



Dakota County Star Quilters

Bits and Pieces

April 2016

Upcoming Events:

DCSQ Quilt Show at Dakota County Historical Society, South St. Paul, April 12 – May 6, 2016

May meeting --
Tues., May 10, 7:00 PM
Eagan Community Center

June meeting
Tues., June 14, 7:00 PM
Eagan Community Center

Deadline for May Newsletter: May 2

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., April 12,
1:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

Note From President, Sandi Irish

It's Show Time!!

2016 DCSQ Quilt Show – by Kathy Lindstrom

'Legal in All 50 States', our 21st annual quilt show kicks off next week at our meeting at the Dakota County Historical Society in South St Paul. Our featured speaker will be Gudrun Erla. Remember to bring your tickets for this lecture! And bring along your quilting friends, as tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Quilt drop off is April 7 and 8 at the museum (10-7 on Thursday, 10-5 on Friday). Show set up is Saturday, April 9 starting at 10 am with lunch provided. Those that help with show and store set up will also be the first to shop in the boutique.

See you all next week in South St Paul!

Refreshment Committee – by Susan Skoog

If you are helping with our show set up please bring: YOUR CHOICE OF: a dessert, vegetables or fruit, or some type of "salt item" (i.e. chips) to share. We will provide sub style sandwiches and bottled water. Thanks!

Note: Correction for lecture tickets – by Rosemary Root

Your ticket for the lecture by Gudrun Erla that will take place during DCSQ's upcoming "Legal in All 50 States!" quilt show may show the wrong month. The date of the lecture is APRIL 12, not February 12. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.



Small Quilt Auction/Store Set-Up by Trisha Millonig

We are hanging the small quilt auction this Thursday, 4/7 and setting up the store starting around 9 am. Anyone is welcome to help. Please bring any magazines, books and pattern donations when you drop off your quilts.

For the show, here are the hanging requirements if anyone needs them.

LARGE quilts (greater than 45" wide) will need a sleeve on the back top edge. Cut a strip of fabric the width of the quilt top and 10" wide. Fold in half lengthwise and sew a ¼" seam. Hand or machine baste to the top edge of the quilt back. Tack down the folded edge so the sleeve doesn't show.

SMALL quilts (less than 45" wide) will need a sleeve on the back top edge. Cut a strip of fabric the width of the quilt top and 5" wide. Fold in half lengthwise and sew a ¼" seam. Hand or machine baste to the top edge of the quilt back. Tack down the folded edge so the sleeve doesn't show.

Table runners will be hung lengthwise on the small quilt racks, so put the sleeve across the shortest side. Cut strip 5" wide and sew as above. Tack down the folded edge so the sleeve doesn't show.

All quilts need to be labeled with at least your name for identification purposes.

Any questions, call Trisha Millonig at [651-452-6007](tel:651-452-6007) after 6:00 pm



Examples of two quilts that will be for sale at our small quilt auction.
Come on in and start the bidding – April 12-May 6!

March 2016 DCSQ Meeting Summary – by Sunny Kline

Wow, what a work party! We had about 25 members who participated in preparing donated fabric for our Quilt Show Boutique. Members brought in huge plastic bags and totes full of everything from small scraps to yardage, for us to sell at the Boutique. Each work area focused on a certain size of fabric, for efficiency in tying or bagging, and pricing. One table handled all the fat-quarters, another worked on the 1-yard pieces, another on the longer yardages, and another on the scrappy stuff. The show organizers were really organized, and thanks to Trisha and Marsha and Kathy for making sure we had supplies at the tables, and for getting us started and keeping the momentum going. Our table had a great time working on the scrap department, chatting, laughing, and getting to know each other better!

Toward the end of the evening, there was “Show-N-Tell”. Sorry, there was so much going on with the fabric project that no photos were taken this time, but most of the items presented will also be in our quilt show and small quilt auction. You can see them close-up, as they hang in our beautiful show! Then three lucky participants won gift certificates to The Quilt Cove in a random door-prize drawing.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS IN OUR AREA – SPRING AND SUMMER provided by Sunny Kline

Going to be travelling around our lovely state during the spring and summer months? Many other guilds have wonderful quilt shows, with silent auctions, quilt raffles, door prizes, and other fun things. Check out the ones listed here.

Forest Lake, “Forest Lake Memorial Quilt Guild”, April 22-23, 2016. Forest Lake American Legion Event Center. More info at www.memorialquilters.org

Hopkins, “Quilt in Bloom” Second Saturday in June. For more info Email quiltsinbloom@comcast.net

Minnesota Quilters 38th Annual Quilt Show & Conference, June 9 – 11, 2016, St. Cloud MN, River’s Edge Convention Center. Classes, workshops, lectures, vendors, judged and non-judged quilt divisions. Plan to stay all day! Full list of events can be found at www.mnquilt.org.

Brainerd, “Pinetree Patchworks Quilt Show” in June. For more info Email tcjang@q.com. Location: Behind the Brainerd High School, Friday and Saturday.

Hutchinson, “Upper Midwest Allis Chalmers Club Quilt Show”. July 22-24, 2016. McLeod County Fairgrounds, 840 Century Ave SW, Hutchinson. For more info, email hrlrpeter@comcast.net.

Braham, “Pie Day Small Quilt Show” by the “Hands all Around Quilt Guild”, First Friday in August, Braham City Hall, 320 S. Broadway, Braham. Free Admission! More info email Brahampieday@hotmail.com.

Ely, “Heart of the Woods Quilt Show”, at St. Anthony’s Church Hall, 231 E. Camp Street, Ely, 55731. Contact-
jrichpa@frontiernet.net

Lake Park, “Garden Quilt Show and Tea”, 3rd Saturday in August, See 90 – 100 quilted pieces! For more info contact peggys@loretel.net.

Blue Earth, “Upper Midwest Woodcarvers & Quilt Expo”, mid-August, Blue Earth Area High School. For more info contact ellingsen@bevcomm.net

Found at a Quilt Shop in New Ulm – by Gerry McBride

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 si x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.



Web Site Tip – by Sunny Kline

<http://quiltersresources.net> is a website that lists quilt shows and other events, shops, museums, guilds, and other stuff for quilters. Check it out, especially if you are planning to be traveling around and have time to visit a museum, quilt shop, or be a visitor at another guild!

A Bittersweet Note – by Carol Egan

Kathy Lindstrom has accepted a job offer in Denver, CO! She does not know the dates of her move, but she will soon be going there for training, then coming back to sell her house. This means a fun, new chapter for Kathy! Congratulations! It means a loss for DCSQ as we will miss her energy, enthusiasm, and friendship. AND it means we have no one to fill the vacant position of guild chair.

Several positions will be open and available for voting at our May meeting. This includes Guild Chair, Guild Vice Chair, Show Chair, Community Service, and Newsletter.. and others that Editor may not be aware of at the time of this writing. Please consider how you can contribute to the life of our guild by helping lead in these various positions. We need you!

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