



Upcoming Events:

September meeting:
Tues., Sept. 8, 7:00 PM
Eagan Community Center

October meeting
Tues., Oct. 13, 7:00 PM,
Eagan Community Center

**Deadline for September
Newsletter: Aug. 31**

**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.

Note From President, Sandi Irish

Hi everyone!

Summer is going by way too fast for me! It's already county fair time and I've been to one so far, Olmsted County in Rochester. It's my goal to get to each county's fair before I die, and I only have 79 to go!

This month is open sewing. If you don't have hand sewing, bring cutting! Start a new project. If you need help with a project, bring that as well; we're all here to help. We'll also have our Ugly Challenge reveal. Don't forget your challenge project this month. I have given mine considerable consideration. teehee Don't miss this!

Next month, please bring a favorite tool to talk about, did you find something new during shop hop that is really cool and everyone else needs to see it? Bring it along.

We have fun guest speakers lined up for January and February but plenty of fun before that as well.
Happy Stitching! Sandi

Ugly FQ Challenge – by Arlette Kraeger

In June we exchanged Ugly Fat Quarters. The quilt you made is due at the Big Reveal this month! It'll be exciting to see all your quilts. Think they'll still be "ugly?" Come to our meeting and see for yourself.

Help Wanted: Blocks Made by Prisoners – by Carol Egan

I am in contact with a woman who works with prisoners, teaching them to make quilt blocks. The blocks are hand-stitched. The blocks are made into quilts and then are donated to shelters and others in need – people who may be similar to the victims of the men currently in prison, a restitution program, of sorts. My contact currently has about six packets of blocks. Each packet needs to be assembled into a quilt top, twin size. If you can finish the quilt, that is an added bonus. (If you don't finish it, the prisoners must quilt it by hand and are about as excited by that prospect as most of us are.) Let me know if you would like to take a packet and make a quilt. My e-mail:
merryhands(at)gmail(dot)com

The July Picnic Report – by Sunny Kline

Almost 25 members participated in the July picnic at the Eagan Community Center picnic pavilion on July 14. The weather was perfect!! We will remember the warm evening with gentle breeze, low humidity, and NO BUGS when January rolls around again.

The food was fabulous! In addition to creative quilters, we have a lot of good cooks in our group as well.

There were several announcements (details elsewhere in this newsletter):

Dakota County Fair quilt entries are open, and Sandi is looking for a few more people to help out during setup and fair week.

The 2016 show will be in April again, and plans are well in hand, with a contract for the guest speaker and class teacher already in the mail.

Karen A is still collecting scraps of fabric, batting etc... to be used to fill pet beds and keep it out of landfill. August meeting will be “open sewing”... a great chance to get that binding on a quilt, do some knitting or applique, and get to know other guild members. We’ll also have the Ugly Challenge Reveal.

Ten or twelve members brought “Show-n-Tell” items to share with the group, including several patriotic quilts and a great new star pattern by Sandi. Jeanette has completed another of her lovely “30’s fabric” quilts. Susan had several table runners in a patriotic theme. Kathy, our new VP, brought a great bed-size red-black-and white quilt. Karen adapted a pattern she saw, featuring a barn and tractor fabric. And there were many others! Members sat around the tables enjoying peach cobbler for dessert and visiting with each other, long after the meeting was officially over. Can’t wait for next July’s picnic!

Sunny Kline, Secretary



picnic conversations and fun



eating great food and enjoying Show and Tell





Thanks to Sunny Kline for the photos!

2016 Quilt Show Speaker Announcement! – by Kathy Lindstrom

Our speaker for the annual Dakota County Star Quilters 2016 Quilt Show has been set – it is Gudrun Erla from GE Designs! Originally from Iceland, Gudrun now lives in Minnesota. Her designs have a uniquely European/Scandinavian look to them. She will be giving us a trunk show of quilts and lecture on Stripology. She describes the lecture as follows: "This lecture will take you through my strip collecting process, how I choose strips for my quilts, color combination and choices in scrappy quilts and how to choose background fabrics and accents to pull your scrappy goodness together. I will take you through the thought process behind the Stripology ruler and of course show you multiple strip quilts along the way." Check out her website here: <http://www.gequilt designs.com/>

Gudrun will speak at our April meeting, Tuesday, April 12.

The 2016 Dakota County Star Quilters quilt show set up will be Saturday, April 9th. Take down will be Saturday, May 7.

Preparing for Quilt Show 2016 – by Carol Egan

Through informal discussion via e-mail, some of us decided to challenge ourselves to make quilts from pieces we purchased at this year's store (show 2015). Our goal is to get these quilts completed in time to hang in next year's show, 2016. Let's see what beauties we can create from the bargains we picked up at this year's show!



quilt by Carol Egan, made from a Gudrun Erla pattern

Dakota County Fair

Dakota County Fair dates are August 10-16, 2015. Check out the fun details at the website, <http://www.dakotacountyfair.org/>

Did you see the July Blue Moon?



photo by Carol's sister-in-law, Mary Kittleson

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