



Dakota County Star Quilters (DCSQ)

# Bits and Pieces

February 2022

## February DCSQ Meeting

**Tuesday, 2-8-22  
6:30 p.m. Central Time**

### IN PERSON & ZOOM

Burnhaven Library  
1101 CR-42E, Burnsville

The library is on the southwest corner of County Road 42 and Burnhaven Drive.

**NOTE: The library requires that masks be worn.**

Please know, your safety is very important to us. Our in person meetings have been following current CDC guidelines and we are also working with the Eagan Community Center on cleaning and safety protocols. There is a link on our website, [dakotacountystarquilters.org](http://dakotacountystarquilters.org) to see the current CDC guidelines.

## Message from our chairperson – Trisha Millonig

Hi All,

I am very excited for our February lecture. Page Johnson is a professional longarm quilter from Minnesota, quilting most of her life and professionally since 2000. Her quilts have continued to win recognition in national quilt shows and she has works published in several magazines and publications. She is an internationally known teacher for both free motion and computerized quilting, with classes at national shows as well as on-line.

Page was recently chosen by Minnesota Quilters as their “Quilter of the Year” for 2022.

Her lecture will focus on: Most group quilts divide the blocks out to each of the piecers in the group. Then one or two people work to assemble the quilt into a unified top. Often size and spacing adjustments are needed to account for multiple definitions of a “quarter inch seam”. We do it a little differently. Generally, one person has the beginning concept or image that is the foundation for the designs that follow. As a group we evolve the design and assign tasks to those with the best skills in the needed technique. This presentation will review the steps we took on several different award-winning quilts from basic design choices to fabric selection, quilting motifs and final finishing. The process and evolution of the quilts are as different as the quilts themselves. Several award-winning quilts will be on display.

Seating is limited to 50 people.

To RSVP for the lecture, email Trisha Millonig at [trisha2041@yahoo.com](mailto:trisha2041@yahoo.com)  
There will not be Show & Tell.

The meeting will be streamed via Zoom as well and the link is below.

Topic: DCSQ Meeting

Time: Feb 8, 2022 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**NOTE: I have the ZOOM start time set up at 6:00 pm so I can get the camera set ready but our meeting will not actually start until 6:30 pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4790097389?pwd=NnIFc3NkU1JKckZRU2FtL3hKbDkzd09>

Meeting ID: 479 009 7389

Passcode: QUILT

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/798133>

You can also sign in via [zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting ID is 479 009 7379 and Passcode is QUILT

### **Treasurer – Marsha Millonig**

From the Treasury: The books remain strong and we are in an excellent cash position with about \$9,000 in our account as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Our room at the Community Center is paid through January. The Board met and has approved the move to a calendar year budget cycle so I'm updating our budget to go through 12/2022.

Please let me know if you have DCSQ receipts that need to be reimbursed.

Best,  
Marsha

### **Website Information - [dcsq.org](http://dcsq.org) – Sue Tobias**

NO MORE PASSWORD! Many of you were struggling with accessing our member's only page so I removed the password. I also removed our membership list to maintain privacy. As always, I encourage you to check the website! It is a great place to see the most up to date information on upcoming meetings and activity. Our members only page has past newsletters, board notes, and programs.

Sue

### **Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch**

Annual Quilt Retreat at Camp Wapo

Our retreat will be November 9-13, 2022. Registration forms are available on our webpage under the retreat page. [www.dcsq.org](http://www.dcsq.org)

If you have any questions, please contact Pat at [tpbasch@hotmail.com](mailto:tpbasch@hotmail.com)

## **Education/Activities – Elizabeth Kobliska**

**Piecing with Templates** – For those really difficult blocks that aren't composed of only squares rectangles, half square triangles and quarter square triangles, I go back to using templates. That's how I learned to quilt in the first class I took in 1985. Rotary cutters were new on the market, there were not any specialty rulers, so every block for that class sampler was made using templates. The "new" innovation was template plastic marked in a ¼" grid, instead of using cardboard or cereal boxes. Now I rarely use templates when I can make the basic units for almost any block with a rotary cutter and rulers. But the skill I learned in that class over 35 years ago gives me a way to approach blocks like Crazy Anne, Dresden Plate, Priscilla, Grandmother's Fan, and other vintage and complex blocks we don't often see today. I'll send out the handout separately in a couple days. It will contain general instructions for using templates, both for hand and machine piecing, along with directions for a couple blocks to try the technique. I'll also post it on the DCSQ Facebook group.

In March we're going to tackle freezer paper applique, with a demonstration by Denise Vokoun. It's the technique Denise used for her "Queen of People's Heart" quilt, which is touring with the 2020-2021 Cherrywood Princess Diana Challenge and is now on tour. In April we'll have a demonstration of foundation paper piecing.

As always, if you make one or more of the blocks each month, you'll have enough for a sampler at the end of the series. I plan to continue this series through July with different layouts for our sampler quilts, and some tips to design your own layout. That will complete a year of skill builders. I hope that even if you're not following along with me month by month, that you save each month's handout for future reference, or maybe share them with family member or friend who is interested in getting started quilting.

Any questions or corrections, or suggestions for techniques, you're always welcome to contact me.

Beth Kobliska

## **Membership-Trisha Millonig**

Thank you to all members who have already renewed for 2022.

**Dues must be paid in full by January 31st, 2022 to stay current on the mailing list.**

If you still need to renew, mail a check made out to **DCSQ in the amount of \$30.00** to:  
Trisha Millonig,  
2041 Jade Lane  
Eagan, MN 55122.

**Please note that due to password issues, the membership list will no longer be on the website.**

**An updated membership list is attached to the newsletter.**

## Community Service-Trisha Millonig

We will continue to work on the Pie Crust Pile Up pattern. I have finished piecing the first top and Beth Kobliska will be quilting it.

I have enough red and blue blocks to piece a second quilt as well.

For our next project, I would like to do this same pattern in bright, scrappy colors for children. We will make it in two sizes, lap and twin. I also found some donated flannel tops that we are working on getting those finished up as well.

## 2022 Burnhaven Library Wall Quilt Exhibit: 1-9-22 through 3-4-22

**Take down will be Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm. Please come pick up your quilts by 6:30 pm.** If you can not pick up your quilts at this time, please let me know in advance. I will bring them to my house and then bring them to a future meeting. Or you can pick them up at my home.

The library is on the southwest corner of County Road 42 and Burnhaven Drive.

My email is [trisha2041@yahoo.com](mailto:trisha2041@yahoo.com) and cell phone number is 612-240-3010.

## Trisha Millonig

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

#### **March 8, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room**

Lucy Schroeffer will be doing a presentation of her art quilts and some of her techniques. Denise Vokoun will be demonstrating hand applique.

#### **April 12, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room**

Lecture and Trunk Show By Mike Ellingsen, Minnesota Quilters "Quilter of the Year" in 2020

#### **May 10, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room-**

Topic to be determined, and Paper-piecing demonstration

## National Quilt Museum Digital Membership-Trisha Millonig

The guild has purchased a one-year digital membership to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah Kentucky. This gives members unlimited access to over 40 videos per year, 10-12 exhibit videos, over 100 past videos. It gives exclusive access to museum exhibits, artist interviews, museum collection discussions and behind-the-scenes videos. To access the site log on to:

[www.QuiltMuseumDigital.com](http://www.QuiltMuseumDigital.com). Click on "subscribe today" and in the upper right-hand corner "login".

The user name is: [dakotacountystarquilters@gmail.com](mailto:dakotacountystarquilters@gmail.com) and the password is **DCSQ2015**.

For those of you who have not been able to visit the museum in person, we hope you enjoy this chance to see some of the wonderful exhibits there.

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

### New Ulm, MN Quilt Show

April 8 (9am to 6pm) & April 9 (9am to 4pm), 2022  
New Ulm Event Center: 301 20th St South, New Ulm, MN

Prairie Piece Makers Guild members will present 400 + quilts created with various techniques and styles. Plus door prizes, demonstrations, raffle quilt, vendors, cafe serving beverages, lunch and treats

Doug Leko is our speaker and will present his trunk show on Friday, April 8 at 2 pm and Saturday, April 9 at 11 am.

more info: [newulmquiltshow.com](http://newulmquiltshow.com)

New Ulm has three quilt shops:

- Sewing Seeds Quilt Co: 1417 S State, 507-354-8801
- The Thimble Box: 2 S Minnesota St, 507-354 6721
- Spinning Spools: 106 S Minnesota St, 507-359-2896

### Minnesota Quilters Show & Conference: June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Saint Cloud, MN

Go to the website: [www.mnquilt.org](http://www.mnquilt.org) for more information.

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**Chair will assume Secretary duties**

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The purpose of Dakota County Star Quilters is to offer an interesting and informative forum to share our common interest in the art of quilting. The group has 9 regular monthly meetings and 3 special meetings each year. The regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Parkway, one block north of the intersection of Yankee Doodle Road and Pilot Knob Road. Parking is available on the lower level on the north side of the building.