

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES

JANUARY 2026



Happy Holidays Fellow Quilters,

So many things to cover in this newsletter. I just don't know where to start.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with family and friends. Our family had a particularly awesome Thanksgiving Day. After a day of good food, family and friends, our grandson who is a senior at Riverside Brookfield High School got the news of a lifetime. Those of you who are educators will especially appreciate this, he got an email thru his college portal that he was accepted into the Honors Program at Tulane University in New Orleans. The balance of our evening was spent in tears and laughter all at the same time as I am sure you can well imagine. Thinking of Karen's story of her daughter and her blanket, I am thinking that his homemade quilt may well be very cherished as he goes so far away from home for the first time.

Moving along thru our month, we quickly come to our Holiday Party. What a wonderful party it was. A huge Thank You to our party committee for stepping up and putting together a great nite for everyone. The food was great the entertainment was right on target and we didn't have to do dishes or vacuum afterwards. Was a great nite for all. I cannot say enough for our committee, Roberta, Lynn and Lory for all the hard work they put in and to Carolyn K for finding the spot for us. Thank you to all of you for a job well done.

As we worked our way to and thru the Holiday Season the long awaited December 21, 2025 quickly arrived. Once the cold weather sets in I wait with baited breath for 12-21. Why you ask, well it's the shorted day of the year and starting 12-22 the days start getting longer and spring is on it's way.

January is almost upon us and with that comes our January Guild Meeting which will be via zoom. I will open the room at approximately 6:00 p.m., so anyone wishing to can join the room and visit with your fellow guild members. **Please remember that our guild meeting in January will be on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.** We had a scheduling problem crop up so to accommodate our speaker we have moved the meeting to Tuesday 1-6-26. Come February we will be back on track for the first Wednesday of the month. Thank you all for being so understanding about the need for the change in January.

I am so looking forward to our change of location beginning in March 2026 for meetings. I am hoping this new site will work out and be so much easier for everyone to navigate. I hope before March you will have a chance to do a drive by during the daylight so that you will be able to get there in the evening more easily.

Happy Holidays to you all and looking forward to seeing you all on January 6.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Jan 2-4	3 Day UFO at Grant Twp
Jan 6	Zoom meeting w/Sammy Firth ** please note date change
Jan 8	Skill Builder - Post Card (time tbd)
Jan 14	Board Meeting 7:15
Jan 28	Spark Plug zoom meeting
Feb 4	Zoom Meeting

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.

2025 Raffle Quilt

Marie D'Amico was the happy winner of the Raffle Quilt for 2025! Check out her picture in the Guild Pictures from the December meeting.

Thank you to all who helped create this beautiful quilt!

Upcoming Meeting Information

January 6 – Riley Blake Fabrics with Sammy Firth via Zoom (note date change from the 7th)

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.

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 Leyman

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

UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO

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

January 2nd, January 3rd, and January 4th

Three full days of quilting bliss

- January 24th UFO Has been Canceled due to maintenance at Grant Township.
- UFO is open to all guild members, due to limited space, reservations are needed.
- We will open the reservation list to guests if it is not full by the Thursday prior.
- Please email ufo@nlcgg.org to sign up and check availability.
- An email will be sent to you confirming your reservation.

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. ****

- Suggested supply packing list [here](#).
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Current Scheduled dates:

Sign-ups start 2 weeks prior to the listed date.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

- January 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
- January 24th CANCELLED
- February **No UFO scheduled at this time.**
- March 28th and 29th
- April 25th

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

2026 Mystery Quilt



Our 4th annual guild mystery quilt will start in February of 2026! 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 ¾ 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 ¾ yards of background and for a baby quilt you will need approximately 1 ¾ 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!

Charity Corner

As we stay cozy in our homes and sewing areas this winter, I hope you take some time to remember those who could use a little handmade "cozy". Children in distress, women leaving abusive homes, seniors sitting alone – we can help them with our talents!

If you have anything to donate before we meet again, please email charity@nlcgg.org to arrange drop off or pick up.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Roberta and Dawn

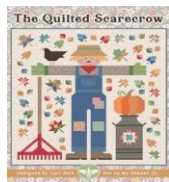
Wool Applique Club

No new dates scheduled yet. Anyone that does hand work is invited. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Kujawinski, my phone number is on the Members List.

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

Greetings 2026 Quilting Postcard Pen Pals!

We hope you had a great holiday and hope that you have either started or completed your soon to be January postcard ideas! We have some super talented quilters out there who have taken on this challenge full throttled. We also have some new quilters who are shaken to the core. Nonetheless, we are very happy you are in it for the next two months. We will guide you through the process for sure!

By now, those who have signed up should have received an email about the Quilt Postcard exchange. We will follow up with your pen pal info soon after.

We are hosting a Zoom Postcard skill builder on January 8th (time to be determined) to answer any questions one may have with this exchange. We will show examples of what we have received in the past and share info where you can find more info on line. Creativity is all up to you, it's your own works of art!

See you soon!

Rose and Robyn
Co-Chairs, Postcard Exchange

January 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 January is the 28th. 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.

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 80.

Any changes, contact membership@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.

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/Accuquilt-01-14-25.pdf>

Pictures from December Meeting

Link to pictures from our December party is [here](#).

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

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@nlcqg.org



Upcoming Quilting Events

The Great American Birthday Quilt

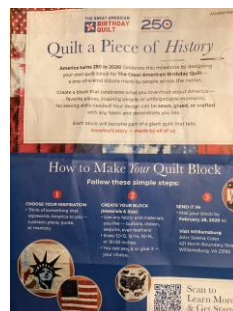
Quilt a Piece of History – America turns 250 in 2026! Celebrate this milestone by designing your own quilt block for the Great American Birthday Quilt.

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



NLCQG Meeting 12/3/2025

Dinner at Dockers North started at 6:20 P.M.

The meeting started at 7:43 P.M.

- Skillbuilders At Antioch this Saturday
 - Rope baskets
 - There will be Zoom Skillbuilders January and February
- UFO raffle at the dinner – winner Marie D'Amico
- Santa Box exchange
- Several Games played
- White Elephant exchange
- Raffle quilt drawing won by Marie D'Amico

Meeting ended after 9:00 P.M.



Board Members – 2024-25 NLCQG

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