NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

THREADLINES




NOVEMBER 2026




President's Message

Hello, My Fellow Quilters!

Can you believe we're already heading into the holiday season? It seems like just yesterday we were enjoying the warmth of summer, and now we're surrounded by beautiful autumn colors, falling leaves, and the anticipation of the most wonderful time of the year! As we begin this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for being part of the Northern Lake County Quilters Guild. Whether you've been a member for years or have just recently joined our quilting family, you are what makes this guild so special. After all, a guild is much like a quilt. Every individual brings something unique to the table, and together we create something truly beautiful!

It's hard to believe that I've already been serving as your President since September, and I have to tell you, I couldn't be more excited about where we're headed! In just these first few months, I've already felt such a wonderful shift in energy throughout our guild. There's a renewed sense of enthusiasm, excitement, and togetherness that I can genuinely feel growing with each meeting. Seeing everyone getting involved, sharing ideas, and embracing new opportunities reminds me why I love this quilting community so much. We have some wonderful things in store for 2027, and I truly believe we're just getting started!

As we move into this festive season of giving, gathering, and celebrating, my wish is that we continue building on this incredible momentum while remembering what brought us all together in the first place: our shared love of quilting and the friendships we've made along the way. Thank you for welcoming me into this role, for your support, and most importantly, for being YOU! I'm so grateful to be part of this guild and even more grateful for the opportunity to help lead us into an exciting new chapter. Here's to a holiday season filled with laughter, friendship, a little fabric shopping (okay, maybe a LOT!), and plenty of beautiful stitches!

With gratitude and warmest holiday wishes,
Michael F. Nardi Jr.
President, Northern Lake County Quilters Guild

Guild at a Glance

Nov 4	Guild Meeting	**Nov 21-22**	Prince of Peace Craft Fair
Nov 7	Charity Sew (10-4)	**Nov 25**	Needles & Thread Stitchers (10-1)
Nov 14-15	Grant UFO	**Dec 2**	Holiday Party

Upcoming Meeting Information

Held at Dolly Spiering Community Center

November 4, 2026 – Lecture, BOM Display, Charity Challenge, Silent Auction: Quilts of Valor presentation by Sharon Wick, Reveal of Charity Challenge, Reveal of the Block of the Month Quilts.

December 2, 2026 – Christmas Party at Dockers North in Antioch (more information on page 3)

January 6th – Zoom Meeting - Bob Purcell from Y.L.I Threads

February 3rd – Zoom Meeting – Join us for a zoom call with Nancy McLinden from Dress a Girl St Mary of Vernon Hills as we explore the activities of this sewing-for-a-cause group. This all volunteer local group has made and distributed over 1200 dresses each year for over 15 years to girls in need around the world.

March 3rd – No program. Connie Martin presents a vibrant program on "Underground Railroad" has been moved to June 2nd.

April 7th – Cindy Baker from "Patterns on the Prairie" – A Mosaic Applique presentation. With a workshop on Thursday the 8th. Sign-ups are available now! $35

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 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.

Nov 21 (Sat) and Nov 22 (Sun) - Prince of Peace Craft Fair- Rt 83, Lake Villa – There will be a sign-up sheet at front check in at November meeting as we still have a few slots available. I (Lynn) will be there all day but need assistance for the following times:

- Set up Fri 4:15- 4:45 pm - need 1 volunteer
- Sat shift - 8:45 - 10:30 am
- Sun 10:30 - Noon
- Noon - 1:30pm

Charity Corner

At the risk of sounding like a broken record… This is it! The month we've been waiting for! It is time for the Charity Fabric/Library Challenge Reveal!

All meeting attendees will receive ballots to vote for your favorite Boutique item and your favorite quilt.

If you are participating in the Challenge, come to the Charity table to discretely check in and fill out your display card. Prizes will be awarded when the votes are tallied.

Join us for **Charity Sewing Saturday November 7**, 10:00 AM at the Lake Villa Library, 140 N. Munn Rd. Lindenhurst. We will be getting ready for the holidays with small kits ready to sew. Bring your basic sewing supplies to help us create table runners, mini prayer quilts and more for our Boutique and Matthias gift shop. I'm sure they will all be top sellers!

Thank you for sharing your talents with our community,
Roberta and Lory

Needles and Thread Stitchers

If you love applique, cross stitch, hand embroidery, hand piecing, or hand binding quilts (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 is required! Join hand stitchers from our quilt guild from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Lake Villa Library - Meeting Room AS
140 N. Munn Rd, Lindenhurst
Show and Tell is welcome and Inspiration is encouraged!

November 25

Sharon Wick

Join Us for Our Annual Christmas Party!

An Evening of Friendship, Food, and Holiday Cheer

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we're looking forward to celebrating with our quilting friends at our annual **Guild Christmas Party!** Join us for an evening filled with delicious food, good company, and plenty of holiday spirit.

When: Doors open at **6:00 PM**, with dinner immediately following.

Where: Dockers North
955 Illinois Route 59
Antioch, IL

Cost: $35 per person

A Delicious Holiday Dinner

Carved Roast Beef
Baked Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
Broasted Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Salad
Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea and Soda

And, of course, we can't forget dessert! If you have a favorite holiday treat you'd like to share, desserts are warmly welcomed from anyone who would like to contribute to our dessert table. Homemade, store-bought, fancy, simple—we'll happily enjoy them all!

Planning to attend? Payment is due **no later than our November meeting**, so please be sure to reserve your spot by then.

We hope to see everyone there for a wonderful evening of friendship, food, and Christmas Cheer!

Happy Holidays!

Holiday Quilt Gift Exchange

One of the special highlights of this year's celebration is our **Holiday Quilt Gift Exchange!** Members who would like to participate are invited to create a small holiday- or winter-themed quilted piece to brighten someone's home.

A few guidelines:

- Finished size should be approximately 18"–24"
- Please attach a loop, sleeve, cord, or other way to hang it
- It should have a holiday or winter theme, but it is absolutely not limited to Christmas — Hanukkah, winter, snowmen, New Year's, or anything festive is welcome!

Then comes the extra fun…

Place your finished quilted piece inside a wrapped shoebox and tuck in a few small surprises for the recipient. Think thread, a fat quarter, needles, a seam ripper, sewing notions, or even a few chocolate kisses.

There's no need to spend a lot—the idea is to share something handmade, add a few fun goodies, and make another quilter smile.

Please let **Michael Nardi** or **Julie Reynolds** know if you'd like to participate!

Click here for a printable flyer!

UFO

Grant Township UFO

November 14th & 15th

Grant Township, 26725 Molidor Rd, Ingleside, IL
(Lower Level)
9:00 am-5:00 pm

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

Sign-up begins on October 31st

- This event welcomes all guild members, but due to limited space, you will need a reservation.
- If the list is not full by Wednesday, November 11th, we will open it up to guests.
- To sign up, please email ufo@nlcqg.org.
- You will receive an email confirmation.

We will collect a $5 cash donation each day and donate it to The Grant Township Food Pantry.
($10 for non-members).

If your plans change and you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible.
or by phone or text at 360-710-7818
This will allow those on the wait list to attend.

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

Current Scheduled Dates:

November 14th and 15th
❖ ***Sign-up begins October 31st***
December No UFO
January 22nd -24th
❖ ***Sign-up begins January 8th***
February 13th
❖ ***Sign-up begins January 30th***

Charity Sew Day

Lake Villa Library

Lake Villa District Library, 140 N Munn Rd, Lindenhurst, IL

November 7th

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact charity@nlcqg.org

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

Current Antioch UFO Scheduled Dates
Dolly Spiering Community Center
817 Holbek, Antioch, IL

- November No UFO
- December No UFO
- January 9th
- February 6th

Charity Sew Day November 7th
Lake Villa District Library, 140 N Munn Rd, Lindenhurst, IL

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



2026-27 Block of the Month

Let's Make Our Flower Farm Bloom!

Introducing Our 2026–2027 Block of the Month

Get ready to let your creativity bloom! Our 2026–2027 Block of the Month will feature The Flower Farm Sampler by Shelley Cavanna. This beautiful floral quilt will take us on a yearlong quilting adventure, with the goal of showcasing our finished creations at the September 2027 guild meeting!

Beginning in January, we'll tackle three flower-inspired blocks each month. Our garden will include everything from Water Lilies, English Roses, and Dahlias to Orchids, Morning Glories, and Forget-Me-Nots. Each month brings new designs and another opportunity to watch our sampler grow.

From Blocks to a Beautiful Quilt

We'll work on our assigned blocks from January through June, finishing up any remaining blocks and assembling our quilt tops in July. August will be dedicated to quilting, binding, and adding those final touches.

September 2027 is our big reveal! Bring your complete quilt to the guild meeting for our special show, judging, and prizes!

Get Ready to Grow!

Now is the perfect time to review the pattern requirements, gather your fabrics, and start planning your color palette. Whether you prefer soft garden pastels or bright, cheerful florals, your quilt will be uniquely yours.

We can't wait to see everyone's Flower Farm bloom, one block at a time!

Happy Quilting!

Marie Catuara-D'Amico
Block of the Month Host

CLICK here for a printable flyer.

Membership & Directory

Current membership is 96.
Link to Membership List is here.
Any changes, contact membership@nlcqg.org

****The guild membership fees are due! Please pay the $40 dues at the November 2026 meeting in order to attend the holiday party and remain a member.****

November & December Birthdays

This month we will wish a Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in November and December!



All of our birthday quilters 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

Historian's Look Back

How exciting…two reveals this month:
Block of the Month Challenge: Snowman, Witch and Scarecrow, OH MY!
BOM's definitely challenged me as a new guild member back in 2005. I used to practice on muslin first - yes, I was that inexperienced.
There were so many ways that our guild approached BOM's over the years:

- Fabric(s) and instruction for that month's block were distributed. Sometimes all the fabric was included; or only the background fabric; or you chose your fabrics.
- Some years, all the blocks for that month were included in a drawing with the winner taking all! This evolved to each quilter creating and developing their monthly blocks into a quilt.
- Whether it was applique, foundation piecing, wonky blocks, or Sun Bonnet Sue, quilting techniques were learned and/or enhanced.
- This was the first year we've had three subject choices. Excited to see them displayed!

Challenge Quilt - supporting our Charity Programs
What an imaginary way to decrease our guild's prolific fabric stash and discover the unique and various resources of our guild's library for this year's challenge! Items will be donated to our charity partners.

In our January 1999 issue, charity quilts were requested for the Maristella Foundation, which provided support for women fleeing abuse.

Other past challenge quilts included a theme such as the "In My Garden" theme from 2000. There were three categories: Best Interpretation of Theme, Best Piecing and Best Quilting.

The 2002 challenge theme was "Two by Two" and those categories were: Best Interpretation of the Theme"; More than 50% machine work; More than 50% hand work and; Mixed Media. Three prizes were awarded in each category.

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

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

A Thank you!

Dear NLCQG,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the lovely parting gifts you gave me at the October 2026 meeting. The gift card will go to good use, after all, the only bad fabric is the fabric not purchased.
I can't say enough good things about the beautiful clutch, made by one of our very talented members. I love it!!!!!
Even the fabric wrapping will more than likely show up in one of my many projects.
Everything is so very much appreciated. Thank you!

Carol C

Free 3D Fall Project

Mary O. Gregg of *Quilts with Depth* is sharing a fun fall quilting project—a dimensional scarecrow surrounded by colorful mums and pumpkins!

The printable pattern pieces and complete instructions are available FREE on her website. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some seasonal sewing and explore the fun of 3D art quilting.

Visit the website to get your free pattern and start sewing!

Pattern and instructions:
https://quiltswithdepth.com/sewing-into-fall-a-scarecrow-with-depth/

Happy fall sewing!



2027 Quilted Postcard Pen Pal Exchange

How about a bit of sunshine on a cold dreary day in January or a happy valentine wish in February!

We are pleased to announce our annual Postcard Exchange. The Postcard Exchange will take place during January and February 2027. You will be provided with a different Pen Pal each month. Participants will be provided with information outlining the process by email in late December 2026.

We have five different Guilds participating: Northern Lake County, Village Quilters, Prairie Patch, Southport and Flying Needles. We want to welcome everyone to participate.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up by mid December 2026. Sign-up sheets will be available at guild meetings, or you can reach us at postcards@nlcqg.org.

The postcard exchange is a great way to express your creativity in a small 4 x 6 project and meet some awesome guild members. Here is a link regarding pictures of last year's very talented pen pals.

Robyn McGarrigle and Rose Gray
Postcard Co-chairs, NLCQG

🧵 2027 Challenge Quilt — The Full Yard Handoff!

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

Our 2027 Challenge Quilt, The Full Yard Handoff, is almost here!

Registration is $10 per participant, and you can still sign up at our November meeting or afterward, leading up to our December exchange.

Here's a quick reminder of how it works:

- Bring TWO one-yard cuts of fabric to our December Holiday Extravaganza.
- Place both fabrics together in a concealed, non-see-through bag. No peeking! We want the exchange to be a complete surprise!
- During our December meeting, we'll exchange our mystery fabric bags.
- You'll have an entire year to create your Challenge Quilt using your surprise fabrics!

THE BIG REVEAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR DECEMBER 2027 HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!

That's right! One year of creativity, imagination, and mystery!

Remember, let's keep those fabrics and finished quilts a surprise until the big reveal!

⭐ 2027 Mystery Quilt — Hosted by Michael & Marie!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Marie Catuara-D'Amico and I are so excited to host our 2027 Mystery Quilt, kicking off in March 2027!

This will be a six-week quilting adventure where the finished design remains a mystery as the project unfolds.

Registration is just $10, and you can sign up at any time!

AND REMEMBER, THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

You do not need to be a Guild member to participate, so please spread the word to your quilting friends, neighbors, and sewing groups!

We'll celebrate everyone's completed creations with our Mystery Quilt Reveal in September 2027! Please click here for the welcome letter.

Upcoming Quilting Events

One of the greatest things about belonging to a quilt guild is the opportunity to share our love of quilting with others.

I encourage everyone to take a look at these events and consider attending one or two. Grab a fellow guild member, plan a little road trip, and enjoy everything our wonderful quilting community has to offer!

~Michael

Please find the list here.

NLCQG Meeting Minutes 10/7/2026

- Michael Nardi called meeting to order at 7:05
- Minutes of September meeting were approved by Julie Reynolds and 2nd by Barb Jolley. Approved by membership
- Treasurer reports balance of $14,765.05
- Membership reports 96 members with 67 paid
- Charity reports that the Silent Auction that began tonight will take place at every meeting. Proceeds will go directly back to Guild
- Charity projects turned into Guild will be donated to Mathius House and Project Linus (some of Mathius House donations may be sold in their gift shop to help with operating expenses)
- Charity Reveal and Block of the Month and will be displayed and voted on at November meeting
- Charity sewing at Lake Villa Library Nov 7, 10-3, no sign up necessary.
- New BOM will begin in January, $10 fee and $17 for instruction book
- Holiday Gift Exchange (Dec) will be led by Julie. Includes Door Hanger 18" x24" wrapped in shoe box with small gifts.
- Michael introduced new committees, some still need leaders.
- Travel Events Team - Carolyn, Cathy & Donna P
- Mixed Media Quilts Team - Barb & Donna T
- Mystery Quilt Team – Michael & Marie (February, $10)
- Retreat Team – Michael & Marie
- Member Education Team (like Skill Builder) Michael will lead
- Community Outreach Team
- Postcard Exchange Robin & Rose – includes 5 other Guilds begins January
- Holiday Party – details at November meeting, $35 (prepaid) at Dockers North, Antioch
- Adjournment to Phylis Faye presentation of Studio 180 rulers and finished quilts
- Photos

Northern Lake County Quilters Guild

Proposed Budget

September 1, 2026- August 31, 2027

		2025-2026 Budget	2025-2026 Actual*	2026-2027 Budget
Income				
	Membership Dues	$ 3,150.00	$ 2,738.00	$ 3,600.00
	Guest Fees	$ 25.00	$ 75.00	$ 30.00
	BOM	$ 300.00	$ 200.00	$ 300.00
	Holiday Party	$ 1,925.00	$ 1,680.00	$ 1,750.00
	Challenge Quilt	$ 150.00		$ 150.00
	Rafflemania/Silent Auction	$ 300.00	$ 186.00	$ 300.00
	Education Team (new)	$ -	$ -	$ 250.00
	Charity (Donations rcd)	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
	Mystery Quilt Along	$ 350.00	$ 295.68	$ 350.00
	Skill Builders	$ 250.00	$ 130.00	
	Programs - Guild Meetings (rental)	$ 200.00	$ 160.00	
	Programs - Workshops	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,411.31	$ 1,500.00
	Raffle Quilt	$ 1,300.00	$ 2,491.00	$ 1,300.00
	Product Sales (boutique)	$ 500.00	$ 812.00	$ 1,000.00
			$ -	
	Antioch Township Donation - UFO	$ 100.00	$ 370.00	$ 250.00
	Antioch Township Donation - SB	$ 100.00	$ -	
	Antioch Township Donation - WS	$ 50.00	$ -	
	Grant Township Donation - UFO	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,590.00	$ 1,000.00
	Grant Township Donation - WS	$ 100.00	$ -	
	Miscellaneous	$ 10.00		$ 200.00
Total Income		$ 11,010.00	$ 12,238.99	$ 12,080.00

Expense		2025-2026 Budget	2025-2026 Actual *	2026-2027 Budget
	Web Site	$ 20.00	$ -	$ 20.00
	IL State Filing Fee	$ 10.00	$ 15.00	$ 10.00
	Liability Insurance	$ 420.00	$ 420.00	$ 450.00
	Charity	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
	Programs - Guild Meetings (speaker)	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,010.00	$ 5,500.00
	Programs - Workshops	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,243.95	$ 1,500.00
	Potluck/Ice cream social	$ 150.00	$ 70.42	$ 100.00
	Charity (Donations out)	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
	BOM	$ 300.00	$ 97.81	$ 100.00
	Holiday Party	$ 1,925.00	$ 1,614.11	$ 1,750.00
	Antioch Township Donation	$ 250.00	$ 200.00	$ 250.00
	Grant Township Donation	$ 1,100.00	$ 2,615.00	$ 1,000.00
		$ -	$ -	$ -
	Challenge Quilt Prizes	$ 150.00	$ -	$ 150.00
	Sunshine	$ 50.00	$ -	$ 50.00
	Library (purchased by guild)	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
	Miscellaneous	$ 200.00	$ 303.40	$ 300.00
	Member Education (new)	$ -		$ -
	Raffle Quilt	$ 300.00	$ 456.51	$ 300.00
	Zoom Meeting Fee	$ 30.00	$ 43.98	$ 50.00
Total Expense		$ 10,605.00	$ 12,190.18	$ 11,830.00

Cash balance 8/31/26	$ 14,150.55
+ Budgeted Income	$ 12,080.00
- Budgeted Expense	$ 11,830.00
Excess into Treasury	$ 250.00
Estimated cash balance 8/31/27	$ 14,400.55

These programs are self-funded

* As of 08/312026

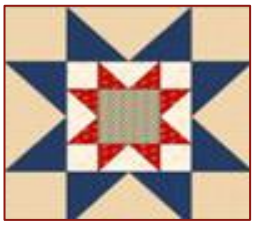
Estimated Membership Dues: 90 at $40 each = $3,600 Holiday Party: 50at $35 each=$1,750.

Board Members – 2026-27 NLCQG

President	Michael Nardi	president@nlcqg.org
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Programs	Lynn Ray	programs@nlcqg.org
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Committee Chairs – 2026-27 NLCQG

Block of the Month	Marie D'Amico	bom@nlcqg.org
Boutique	Lynn Ray	boutique@nlcqg.org
Charity Quilts	Roberta Alexander & Lory Leyman	charity@nlcqg.org
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NLCQG Mission: To Promote the Art and Education of Quilting