



Dakota County Star Quilters (DCSQ)

Bits and Pieces

April 2022

April Meeting

Tuesday, 4-12-22
7:00 p.m. Central Time

IN PERSON & ZOOM **EAGAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

South Oaks Room
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. From Pilot Knob turn onto Central Parkway. Follow Central Parkway to the sign for the Eagan Community Center and turn right. Parking is available on the lower level on the north side of the building.

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 to see the current CDC guidelines.

Message from our chairperson – Trisha Millonig

Hi All,

I am very excited for our April meeting which will feature a slide and trunk show by renowned quilter Mike Ellingsen. Mike was the Minnesota Quilters “Quilter of the Year” in 2020. Mike spent his career as a teacher and music instructor at Blue Earth High School. He began quilting over 30 years ago when he saw a quilt he wanted but could not afford. He decided he could buy the fabric and make it himself and a quilter was born. His quilts have been showcased at the Fairbault County Fair, The Blue Earth Quilt EXPO and the Minnesota Quilters State Show. Mike will be combining his talks on “Family Quilts” and “World of Color” just for our guild. He will also have some of his patterns for sale.

His shop on Etsy can be found at:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/mikeellingsenquilts/>

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

NOTE: I have the ZOOM start time set up at 6:30 pm so I can get the camera set-up but our meeting will not actually start until 7:00 pm.

Topic: DCSQ Meeting

Time: Apr 12, 2022 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4790097389?pwd=NnIFc3NkU1JKckZRU2FtL3hKbDkzdz09>

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Open Board Positions and Elections in May

The following board positions be up for election in May:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Quilt Show Chair for 2023, Education/Activities, Website, Newsletter, Refreshments, Social Media Chair, and Sunshine.

Marsha Millonig and Trisha Millonig will continue as co-Treasurers, Pat Basch will continue as Retreat Chair. Trisha Millonig will continue as Membership and Community Service.

Please consider serving in one of these positions in order to keep our group going. Many of the recent board members have been serving for many years in multiple positions. The group cannot continue in this manner. If you and a friend want to share a board position that is an option as well.

This group offers you the opportunity for lectures from both members and outside quilters, classes, workshops, demonstrations and skill stretching activities such as our recent "Bag of Stuff" Challenge. In our partnership with the Dakota County Historical Society, we have had a month-long quilt show every year since 1996 (with the exception of 2022). We have been able to have a quilt show store and small quilt auction which allows us to raise funds for guild activities. We have brought in some nationally known speakers. It offers members the opportunity to display their quilts and share our work with the public and promote the art of quilting. It offers a chance for quilters to interact and friendships to develop.

If these board positions are not filled, it is most likely that the guild will be disbanded, and our final meeting would be the potluck picnic in July.

If you are interested in serving, please email Trisha at trisha2041@yahoo.com by May 3rd.

A description of each board position is listed below and current board members will be available to advise and help new board members.

The Chair shall convene Board meetings, create an agenda for Board and regular meetings, preside at all meetings, appoint committees as necessary to carry out the work of the group, coordinate in conjunction with board members the programs for the year. At the beginning of her term, soon after the elections, the in-coming Chair shall work with the Board to create the annual budget for the following calendar year. The budget shall be approved by the Board. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board or the Executive Committee. The Chair serves for one year as Vice Chair, prior to becoming Chair, and one year as Past Chair, following her term as Chair.

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and preside over meetings in the Chair's absence. The Vice Chair shall be co-signer for the DCSQ bank accounts. The Vice Chair serves a three-year term, one year as Vice Chair, the following year as Chair, and the third year as Past Chair.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of all Board meetings and distributing copies of minutes to each Board member. The Secretary shall bring a book of all

minutes for the prior 12 months to each regular monthly meeting and make that book available to all members. The Secretary shall provide a copy of any minutes to any DCSQ member upon the member's request. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining the DCSQ "Policies and Procedures" document and registering DCSQ as a non-profit with the State of Minnesota for one year.

Newsletter Chair:

Newsletter Chair shall be responsible for editing and e-mailing a monthly publication containing pertinent information about meetings, events, and membership.

Refreshments Chair:

The Refreshment Chair shall oversee and organize volunteers for food and refreshments for the July potluck picnic, December Holiday party, Quilt Show set up and other activities as determined by the Board.

Education and Special Activities Chair:

The Education and Special Activities Chair coordinates activities to benefit members such as classes, quilt shop tours, shop hops, demonstrations, and workshops. Four activities per year are recommended. This chair also arranges for classes during the DCSQ Quilt Show, maintains class registrations, collects class fees, and gives collected fees to the Treasurer. The Education and Special Activities Chair helps the DCSQ Chair plan speakers and other activities at the regular monthly meetings. The duties of this chair do not include coordinating the annual retreat or quilt show. It does include arranging for any weekend classes that may take place during the annual quilt show.

Sunshine Chair:

The Sunshine Chair shall be responsible for sending cards, flowers or other gifts to members who have experienced a life-changing event. The Sunshine Chair also coordinates any group contributions, such as making blocks for the recipient. Eligible recipients are members and their immediate families. The Sunshine Chair may also recommend to the Board requests for special recognition of members.

Social Media Chair:

They will monitor all social media accounts and be responsible for taking pictures at DCSQ meetings and activities. The Social Media Chair prepares the photos for all social media channels.

Quilt Show Chair:

The Quilt Show Chair is responsible for all aspects of the quilt show. This includes appointing a committee with chairs for the small quilt auction, quilt show store, quilt show set up and take down, registration and publicity. The committee shall work together to establish a theme for the show and ideas for speakers. The chair will contact potential speakers and arrange the speaker contract. It does not include arranging for any weekend classes which will be handled by the Education and Special Activities Chair.

Web Site Chair:

The Web Site Chair is responsible for maintaining the DCSQ public internet site, including the contents, organization and graphics. The Web Site Chair is also responsible for maintaining the contract with the web hosting provider, keeping the domain name registration current, and documenting processes and procedures for maintaining and updating the site. Since this is a technical position, the retiring Web Site Chair is also responsible for training her replacement in maintaining and administering the site.

Responsibilities of all committee chairs:

Each chair shall be responsible for documenting the processes for carrying out their responsibilities for the future Committee Chairs. Each chair is responsible for the budgeting expenses for her area, and for submitting original receipts for expenditures and reimbursement within that budget to the Treasurer. Each chair can assemble a committee to carry out the functions of her position, if she so desires.

All chairs will work as a group to plan upcoming meeting programs. If a Chair cannot attend a meeting or activity, they will arrange for another member to handle the equipment and responsibilities for that event.

Treasurer – Marsha Millonig

From the Treasury: The books remain strong with \$8700 in the checking. Meeting space is paid for through the July picnic. If anyone has receipts or needs reimbursement, please let me know.

Website Information - 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Basch at tpbasch@hotmail.com

Education/Activities – Elizabeth Kobliska

We will not have a Skill Builder Technique of the Month Technique this month due to our guest speaker. In May we will have a number of demonstrations including the following:

Foundation Paper Piecing: (FPP). I'll send the handout separately before the meeting. There are two 12-inch blocks to choose from if you want to try this technique – Simple Star and Storm at Sea. The handout will also include tips on determining the size to cut pieces, printing your pattern and sewing through the paper that is later torn off the back side, and another technique using freezer paper where you don't sew through the paper, and can re-use the templates.

Freezer Paper Applique and a few other piecing techniques. 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
651-340-0024

Membership-Trisha Millonig

Please welcome the following new members who joined in March:

Jane Ferguson from South St. Paul, MN
Maria Gathje from Hastings, MN
Jennifer O'Leary from Inver Grove Heights, MN
Katy Wilson from Lakeville, MN

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

An updated membership list is attached.

Community Service-Trisha Millonig

I have finished piecing the first top and Beth Kobliska has quilted it. It will be donated to Quilts of Valor. I have finished piecing the second one and Sue Tobias has volunteered to quilt it. It will also be donated to Quilts of Valor. I also found some donated flannel tops that we are working on quilting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Note that two of our meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the ECC due to room conflicts on our usual day.

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

Demonstrations of Foundation Paper Piecing by Linda Wenzel and her daughter, Freezer Paper Applique by Denise Vokoun and Mitered Borders by Beth Kobliska.
A Slide Show of the History of the DCSQ by Trisha Millonig

June 10, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room-

National Quilt Museum Digital Quilt Exhibit

July 12, 2022, 6:30 pm, ECC, Picnic Pavilion

Annual Picnic

August 16, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room- **Note 3rd Tuesday**

Topic to be determined,

September 13, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room-

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October 11, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room-

Topic to be determined,

November 15, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room- **Note 3rd Tuesday**

Kaleidoscope of Quilts – Rotate & create by Marilyn Foreman

December 13, 2022, 6:30 pm, Lighthouse Church, Rosemount

Annual Holiday Potluck

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. Click on “subscribe today” and in the upper right-hand corner “login”.

The user name is: 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

Minnesota Quilters Show & Conference: June 16th-18th, 2022 in Saint Cloud, MN

Go to the website: www.mnquilt.org for more information.

Miscellaneous

We received this request from Sonia Aamodt Schulz:

I am wondering if you know anyone who would be interested in teaching a tuffet class to a group of experienced quilters in the metro area. I have been searching and contacting quilt shops in the south area however have had no luck and thought I would contact you.

If anyone knows of someone who could do this, please contact Sonia at sonia.as@icloud.com

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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.

