dept and was able to arrange for Wool Club to meet at our new "home." Look for more information from Carolyn about when Wool Club will be meeting.

I am very excited about our new home and hope you have all had a chance or will have a chance to do a drive by so you will be able to easily find it come March when it is dark out. One thing I want to remind everyone that will be hosting, you must get the key during working hours from the Park and Recreation office which is across the street. You will be required to sign the key out, then return it to either the office during working hours or put it in the mail box which is very visible next to the front door of the office building.

Cathy Briscoe is stepping down as the coordinator of the Round Robin Quilting Event. She has graciously offered to help whomever would like to take this event over get started. I want to thank Cathy for organizing this event, it has been well received and the quilts created are beautiful. Thank you Cathy for all your hard work.

Would someone like to take over the Round Robin Quilting Event? We would love to be able to continue this wonderful quilting event. No competition, no prizes, just beautiful quilts to share with the Guild. So please let me know if you would like to take this over.

I hope you are all get lots of quilting done and staying warm. And remember:

In the quilt of life, friends are the stitches that hold it together.

Happy Quilting all

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Feb 4	Guild meeting via Zoom Speaker - Kennan Bannon
Feb 6-8	Quilter Estate Sale
Feb 10	Skill Builder via Zoom
Feb 11	Board Meeting – Zoom 7:15
Feb 25	Wool Group
Feb 25	Spark Plug Meeting - Zoom
Mar 4	Guild Meeting At Antioch Senior Center
Mar 4	Signup for Cathe Holden Workshop
Mar 11	Board Meeting - Zoom 7:15

2026 Mystery Quilt



It's a Mystery!

Our 4th annual guild mystery quilt starts February 9th! The announcement flyer went out in December and as a reminder, 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 approximately 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 approximately 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of background and for a baby quilt you will need approximately 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards.

Sign up has started so if you would like to sign up or have any questions, email mystery@nlcgg.org. Looking forward to quilting along with everyone this winter!

UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

26725 Molidor Rd, Ingleside, IL. (lower Level)

February: No UFO due to early voting

Friday March 28th and Saturday 29th
2 full days of quilting bliss, it's been too long!

UFO is open to all guild members; due to limited space, reservations are needed. If space remains by the Thursday prior, guests may reserve a space. Email ufo@nlcgg.org to sign up; you'll receive a confirmation.

A \$5 donation will be collected each day of attendance for The Grant Township Food Pantry. (\$10 per day for non-members) Thank you for your generosity!

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. **

Current Scheduled dates

Sign-ups start 2 weeks before the listed date.

We are looking forward to seeing you in March

- February **No UFO**
- March 28th and 29th
- April 25th
- May 16th and 17th

Antioch Township UFO

The Antioch UFO's will be moving. Information will be published as soon as it is finalized.

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

February Skill Builder

Interested in learning how AI can help with your quilting? From naming your quilt to getting ideas on what blocks work well together, AI can be another tool in your quiver! Join us Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm via zoom for an introduction to AI and quilting! (Zoom invite will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.)

Wool Applique Club

Location: Dolly Spiering Community Center
817 Holbek Drive
Antioch, Illinois 60002

Hours for all dates are 10:00 am until 1:00 pm
Fourth Wednesday of the month for the following months:

February 25

March 25

April 22

May, June and July NO WOOL CLUB Summer
Camp for the children

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 25

December is Christmas NO Wool Club

Charity Corner

This is great weather for sewing! My UFO pile is getting transformed into donation items. How about yours? Items for our boutique or Antioch bingo, quilts for kids, quilts for seniors, anything you want to make, we will find a home for!

I am happy to accept donations at my home if you don't want to hold on to your items until our next in person meeting. Email charity@nlcgg.net to arrange drop off or pick up.

We have had another fabric donation and I'm working on some ideas to get it into your helpful hands. Stay tuned for more info in the next couple months.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Roberta and Dawn

Boutique

This year tote bags were a big hit, especially at the Farmer's Markets, we only have a few left. The Bowl Cozies were the #1 hit at all the venues. If you have time this winter, please make a few for next year's boutique. The preferred size is made from a 11- or 12-inch square. The Creative Grids Template makes one with the rounded edges. The link below is for squared edges where you can print a paper pattern and tape together.

[Bowl Cozy Pattern, Free PDF Printable Template | TREASURIE](#)

Here is a Bowl Cozie tutorial link:

Video: https://youtu.be/vYOqsRw_lrc

If you'd like to make something a little smaller, try making some travel tissue holders. We have many in batik fabrics, but again nothing with "conversational" type fabrics. Many were purchased as stocking stuffers at the fall craft fairs, so there is no rush to get them done!

Here's a link to a travel tissue holder tutorial:
<https://sewcanshe.com/how-to-make-a-pocket-tissue-pack-holder-easy-sewingtutorial/>

Please hold anything you might make over the winter and we will start collections again in the Spring. Thank you to everyone who contributed items for our Boutique throughout the year and please watch the newsletter for updates on when we will start our 2026 journey.



Upcoming Meeting Information

February 4 – Kennon Bannon from Matthias via Zoom

Matthias is a nonprofit community of adults living their best lives together in southeastern Wisconsin. Matthias serves adults with mild to severe disabilities, specialized medical needs, behavioral challenges, and mild to profound autism.

Kennon Bannon works on the finance team and on donor relations at Matthias Academy. She has lived in Bristol, WI for the past 15 years, along with her husband, 4 kids, and dog. Kennon used to quilt before she started working.

March 4 - Color Theory by Lory

Our own Lory will be presenting Color Theory as we start meeting at our new location, the Antioch Senior Center at 817 Holbek, Antioch.

April 1 – Lina Owens



Lina Owen is a passionate international business professional, quilting educator, and creative entrepreneur. She is the co-founder of Quilting with Latinas and owner of BlueBelle Designs Studio, where she teaches children and adults how to sew. Lina is also one of the authors of

Learn to Quilt: A Bilingual Guide, the first bilingual quilting book of its kind. Her work celebrates resilience, creativity, and the power of storytelling through fabric and design.

The class is a combination of foundation paper piecing (FPP) and Applique. She will have kits available for purchase at our meeting (optional). The fabric requirements for the entire quilt listed below and specially printed foundation printed paper will be provided for the FPP.

The finished block size is 18" square. Using half the fabrics listed would be sufficient if you'd like to make just 4 blocks total (2 of each design/variation). This will make a quilt that is 36" square finished.

Class Cost: \$35. Please sign up at our March meeting. Payment can be made by cash/check or Zelle.

- Background Fabric: 3 yards
- Color 1 (Camino Block): 1 yard
- Color 2 (Camino Block): 1 yard
- Color 1 (Brilla Block): 1 yard
- Color 2 (Brilla Block): 1 yard
- Fusible webbing for appliqué: 1 1/8 yards
- Binding: ½ yard
- Backing: 3 ½ yards

May 6, 2026 – Cathe Holden



Cathe 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

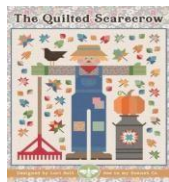
work blends nostalgia, artistry, and modern usability—celebrating the charm and craftsmanship of textiles past while sharing her love of stitching projects with others. She lives in rural Petaluma, California, and works from her large, mercantile-inspired studio. Presentation (May 6th 2026 7pm) Cathe 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 be taken at our March guild meeting.**

2025-26 Block of the Month

Please keep posting to the Facebook page: 2026 NLCQG: Block of The Month: The Quilted Series. Check us out!

Thanks, Marie



Postcard Exchange and January Skill Builder

Hello members!

We have received some great postcards over the last couple of weeks. What a creative bunch of quilters. If you have not received yours, please let us know ASAP so we can get it corrected before February pen pals are sent out.

Speaking of February...you will receive new pen pal information very soon, in about a week or so.

Sometime in March, we plan to compile all the postcards and a picture show will be in the newsletter thereafter.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rose and Robyn at: postcard@nlcgg.org

Rose and Robyn
Co-Chairs, Postcard Exchange

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 80.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

February 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 when we meet again in March.

Electric Quilt Spark Plugs Group

If you're interested in digital quilt design then this is the group for you! The Spark Plugs meet via zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, which for February is the 25th. Even if you don't own EQ, you are still welcome to join us. 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.

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.

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



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](https://www.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>

Pictures from January Meeting and Grant UFO


Link to pictures from our January Zoom meeting is [here](#).

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Sewing Cabinet for Sale

We received a wonderful new "stash" of fabric that Roberta is taking care of for us. Along with the donation, we were asked to see if anyone would be interested in purchasing the sewing cabinet pictured below (sewing machine not included).

If you are interested, contact information is at the bottom of the picture. Looks like a nice cabinet.



Koala Sew mate Plus IV cabinet. \$650 , Sewing Machine Not Included.
Koala Sewmate Plus IV offers a large, expandable sewing surface opens up significantly with its side extensions and rear outback leaf.
Electric Glide Lift: A remote-controlled lift platform stays steady in any position. Close and it looks like cabinet.
QuiltMate Plus is compact but can transforms into a massive, stable sewing platform.

Size: 52" long by 28" high and 22" deep.
With extension leaf open becomes 47" deep.

Call Wendy Lewis
847-505-8192

ATTENTION: There are several areas where the vinyl veneer is peeling. One corner of drop leaf top as some veneer missing but this in no way does anything to the function of the table. Other than the areas with peeling veneer, this table is wonderful!

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

Upcoming Quilting Events

The Great American Birthday Quilt

Quilt a Piece of History – America turns 250 in 2026! Celebrate this milestone by designing your own quilt block for the Great American Birthday Quilt.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Choose your inspiration
2. Create your Block
3. Send it in by Feb 28, 2026

For details go to:

visitwilliamsburg.com/williamsburg-250

Quilters Only Estate Sale - Feb 6-8

Hi ladies and fellow quilters! I was hoping you would be willing to start spreading the word about the Quilters Only Estate Sale of my late sister Rebecca's unbelievable stash. I knew she had a lot of fabric, but she had A LOT OF FABRIC! Truly enough for 4 lifetimes. Cotton, vintage cotton, tons of wool, wool kits and patterns, cross stitch "everything", books, patterns, pre-cut pieces. About 75 finished quilts from Mini to Queen. Unfinished quilt tops, blocks, pre-cut bundles, multiple antique quilts and antique blocks, scissors of all kinds, notions, rulers, wool mats, Olfa cutters and cutting boards, cotton thread, silk thread, crewel yarn, literally tons of embroidery thread skeins. One of the 2 antique quilts are in rough shape but could be used to make pillows. Then there's cross stitch materials: cloth, supplies, finished unframed and finished framed pieces. The list goes on!

The sale will be Fri-Sun., Feb 6, 7, 8

time: 9:00-5:00

location: Logan Square Condos at 2155 Derby Drive, Belvidere. Closest cross streets are Genoa Road and Logan Street.

Please tell everyone you know. It all has to go and its priced to sell! CASH ONLY

Mini Mounted Heart Workshop

From the McHenry Quilting Group:

Our guild is hosting Robin Koehler on Saturday, 2/7/26, at the Algonquin Township building in Crystal Lake, 3702 US Hwy 14. Our project is the Mini Mounted Heart, a paper pieced project that will be mounted to a canvas Frame. Workshop cost is \$25, Kit fee is \$35.

Unfortunately, the picture didn't get captured. + You can find it on Robin's website page featuring this

workshop: <https://www.nestlingsbyrobin.com/lectures-workshops.html>

If anyone in your guild is interested in attending, the deadline is 1/31. Please have them reach out to Shannon Vondrak, current VP and Programs Chair at vondrakmom@gmail.com. Shannon is copied on this email. Thanks for sharing the info. Take care.

MOUNTED MINIS: Mini Mounted Heart

Paper Pieced Mini Heart block.

Skill Level: ALL Length: 3 hours

\$35 KIT: Includes pattern, handouts, all fabric (prints may vary), mounting assemblage (4" gallery canvas, wire, screw eyes, & mat board) and a small ruler.

My super quick and easy paper pieced heart allows you to learn the basics of mounting small works of art onto canvas making your art and home come alive!

NLCQG Meeting 1/5/2026

The meeting started at 7:01 P.M.

- Carol welcomed everyone
- Minutes were accepted and will be adjusted By Nancy
- Membership reported that the guild has 81 members
- The Treasurer reported our balance of as of December 31st
- Charity advised items can be dropped off at Roberta's house
- There will be a two day UFO retreat at Grant Township in March
- Boutique asked if members would like to make items for next year that bowl cozies and Kleenex holders would be welcomed

The presentation started at 7:17 P.M.

- There were 6 birthdays announced
- Mystery quilt sign up is still open
- Carol suggested that members may want to drive by the new meeting site before the March meeting to locate it in the light

Meeting ended at 8:04 P.M.



NLCQG 5 years ago...

JANUARY 2021

Presidents: Kathy and Helen

Newsletter: Vickie & Marcia

Programs: Laura & Sunny

Program: Finishing Quilts presented by Gloria Stickney from Sew Fabulous Inc ZOOM

Block of the Month Theme: Sunbonnet Sue continues

Charity: WOW - 493 items were donated to Bickford of Gurnee, Gurnee Place Memory Care, Oak Hill

Supportive Living (Round Lake) and Charter Senior Living of Vernon Hills.

February 2021

Membership: 56

Program: Always trying something new in the winter months: - A Charity Sew-in Meeting. Complete and share your charity item photos in 4 separate presentations: 1) block of the month, 2) postcards, 3) regular Show and Tell, and 4) our charity projects and Quilts of Valor [QOV] projects
Challenge Quilt: Include Birth month color, stone, and flower with a finished dimension of 20 x21 inches; due August

Historian's Notes

As I am the new historian of the guild, please let me know what you'd like to read about in our history.

Questions are also welcome and I will try and find answers! I am still reviewing and re-organizing all the varied information in this bin. Anything that you would like to have kept as a guild memento/newsletter, please don't hesitate to hand it off to me!

This was a nostalgic look back at where we were 5 years ago.

Sunny

Board Members – 2025-26 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	president@nlcqg.org
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