



## Upcoming Events:

July meeting :  
Tues., July 12, 6:30 pm  
Central Park pavilion

August meeting:  
Tues., August 9, 7 pm  
Eagan Community Center

**Deadline for August  
Newsletter: August 1st**

**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. (\*\*Please note  
there is a Detour for Pilot  
Knob Road for Summer  
2016)

**Note:** No outside food or  
beverages are allowed in  
the community center.  
Concessions are  
available.

## Quilt Quip for the month:

"Asking a quilter to mend is  
like asking Picasso to paint  
your garage."

**See you at our meeting on Tuesday, July 12, at 6:30 at  
the Eagan Central Park Pavilion.**

## Note From DCSQ Chair - Kathy Lindstrom

Just as we think life is rolling right along, here comes a detour. As we get ready for this year's July picnic, be aware that south bound Pilot Knob Road from Central Parkway to Yankee Doodle closed on July 5th. Here's a link to the Dakota County map <http://tinyurl.com/z4dc4q6> Looks like the road is slated to remain closed at least through October. I saw this in the Experience Eagan flyer, the same weekend my sewing machine died. Yes, 'He's dead Jim'. That's a Star Trek reference for you non-Trekkies. After some searching in sewing shops and a discussion with my twin sister, who is always there for me to bounce ideas around with, I found and bought the same machine I had from a seller on Ebay. Sometimes change isn't good. Sometimes staying with the status quo is just what the doctor ordered. At least this one time, for me, as I could stand a month without change. I've been happily sewing on it for a week, including my usual watching Wimbledon tennis and sewing ritual that seems to take place this time every year. It's quieter than my old one and is begging for a name. I'm leaning towards Kirk.

Remember this month's meeting is a potluck at the park pavilion. Can't wait to see what everyone made from the red, white and blue challenge. Sew on!

## What Are You Craving? – by Susan Skoog

Have you picked your recipes for the long lost "dish" that you are CRAVING to make????!! Our July meeting will be a picnic at "Central Park" pavilion. No sign-up list was circulated; bring what you are CRAVING to share at the picnic. Main dishes (we have access to electricity), salads (fruit or vegetable), hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and of course desserts. We will provide plates and waters. SEE YOU THERE!!!

The pavilion is located at 1501 Central Parkway, on the right as you turn onto Central Parkway from Pilot Knob, heading west as you go to the Community Center for our regular meetings. Watch for the signs (or balloons?). Start time is EARLIER -- 6:30pm.

## June Meeting Minutes - Sunny Kline

The June meeting was a lot of fun, with guest speaker Sara Hardwig, of "Blueberry Backroads". Sara is a designer and has created dozens of adorable embroidery patterns, for which she brought many samples. She told the group that she loves to draw, and has been keeping sketch books since she was just a kid. Many of these have been developed into her intriguing designs for hand stitching. In the past couple of years she has been adding quilting skills to her personal artistic repertoire, combining embroidered blocks with piecing and hand quilting. She encourages those who use her patterns to experiment, modify, and use the designs in innovative and original ways! Members visited her table of patterns enthusiastically, so we might expect to see some creative stitching inspired by Sara in some future show-and-tell!

Our new chair, Kathy Lindstrom, presented the cowboy boot blocks to past-chair, Sandi Irish. There were enough blocks for Sandi to put together a very nice size quilt, and it will be fun to see what she does with them!! Thanks again to Sandi, for two years of service as our Guild's chair!

## September 6x6 presentation – DCSQ Board

Our program for September will be a fun and exciting program that you are invited to "participate" in...We will be randomly selecting 6 members to share with us their "quilting story." Each member selected will bring 6 quilts to the meeting that represent their "Quilting Story"... The first quilt, the last, the best, the funniest, the most unique, the favorite, the best colors, the worst, the whatever... You get the idea... We want to get to know you through your quilts and the stories that accompany them. Each person will have at least 10 minutes, so be prepared to talk, too...and bring patterns, books, maybe pictures, and names of teachers that inspired, etc...

Now here's the catch...If you DO NOT want to be included in the random selection, let me [Jackie.grinde@comcast.net](mailto:Jackie.grinde@comcast.net) know by the July meeting, (July 12th picnic). We will draw the "winners" at the July picnic...they will then have 2 months to prepare!!!

## Offering to Teach – by Beth Kobliska

I am offering to teach two classes to DCSQ members.

**T-shirt Quilts:** Having made hundreds of t-shirt quilts for customers, I'd like to share what I have learned with my fellow quilters. I will cover some basics, pattern designs I use, including my "Puzzle" quilts and my "Mixed Sashed" layouts, and tips to avoid problems with stretch, tucks, and bulk. T-shirt quilts don't have to include just t-shirts – I've included sports jerseys, baby clothes, neckties, dress shirts, photos printed on fabric, socks, boxers, swimsuits, baby blankets, competition ribbons, and even medals. Duration is about 4 or 5 hours, depending on interest.

**Electric Quilt Software:** EQ is powerful, versatile and easy to use quilt design software. I've been using it for 8 years, and love it. I will cover the basics of horizontal set, diagonal set, row-by-row layouts and custom sets. I'll also cover borders, designing pieced blocks, and the EQ libraries of blocks, fabrics, quilt layouts. If you have EQ, this will be a hands-on class. Quilters who do not have EQ, but want see how it works before deciding to get it, are also welcome. If there's interest I can also include tips on designing t-shirt quilts using custom settings. Duration is about 4 or 5 hours, depending on interest.

Both classes are free to DCSQ members. Times and places will be arranged, depending on interest. Please contact Beth Kobliska if interested.

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### **Activity Challenge --- Arlette Kreager, Education/Activities**

#### August Challenge

**Make a new name tag** to reflect something about you or what you like to do. There are no rules about color, size, or shape. The only limitation is your imagination! Have fun !

### **Community Service --- Beth Kobliska and Trisha Millonig**

At the August meeting, we will talk a little more about our charities. We will have some block kits and quilt kits available for members who would like to participate. Part of this stems from our stash reduction plans. Our goal is to have fun with this.

### **13th Annual Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch**

Join other quilters for a time of relaxation, socializing, sharing; and renew your creative spirit at Camp Wapo on beautiful Lake Wapogasset. The fun begins **November 9, 2016**. Choose three, four or five days. Grab a friend, sister, or mom and you'll be sure to have a blast. Come alone and make many new friends! Retreat features may include: finish gifts or projects, learn from others, fun and easy Make 'n Take, door prizes, trunk show from a local quilt shop, charity quilt block, and be introduced to new products. There will be a fabric store, massages, and sewing machine cleaning onsite, for your convenience.

Bring your sewing machine, sewing notions, iron, bedding, personal items, and plenty of projects. The retreat facility provides tables, chairs, jumbo ironing boards, jumbo cutting mats and a bit of chocolate. Meals are included. Quilt all day, quilt all night, no interruptions, no distractions (except for eagles, swans, and other wildlife.) Leave your kids, husbands, work worries, and cooking behind; pamper yourself with undisturbed quilting time.

The registration form, map and packing list can be found on our website at [www.dcsq.org](http://www.dcsq.org) under the retreat tab. Space is limited and fills quickly. For more information or to check on availability; contact Pat Basch at [tpbasch@hotmail.com](mailto:tpbasch@hotmail.com)

## Quilt Retreat offers a Quality Good Time

Top ten list

10. Tons of sewing time. Turn your holiday gifts from UFO's to finished
9. Door prizes
8. Massive work space - individual tables
7. Pampering - body massages
6. Optional Activities - classes, mystery, trunk shows, or charity block
5. Time away from responsibilities - no cooking, cleaning, or fashion police
4. Pajama party - laugh and stay up all night
3. Relaxation - beautiful views of lake and wildlife
2. Sharing - learn great tips from knowledgeable quilters, learn about new products
1. Camaraderie - spend time with friends doing something you really enjoy!

## 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.

Hutchinson, "Upper Midwest Allis Chalmers Club Quilt Show". July 22-24, 2016. McLeod County Fairgrounds, 840 Century Ave SW, Hutchinson. For more info, email [hrlpeter@gmail.com](mailto:hrlpeter@gmail.com).

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](mailto: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](mailto:jrichpa@frontiernet.net)

Lake Park, "Garden Quilt Show and Tea", 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August, See 90 – 100 quilted pieces! For more info contact [peggys@loretel.net](mailto:peggys@loretel.net).

Blue Earth, "Upper Midwest Woodcarvers & Quilt Expo", mid-August, Blue Earth Area High School. For more info contact [ellingsen@bevcomm.net](mailto:ellingsen@bevcomm.net)

## Quilt Trunk Shows at American Swedish Institute—provided by Carol Egan

There are a lot of quilt-related activities continuing at the Swedish Institute this year! One fun schedule is trunk shows that will be put on by local artists on Saturdays. Dates are listed below. The trunk shows take place at 11 AM and at 2 PM. Check the dates below and all the artist names. One of them is DCSQ member Nancy Bekedam (on July 17). These trunk shows would be a fun Saturday small group outing... a great trunk show and then lunch. Sounds fun, yes?? [Let Arlette \(Activities/Education\) know if this would be a great group activity \(car pooling?\)](#).

## Trunk Show Dates and Artists - American Swedish Institute, Mpls

Talented local quilters will showcase their creations in the Turnblad Mansion through a series of Trunk Shows. Meet the artists and get a close look at the many styles and techniques. Shows on Saturday will be at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Shows on Sunday will be at 2 p.m. Dates to plan for are:

July 17 – Nancy Brown Bekedam; July 23 & 24 – Nancy Birger and Truly Unruly; July 30 & 31 – Peggy Wright; August 7 – Pat Cox; August 13 – Tina Hughes; August 21 – Miki Peine; August 24 – Jan Schmidt; August 27 – Kathy Simon Frank/Carole Premack; September 10 & 11 – Ann Tiller; October 9 – Susan Stein.

## Website Information – Sue Tobias

Our guilds website is DCSQ.org. I will be working to add upcoming quilt shows and events in and around our state so check back often for updates! When you are looking for something to do on an upcoming weekend, start at our website. This will be on the “links” page for now. When on the site, hover your mouse over the “about” on the home page and a drop down box appears. Click on Links. Remember that we will always have past newsletters, membership lists and pertinent member information on our Members Only page. The password to get into that specific page is “i am a member”. When prompted for the password, do not put in quotations and it is all lowercase letters. I have added the information on the classes Beth has offered to hold on this page as well. I will try and add a calendar of events at some point when I learn that skill.

## Web Site Tip – 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!

## Show and Tell Treasures





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**DCSQ Blog:** <http://dcsq.blogspot.com>

**NOTE:** To see the minutes from our April Board meeting, go to our website (URL is shown just above). To get any member's phone number, address, or e-mail address go to the same site and go to the member page. Ask any Board member what the password is for the members' page.

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.

Please complete this survey if you did not do so previously. Bring it to a guild meeting or mail to Arlette Kreager, 1416 Southcross Dr. W., Burnsville, MN 55306

### DCSQ Member Interest Survey

What kinds of programs and activities would you like to see at Dakota County Stars Quilters? Your new Board is excited and pleased to bring more to your quilt guild experience!

1. What kinds of programs would you like to see at our monthly meetings?
  - a. \_\_\_ Speakers with lots of quilts to look at (trunk shows, etc)
  - b. \_\_\_ Speakers with quilting technique demo's & tips
  - c. \_\_\_ Speakers on design topics such as color theory, composition etc.
  - d. \_\_\_ Open sewing with fellow members to socialize, share.
  - e. \_\_\_ Mini-workshops with hands-on activity
  - f. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What are your primary quilting interests at the present time?
  - a. \_\_\_ Traditional pieced quilts
  - b. \_\_\_ Traditional applique quilts
  - c. \_\_\_ Modern and/or contemporary quilts
  - d. \_\_\_ Art quilts
  - e. \_\_\_ Surface design (painting on fabric, beading, etc)
  - f. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What is your level of interest for community service projects?
  - a. \_\_\_ Zero interest
  - b. \_\_\_ 1 or 2 hours per month
  - c. \_\_\_ Several hours per month, at home on my own time
  - d. \_\_\_ Several hours per month in a group activity with other members
  - e. \_\_\_ I prefer to donate money rather than sewing time
  - f. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What type of community service projects are you most likely to support?
  - a. \_\_\_ Baby quilts for high-need or at-risk children
  - b. \_\_\_ Twin size quilts for adult group homes or shelters
  - c. \_\_\_ Pet beds for animal shelters and pet adoption groups
  - d. \_\_\_ Breast cancer pillows (very small project!)
  - e. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. What is your level of interest in classes and workshops outside of the monthly meetings?
  - a. \_\_\_ Zero interest at present time
  - b. \_\_\_ I would like to see DCSQ offer workshops
  - c. \_\_\_ I go to workshops at local conferences and other guilds; that satisfies my current needs
  - d. \_\_\_ I travel out of state to attend workshops by national teachers
  - e. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Other activities that you would like DCSQ to offer
  - a. \_\_\_ Challenges based on a theme or subject
  - b. \_\_\_ Challenges based on a fabric, color,
  - c. \_\_\_ Round robin
  - d. \_\_\_ Fabric or block swap
  - e. \_\_\_ Book or pattern exchange
  - f. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

We welcome other ideas and suggestions! Make any comments here... Thank you for your participation!