



Dakota County Star Quilters (DCSQ)

Bits and Pieces

March 2020

Upcoming Events:

March Meeting:
Dakota County Historical Society, Tues, March 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (2nd Tuesday of each month).

Our March 10 meeting is at DCHS in the form of two lectures: one at 1:00 and one at 7:00 p.m. These lectures replace our regular March meeting at the Eagan Community Center.

Dakota County Historical Society Museum

130 3rd Avenue North, South Saint Paul, Minnesota

A Note from DCSQ Chair – Karen Asmundson

The Women's Suffrage Small Quilt Challenge quilts are hung! Many thanks to Jackie Grinde, Kaye Goers, Nicole Anderson Davis, Jeannette Root, Rosemary Root, Beth Kobliska, Jean Gordon and Cindy Thury-Smith for your help cutting felt, making banners, assembling banners and hanging them at the museum. It was a lot of work and we should all be proud of how the exhibit turned out. Rosemary created a wonderful exhibit catalog along with Beth Kobliska, Jean Gordon, Cindy Thury-Smith and Tom and Pat Basch, who helped enter registration information and photograph quilts, respectively.

Many thanks to our Small Quilt Challenge Committee who made this all possible: Nicole Anderson Davis, Jeannette Root, Rosemary Root, Beth Robinson, Beth Kobliska, Jean Gordon, Cindy Thury-Smith, Laura Nagel and Karen Asmundson.

Thanks also to everyone in advance for your help with Quilt Show Set-Up this week (dates/times listed below). So that we can get an accurate head count for lunch on Saturday, please let me know if you'll be able to help with Set-Up. We need all types of bodies as there are always a variety of jobs to do. Some require standing and reaching, others involve sitting and supervising. We can use everyone's help. As a special bonus, the Quilt Show Store will be open for business on Saturday afternoon to those members who volunteer with set-up on Saturday morning.

Remember that our March program will be held at the Dakota County Historical Society on Tuesday, March 10. Programs are at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. If you haven't reserved your ticket yet, please contact the museum or Nicole Anderson Davis.

I have to run and sew my sleeves onto my quilts. Happy 25th Annual Quilt Show!

Keep saving those scraps,
Karen

More from our DCSQ Chair – Karen Asmundson

Quilt Rack Set-Up at DCSQ , Thursday, March 5, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Please contact Karen if you're able to help with quilt rack pre-set-up on Thursday, March 5th. We'll take the racks out of storage, count nuts and bolts, and prepare things for hanging quilts on Saturday

2020 Quilt Show We've finalized the dates for the 2020 DCSQ Quilt Show at the Dakota County Historical Society in South St. Paul!

Quilt Drop-Off Thursday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Rack Set-Up Thursday, March 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Set-Up Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Program Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Take-down Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The following people have stepped forward to help with these components of the quilt show. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, please contact Karen or Nicole.

Co-Chairs: Nicole Anderson Davis & Karen Asmundson

Quilt Show Store: Lona Wacker

Registration: Jeannette Root and Rosemary Root

Lunch: Marsha Millonig Small Quilt Auction: Trisha Millonig

Publicity: Rosemary Root (printed materials), Beth Robinson

Program tickets: Nicole Anderson Davis

Lona Wacker started to accept donations of fabric and notions at the October meeting. Please save any books and patterns for drop off at the museum during Quilt Show Drop-Off days indicated above.

Quilt Store Items

If you're planning to make any donated items (ex. pincushions, zipper bags, etc.) for the Quilt Show Store, please let Beth Kobliska know. The Board discussed several items which we should NOT make for a variety of reasons and some items we WILL be making. We want to make sure that six of us don't decide to make the exact same thing. Thanks!

Vice Chair – Nicole Anderson

I was in a couple quilt shops this past week getting some last minute items for my quilts (maybe you can relate). When I mentioned I was from DCSQ, a handful of customers said how excited they were for our upcoming show. I've been coordinating lecture tickets and many who have emailed me to reserve a ticket have echoed that sentiment (I hope you are excited too!). Ahead of set-up and the start of the show next week, I would like to thank our members who have been working behind the scenes to get everything squared away. From store organization, small quilt auction, publicity, registration, ticket coordination, volunteer shifts, to the actual show set-up - I am learning there are so many moving parts to a successful show. I am grateful to each of you for your time and contribution to our guild.

The Suffrage Challenge committee has been hard at work taking a conceptual challenge idea to reality. Thank you to Cindy Thury Smith of the Pioneer Room in Hastings for her challenge proposal, handling the submission guidelines and receiving the challenge quilts. A thank you to fellow committee members for your time hashing out logistics at our Thursday evening meetings and installing banners in the glass cases at the museum.

A special thank you to Karen Asmundson, who has been leading both the Quilt Show committee and the Suffrage Quilt Challenge committee. We would not have a professional, thought-out and executed suffrage quilt banner display without her vision and research/engineering efforts.

NOTICE: Nicole will be doing a member survey in April – more info to come.

Treasurer – Marsha Millonig

Lunch for Quilt Show Set-Up, Sat, March 7—MARSHA—request for desserts

As we get prepared for our annual Quilt Show Set-Up on March 7th, please think about bringing a dessert to share with everyone! The Guild will have lunch, chips, sparkling water and trimmings but it's always great to have homemade dessert! Thanks in advance, Marsha

Website Information - dcsq.org – Sue Tobias

Did you know that you can find pictures from past year's shows on our website? Looking for New Year's inspiration? Go to the "Quilt Show" page and scroll towards the bottom. It's fun to see what everyone did over the years for some inspiration.

What would you like to see on our website? Let me know what would be helpful to you - myquiltingroom@hotmail.com Remember when accessing the Members Only page to use the password i am a member. Include the spaces between words.

Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch

The fall quilt retreat will be at Camp Wapo in Amery WI on Nov 11-15, 2020. Meals are included, up to four in a bedroom, spacious workroom, individual tables, jumbo ironing stations and jumbo cutting mats. Bring your projects, bedding, toiletries, and your sewing machine. Great way to learn new skills, catch up with old friends and make new friends too. For more information, a registration form can be found at www.dcsq.org on the retreat page.

Education/Activities – Elizabeth Kobliska

Scottie Dog Quilts Sew-Along: I hope you are keeping up with the February blocks for our Sew-Along of the sampler quilt called "Women of the Bible", sponsored by DCSQ members Liz Adams and BrendaLou Scott, of Scottie Dog Quilts. It's a beautiful sampler of 10 and 15 inch traditional blocks that fit together with 5 inch filler blocks. Patterns are free each month on their Facebook page, "Scottie Dog Quilt Retreats", where you can see photos of the quilt and everyone's blocks. You can also purchase the entire set of patterns from Liz for \$10. You can see photos of members' blocks on our DCSQ Facebook page.

Saturdays during the Quilt Show:

On Saturday March 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM we will get together at the museum to make quilt tops for Quilts of Valor. We will make Disappearing Nine Patch quilts using patriotic prints and solids. If you have ever wanted to learn how to make this easy pattern, please join us.

Please contact Trisha Millonig if you plan to attend. 651 - 452 - 6007 or trisha2041@yahoo.com

On Saturday March 28 from 9 AM to 3 PM we will offer a mentoring session, where you can get help with a quilt that is getting the better of you. Binding, fitting pieced borders, piecing units with triangles, paper piecing, keeping those points pointy. Do you have a UFO in a timeout because you got stuck and it was being stubborn? Bring it, or anything you would like help with and leave with a new skill or two. If you want to attend or volunteer to be a mentor, please contact Beth Kobliska. 651-340-0024 or elizabeth.kobliska@comcast.net

Everyone is welcome both Saturdays - you don't need to be a member to attend, so feel free to bring a friend.

Bag of Stuff - Bag of Stuff is returning to DCSQ, after a 10 year hiatus. What is "Bag of Stuff"? Put some fabric inside a brown paper lunch bag - a fat quarter or two, some scraps, perhaps some embellishment doodads. In exchange you will get someone else's bag to make a small wallhanging - no larger than 20" on any side. A few months later all the quilts will be revealed, and you get to take home the quilt that was made from your Bag of Stuff. It's all anonymous. No one knows whose bag they got. April - Rollout the rules of the challenge; May - Collect the bags of stuff; June distribute the bags anonymously to work on. November - The big reveal. Will you recognize the quilt that someone made from your Bag of Stuff? My thanks to Sylvia Hakala for the idea and organizing this in the past.

Community Service – Trisha Millionig

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I will only be attending the afternoon lecture on Tuesday March 10th if you have any completed community service items to drop off. Otherwise you can bring items to the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annuals dues of \$30.00 were due by 12/31/2019.

Please mail a check made out to DCSQ for \$30.00 to:

Marsha Millionig

153 Doneene Lane

Eagan, MN 55123

You will be mailed out a membership card for 2020.

Members who do not renew by the March 31st, 2020 will be dropped from the membership roster and will no longer receive group emails.

Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed.

Community Service Sewing Day March 14th at the DCHS from 9-3.

We will be working on a disappearing nine patch project.

We will provide iron, ironing board, cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters.

Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and a bag lunch.

Please RSVP to Trisha at trisha2041@yahoo.com.

We have room for 10-12 sewers

Goal Challenge – Jan Hanenberger

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We started our 2020 Personal Quilt Goal Challenge in January and will continue through the year. The challenge includes identifying personal goals, tracking your progress and sharing accomplishments. The project can begin anytime in 2020 that works for you. Current participants are asked to please bring a copy of their goal sheet (found in the member section of our website) to put into the challenge notebook. Update your sheet at the monthly meetings and share your success during Show and Tell to qualify for a prize!

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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.