

NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES



SEPTEMBER 2026



Dear Fellow Quilters:

I hope you all got your copy of the updated bi-laws which were sent out earlier this week and have had a chance to look them over. The Bi-Laws Committee consisted of Debi, Lynn, Sharon, Dung, Robin and myself. There were in person meetings, lots of phone calls, emails and text messages about the bi-laws until the final draft, which you have were ready for distribution. They will be voted on at our October 2026 meeting.

Speaking of voting, the ballots are ready for our upcoming officer election where we will select a new President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Our candidates are as follow: Michael as president, Gail as secretary and Kaycee as newsletter editor. I know you will give them all your heartfelt support.

Remember, September is a big month for us, with the Officer Election, Charity Quilt display and Rafflemania. So come prepared for lots of excitement.

See you all on September 2, 2026.

Carol

Guild at a Glance

- Sep 2** Guild Meeting Rafflemania, Elections & Charity Challenge
- Sep 23** Needles & Thread Stitchers (10-1)
- Sep 25-26** UFO Grant (9-5)
- Sep 26** Grayslake Farmers Market
- Oct 3** Antioch UFO (9-5)
- Oct 7** Meeting & Demo from Phyllis Fay
- Oct 8** Class – Lemoyune Star Technique
- Oct 17** Grayslake Farmers Market
- Oct 28** Needles & Thread Stitchers (10-1)

2025-26 Block of the Month

Can you believe we're almost there? After a year of stitching, piecing, quilting, and creating, it's time to put those finishing touches on your **Block of the Month** quilts!

We'll be displaying all of the completed quilts at our **November Guild Meeting**, so make sure your quilt is **finished, quilted, and bound** before bringing it in.

This year's quilts will be judged in three fun categories:



Best Witch



Best Snowman



Best Scarecrow

Each category winner will receive a prize, and then the three winning quilts will go head-to-head in a final vote to determine our **Grand Prize Winner!**

If your quilt is still waiting for its binding or just needs those last few stitches—this is your sign! Grab a cup of coffee (or tea), settle in with your sewing machine, and let's get those quilts across the finish line.

I can't wait to see the creativity, personality, and beautiful workmanship that everyone has poured into these projects throughout the year. Thank you for quilting along with me—it has been such a joy to host this year's Block of the Month.

Happy stitching... and I'll see you in November!

Marie

Block of the Month Host

Boutique/Raffle Quilt

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'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.

Our schedule for the Raffle Quilt has been set. Please consider your schedule and see if you have a few hours to help out. Here are a few of the upcoming events. You can sign up by email to Boutique@nlcgg.org or directly to Lynn (LRAYQUILTS@aim.com).

Sept 14 (Mon) -Prairie Patch Quilt Guild- Grayslake 9:30 am - Lynn and Debra

Sept 14 (Mon) - Southport Quilters Guild - Racine WI 6pm - **need 1 volunteer - Meet at my house in Gurnee and I will drive to location**

Sept 26 (Sat) – Grayslake Farmers Market – Downtown Grayslake - 8:30-11:30 Cathy /11:30-2:30 Adonna

Sept 28 (Mon) Lighthouse Quilters Guild - Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 322 Ohio St.- Racine, WI Set up at 6:30pm - **need 1 volunteer**

Oct 17 (Sat) – Grayslake Farmers Market – Downtown Grayslake - 8:30-11:30 Carol /11:30-2:30 Cathy

Oct 24 (Sat) - Trinity Ev. Luth Church Holiday Craft Fair, 25519 W. Rt 134, Ingleside -Set up Fri night (time TBD)-Carol

2 volunteers needed for Saturday for 2 time slots = 8 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 4pm

Nov 21 (Sat) and Nov 22 (Sun) Prince of Peace Craft Fair- Rt 83, Lake Villa - **Set up Fri night (time TBD) - need 1 volunteer**

Sat and Sun each will have **2-3 hour time slots TBD.** sign-ups to date: Dung, Carol, Nancy

UFO

Grant Township UFO

26725 Molidor Rd, Ingleside, IL (Lower Level)

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Doors will open at 9:00 for setup.

Clean-up will begin at 4:30 pm.

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

Join us on Friday, September 25th, and Saturday, September 26th

Bring your lunch or enjoy the multiple fast-food options at Woodman's Corner in Volo.

Sign-up begins on September 11th!

This event welcomes all guild members, but due to limited space, reservations are required.

If the list isn't full by Wednesday, September 9th, we'll open it up to guests.

To sign up, please email ufo@nlcgg.org. You'll receive a confirmation email.

A \$5/day cash donation will be collected for The Grant Township Food Pantry. \$10/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. **

Current scheduled dates:

October: No UFO

November 14th and 15th. Sign-up begins on October 31st

December **No UFO**

Antioch UFO

817 Holbeck Rd, Antioch, IL

No Antioch UFO in September

The October UFO will be held on the first Saturday
October 3rd

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Doors will open at 9:00 for setup.

Clean-up will begin at 4:30 pm.

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

This event welcomes all guild members, but due to limited space, reservations are required.

Sign-ups will begin September 2nd

Email: antiochUFO@nlcgg.org to sign up.

Reservations will close September 30th for the October UFO

This allows tables to be ordered in advance.

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

If your plans change and you are not able to attend, please cancel your reservation at antiochUFO@nlcgg.org

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

Current scheduled dates:

September: No UFO Holiday weekend

October 3rd (due to the space being rented on the 10th)

November 7th: Charity Sew Date, Lake Villa Library

Upcoming Meeting Information

Sept 2, 2026 – Rafflemania, Elections, Charity Challenge

Rafflemania, postponed from the June meeting, will be held on September 2 along with election of the 2027 - 2028 officers.

October 7, 2026 Lecture: Program is Studio 180 rulers with Phyllis Fay. Come see some of the different creations that can be made using the Rapid Fire® Star tools from Studio 180 Design.

Class: Thursday - Oct 8 starting 10am-1pm Master the Rapid Fire® Lemoyne Star basic technique during a three-hour workshop with Phyllis Fay, Certified Instructor. This is a technique class; therefore there is no obligation to make a full quilt top. The purpose of this course is to learn something new and then use your new skills on a specific project. The purchase of your tool comes with a free pattern

Details/Flyer can be seen [here](#).

November- Quilts of Valor presentation by Sharon

December – Christmas Party – Location TBD by Party Committee

Needles and Thread Stitchers

If you love applique', cross stitch, hand embroidery, hand piecing, or hand binding a quilt (just to mention a few) then Needle and Thread Stitchers is a group you are welcome to join. It's FREE, informal and no reservation required! Join hand stitchers from our quilt guild on Wednesday, September 23rd from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Antioch Senior Center (Dolly Spiering Community Center) 817 Holbeck, Antioch, IL 60002. Show and Tell is welcome and Inspiration is encouraged!

September 23

October 28

November 25

Sharon

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

Membership & Directory

Current membership is at 93.

Any changes, contact membership@nlcgg.org

Charity Corner

This is it! This is the month you've been waiting for! It is time for our Charity/Library/Fabric Challenge Reveal!

For those of you participating- as you arrive, come to the Charity table to discretely check in and fill out your display card.

Everyone at the meeting will receive two ballots. One for quilts and one for non-quilt items, you will write the number of your favorite on the ballot and turn it in. Prizes will be awarded once the votes are tallied.

I'm looking forward to see what everyone has chosen to create!

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 7. We will have a charity sewing day at Lake Villa Library, "Getting ready for the Holidays". Details to follow as the date gets closer.

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

September Birthdays

Join us in wishing the following guild members a Happy Birthday this month!



All of our birthday quilters get to choose from our fabric basket.

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



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/Accquilt-01-14-25.pdf>

NLCQG Meeting 8/5/2026

The meeting started at 7:01 P.M.

- Carol welcomed members and guests
- The July minutes were approved by Barb and Nann
- The Treasurer reported our balance of as of July 31st She added she needs detailed notes when submitting bills or making deposits
- Membership reported that we have 93 members and two guests this evening
- A vote was taken to raise membership dues to \$40 from \$35 the result, the increase was passed 37 yes / 8 no
- Charity acknowledges the retirement of Dawn and thanks her for her help with Charity activities she also introduced Lory who will be taking Dawn's place
- Eight Birthdays were celebrated
- UFO reported That Antioch will meet this coming Saturday and October 3rd, Grant UFO will meet August 22nd
- Eleven Members participated in Show and Tell
- Programs reminded the guild about the October 8th workshop the cost and the need for sign-up
- The presentation from the Quilting Connection started at 7:48 P.M.

The meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Historian's Look Back

A poem from the September 2004 newsletter...

Samantha the Quilt Snob

By Patricia Littlefield

Samantha the quilt snob was heard to intone
as she quilted primly while on her cell phone
"My dear, rotary cutters are just for the masses,
and any one having the least bit of class has
just scissors to cut strips and square patches."
And with certain disdain in her voice she then said,
"Use a sewing machine? Well, I'd rather be dead."

But the day came to Samantha as it does now and
then when she needed a quilt by a quarter past ten.
A rotary cutter she did purchase, with no time to
waste.

The fabric was flying, as she cut at great pace.
The squares she had cut and the strips serpentine,
she stitched together on an old sewing machine.
The finished quilt was a delight without doubt,
She couldn't believe how well it turned out.

The next week she made, first one then another
all the same way, with machine and with cutter.
She entered one in a contest just to have fun,
then heard somebody say, "It's Best of Show that
you've won!"

A quilt snob no longer for Samantha concedes
the way that works the best is the way that
succeeds.

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