

# NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

# THREADLINES



JUNE 2026



Fellow Quilters

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather as much as I am. It has been so nice to go outside without a coat, hat, gloves and scarf.

We have many exciting things coming up for the next few months, the least of which is NOT the elections in September. I hope you are all considering one of the two positions still needing a candidate, ie president and secretary.

The Cathe Holden class was a huge success with 23 participants and I hope to see a few finished projects at Show and Tell. Because we expected 25 sign-ups, we have extra kits available for purchase at \$25/kit, with funds supporting that workshop. Perhaps you couldn't attend or you want a second kit because of the fun antique block it holds inside, but because Cathe donated two extra kits, so we have 4 kits available for purchase. Please see Lynn Ray at the June meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you Wednesday. Until then:

Happy Quilting  
Carol

## Guild at a Glance

- Jun 3** Guild Meeting – Rafflemania
- Jun 6** No Antioch UFO – Replaced by Tote Bag Class 10:00 – 4:30 (doors open at 9:00)
- Jun 11** Board Meeting - Zoom
- Jun 13** UFO – Grant Twp
- Jun 24** Spark Plugs
- Jul 8** Ice Cream Social & Mystery Quilt Display

## June is Rafflemania Month!

Did you do your spring cleaning and have a pile of “stuff” that you no longer want? Perfect! Here’s what you do – bundle it up nicely so people can see what you have, bring it to our June meeting, place it on a table near a hanging bag and hope someone else puts a ticket in that bag to take it home. If no one does, you need to take it back!

Everyone will get 10 free tickets. Additional tickets will be available for purchase, 6 tickets for \$5, 15 tickets for \$10, 20 tickets for \$15, 35 tickets for \$20. Be sure to put your full name on each ticket. Return address labels come in handy for that part.

Is there something extra special in that pile of stuff that you don’t want? Something that’s hard to just “give away”? We probably all have them, that kit that looked so cool but you have no real interest in, or that machine that you haven’t touched in years.... perfect! This year we will have a special silent auction table with bid sheets. Bidding gives you more control to get the item you really want. It’s easier to let things go if it’s helping a good cause. We will decide when you arrive if your item will go on the silent auction table. All proceeds from Rafflemania help off set our guilds operating cost.

If you have any questions about Rafflemania, email Lynn at [programs@nlcgg.org](mailto:programs@nlcgg.org)

## 2026 Mystery Quilt



If you participated in the 2026 mystery quilt, mark your calendar for July 8<sup>th</sup>! We will not only be enjoying our ice cream social but we’ll have the racks up to share our mystery quilts as well. It’s never too late to try this quilt so if you are interested, email [mystery@nlcgg.org](mailto:mystery@nlcgg.org). All quilt clues will be sent to you via email.

## 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 continue accepting any handmade items at our meetings. 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.

## 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 June is the 24th. 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).

## UFO Meetings

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

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 9-5**

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

**Reservations are needed.**

If space remains by Thursday prior, guests may reserve a table.

Email [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto: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 cannot attend, please cancel your reservation at [ufo@nlcgg.org](mailto:ufo@nlcgg.org). So those who are on the waiting list can join in on the fun.*

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

**Current Scheduled dates:**

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

June 13<sup>th</sup> **\*\*Note Date Change\*\***

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

October NO UFO (due to Township Fall Festival)

November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

December NO UFO (due to Township holiday festivities)

**Antioch UFO**  
817 Holbek Antioch, IL

UFO is being replaced by the TOTE BAG CLASS  
Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 10am - 4:30pm

Due to limited space, sign up was required ahead of time. See Lynn Ray at the meeting to finalize payment for those not yet paid.

A \$10 donation will be collected for attendance and given to The Food Pantry (\$15 for non-members)

If your plans change and you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation by sending an email to [Lrayquilts@aim.com](mailto:Lrayquilts@aim.com)

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**

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June 6<sup>th</sup>

July – No UFO at Antioch

August 8<sup>th</sup>

September – No UFO at Antioch

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### June 3, 2026 – Rafflemania

It's the perfect time for spring cleaning! Remember the old saying "One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure"? Now is the time to pass on all those unwanted items in your sewing room. Bundle your extras, unwanted and "what was I thinking" items up and let them go to another lucky quilter. Is there something extra special in your giveaway pile? Our Rafflemania will have a special section this year. We probably all have that "it's too good to give away" item that's gathering dust in the corner. That's a perfect fit for our silent auction table! It is easier to let go of things if it helps a good cause. Northern Lake County Quilt Guild is a great cause! Specialty items like complete kits or new yardage will have a separate table with bid sheets. The highest bidder wins and all proceeds will help the guild's operating costs.

For those of you who are new to Rafflemania – June 3 you will come into our meeting to see long tables with paper bags taped along the sides. Everyone will receive 10 free tickets, additional tickets will be available for purchase. You need to put your name on each ticket. Members will place neatly bundled items by each bag. You will put your ticket(s) in the bags near the items you hope to win. At an announced time that evening, bidding will stop on the silent auction items and the lucky winners' names will be drawn.

One important rule of Rafflemania – If the items you brought did not get won, you must take them back! It's always a fun evening of surprises!

Ticket bundles available for purchase

- 6 tickets - \$5
- 15 tickets - \$10
- 20 tickets - \$15
- 35 tickets - \$20

### July 8, 2026 – Ice Cream Social & Display of Mystery Quits

A fun night of socializing and eating one of our favorite treats, ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings! We will also have racks set up to display the completed Mystery Quilts.

### August 5, 2026 – Angie Dugan from The Quilting Connection, LLC

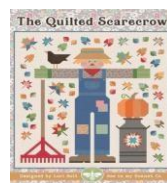
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Website: [www.QuiltingConnection.com](http://www.QuiltingConnection.com)  
YouTube: Angie's Answers

Angie will bring a machine and a smaller 5-foot frame so the guild members can play on it before and after her talk. She will talk for about an hour about all things longarm - the best way to prepare a quilt, the different ways to load on a frame, and the different styles of longarm quilting.

## 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 84.

Any changes, contact [membership@nlcgg.org](mailto:membership@nlcgg.org)

## Charity Corner

### Library Charity Fabric Challenge reveal in 3months!

Have you started your project? Have you checked out our library? The link is in this very newsletter! Pages and pages of books, rulers, dies and more. Don't wait! Act now! Our fabric bins will be at our July meeting.

To review the challenge:

1. Use at least one piece of fabric from our stash. It can be *anywhere* in the project.
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 viewers choice votes in two categories, quilts and non-quilt items.

We are always accepting donations for any of our recipients at meetings or Roberta's porch. Email for the address if necessary.

Questions? Email [charity@nlcwg.org](mailto:charity@nlcwg.org)

Thanks for all you do for our community,

Roberta and Dawn

## 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@nlcwg.org](mailto:dearjane@nlcwg.org).

## June 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.

## Need a Machine Repaired or Have One to Donate?

Henry Bangsberg repairs sewing machines and he also accepts sewing machines to repair and donate to immigrant families. If you're interested in Henry's services give him a text or email.



## 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, however May, June and July will not have meetings because there is Summer Camp for Children. Meetings resume in August.

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 25

Sharon Wick will be the new coordinator.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@nlcqg.org)

## For Sale

Jan Berkley has two Singer Featherweights for sale.

One is a 1941 Singer Featherweight model 221, many feet included. \$350.

Picture [here](#).

The second machine is a 1948 Singer Featherweight 221, also many feet included.

Picture [here](#).

## 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@nlcqg.org](mailto:sunshine@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](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://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/Accquilt-01-14-25.pdf>

## Historian's Look Back... at Rafflemania



I love Rafflemania!

I looked through old newsletters in the “bin” dating from January 1999-September 2004\*, determined to find when Rafflemania was added to our program. No history. I did find a small blurb from early 2020 that reported Rafflemania had brought in \$195.

I discovered that Rafflemania had previously been held in a winter month, either January or February! No ZOOM back then!

I moved to Illinois from the East Coast in late 2004. Empty nest, no job, newly built neighborhood...knew no one.

Like many others, I started out with my three sisters “playing” with fabric: Barbie doll clothes patterns evolved into cotton peasant dresses of the ‘70’s into an interest in quilting in the ‘80’s. Classes were taken through the Rec Dept - quilt in a day (Hah! never finished in a day). Moved onto classes given by the one quilt shop in the area, ruled over by the quilt police of that time. Not fun at all.

Then you know how it goes, work, kids, daily household chores; no time for a hobby much less any type of sewing. But I was now in the Heartland, determined to find quilters! Googled quilt guilds and there you all were! I joined in September 2005.

The photo above shows my *very first Rafflemania treasure*. I believe that Bonnie Hunter calls this color, cheddar. The back story relates that this flimsy was left in a church’s collection plate! An

usher gently brought this to one of our guild members, who generously shared it as a Rafflemania item (I would have kept it). It was love at first sight. Who would not want this lovely piece of fabric art? I held my breath as I looked into the brown paper bag. Not too many tickets. My chances were good!

During the past Rafflemanias, I have acquired a light box, Gingher dressmaker shears, countless spools of thread, special rulers, finished blocks for unfinished quilts, and a stash worthy of a quilter. I didn’t even know what a stash was in 2005!

So, bring your mailing address labels to stick on those ticket stubs. May the odds be ever in your favor to discover a new treasure!

\*If anyone has hard or digital copies of our newsletter from September 2004 - May 2018, please send them my way.



## NLCQG Meeting 5/6/2026

- The meeting started at 7:09 P.M.
- The April minutes were approved by Barb and Heidi
- Membership reported that the guild has 84 members with two guests attending tonight
- The Treasurer reported the balance at the end of April
- Sharon oversaw a bank audit for the Guild
- UFO
  - Antioch will have a tote bag class June 6st
  - Grant township has a UFO scheduled for May 16-17, June 13, and July 24-26
  - Please email attendance for all UFOs
- 17 Birthdays were celebrated
- There were 8 participants for Show and tell
- Raffle tickets for the Guild's raffle quilt were available
- Charity/Library Challenge projects are due at the September meeting
- Programs
  - June Rafflemania
    - Tickets are 6 for \$5
    - A silent auction for some items will take place
  - August with Quilting Connection
  - September elections and the Charity/ Library challenge
- The program began at 7:45 with Cathy Holden

The meeting ended at 8:40 P.M.



### Board Members – 2025-26 NLCQG

President	Carol Cord	<a href="mailto:president@nlcqg.org">president@nlcqg.org</a>
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