

Upcoming Events:

March meeting
Tues., Mar. 8, 7:00 PM,
Eagan Community Center

April meeting – SHOW!
Tues., April 12, 1:00 & 7:00
PM, South St. Paul History
Museum

**Deadline for March
Newsletter: Feb. 29**

**Directions to the Eagan
Community Center:** The
community center is off of
Pilot Knob Road between
Lone Oak Road and Yankee
Doodle Road in Eagan. Turn
west off of Pilot Knob onto
Center Parkway. Follow
Center Parkway to the sign
for the Eagan Community
Center and turn right. Follow
the signs for “All Deliveries”
(second right turn). The road
winds around to the lower
level of the parking lot. Enter
through the lower-level door
and look for the sign
indicating where we are
meeting.

Note: No outside food or
beverages are allowed in
the community center.
Concessions are available.

See you at our meeting on Tues., Feb. 9, 7:00 PM

Note From President, Sandi Irish

Hi everyone!

We have Amanda Jean Nyberg coming to do a trunk show at our monthly meeting. She is co-author of Sunday Morning Quilts (with another book coming out soon) and is an admitted fabric hoarder, lover and user. I'm sure we can all relate! She also has a fun blog: crazy mom quilts. You can check it out at <http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/> Lots of fun colorful pictures on her site! We hope she will have patterns and some of her new line of fabric here for sale.

I was so proud of myself, I had my round robin quilt done about 3 weeks ago! I am usually not so proactive, however, this time I had girlfriends over to sew on a Saturday. Sewing with friends ALWAYS gets the creative juices flowing. It is helpful to bounce ideas off one another. Our lives can be hectic but try to schedule some sewing time with friends/family once in a while. I don't know about you, but I always feel like I get more done and it helps keep the sewing mojo going!

My goal for this month, besides the RR is to get a couple of projects done for the small quilt auction, projects bought at last year's show boutique! I also need to go through the sewing room for this year's store, I'm sure I have plenty to share.

May all your points be pointy!

Sandi

2016 DCSQ Quilt Show – by Kathy Lindstrom

Quilt show update: All of the quilt show fliers have hit the mail. Now it's your turn to help-know a friend who is interested in quilting? Someone that quilts but isn't in our guild? Get them a ticket and bring them to Gudrun Erla's talk in April!

The March meeting is show prep. Spend the next couple of weeks doing spring cleaning on your fabric stash. Bring the fabric to the meeting in March, and we will prep it for selling in the boutique. No books or patterns at the March meeting- bring those to show set up in April. That date for show set up is Saturday, April 9. We will need volunteers to help put the quilts up and help set up the store. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are also needed to work Thursday evenings and Saturdays during the quilt show. Sign up sheets will be at the March meeting.

Summary of January Meeting – by Sunny Kline

DCSQ Meeting Summary, January 12, 2016

Wow! We had a fun and very informative and inspirational visit from Karla Overland, owner and mastermind behind Cherrywood fabrics. Cherrywood is based in Brainerd, Minnesota, so is a great local company to admire and support. Cherrywood has been around for 25 years, and, if you can believe it, they dye about 1000 yards of fabric each week! They moved to a new, larger facility in 2015, and have big plans to prepare even more fabric and offer it through more shops in the future. Presently, Cherrywood's beautiful fabrics are sold at several of the major national quilt shows, some quilt shops, and from Cherrywood's web site, cherrywoodfabrics.com.

Karla gave us lots of information about their hand-dyed fabrics, and brought a couple dozen quilt samples to show us how versatile these fabrics are. Several of the samples were designed and stitched by our own Chairperson, Sandi Irish! Karla also had fabric bundles, kits, and patterns for us to fondle and take home with us. The sale table was busy for at least 30 minutes, as our members' eyes and credit cards were popping out at these gorgeous quilting materials! Good luck to Karla and Cherrywood at their new location in Brainerd, and we'll see you at an upcoming show!

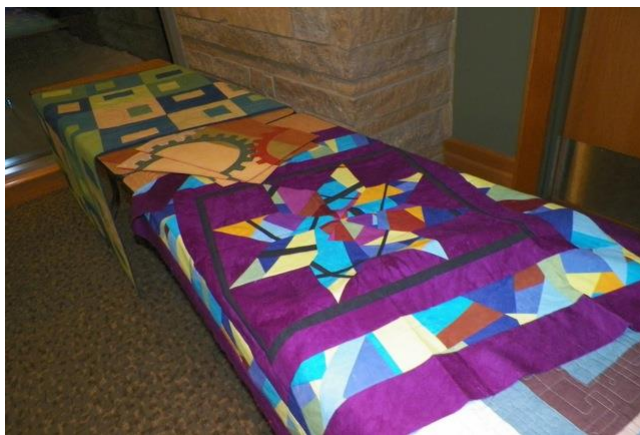


Karla from Cherrywood Fabrics

Show Chair and VP, Kathy Lindstrom, gave updates on the plans and preparations for our April/May show at the Historical Museum. All members are encouraged to sift through our stashes and scrap bags for lots of good stuff to donate to the "Show Boutique", which will be open during the time our show is up at the museum. The March meeting will be a work party, organizing, bundling, and pricing all the fabric we have gathered for the Boutique. Kathy also reminded us about the Small Quilt Auction, so let's get some great items donated to raise money for our guild's activities!

Sunny Kline had a “UFO Quiz” for members to take, so we can learn more about how we work through our projects (or not!). She will have results of the quiz for the February meeting.

And, of course we had a great Show-n-Tell! Thanks to all the members (more than 30) who came and participated in the meeting on a cold January night



Beautiful quilts made from Cherrywood Fabrics





So much beauty to inspire us!



Dakota County Fix-It Clinic – by Karen Asmundson

The next Dakota County Fix-It Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 20th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Burnhaven Library. Our own Arlette Kreager, Susan Skoog and Karen Asmundson will be volunteer Fixers at this event. Participants are welcome to bring in up to five small household items that need fixing. Volunteers will help residents diagnose problems and provide help in fixing or repairing the item for FREE.

We hope to see a good turnout at the February meeting. You won't be sorry! Invite a friend to come see beautiful quilts from Amanda Jean Nyberg.



A Common Thread – Member Exhibit at Textile Center – by Carol Egan

Want to be inspired? Head to the Textile Center in Minneapolis to see the current exhibit, A Common Thread, annual member exhibit, which runs through February 27.



This example is “Birch at Night” by artist Mark Odegard

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