



# Bits & Pieces

*Darting Needles Quilt Guild*

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## **President's Message**

Hello Again! Well, I think Summer has finally arrived in Wisconsin. I hope you are keeping cool and having fun. We waited a long time this past winter to get to this point.

I always find my creativity thriving in the warmth and sunshine of Summer with lots of sketching and writing down ideas so that I don't forget.

"Thank You" to Deb Luebke for standing in for me at our last meeting. It was nice to get away for a short break.

One of the items that is still a work in progress is the guild name change. After seeking out multiple people to be a point of contact for our information gathering, we are going to take a different route to the same destination. At our July guild meeting there will be a sealed box at a table. You will be given a sheet of paper on which you can write your opinion on changing the name of the guild, whether you are for it or against it. What we are trying to do is make sure that everyone is heard. You DO NOT have to put your name on the paper. This is entirely up to you. You DO NOT have to put anything in the box if you do not want to.

The board will review the notes and they'll be presented at the August meeting prior to the ballot vote. That ballot will have two options, FOR a guild name change and AGAINST a guild name change. Based on what that vote tells us, we will either go forward or this topic will be closed.

This is one of those occasions that I ask that you be sure to participate in this vote. This is your guild and as a member your voice matters . . . and this is how it can be heard. Please make sure you vote on this matter! We're doing a blind ballot so that everyone can vote how they really feel with no worries about what anyone might think.

You'll see two lists in the newsletter covering the show committees and the guild committees. Please keep in mind that I may have missed committees on the show side and, if I did, it was not intentional. Speaking of the show, we are in need of a show chair person. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in taking on the role to get the raffle quilt started, please see me.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through some emotional topics. Together we can accomplish great things.

Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> and **be safe**. See you on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Debra*

### **Quilt Guild Meeting Notes**

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thurs. of each month, except Dec., at First United Methodist Church, corner of Drew and Franklin in Appleton. If after school activities for Appleton schools are cancelled, our guild meeting is also cancelled.

The left door will be open; all doors will lock at 7:30 PM. If you'll be late, have a friend watch for your arrival to let you in.

### **Modern Strips Challenge**

Sign-up for the Modern Strips challenge will be available at the July meeting.

Registration is \$5 and you'll receive a printed copy of the rules. The deadline is September.

### **Membership News – Lynn Keller & Toni Reh**

There were 55 members at the June meeting and two guests.

Happy July Birthdays to Patricia Arnold, Rose Biese, Amy Boyd, Terry Butz, Sandy Huelsbeck, Sue Huettl, Susan Imbs, Marcie Karner, Debra McDowall, Shirley Vance, Pat Von Haden, and Jeanne Wadley.

A sympathy card was sent to former member Marie Ohlrogge on the loss of her mother.

## **Second Time Around - Kathy Meyer**

Members of the guild hosted a Youth Sewing Event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Appleton's Apple Creek YMCA June 17-21. Six girls (4 from last year) each made a pillow case, hot pad, sleeve for recycled plastic bags, thread catcher and a back pack. They enjoyed having a finished project to bring home each day.

Kathy Meyer coordinated this event with assistance from Barb Bermel, Sherry Fox, Karen Casey and Janette Vanevenhoven. From the skills learned, an actual "quilting session" is in the works. The Y provided a great environment and had a staff member there daily in addition to our members.

## **Library News – Linda Beiter, Pat Jawort, Debra McDowall and Cordi Van Linn**

June additions to the library are String Fling: Scrappy, Happy and Loving It by Bonnie Hunter; Batik Beauties: 18 Stunning Quilts by Laurie Shifrin and donated by Dianne Meyer (Thank you, Dianne), and Sew Cute & Clever Farm & Forest Friends by Mary Hertel, our June speaker. This includes instructions for whimsical farm animals utilizing paper piecing.

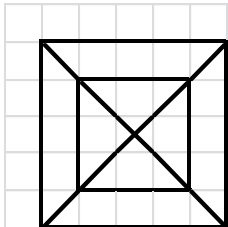
Thanks to those who returned books last month. Folks with books overdue are:

March: **Dianne Coonen** (2 books) and **Jean Wadley** (3 books)

May: **Carolyn Wenzel** (3 books); **Kathy Beck** (1 book); and **Loretta Heller** (1 book)

The library gladly accepts donations of used quilting books. Newer ones go into the library; the rest will be sold. Money from book sales goes into funding the library so, if you have books you no longer want, please consider donating to the guild library.

## **Sunshine Quilts – Pat Kailhofer**



Summer Project: Nickel & Dime Variation

Using bright pastels or children's print fabrics, cut a 10" square. Center a coordinating 5" square on it and sew around the raw edges of the 5" piece with a 1/8" seam. Cut the block on both diagonals, giving you four triangles.

Bring the triangles to the next meeting and exchange different ones to sew back into a square.

## **Veterans Quilts - Kris Van Eyck and Linda Pujo**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VETS' QUILTS WORKDAY AUGUST 8.** Details to follow.

If you did not sign up to get background squares for Linda Webster's mystery quilt, feel free to join in and make some blocks using your own creams or whites for the backgrounds.

### Step 1 Directions:

Cut three 3-7/8" squares from red fabric and three 3-7/8" squares from white fabric; draw a diagonal line on the back of the white squares. Put one red and one white square right sides together (RST) and sew 1/4" away on each side of drawn line. Cut on diagonal and press toward red. The six triangle blocks should measure 3-1/2" square. Set aside until Step 2.

### Step 2 Directions:

From a dark blue fabric, cut a 2" x WOF strip (at least 40"). Join this to a 2" white strip lengthwise and press the seam toward the dark. Cut into six sections, each 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" Set aside until next month.

To make an entire quilt measuring 56" x 74" you will need:

Dark blue 1 5/8 yards

Red 2/3 yard

White 2-1/2 yards

Medium blue 1 yard

Binding 5/8 yard

Backing 3-7/8 yards

In step one, an entire quilt requires cutting 48 red and 48 white 3-7/8" squares to make 96 half square triangle blocks. In step two, an entire quilt requires sixteen 2" dark blue strips cut WOF and 16 of white. Cut these to create 96 units of the joined fabrics.

## **Upcoming DNQG Programs – JoAnn Nemitz**

**Class fee for DNQG members is \$30 and \$40 for non-members. Contact JoAnn Nemitz to register.**

**Thurs., July 11:** Sue Kostroski from Nancy's Notions will present "Sew What's New", a demonstration of new, helpful and handy quilting products, notions and trends. This will be a fun, entertaining, fast-paced presentation . . . with door prizes!

**Fri., July 12:** Beginning at 9:00 AM, Sue will instruct serger quilting techniques at K&K Sew and Vac in Darboy. A "Fast and Fabulous Flatlock" lap or crib quilt top can be made in just four hours with decorative threads and the serger flatlock stitch. Finishing and binding are simply done with the serger, as well. If you don't have a serger but would like to attend this class, four sergers will be available for use by those who need them. Class size is limited to 8 people and the cost is \$30 plus your choice of materials. **Contact Sue Kostroski at [suekostroski@yahoo.com](mailto:suekostroski@yahoo.com) to register and obtain the class supply list.**

**Thurs., Aug. 8:** Beth Ferrier of Applewood Farm Publications, home of her fun and easy books on piecing, applique and all things quilted, will talk about Pieces of a Quilters Life.

**Fri., Aug. 9:** Beth will teach hand applique by machine with a charming Forget-Me-Nots 18" square wall hanging. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Thurs., Sept. 12:** Susan Purney Mark, artist, teacher and designer, will speak on "Textiles of Faith". Check her out at [www.SusanPM.com](http://www.SusanPM.com).

**Fri., Sept. 13:** Surface design workshop with Susan Purney Mark.

**Thurs., Oct. 10:** Rhonda Horvath will lecture on the History of RagSpun with examples of how to enhance old pictures, pillar candles and towels.

**Sat., Oct. 12:** Rhonda will conduct a four-hour workshop on Flower Pockets beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Holiday Dinner

### **Other Quilt-Related Events**

**On-Going:** Open sewing and quilting at The Thompson Center on Lourdes each Friday at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$2; bring your own sewing machine and projects. More info at [icraanen@saint-bernadatte.org](mailto:icraanen@saint-bernadatte.org) or at (920) 939-3088.

**July 25:** Lakeside Quilters' 2019 EAA Quilt Show, 8-4 at Oshkosh Seniors' Center North, 234 Campbell Road, Oshkosh. Details at [www.Oshkoshquilters.org](http://www.Oshkoshquilters.org). Lynn Mazingo, PR Coordinator, (920) 428-6947.

### **Show Committees:**

**Raffle Quilt design and construction:** Decide on the design of the quilt and get members involved in the making process as soon as possible so that the quilt can be hung at local shops for exposure prior to the show.

**Rotary Cutter Café:** Coordinate the running of the kitchen, plan and prepare food, distribute to show attendees, collect money. Must be detail oriented for this position as we are using the food license for the school and must be very attentive to food safety rules. Past café committee chairs are willing to guide with this.

**Bakery:** Coordinate donations of baked goods from members, display on tables (has been on the honor method for the past few shows and works great; no pricing needed with this method).

**Admissions:** Receive money as people enter the show, make sure they get their voting slips and stamp their hand if they plan on coming back the same day.

**Judging:** Secure Judge(s) for show and make sure each judge has sufficient scribes to keep process moving smoothly, as well as providing quilt runners when the quilt has been dismissed from the judge to be hung.

**Show Set Up:** Set up the hanging stands, drapes, tables, hanging quilts, everything needed to make sure the show is ready for opening.

**Show Take Down:** Take the quilts down for pick up, take down the stands and pack all show equipment for storage in the guild storage unit.

**Quilt Drop Off/Check In:** Coordinate all quilts being dropped off for the show, making sure that the quilts is in the proper category, has name label in the correct location, has hanging sleeve, etc.

**Quilt Pick Up:** Retrieve quilts for those individuals who have had something in the show. Make sure that pick up slip and name on quilts match so that all quilts are accounted for.

**Marketing:** Get the information on the show out to as many radio stations, magazines, shops, etc., as possible. Market our guild for the best possible turn out for our show.

**Silent Auction:** Accept silent auction items from guild members, create auction sheet, set up silent auction booth, oversee the booth during the show, get winning items to the person with the winning bid, collect funds.

**Vendors:** Coordinate with vendors for space needs and map out locations, collect vending fees, tape off booth locations at time of show, help coordinate lunch and breaks for vendors.

Raffle Tickets: Get all paperwork submitted at the correct time for our raffle, have raffle tickets printed, distributed to guild members and sell as many as possible

Boutique: Coordinate all items to be sold at guild boutique, price items, set up display, refresh as necessary during show, handle money.

Bed Turning: Coordinate members who would like to allow their quilts to be laid out on the bed and shown during the show. Collect stories about those quilts and talk about them at the time of showing.

Demonstrations: Coordinate members to do demonstrations during the show in the main hall for our guests. How to make something, i.e., fleece hats (sold for \$5 each I believe. Sherry Fox would know this for sure)

## ***Guild Committees***

Sunshine: This committee keeps our guild on track with the making and donating of quilts to different areas in our community. The need to keep track of how many quilts are being made and where they are being donated is part of this committee, and Pat Kailhofer is currently the head

Quilts of Valor: This committee is specific to quilts for veterans. Kris Van Eyck heads up this committee.

Library: The Library Committee keeps our guild library in order and accounted for on a monthly basis, purchases new books, arranges book sales, and hunts down delinquent book borrowers (LOL). The current members on this committee are Debra McDowall, Cordi Van Linn, Pat Jawort, and Linda Beiter.

Treasurer: The Treasurer keeps track of all guild financial information, makes sure bills are paid on time, processes checks both incoming and outgoing to speakers, reimburses valid expenses. Our current treasurer is Barb Harkins

Secretary: This position is responsible for taking minutes at the board meeting as well as the guild meeting, sending minutes to the guild president, as well as the newsletter publisher, and a variety of other odds and ends for the guild and board.

Newsletter: This position coordinates guild information, notes from the president, classes, basic information, sales, etc. This is how we get the vast majority of our information to our members. Our current newsletter publisher is Sherry Fox.

Membership: This position is responsible for keeping track of our membership, checking in members as they arrive for guild meetings, welcoming guests, taking membership applications and money. Our current committee is Toni Reh and Lynn Keller.

Vice President: As the VP for the guild, this position works with the president to make sure the guild runs smoothly. They are responsible for door prizes, standing in for the president as needed, and a host of other duties to make the guild the best it possibly can be

President: I'm still pretty new at this position, but this is what I have discovered so far: This position is responsible for being a GO-TO person for just about anything having to do with the guild. Sometimes I have the answer and other times I need to find out the answer and get back to the person who asked. So far it has been a wonderful adventure. It's not always peachy, but what is? The President is responsible for reviewing expenses with the board and proposing cutbacks or changes if needed. She works with the Board and all guild members to make sure we are all being the best we can. I appreciate all the input I have heard from various members, both positive and "room for improvement" ideas.

Programs: This position is responsible for selecting and contracting our speakers, classes, outings, where our classes are hosted, etc. This position works 1 -2 years in advance, basically. Peggy Hawley and Nancy Salzwedel are working on 2020 and 2021; they started in January of 2019.

In January we will need to fill a few positions. If you are interested in being on the Membership or Library committees or would consider being Secretary or Vice-President, see me!

## ***Minutes from DNQG Board Meeting 5/22/19***

Meeting called to order at 6:27pm

Library - No new news

Treasurer's Report - On the sheet that was presented, one line has been added to show what money from the 2018 quilt show has been added to the regular budget for the year. Many of the quilt show numbers added to the regular budget were approximations, based on other years or upcoming needs.

We rec'd a notice from the storage unit company of a rate increase. DNQG is paid through 2019 and we believe that our rate should be locked for the remainder of the year, however we wish to begin looking at new units to see if we can reduce the monthly cost. Current rate is \$750/year.

Newsletter - Not in attendance

Membership - May meeting had 78 members and 2 guests. Guests were allowed to stay at the meeting. Current total membership is approx 147 members.

Sunshine - Not in attendance

Programs - June program is Mary Hertel. Mary may have a few attendees at the class because she advertised her class with DNQG on her website. Future sign ups of guild classes will only be through DNQG and will not/cannot be done via shops.

Open Forum Feedback - Went better than expected

Social Media - Pat Pollock has agreed to take over the Facebook page and we are excited to have her helping.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm

Submitted by Deb Luebke

### ***Minutes from DNQG Board Meeting 6/27/19***

PRESENT McIntire, Luebke, Nemetz, Hawley, Harkens, Salzwedel, Reh, McDowell, Fox, Wenzel.

LIBRARY New books secured from internet, speakers, and donations. Corde Van Linn will step down at end of 2019.

TREASURER Updated. Copy shared.

NEWSLETTER Sherry Fox received approval from Board to book Holiday Dinner at Van Abel's of Hollandtown.

MEMBERSHIP 53 present at June meeting.

SUNSHINE No one present. No donations recorded from June meeting.

PROGRAMS Sue Kostroske speaker for July meeting; offering class on serger techniques at KK Sew and Vac, 4 openings, machines available. Contracts being prepared for 2 main speakers in 2020. Board members suggested day bus trip to area quilt shops.

DISCUSSION Pat Pollack will be taking over Face Book page duties but having difficulty accessing passwords and log in information.

Pro/Con for guild name change unable to recruit volunteers. Instead Board decided on a sealed ballot vote. Deb Luebke will prepare the sealed box. Sherry Fox will prepare ballots and hand out at registration table.

Meeting adjourned.

NAME CHANGE Sealed ballot vote being prepared for July meeting.

### ***Minutes from DNQG Meeting 6/13/19 – Deb Luebke, Vice President***

Meeting was called to order at 7pm. Mary Hertle presented first.

Business portion of the meeting:

Deb read a thank you note from the Domestic Abuse Shelter

Library: Thank you for donated books. Some are kept for the Library, some are sold and proceeds used to purchase new books. New books are Batik Beauties, String Fling and Sew Cute and Clever, purchased from Mary Hertle.

Membership: 55 members present and 1 guest

Sunshine: Pat K. Sunshine is looking for one or several ladies to help Pat. Deb mentioned that duties are listed in the minutes printed in the June NL. Pat needs rides to the meetings on occasion when her normal driver is not available. New block starting next month with brights/pastels and kids prints.

Quilts of Valor: Kris V. 1 quilt was awarded last month. Honor flight has a fund raiser and asked for a donation of a quilt. The Vietnam memorial travelling wall is going to be in Menomonie, MI. A couple quilts will be donated in August. Kris is going to host a work day in August, the same day as our general meeting. Come for part or all day. Details will be in the next newsletter. 3 quilt tops need to be quilted, 1 quilt needs binding.

New Member Welcomers. Margie and Ann asked to meet any new member from the last 2 years to catch them up on anything they may want to know about DNQG.

Programs: Joanne N. The Friday Mary Hertle class had only 4 openings. The serger piecing class has several openings. Only 3 signed up.

Challenge update: Challenge quilts are due in Sept. Entrants can join the challenge until August. \$5 entry fee. See Melissa Kincannon.

The motion to approve minutes as printed in the June NL by Ann Forseth and Margie Young. Minutes were approved. Discussion about back door talks was brought up by Norma V. Deb described back door discussions like lobbying in government. The board wants to collect comments for and against name change and present them all. The board wishes

members to allow others to make their own decisions regarding business votes and not have others push their personal agendas outside the guild meetings or create factions and then create disharmony among the guild.

Motions were made by Ann Forseth and Terry Butz to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was passed.

No Old Business

New Business: We have only a few people who take and quilt quilts for sunshine/valor so could we offer a nominal fee to quilters/longarmers to widen the pool of quilters? Deb will bring up at the next board meeting and if discussion is warranted, at the July general meeting.

Show and Tell: New donations to Sunshine from Linda Webster and Rose Hessel (?). Sunshine showed 7 new quilts.

Sunshine quarterly drawing could not be completed because she did not have the names from which to draw. Deb will get the names and will do the drawing in July. As a reminder, each item or service donated to sunshine makes one eligible to win.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

### **DNQG Long Arm Quilters' Directory**

Wendy Fuller (920) 217-7047	Pat Hammeke (920) 735-0552	Tina Kahler (920) 716-1646
Jennifer George (920) 636-0981	Sue Huettl (920) 419-0950	Mary Volkman (920) 851-6550

### **Support Our Local Quilt Shops!**

**Fox Cities Quilt Co.**, 1400 W College Ave. (920) 939-3989  
**Going To Pieces Quilt Co.**, 1017 W. Northland Ave. (920) 882-6430  
**Julie's Sewing Center**, 1230 W. College Ave. (920) 734-8262  
**KK Sew & Vac**, N9654 County Highway N (920) 830-0667  
**Primitive Gatherings**, 850 Racine St. (920) 722-7233  
**Sew N' Sew**, 1881 N. Silver Spring Dr. (920) 830-9372

### **Guild Directory**

Our members have professions, side jobs and talents that are way outside the realm of quilting. These include framing, tailoring, calligraphy, cake-decorating, card-making and **so much more!** Consider being included in this directory so we can begin to network and get to know each other better. Please fill out the form included in this newsletter and give it to Sherry Fox.

## **Information for DNQG Directory**

All information will be published and is, therefore, optional.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, Other Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach business card, if desired.

### **2019 Darting Needles Quilt Guild Board Members & Chairpersons**

President:	Debra McIntire
Vice President:	Deb Luebke
Secretary:	Carolyn Wenzel
Treasurer:	Barb Harkins
2019 Programs:	Joanne Nemetz
2020 Programs:	Peggy Hawley Nancy Salzwedel
Historian/Corres. Sect'y.	Toni Reh
Sunshine Quilts:	Pat Kailhofer
Library:	Debra McDowall Linda Beiter Pat Jawort Cordi Van Linn
Membership:	Lynn Keller Toni Reh
Newsletter:	Sherry Fox

**Quilt Show Categories:**

1. Kit – Typically a group of specially selected fabrics with the yardage you need to make a specific quilt. Preselected fabrics put together by another individual or business.
2. Youth – Age 16 and under
3. Garment or Personal Accessories – Quilted clothing, purses, totes, etc., as long as it meets the definition of quilt or quilted
4. Home Accessory – Quilted pillows, table runners, toppers, placemats, pot holders, tissue box covers, etc., as long as it meets the definition of quilt or quilted
5. Art Quilt – An Original Design, constructed, embellished and quilted by one person
6. Long Arm Machine Quilted (NON-COMPUTER ASSISTED) Large – Total Dimension more than 288 inches
7. Long Arm Machine Quilted (NON-COMPUTER ASSISTED) Small/Medium – Total Dimension less than 288 inches
8. Long Arm Machine Quilted (COMPUTER ASSISTED) Large – Total Dimension more than 288 inches
9. Long Arm Machine Quilted (COMPUTER ASSISTED) Small/Medium – Total Dimension less than 288 inches
10. Hand Quilted Bed Size – Twin, Full, Queen or King
11. Hand Quilted Small – Lap, Wall, Baby
12. Home Machine Quilted Bed Sized
13. Home Machine Quilted Small – Lap, Wall, Baby
14. Non-Judged

**\*\* We remain open to adding additional categories in the future as needed \*\***