

Upcoming Events:

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

September Meeting: Tues.,
September 13, 7pm, Eagan
Community Center

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:

Our lives are like quilts-- bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.

See you at our meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 7pm, at the Eagan Community Center

Reminder: 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> The road is slated to remain closed at least through October.

Note From DCSQ Chair - Kathy Lindstrom

More than a decade ago, I attempted a t-shirt quilt. My roommate had a pile of t-shirts related to work, I offered to do something with them. I alternated t-shirt blocks with quilt blocks. The t-shirt material was so difficult to work with that it not only went into the time out box for years, it made me stop quilting. Obviously I eventually got back into quilting. The t-shirt quilt was finished by my sister and quilted by a friend. It came out great. It was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, as my friend was living in New York at the time and had flood damage. That was the one and only t-shirt quilt I've ever attempted. This month Beth Klobiska will give us an overview on her method of making t-shirt quilts. I remain hopeful, yet a little anxious about this process. But I am sure Beth's enthusiasm might turn the tide. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Sew on!

August Program: T- shirt Memory Quilts – Beth Kobliska

I started making T-shirt quilt as a business in 2009, after working 30 years in Information Technology. Since then I have made hundreds of t-shirt quilts, and learned a few things that I want to share. At the August meeting I'll go over the basics of construction, considerations for choosing a design, some tricks I've learned to deal with such as bulky necklines, pockets and stiff as a board hockey jerseys. I'll share how I have incorporated other items in quilts, from swim suits to medals – yes, actual medals. I'll bring my sample quilts for you to see and touch. Part of the talk will include a demonstration of using Electric Quilt software to design the layouts for my Puzzle quilts. Finally, I'll share some stories from customers about what their t-shirt quilts have meant to them and their families.

June Meeting Minutes

We talked and ate and had a great time...what more is there to say! See pictures in the newsletter and join us next year for a great time! We also picked the winners for our September program...

September 6x6 presentation – DCSQ Board

Our program for September will be a fun and exciting presentation by 6 quilters, drawn from a “hat” of willing participants, to share with us their “quilting story.” Participants 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. We will get to know the lucky presenters through their quilts. Each person will have at least 10 minutes and can bring anything else they want such as patterns, books, maybe pictures, and names of special teachers that help tell their story.

The “Lucky 6” are: Delores Hansen, Donna Wamstad, Beth Kobliska, Trisha Millonig, Molly Moran and Susie Smidt. Two alternates were also selected: Jane McCarthy and Arvie Beckman. We look forward to seeing their quilts and hearing their stories!

Activity Challenge --- Arlette Kreager, Education/Activities

August Challenge: New Name Tag

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 ! Remember to wear your new name tag to the August meeting. If you didn't get one of those handy magnets at the July meeting, contact Marcia.

Red, white, and blue strip project:

If you didn't show your project at the July meeting, bring it to share in August.

Community Service --- Beth Kobliska and Trisha Millonig

This year we will be making quilts to donate locally to three groups:

Bundles of Love – crib quilts

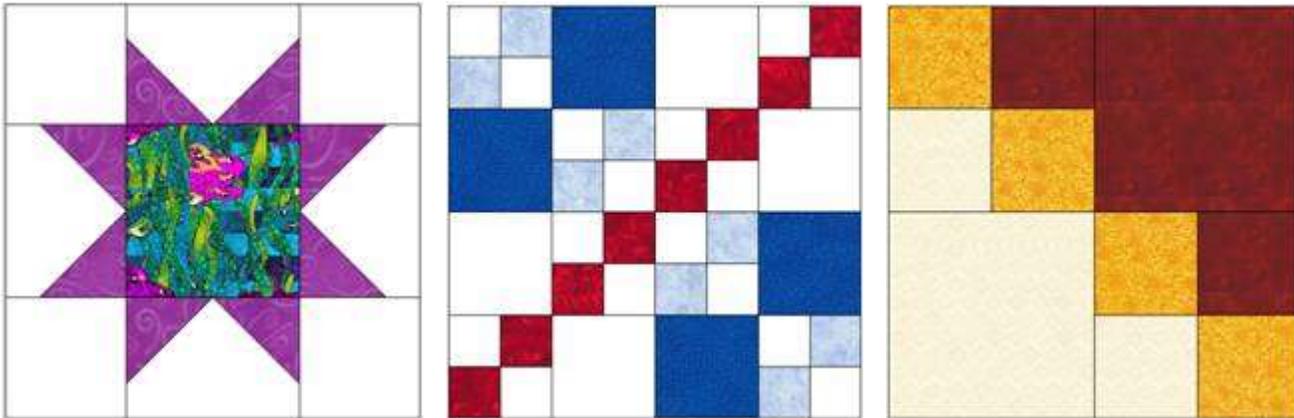
Adult group homes through Molly Moran – twin 70 x 90

St. Paul schools through Jerilynn Birnie – baby and small throw size

We have not committed to any specific number of quilts. How many quilts we donate will depend on how much DCSQ members want to participate. At the August meeting, Trisha Millonig and Beth Kobliska will discuss in more detail the plans for community service, and will have kits with background fabric and instructions for Variable Star blocks and Double Four Patch blocks, as well as kits for quilt tops (don't worry – they are all quick and easy patterns). We plan to have some group sewing days, including a few to make t-shirt quilts from Viking, Twins and Wild shirts for the sports fans in group homes.

What about longarming the quilts? Having retired from quilting for customers, Beth Kobliska will make sure all the quilts get quilted, and if other longarm quilters want to help out, that would be great. 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.

Whether you want to make a few blocks, make a quilt top, machine quilt a crib quilt, sew on binding, or come to a group sewing day, we're hoping that this is a fun, sociable and rewarding activity.



Make a bag for Operation Christmas Child - Gerry McBride

I am working on small bags/purses (finished 8 3/4" x 7") for OCC (Operation Christmas Child) and wondered if anyone in our group would like to help. I go to a small church with very few sewers and they are not familiar with what is needed. Purses would be collected in October's meeting and shipped overseas to older girls who do not have access to stores and they are usually poor. It is easy to do by little kids but it can be challenging for older kids. I am working with girls between the ages of 10-14 years and making small bags/purses. In them will be sewing supplies including scissors and the bags/purses can be used as is or for carrying personal stuff so they have multiple uses.

Fabric you would need: Two pieces (top/lining) that measures 9 1/2" x 12", use one piece of Fusible Fleece 987F that is cut slightly smaller to reduce the bulk in the seams, two pieces of fabric for headers/top measuring 9 1/2" wide by 6" depth, two squares of fabric (4") and one piece of FF interfacing for the circle pull tab, and one piece of 5" of looped Velcro tape. I can write down written instructions. [Please give me your name and email address if you wish to participate.](#)

I will bring some of the finished bags to August's DCSQ's meeting so that you can see them. I will be taking an out-of-town class in September so will be gone but I plan to collect them at October's meeting so that they can be filled with the necessary sewing stuff and ready to be shipped.

Questions: Contact Gerry McBride if interested at gmlt@charter.net or phone 952-432-1793. Thank you for your consideration.

Request for help with “Pillow Cases” – Jacque Register

Jacque Register is looking for help working on a pillow case project. While not a DCSQ project, she is hoping that our members might be interested in either providing materials or sewing with her group on October 15 from 9-2:20 at the Dakota County Historical Museum. She will be at the August meeting to speak briefly of the project and the help she is looking for. If you are interested but can not attend the August meeting, please feel free to contact me (Kathy) and I will pass on the information.

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 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

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.

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.

End of an Era – Elizabeth Kobliska

Looks like there won't be another MQS show in Cedar Rapids next year, or anywhere else. They had financial problems and have dissolved. This from their web site: "After much deliberation and considering all aspects of the show, the Board of Directors of International Machine Quilters Association has made the difficult decision to dissolve IMQA and MQS®." <http://www.mqsshow.org/>

From another web site: This week in the quilt world has been potentially unsettling. We've learned that Quilter's Newsletter will finish its publication with the October issue; American Quilter's Society will no longer publish books; IMQA, the professional association is dissolving, and closing the MQS show.

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

There is still time to take in a Quilt Trunk Show at the Swedish Institute this year put on by local artists. 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. These trunk shows would be a fun 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 \(car pooling?\)](#).

Dates to plan for are:

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!

Picnic Fun



Show and Tell Treasures – Red, White, and Blue Fun



And more...



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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.

