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President's Message

Happy March, Everyone!

Can you believe this crazy weather? Not sure about any of you but I am definitely suffering from CABIN FEVER!

What a great turnout we have so far for the crayon challenge. Sherry will have more crayons at the March meeting, so be sure to sign up. It keeps us creative and thinking outside the box.

Sherry, thank you so much for jumping in and teaching a new way to use shirts. I received great feedback from many members on how much they enjoyed your presentation. A few thought you should be a stand-up comedian. 😊

A big "Hats Off" to everyone in the guild for our meeting in February. I've heard so much wonderful feedback from guests and members about how much they enjoyed our meeting. They commented on the laughter, camaraderie and general fun atmosphere. Way to go!!! Let's keep it going!

Be safe, stay warm and Keep on Quilting. See you on March 14.

Debra

Quilt Guild Meeting Notes

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday 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 and all doors will lock at 7:30 PM. If you'll be late, have a friend watch for your arrival to let you in.

Looking for a New Home

A hoop and stand for hand quilting . . . or to display a quilt . . . is looking for a new home. Dianne Meyer will bring it to the March meeting.

Guild Directory

Most of 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!** Please consider being included in this booklet 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.

Membership News – Lynn Keller & Toni Reh

We currently have 118 members, 68 of whom attended February's meeting. We welcome new member **Sandra Coonen**.

We'd like to wish a Happy March Birthday to the following members: **Carol Alberts, Linda Beiter, Barbara Bermel, Toni Binzak, Dianne Coonen, Valarie Falnes, Pat Hammeke, Joyce Kabat, Beth Petrie, Pat Pollock, Yvonne Puntillo, Toni Reh, Pat Streim, Kim Teigen, Mary Volkman, and Pam Warner**.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Judy Voecks, a former DNQG member.

If you know of a fellow quilter who isn't yet a DNQG member, ask them if they'd like to join. If they'd like to check us out first, they can pay \$5 as a guest (we only charge \$5 if we have a speaker) and that goes toward their membership fee if they decide to join.

Kid's Sewing Camp at YMCA – Kathy Meyer

Kathy Meyer is recruiting guild members to assist in a Youth Sewing Summer Camp the week of June 17 - June 21. Our first camp was held last summer and we've been asked to return. It will be held from 1:00 to 3:30 PM each day at the Apple Creek YMCA with participants ranging from 6 to 12 years of age. Experience varies and the class is limited to 8 students; ideally we will have one or two students per instructor.

There are some machines available, but you may be more comfortable using your own. Once we have instructors, we'll meet to brainstorm ideas and format for the week. Thank you to Barb Bermel who will be instructing for the 2nd year and to Karen Casey who will be joining us this summer.

Please phone or email Kathy at (920) 209-9549 or kmeyer1@new.rr.com if you'd like to help out or want additional information. Last year's attendees were VERY motivated! Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

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

The new library materials for February are 501 Quilt Blocks: A Treasury of Patterns for Patchwork and Applique by Better Homes & Gardens, donated by Linda Webster, and Susan Cleveland's Piping Hot Curves: Accent Curves in Quilts with Piping. Susan was our scheduled speaker for February.

Please get any outstanding books back to the library. Folks with books past due for six months will need to reimburse the guild for the lost books. Past due books: **Donna Holton** - Miss Rosie's Farmhouse Favorites by Carrie Nelson.

Members with books still out from October/January are **Barb Hubley** (1 book); **Kathy Beyer** (1 book); **Pat Kox** (1 book).

DNQG Long Arm Quilters' Directory

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| 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., 1350 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

Veterans Quilts - Kris Van Eyck & Linda Pujo

Thanks to the ladies who generously donated a day of sewing at our workday in February, we now have five tops to be quilted. Please check with Kris or Linda to receive a top, batt and back.

Lost at the meeting - A small group of red, white, and blue fabrics donated by a kind member was inadvertently misplaced. If you found it, please call Kris at 749-1159.

Pillowcases are still needed for presentation cases.

We expect to present three or four Quilts of Valor in April (date not yet confirmed). If you would like to help with the presentation, please see Kris or Linda.

Quilts of Valor Mystery Quilt – Linda Webster

One of my favorite reading genres is mysteries, trying to solve the puzzle posed by the author and NEVER reading ahead. Mystery quilts can be just as inviting, so I thought DNQG members might like to create one for a Quilt of Valor.

Each month new instructions will be issued until we are ready to join the blocks. If you're interested in participating, there will be a sign-up at the March meeting. The white fabric will be supplied, but the reds and blues will come from your stash. Hope this little mystery will pique your interest and sewing talents.

Info on Making Pillows from Men's Shirts – Sherry Fox

If you Google "Pillows from Men's Shirts", an 8.47 minute video from Laura Coie called "How to Make a Memory Pillow Out of a Shirt" will pop up. These are the instructions I used to make my pillows; call or email me if you have questions.

Cordi VanLinn provided this saying to go with the pillow: "This is a shirt I used to wear. Whenever you hold it, know I am there. Love, Dad (or Grandpa, etc.)"

Head Rest "Dog Bone" Pillow Instructions – Sherry Fox



Supplies: Three fat quarters (18x22) of the same or coordinating fabric (this will make two pillows)
polyester fiber fill

Print the two pages of the pattern and tape the two pieces together. Mark the slit in the center of the fat end. This is the key to assembling the pillow. [Download the pattern here.](#)

Place the pattern on the folded fabric. Cut three of the dog bone shapes. Mark with a marking pencil or just cut a small slit on the marked line at the fat ends of the pillow.

Pin two of the pieces right sides together, matching the cut slits in each end. Using a 3/8" seam allowance, sew these two pieces together starting at the slit on one end and ending at the slit on the opposite end. Backstitch at the start and stop.

Take the third dog bone piece and match the slits on one of the pieces you have already sewn, right sides together. Pin the pieces together, being careful to pin at exactly the slit at each end. Sew again from one slit to the slit on the opposite end of the pillow.

Match the slits again to sew the final seam. Leave an unsewn space at least 4 inches wide to insert the filling. If you want to add a strap, add it at one end (away from the center) so you can easily sew it into a seam, double-stitching the area where you add the strap. Turn the pillow right side out.

Use a needle and thread to secure the ends of the pillow. If you wash and dry the pillow, the ends may open slightly so these extra hand stitches help to secure the joints where the three pieces come together.

Fill the pillow with polyester fiber to desired firmness. Turn under the opening and hand stitch it closed, being sure to take small stitches so the opening is tight and secure.

Upcoming DNQG Programs – JoAnn Nemitz

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

Thurs., Mar. 14: Designer, instructor, artist and author Laura Wasilowski's lecture is "Where Did I Go Wrong? Confessions of a Serial Quilter". She owns the dye shop Artfabrik and her pictorial art quilts (created from fused fabrics) are collected and exhibited internationally.

Fri., March 15: "Another Nut House" workshop beginning at 9:00 AM teaches pattern transfer, bias weaving, and "making it up as you go". Pattern templates are provided; \$25 kit fee.

Thurs., Apr. 11: Sandy Melroy will give us a trunk show and lead a hands-on demonstration to make a bookmark. There is a \$2 fee for materials.

Sat., Apr. 13: Silk scarf painting with Sandy from 9:00 to noon. \$35 kit fee payable to Sandy.

Sat., Apr. 13: Stretched silk painting with Sandy from 12:30 to 3:30. \$35 kit fee payable to Sandy.

Thurs., May 9: Kris Van Eyck and friends will bring us up to date on Quilts of Valor and Sunshine projects. "The Colors of My Quilt" challenge results will be displayed and winners chosen by popular vote.

Thurs., June 13: Mary Hertel of "Made by Marney" will present a trunk show.

Fri., June 14: Mary's class begins at 9:00 AM and is limited to 15 people. Learn to paper piece a simple and combination block.

Thurs., July 11: Sue Kostroski will present new quilting products, techniques and notions.

Date TBD: Sue will instruct serger quilting techniques at K&K Sew and Vac. More info to follow.

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 Quilter's 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.

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. Begins 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 jcraanen@saint-bernadatte.org or at (920) 939-3088.

March 16 & 17: Medford Area Quilt Show sponsored by Twisted Threads Quilt Group. Medford Sr. High School, 1015 W. Broadway, Medford. Free admission, free parking. More info at medfordquilts@gmail.com or call Laurel Krebsbach at (715) 316-1318.

March 29: Lou Ann's Coach (Pulaski) has a bus going to the Int'l. Quilt Show in Rosemont, IL, on Friday, March 29. The cost is \$52 per person which includes show admission. Reservation and payment is due March 1.

March 30: Lakeside Quilters' Spring Fling Quilt Show, 9-4. Lourdes High School, 110 N. Sawyer St., Oshkosh. Details at www.Oshkoshquilters.org. Lynn Mozingo, PR Coordinator, (920) 428-6947.

March 30-31: Mukwonago Crazy Quilters' 32nd Annual Quilt Show; Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester, Mukwonago. Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4. Admission \$6; raffles; 300 quilts; vendors' mall. Entry info at cosinski@wi.rr.com or call Cindy Osinski at (414) 916-3761.

April 12-14: Little Chute Windmill Miniature Quilt Show, downtown Little Chute. Fri. & Sat. 10-4; Sun. 11-3. Admission \$6 adults; \$4 children; includes windmill tour. Go to www.littlechutehistory.org for rules and entry form.

April 23-28: Lou Ann's Coach (Pulaski) has a six-day bus trip to AQS Quilt Week in Paducah April 23 – 28. The cost will be determined by the number of people per suite. For more information, contact Lou Ann at (920) 822-7090.

May 4-5: The Fox Cities Embroidery Guild's Bi-Annual Show will be held at St. James United Methodist Church on the corner of Oneida and Capitol Drive in Appleton.

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

Minutes of February Meeting (2/14/19) - Carolyn Wenzel, Secretary

President Debra McIntire opened the 1st meeting of the year at 7 p.m. January meeting cancelled due to heavy snow and very cold temps. No minutes. No treasurer report.

Question asked why board minutes not published in newsletter. This will be discussed at next board meeting.

PROGRAM Guest speaker Susan Cleveland cancelled due to weather. Sherry Fox presented a demo on how to make pillows out of men's shirts.

Program suggested for May meeting (since we do not have a speaker scheduled) is an open discussion and questions from members.

LIBRARY Highlighting books tonight on applique. New books introduced: Piping Hot Curves, and 501 Quilt blocks by BHG. All missing books (except 1) have been returned.

Open sewing group today well attended and productive.

QUILTS OF VALOR Linda Pujio has offered to share duties with Kris VanEyck.

A \$200 donation has been received from Calumet County DAV. They appreciate the QOV quilts made by our members and expressed a need for more.

SUNSHINE A monthly count of donations for this important part of our mission will be listed in the newsletter each month, including a running tally. Donation receipts are available from Treasurer Barb Harkens. February - quilts 8; pillow cases 35. The SUNSHINE table will also accept any cotton red white, and blue fabrics for patriotic quilts.

Options for design and appearance of our new name tags were displayed for popular vote.

Kathy Meyer reported the YMCA Apple creek camp last year was a big hit. This year it will be held the week of June 17th. Children ages 6 - 11 work along with volunteers to sew a variety of simple projects. Future Quilters???

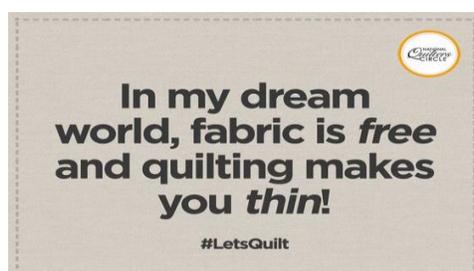
Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting - February 28, Appleton Library.

Next Guild Meeting - March 14.

Highlights from Board Meeting on 2/28/19 - Deb Luebke

Board reviewed previous budgets and worked on the budget for 2019. Expect to have a budget ready for a vote at the March board meeting. Approved Programs budget for 2020. Discussed multiple options for programs going forward.



2019 Darting Needles Quilt Guild Board Members & Chairpersons

President: Debra McIntire
Vice President: Deb Luebke
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Cordi Van Linn
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Toni Reh
Newsletter: Sherry Fox

Information for DNQG Directory

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

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Occupation: _____

Hobbies, Avocations, Other Interests: _____

Attach business card, if desired.