



## Upcoming Events:

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

November meeting  
Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00 PM,  
Eagan Community Center

**Deadline for October  
Newsletter: Oct. 5**

**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.

**See you at our meeting on Tues., Sept 8, 7:00 PM!**

## Note From President, Sandi Irish

Summer is almost over, WHINE! I love summer. I don't mind winter or cold weather but I really enjoy long warm days.

By the time you get this, the state fair will be just about over. I always go the first day and I usually try to get back to hit some of those out of the way places I missed first time around. One of the places I make sure I go is the Senior Building (near the Horticulture Bldg.) There are plenty of wonderful quilts and other crafts displayed there, worth your look. The DNR Bldg. has a fabulous quilt displayed this year as well. It shows a layout of the state's rock formation. Check them out if you go!

This month, bring your favorite quilting tool or tip (I mean besides a credit card!). If you would like to give a quilt demo, bring along whatever you need to show it. I have a couple of things that might be helpful and save a few \$\$\$. Also bring a quilt in which you've used the technique if you have one. A quit top is always fine.

May your points always be pointy!  
Sandi

## We have a new website! – by Susan Skoog & Sue Tobias

Susan Skoog and Sue Tobias have created a new website, [dcsq.org](http://dcsq.org). Along with a new address, It has a new look and feel. It has a members only page too! The password to access the members only page is "I am a member". (You need to. Include the spaces between the words). We will keep monthly newsletters, the membership list and information exclusively for members. Take a look.

## Ugly FQ Challenge – by Arlette Kreager

This month I will have another challenge for you! This is a creative group, so let's have some more fun! If you missed the August meeting and still have your Ugly Challenge to show us, please bring it with you to our September meeting.

## Lost and Found – by Trisha Millonig

A gray Disney Mickey Mouse hoodie was left at the DCHS on either set up or take down day back in April or May. It is size XL-but looks small. If you know whose it is, let me know. [ trisha2041@yahoo.com]

## August Meeting Summary: Open Sewing – by Sunny Kline

Picture 20 women sitting around big tables, laughing, talking, and stitching quilts or knitting! That was our monthly gathering for August. Everyone had lots of fun visiting with old friends and making new ones. The topic was “Open Sewing”, which means members could plan for a couple of pleasant hours of working on a project while enjoying the social interaction with other quilters.

A number of our members had entries (and ribbons!!) in the Dakota county fair. We were well represented, with approximately 10 members who had beautiful quilts on exhibit.

Those who participated in the “Ugly Fat Quarter” challenge brought their items for a special Show-and-Tell. Our members are so creative! We had everything from a zippered cosmetic bag, to lap quilts, and everything in between. Many of the participants thought the fabric they got wasn’t ugly at all! Just goes to show that there’s something for everyone in the world of quilting fabrics.

September’s meeting will feature “Favorite Tricks, Tips, and Tools”. If you have favorite tools for measuring, cutting, storing, basting, squaring, pressing, etc, please bring them along to describe and show how to use them. Your fellow members are always eager to learn about great tools to use for quilting.

There were other announcements and information about upcoming events and activities that appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Here’s a great tip from Sally M for Stash Management:

Sally lives in an apartment, and has a large fabric stash stored in plastic bins in the storage unit that goes with her apartment. Space is limited for Sally and a lot of us to store our stashes. To be able to look through her stash quickly and easily to find a particular fabric or browse for fabrics to audition for a project, she labeled each bin (already sorted by colors or other system) with a unique ID, then took all the fabrics out, took a few digital photos of the collection of fabrics for that bin, and then put the digital photos in electronic folders labeled with the same ID as the bin. So much easier to search through the photos to find fabrics, then go to the exact bin where that fabric resides. Of course, as one uses up fabrics or adds to the bins, the photos would need to be updated periodically.



Jeannette Root



Sunny Kline

[photos by Sunny Kline and Carol Egan]



Carol apologizes for cutting off Sunny's head.



Sandi Irish



Susan Skoog



Jackie Grinde



Carol Egan



Kaye Goers



Arlette Kreager



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## County and State Fair Ribbons Awarded to DCSQ Members!

DCSQ Members who entered quilts in the Dakota County Fair that we know of: Karen Asmundson, Pat Basch, Sandi Irish, Sunny Kline, Kathy Lindstrom, Susan Skoog.

Nancy Bekedam entered quilts in the Washington County Fair.

Entrants in the Minnesota State Fair: Nancy Bekedam and Sunny Kline.

Ribbon winners: all of the above!

Sandi got three blue ribbons, two red, and a white.

Karen and Pat also won ribbons (no details provided).

Susan, a first-time entrant in the Dakota County Fair, won ribbons on all three of her entries: blue ribbon in recycled fabric – quilting all ages, red ribbon in pieced machine – quilting all ages, red ribbon in table runner or two placemats – quilting all ages.

Kathy won a blue ribbon and an Award of Excellence (see picture below).

Sunny entered three collage quilts, all which featured her “ugly fat quarter.” At the county fair, one collage quilt received a blue ribbon and an Award of Excellence, and her silk floral quilt won Reserve Grand Champion.

At the State Fair, Sunny won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Senior Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the All Ages division wall quilts, and a large quilt received 5th place in All Ages Hand Quilting.

Nancy’s results at Washington County Fair and State Fair:

Washington County Fair--Grand Champion for modified "Apple Core" charm quilt, and Reserve Champion for machine appliqued Japanese Bible Story quilt.

Minnesota State Fair--1st Place "Large Bed--pieced, hand or machine quilted by someone else"

3rd Place--"Wall quilt--appliqued, machine quilted by entrant"-- Japanese Bible Story quilt

WOW! Congratulations to our very talented quilters of Dakota County Star Quilters!



quilt by Kathy Lindstrom (photo by Kathy)

**Refreshments! Yum! – by Susan Skoog**

Looking ahead – it’ll be here before you know it: Plan for an evening of quilting camaraderie and celebrating the winter season. Our December meeting will be held at the Lighthouse Church in Rosemount. (Address will be provided closer to the event date.) We will have our ever-popular soup and salad supper! Plan your favorite appetizer, salad or dessert to bring!

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