

## NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES



MARCH 2026



Hello again Fellow Quilters,

We have had a taste of spring and I can't wait. I am so over this cold weather. But it is good quilting weather for sure.

We are getting ready to begin our new Guild life at our new meeting location. I am so excited. I hope everyone is pleased with our new site.

Although we are sad that Cathy has had to step back as our Antioch UFO host, for the foreseeable future we do seem to have a plan to have multi hosts. When I sent out the request for the March Antioch UFO attendees, I also received several volunteers to host a month. I will put that information together and have it for you at the March meeting.

Please keep Cathy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We will have 25 spots available at the April and May classes offered by our speakers for that month. The classes will be the Thursday after our meetings on Thursday April 2 and Thursday May 7. I hope you will be able to find the time to attend those classes. There is a cost for those classes that helps offset the cost of the speakers. I am sure a fun time will be had by all.

We do need to get moving on putting a nominating committee together. I am hoping several of you will consider volunteering for this once every two-year job. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to volunteer. I am very excited to announce that we already have a volunteer to run for Newsletter Editor.

We still need someone to run for President, Secretary, and to cover the second year of Programs.

Did you all get a chance to read thru the Charity event Roberta and Dawn have put together for the upcoming year? I think it sounds like a lot of fun and we will have some beautiful quilts to donate to the charities we support.

2026 is going to be a wonderful year for the Northern Lake County Quilt Guild.

Take care all and happy quilting.

Carol

## Guild at a Glance

<b>Mar 4</b>	Guild Meeting 7:00 pm At Antioch Senior Center <b>** New Location **</b>
<b>Mar 4</b>	Signup for Cathe Holden Workshop
<b>Mar 7</b>	Antioch UFO
<b>Mar 11</b>	Board Meeting - Zoom 7:15
<b>Mar 25</b>	Spark Plugs – Zoom
<b>Mar 25</b>	Wool Club
<b>Mar 27-29</b>	Grant UFO
<b>Apr 1</b>	Guild Meeting
<b>Apr 2</b>	Lina Owens Class

## New Meeting Location

**Don't forget, our new meeting location is the Antioch Senior Center (Dolly Spiering Community Center), 817 Holbek, Antioch.**

## 2026 Mystery Quilt



### It's a Mystery!

Our 4th annual guild mystery has started!

It's not too late to sign up so if you are interested, or have

any questions, email [mystery@nlcgg.org](mailto:mystery@nlcgg.org). All previous clues will be sent to you via email.

## 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 March 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](mailto:sparkplugs@nlcgg.org).

## 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\\_Irc](https://youtu.be/vYOqsRw_Irc)

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/>

We will start accepting any handmade items at the March meeting. At any time if you have something mid-month and can't make a meeting, you may drop it off at Roberta Alexander's house. She accepts charity quilts year-round and has a bin on her front porch for protection of items. We need your donations to be successful this year.



## UFO Meetings



Grant Township UFO



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

**\*\* We're sew looking forward to sewing with you! \*\***

**We've added a day!**

**Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday  
March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**3 full days of quilting bliss, it's been sew long!**



UFO is open to all guild members, due to limited space, reservations are needed.

If space remains by the Wednesday prior, guests may reserve a space.

Email [ufo@nlcag.org](mailto:ufo@nlcag.org) to sign up; reservations will be confirmed by email.

A \$5 donation will be collected for each day of attendance and given to 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@nlcag.org](mailto:ufo@nlcag.org).***

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

### **Current Scheduled dates:**

**Sign-ups start 2 weeks before the listed event.**

March 27, 28, & 29

April 25

May 16 & 17

June 27

July 24, 25, & 26

## Antioch UFO

**March 7 at 9am – Antioch Area Senior Center  
817 Holbek Drive**

We are making every effort to keep this UFO going and need your help to do that. Right now, 4 members have stepped up to host 5 months.

We will need members to step up to host future months. Duties include opening and closing the facility and making sure it is neat and tidy at the end of the day.

Any questions can be directed to: [antiochUFO@nlcag.org](mailto:antiochUFO@nlcag.org)

## 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:

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

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### 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.

### Also March 4

We will be hosting a raffle quilt from Jacqueline Cunningham. This quilt will be raffled off May 2 at "Quilt Connections 2026 Quilt Show and Boutique" in Chicago. Tickets will be available for purchase. Picture of the quilt and more information is located at this link.

<https://quilt-connection.org/quilt-show>

### 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

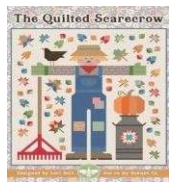
work blends nostalgia, artistry, and modern usability—celebrating the charm and craftsmanship of textiles past while sharing her love of stitching projects with others. She lives in rural Petaluma, California, and works from her large, mercantile-inspired studio. Presentation (May 6th 2026 7pm) Cathe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

Greetings fellow Postcard exchange participants!

We have been receiving some fantastic Postcards from our guild, Village Quilters, Prairie Patch and Southport guilds. Responses from participants have been fantastic. We can't believe all the talented people out there taking their large scale work to postcard size. It certainly has been a fun two months.

Once all cards have been received, we will compile them for each guild to view them via their newsletter or separate email. Be on the lookout. Thanks to everyone who participated and we hope you will join us again next year.

Rose and Robyn  
Postcard Co-Chairs

## Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 80.

## March Birthdays

Join us in wishing the 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sunshine@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](mailto:newsletter@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](mailto: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>

## Upcoming Quilting Events

### Pride of the Prairie Quilters Show

Pride of the Prairie Quilters would like to invite you to our Quilt Show March 14 & 15, 2026. It is being held at Richland Grade School, 1919 Caton Farm Rd., Crest Hill, IL. The hours on Saturday the 14th are 9:00 - 5:00 and on Sunday the 15th are 10:00 to 4:00. Admission is \$10.00, children under 12 are free. There will be 300 quilts, vendors, our Opportunity Quilt, Silent Auction, Strip Search, Raffle Baskets, and vintage sewing machines. We would love to see you there!

Jennifer Henry  
Chairperson

## NLCQG Meeting 2/4/2026

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

- Carol welcomed members
- The minutes were approved by Heidi and Heather
- The Postcard group updated the membership on this year's event that went very well with 40 participants
- There were no reports from Membership or the Treasurer
- Karen reported that the Mystery quilt has 43 participants and the first clue will go out Monday.
- The zoom skillbuilders session this month will be on AI and quilt making.
- Eight birthdays were announced  
Lory Leyman introduced the speaker from the Mathias Academy
- A discussion of donations the Academy's gift shop took place
- It was announced that a new chairman for the Round Robin event is needed

The Meeting ended at 7:56 P.M.



## NLCQG 16 years ago...

### Historian Discoveries

A special invitation from the past...

Thanks to members who saved bits and pieces of our history. This bookmark is from 2010. It's nice to know that our Charity Work and Show and Tell programs are still going strong thanks to past and current quilt guild members.

Sunny



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