



Dakota County Star Quilters (DCSQ)

Bits and Pieces

October 2021

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Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 10/12/2021
7:00 p.m. Central Time

IN PERSON
EAGAN COMMUNITY
CENTER
South Oaks Room

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 Central Parkway. Follow Central Parkway to the sign for the Eagan Community Center and turn right.

Message from our chairperson – Trisha Millonig

Hello Everyone,

I am so excited to have an in-person presentation for our October meeting. Quilter, Jill Slipper Scholtz, will be giving a presentation on “Quilting as an Instrument of Expression”. She will present a slide show and show some of her quilts in person. Like many before her, her roots began with her grandmother passing down her sewing knowledge. Jill has evolved her sewing and quilting skill level from its humble, practical beginnings to a heightened expression of emotion and creativity. But more than that, quilting is part of who Jill is. As an attorney, mediator and racial equity advocate, Jill has found quilting to be a liberating means of expression that encompasses her other areas of practice. Her quilts have been exhibited at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and the Textile Center. Having explored many different quilting forms, Jill will take us on a journey that pushes the boundaries of what quilting is and can be. See her examples of quilting as art, recycling, speech and community. Come explore how quilting can inspire, heal, challenge, connect and impassion us on a deep level.

Our show and tell theme is “Halloween”. Many of the houses in my neighborhood are already decorated for it. I hope you are all enjoying this lovely fall weather and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

REMINDER: The Bag of Stuff Challenge reveal is next month. Please be sure to bring your finished project to the meeting. If you participated and cannot attend the meeting please make arrangements to get your project to me prior to the meeting.

Trisha Millonig

Treasurer – Marsha Millonig..

From the Treasury: the books remain strong and we are in an excellent cash position. Our room at the Community Center is paid through year-end. Please let me know if you have DCSQ receipts that need to be reimbursed.

Best,
Marsha

Website Information - dcsq.org – Sue Tobias

The group's website is a great place to see the most up to date information on upcoming meetings and activity. Our members only page has board notes, past newsletters and programs.

We have a new password to access the member's only page – **I love quilts** and as always, remember to include the spaces.

Quilting for Hire - Are you one of our talented members that is willing to be hired for quilting services? The board occasionally gets requests for people willing to make quilts for others. Sue Tobias will be updating our website to include anyone that provides these services for hire. Please email her at myquiltingroom@hotmail.com if you want to be listed on our website. Details should be what services you provide and preferred contact method. Since we are a quilting group, we will keep this list related to quilting services and not tailoring etc.

Sue

Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch

Annual Quilt retreat DCSQ

The annual quilt retreat starts November 10, 2021. It's been two years since we have gathered, so it's sure to be a fun time. Camp Wapo is a spacious location in a beautiful setting overlooking Lake Wapogasset outside Amery WI. We are sure to reconnect with friends and make new friends too.

Three, four or five days dedicated to finishing your projects, games, sewing machine cleanings (\$60), pampering massages (\$60/hr), a quilt store on site, and a quilt shop trunk show.

Safety is our first priority. Current protocols include vaccination for Covid, dining room face masks, and hand sanitizer. Attendees will be updated if these change.

If you have any questions, please contact me at tpbasch@hotmail.com. (I am not able to attend our Oct. meeting, so you can drop your registration and check off at my house or mail it.)

Registration deadline is October 12, 2021.

Here is a top ten list compiled by attendees a few years ago, of what this retreat meant to them.

Top Ten List - Where Quilting Friends Meet

10. Tons of time to sew
9. Door Prizes
8. Massive work space with everybody having their own table
7. Pampering
6. Activities
5. Time away from responsibilities - no cooking, cleaning, kids, or fashion police
4. Pajama party - laughing and staying up late
3. Relaxation - beautiful views of the lake and wildlife
2. Sharing - learn great tips from knowledgeable quilters
1. Camaraderie- spend time with friends doing something you really enjoy!

Pat Basch
(c) 651-767-2210

Education/Activities – Elizabeth Kobliska

Skill Builder of the Month

For October our "Skill Builder Tip of the Month" is the Square-in-a-Square unit. This weekend I'll email a handout with different methods for sewing accurate Square in Square units, and instructions for 2 blocks for our sampler, "Snail's Trail" and "Connecticut". If you make one or both blocks for each month at the end of the series you'll have blocks for a sampler. I'm also posting the handouts on the DCSQ Facebook page in the file section. For November, we'll tackle curved piecing, with a demo of clam shells by Cindy Thury Smith. If you have any questions, or if you didn't get the handouts for prior months, you're welcome to contact me: elizabeth.kobliska@comcast.net

Bag of Stuff

There are nine participants in this year's Bag of Stuff Challenge. In case you've been procrastinating (like me), it's time to start working on your "Bag of Stuff" quilt, so it's finished for the November meeting.

A reminder of the rules:

The finished quilt size can be no larger than 24" on any side. It can be smaller if you like, but let's try to not go less than 12". Try to use as much of the bag as you can, but please add your own fabrics and embellishments. In your bag that you received at the July picnic was a label for you to write your name and put on the back of the quilt. Make sure

that your quilt is quilted and bound. Put it in a paper bag and include the ziplock bag with any leftover fabric. Bring the finished quilt to the NOVEMBER meeting and we will have a big reveal of all the finished quilts. Each person who participated will get the quilt that was made from her 'bag of stuff'. Will you be able to guess which quilt is yours?

If you're making a Bag of Stuff quilt and are not going to attend the November meeting, contact Beth Kobliska - elizabeth.kobliska@comcast.net 651-340-0024

Please note: if you fail to turn in your finished project, you will not get your own quilt back until you do so. Have fun!!! Stretch your limits, try something new. Let the fabric in the bag grab your creative spirit.

Elizabeth Kobliska
651-340-0024

Membership-Trisha Millonig

Please welcome back former member, Cheryl Holz, who rejoined at our September meeting. Please also welcome new member, Carol Morey, who also joined in September. An updated membership list in PDF format is attached to the newsletter.

Community Service-Trisha Millonig

We will continue to work on the Pie Crust Pile Up pattern. I am currently piecing the first top. For our next project, I would like to do this same pattern in bright, scrappy colors for children. We will make in two sizes, lap and twin. If anyone has children's quilts to donate, the Safe Haven Foster Shoppe on 12765 Lake Blvd in Lindstrom, MN will accept quilts. The phone number is 763-742-7799 and the website is www.safehavenfostershoppe.org.

Safe Haven Foster Shoppe provides essential items to foster children. We are dedicated to helping children find comfort while placed in foster care. Our organization strives to significantly address a problem facing children in foster care, and we offer this is a very meaningful way, with a couple of simple things to keep in mind ...

- We let our donors decide how they want to give and what you want to give! We together make this great.
- These items and donations go straight into the hands of the children that need them. In conjunction with the agencies, we have the ability to directly provide what is needed.
- This organization impacts our local communities. We strive to service the neighborhoods our supporters, volunteers, and families live in.

2022 Burnhaven Library Wall Quilt Exhibit-Trisha Millonig.

We will be having a display of wall quilts at the Burnhaven Branch of the Dakota County Library during January-February of 2022. The library is recommending quilts 48 inches or shorter in length due to young children possibly touching them if they hang lower.

I am asking each member to submit one quilt that showcases some of your best work. We will be having a free lecture (the library does not allow us to charge for this) by Page Johnson on Tuesday, February 8th. Time to be determined. This is a chance for our guild to showcase its work and possibly attract new members. We will have brochures, membership forms and business cards about our group on display. Please fill out a registration form (attached to the newsletter or available on our website) and have to Jeannette Root by November 30, 2021.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 9th, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room:

Bag of Stuff Reveal and Clamshell Demonstration by Cindy Thury Smith
Show & Tell Theme: Fall Items

December 14th, 6:30 pm, Lighthouse Christian Church

Potluck-tentative. We will assess the situation with the Covid 19 delta variant.
Show & Tell Theme: Holiday items.

January 11, 2022, 7:00 pm, ECC, South Oaks Room

Mendicino Quilters Small Quilt Challenge will be streamed on a projector via zoom.
Show & Tell Theme: Winter items.

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<p>Secretary Chair will assume Secretary duties</p>			

DCSQ Web Site: www.dcsq.org

DCSQ Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/DakotaCountyStarQuilters/

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.