



Upcoming Events:

**May 2020 Meeting:
Virtual Meeting
Tues, May 12, 2020, 7:00
p.m. (2nd Tuesday of each
month).**

DCSQ May Program Virtual Meeting

Time: May 12, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

SEE MARSHA'S ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS REPEATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

A Note from DCSQ Chair – Karen Asmundson

Hello out there! I hope everyone has been managing quarantine, essential working, furloughs, working from home, home-schooling, mask making, cooking meals, etc. This is really an unprecedented situation. I'm thankful for many things, but two immediately come to mind: fabric and technology. First, most of us have been unknowingly preparing for a pandemic for years and our fabric stashes have allowed us to work on a few UFOs and sew a little more than usual and/or crank out a few masks. Second, technology has kept us all more connected to each other than we could have ever imagined. Despite the headaches technology can cause, almost everyone I have talked to in the past several weeks was able to connect with family or friends via FaceTime, Zoom, or other platforms. Thank goodness! There is a silver lining (or two) in this cloud.

I know a lot of our members have been making masks for healthcare workers, essential workers, family members and complete strangers. On behalf of them and as a sister of two medical workers, thank you, thank you, thank you for your efforts to keep them and all of us safe. Laura Nagel's presentation during the quilt show program in March (seems like three years ago), reminded us that throughout history, women have plied their needles for various causes. COVID-19 is no exception. I've included a summary of mask making, collecting and donating in the newsletter. Kudos to all of you who have contributed one way or another.

Speaking of the quilt show, you all know that the museum had to close on March 18th. We officially had our shortest quilt show ever—10 days! Not what I was expecting for our 25th annual quilt show. Please see an update on the Quilt Show later in this newsletter.

We will host our first ever virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 12th instead of meeting at the Eagan Community Center. We will send out a separate e-mail with instructions prior to the meeting. The Board met via Zoom on Thursday, April 23rd and it was a success!

I know we probably won't ever return to pre-COVID life, but I hope we're able to return to something a little more normal in the near future. In the meantime, Stay Home, Stay Safe and Keep Sewing!

Keep saving those scraps,
Karen

More from our DCSQ Chair – Karen Asmundson

May program meeting

We successfully held a Board meeting via Zoom earlier in April so we’re going to try a virtual program meeting on Tuesday, May 12th. We will NOT be meeting at the Eagan Community Center on May 12th. We will send out a separate e-mail with call-in info for the virtual meeting next Tuesday.

May Program

Check-in with everyone, DCSQ 2020-2021 Election, Show & Tell, Scott Dog Block of the Month (Beth K)

DCSQ Board/Committee Election in May

We have several Board/Committee positions available for 2020-2021. If you are interested in contributing your experience and knowledge for any of these positions, please let Karen or Nicole know by May 8th so we can update the ballot accordingly. Please remember that you need to get someone’s permission before you nominate them for a position. If you have questions about what duties are included with each position, please contact Karen or Nicole or the current Board member in that position.

Chair	Nicole Anderson Davis
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Co-Treasurers	Marsha Millonig/ Trisha Millonig
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Education/Activities	Beth Kobliska
Retreat	Pat Basch
Community Service	Trisha Millonig
Sunshine	
Quilt Show Co-chairs	
Quilt Show Store	

Future meetings

Some of you have asked about getting a larger conference room for future meetings or changing the way we arrange chairs for our meeting to help us maintain more distance between people. We are actively looking into options and will report back to the group when we know more. Virtual meetings are certainly not a replacement for meeting face-to-face, but they may be a viable option for the next couple of months.

Quilt Show

I made the following proposal to the museum staff on April 28th. We will keep everyone posted with updates as they become available.

We propose keeping the DCSQ quilt show and suffrage quilt exhibit hanging and items in the quilt show/museum store, as they currently are, until August 1st at the latest. Our hope is that the museum will be able to re-open by late June/early July. This timeframe would allow the show to be open to the public for an extra month, in addition to the 7-10 days we had in early March. In the event the museum does not re-open during that timeframe, DCSQ would make arrangements to take down the show and quilt show store in a manner that meets social distancing requirements and does not include participants in a high risk category.

If you need to have your quilt(s) retrieved from the quilt show prior to August 1st, please contact Karen with the name/description of your quilt(s). We will tally up the requests and take those quilts down from the exhibit in early May.

Thanks for your patience as we work through this!

Mask Making Update from Sue Tobias

To date, I have donated 358 on behalf of the guild. They went to:

28 to Lakeville Sr. Center

45 Fountains Sr Care Facility - Lakeville

112 to Ebenezer Campus - South Mpls, low income sr. housing and care center

58 - Lilydale Sr. Center

50 - Orchard Path Sr. Living

50 - YMCA SAC(school aged care) program in Eagan

15 - VA hospital

People that have dropped off masks:

Karen A – 19

Nicole Anderson-Davis—20

Jackie Swift - 70

anonymous - 30 (hubby saw it was a woman in a white van)

Sue Tobias - 300

In addition, the following DCSQ members have made/donated masks elsewhere:

Beth Robinson – 20

Karen Asmundson –21 to friends/family members

Kris Stranik – 185

Jackie Swift – 22 to Rosemount Senior Living Facility, 4 to Family out of town

Pat Basch – 300 Fairview Clinic & Regents ER

Susie Smidt – 100 HCMC where her daughter works and husband Russ's office—Park Nicollet Eagan

If we have missed your mask contribution, please let Karen know and we will include your quantity in the group's totals. Many hands make light work!

Regards,

Karen

Vice Chair – Nicole Anderson

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

Treasurer – Marsha Millonig

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

You can find the patterns on Scottie Dog Quilt Retreats Facebook page in the Files Section. The blocks for May are: Block 20 Potiphers Wife, Block 22 Delilah, Block 27 Samaritan Woman, Block 30 Joanna. Liz Adams demonstrated the blocks in a video that is also on their Facebook page, and she gives some tips about making half square triangles that avoid dealing with bias edges. I confess that I'm behind on making my blocks, but will post them on both the DCSQ and Scottie Dog Quilt Retreat FB pages when they're finished. Please post photos of your blocks so we can all see them. I will also share my blocks during our virtual meeting May 12th. Guess I better get sewing. Beth

Community Service – Trisha Millionig

Goal Challenge – Jan Hanenberger

We started our 2020 Personal Quilt Goal Challenge in January.. 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 to put into the challenge notebook. Update and share your success at the monthly meetings to qualify for a prize!

We will continue our challenge through the year. People can hand in their sheet to Karen and update their sheet in the notebook at the meeting. Sharing their successes and signing into the bowl can possibly win them a prize. (Karen has the notebook and the prizes). Also Sue Tobias was going to put the sheet on our website

Marsha's Zoom Meeting Instructions

Marsha Millionig is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DCSQ May Program Meeting

Time: May 12, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739197293?pwd=K1dYQ040bFQ2YUV6VUJhTVN1cHI3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 867 3919 7293

Password: 328002

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc879fIBHj>

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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.