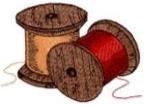


NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



APRIL 2026



NLCQG Members,

We are fast approaching May when we must have a Nominating Committee for the upcoming September Elections in place. We have had one volunteer and need at least one, two would be ideal, more volunteers. Keep in mind that if you are on the nominating committee you cannot be a candidate for one of the elected offices.

Which of course brings us to the subject of needing people to volunteer to hold one of our elected offices for a two-year term. Up for election in September are the positions of President, Secretary, and Newsletter and we need someone to fill the second year of Programs. The good news is we have a volunteer for the Newsletter.

We have a wonderful guild and I would hate to see it fold due to lack of volunteers. I won't mislead you, there is work involved in the positions up for election, but it can be very rewarding and there is a wonderful group of people supporting you along the way. So please, take a moment to consider stepping up to fill one of these positions. I would be happy to talk to anyone interested in being president as I am sure Nancy or Lynn would talk to you about their current positions as well.

We have a few volunteer positions still available. 1) Raffle Quilt Coordinator, 2) Boutique Coordinator, 3) Round Robin Coordinator, and 4) Holiday Party Coordinator. Without someone to coordinate these events they could end. FYI, I could have missed some events that need coordinators and I will include them as they are brought to my attention.

I do want to mention how much I have enjoyed reading the Historical segment of our newsletter that Sunny has worked so hard to bring to us. Hope everyone else has enjoyed them as much as I have.

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming classes with Lina Owens on April 2 and Cathe Holden on May 7. Also as we must do sign ups for the Antioch UFO, due to the need to request tables, please remember to sign up for that as well.

Thank you all, hope to see you on the 1st.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

Apr 1	Guild Meeting
Apr 2	Lina Owens Class
Apr 4	Antioch UFO
Apr 8	Board Meeting - Zoom
Apr 22	Needles & Threads Stitchers 10-1
Apr 25	Grant Twp UFO
May 6	Guild Meeting
May 7	Cathe Holden Workshop
May 9	Antioch UFO
May 13	Board Meeting - Zoom
May 16-17	Grant Twp UFO

2026 Mystery Quilt



It's a Mystery!
Our 4th annual guild mystery is almost completed!

It's not too late to sign up so if you are interested, or have any questions, email mystery@nlcgg.org. All previous clues will be sent to you via email.

Needles and Thread Stitchers

The Wool Club is changing its name to NEEDLES AND THREAD STITCHERS. Any hand stitcher can join in and bring whatever hand work they may do such as Needle Point, Cross Stitch Hand Applique, Wool Applique, etc. We hope all stitchers will feel welcome to join us. No reservations necessary.

The next meeting will be on April 22 from 10:00am until 1:00pm at the Antioch Parks Bldg. located where the GUILD Meets, 817 Holbek Drive, Antioch, Illinois 60002

Carolyn K

May, June and July will not have meetings due to Summer Camp for Children

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 25

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

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 continue accepting any handmade items at the April 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.

Postcard Exchange

Rose and I would like to thank Northern Lake County Quilt Guild, Village Quilters of Lake Forest, Prairie Patch Quilt Guild and Southport Quilt Guild for their participation this year. We had over 40 participants and hope we can expand our numbers next year.

We had some very creative postcards come through. It was nice to see work done on a small scale!

Link to post card images is [here](#).

Thank you very much!

Rose and Robyn

UFO Meetings

Grant Township UFO
26725 Molidor Rd, Ingleside, IL. (lower Level)

Saturday, April 25th, 9-5

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 table.

Email ufo@nlcgg.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)

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. ****

Everyone is responsible for helping clean up before leaving.

Current Scheduled dates:

Sign-ups start 2 weeks before the listed event.

April 25th

May 16th & 17th

June 13th ****Note Date Change****

July 24th, 25th, & 26th

Antioch UFO
817 Holbek Antioch, IL

Saturday, April 4th, 9-5

UFO is open to all guild members, due to limited space,

Reservations are needed.

Email: antiochUFO@nlcgg.org to sign up.

A \$5 donation will be collected for each day of attendance and given to The Food Pantry (\$10 per day for non-members)

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

Doors will open at 9:00 for setting up.

Clean-up will begin at 4:00 pm.

Food is allowed, but any leftovers must be taken home.

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

Everyone is responsible for helping clean up before leaving.

The host will have a list of tasks to be completed before leaving

Current Scheduled dates:

Sign-ups start 2 weeks before the listed event.

April 4th

May 9th

June 6th

July TBD

Upcoming Meeting Information

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 April 2 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.

Doors open for the workshop at 9 am. The class is 9:30 – 3:30.

Workshop Supply List:

Pins

Rotary cutter

Paper scissor (to cut fusible web for applique)

Fusible web (heat and bond lite or other lightweight brands)- 1 yard

Small cutting board for your station

Small ruler to use at your station

We will have an ironing board and iron available.

If you are making only 4 blocks, you can bring half the fabric amounts shown below. You need 4 colors, 2 for each block.

Fabrics in each block should complement each other without disappearing into the background.

Background fabric: 1-1/2 yards

Block 1 -- color 1 - 1/2 yd

Block 1 -- color 2-- 1/2 yd

Block 2 -- color 1 -- 1/2 yd

Block 2 -- color 2 -- 1/2 yd

Backing and Binding requirements listed under programs are amounts for the larger quilt.

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. There are still spots available, so.

***Signups will be taken at our APRIL guild meeting, please make your reservations ASAP!**

Reminder: You will be getting a kit for this project and will not have to bring a sewing machine. Please consider signing up for this workshop to support the cost for this speaker, even if you feel it's not something you would do outside of a formal class. Handwork is portable and can be very relaxing. Personally, I am looking forward to having an 'in-person; hands-on lesson' from a nationally known teacher.



Charity Corner

Library Charity Fabric Challenge reveal in 5 months!

September might sound like it's a long way off, but is it really? Have you checked out our library yet? The link is in this very newsletter! Pages and pages of books, rulers, dies and more.

To review the challenge:

1. Use at least one piece of fabric from our stash. It can be *anywhere* in the project. Fabric bins will be at our July meeting.
2. Use an item from our library. If you happen to own the item you choose to use, you must confirm that it is available from our library. That way when your project inspires someone else, they will have access to the **same** tool.
3. The item you create must be for one of our main charities. Project Linus (children) Stabben House (women and children) Village at Victory Lakes (nursing home) or our Farmers Market Boutique.

Those three pieces of information will be on a card with your item displayed anonymously. We will have prizes for viewer's choice votes.

Questions? Email charity@nlcgg.org

Thanks for all you do for our community,
Roberta and Dawn

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



Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 80.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

April Birthdays

Join us in wishing 5 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.

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@nlcgg.org



Pictures from March Meeting

Click [here](#) to see pictures from our March meeting.

For Sale

I'm moving and am hoping to sell this sewing table. It's "Like New" and I'm asking \$250 for it. It holds my Janome 8900 Horizon but the white plexiglass cover can be made to fit other machines. I purchased it at Sewing Source in Lake Villa.

Lory



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

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 April is the 30th. 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@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](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>

Historian's Look Back

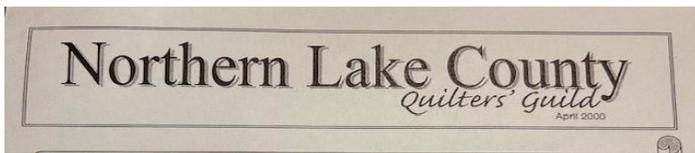
It seems like our Guild has always been flexible in finding and adapting to a new "meeting home" location.

Back in April 2000, the Guild welcomed members to their new meeting location at the Millburn Congregational Church on the corner of Grass Lake Road and Route 45 in Lindenhurst. The Guild had outgrown its bank facility home. Board meetings were held at the home of guild president, Annette Hendricks!

The 2000 Challenge Quilt theme was "In My Garden" and was facilitated by Debbie Racette. Criteria consisted of a wall hanging no larger than 30"X30". Techniques, fabric and color choices were up to the quilter.

Dues were \$15 per year. The guest fee was \$3.

The newsletter was very simple: two pages, double-sided. And, no banner name like our "Threadlines".



Hard to believe it's been 26 years since the millennium and our current newsletter, with so much information (and handy links) owes so much to the increased technology of our times. I personally click each and every link and really enjoy all the Show and Tell photos.

If you have any "guild treasures" that you would like to have saved for the future, please save them for me!

Sunny



NLCQG Meeting 3/4/2026

The meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

- Carol welcomed all to the first meeting at the Parks and Recreation building
- The minutes were approved by Kathy and Dung Le
- The Treasurer reported a balance as of the end of February
- Membership reported 80 members with one guest this evening
- Charity presented the challenge for 2026
 - Fabric and an item from the library must be included the item
 - Items are due in September
 - You must identify the charity you wish to support
- Block of the month displayed items
- There were 20 birthdays announced for January, February, and March
- Post Card exchange commented on the success of the event and that photos were on the website
- The April program and class the following day were announced
 - The cost is \$35 and starts at 10:00 A.M.
- The May program and class were announced
 - Cost \$60 for the kit and 10:00 A.M. start
- Skillbuilders were discussed
 - Antioch at the Parks building on Saturdays
 - With different people in charge each month
 - Please sign up
 - \$5 fee for the Parks district
 - The Grant Township UFO Will have a three day event March 27-29th
- Please see the newsletter for future events
- The color theory program began at 7:46
- Color wheels were available for purchase
- Show and Tell took place after the program

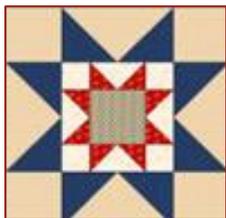
The meeting ended at 9:05

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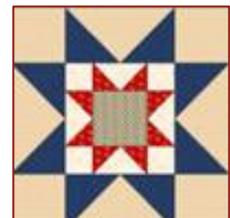
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