



Upcoming Events:

December meeting
Tues., Dec. 8, 6:30 PM,
Lighthouse Church,
3285 144th St W,
Rosemount, MN

January meeting
Tues., Jan. 12, 7:00 PM,
Eagan Community Center

**Deadline for December
Newsletter: Nov. 30**

**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., Nov. 10, 7:00 PM

Note From President, Sandi Irish

It really is Fall... well, not where I am. I am in Houston, TX for Market and Festival. Market is over; it wasn't great. Remnants of Hurricane Patricia kept many of the Texas shop owners away, staying home to avoid the storm and the ten inches of rain!

This month we will be doing hand sewing and just chatting. I always enjoy these meetings, especially after the hectic couple of weeks I've had. Oh, yes, knitting is welcome! Always!

Quilt retreat will be over by the time of our meeting, I'm sure we'll have wonderful Show and Tell. Be sure to bring whatever you do at retreat and maybe a fall quilt to show.

Until then, may all your points be pointy!
Sandi

2016 DCSQ Quilt Show – by Kathy Lindstrom

2016 is DCSQ's 21st quilt show, and we need a theme! Put your thinking caps on, and bring your ideas to the November meeting (or email me at kathy.lindstrom1@gmail.com if you won't be attending).

DCSQ membership renewals in the month of November, December and January will receive a ticket to the April lecture featuring Gudrun Erla, the designer and owner of GE Designs.



Special Company Discount for All DCSQ Members – by Pat Basch

Daylight Company discount code offer

At the 2015 retreat, the daylight company donated several slim line LED table lamps, and some mini LED sewing machine lights too. If you did not receive one, yet would like to own one, the daylight company is making this offer to our retreat attendees and guild members.

The models we received as door prizes are:

- Slimline LED table lamp model # U35107
- Sewing machine lamp #DN1180

To order any light from the Daylight Company, go to the website www.daylightcompany.com

Pick your country: USA (top right on the screen)

At checkout, use the promotional code DAYLIGHT2015 (you will get 25% off)

Offer expires: Friday, November 13, 2015

2015 Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch

As of the newsletter deadline, the retreat is in full swing. Many generous vendors have donated door prizes, members were busy with pre-retreat planning and preparation, and the quilt shop, A Little Piece of Mind, is scheduled do a trunk show. John Colbath is scheduled for sewing machine cleaning and tune-ups. More information about the retreat will follow in the December newsletter. Mark your calendars for the 13th annual retreat which starts on November 9, 2016. Show and Tell at both the November and December meetings will be filled with the many things our members made during the retreat!

Summary of October Meeting – by Sunny Kline

SCRAP RECYCLING

Keep those fabric and batting scraps out of the landfill, and put them to good use!!! Karen A. is still accepting all kinds of fabric and batting scraps for recycle. Most of these are being used for filling pet beds. Yardage is welcome too, for making the outsides of the pet beds. Please sort your scraps by fabric content.... Cotton, poly, batting, etc. into separate bags so they can easily be directed to their best purpose. Bring them to the next meeting. Thanks!

SUMMARY OF 10/13/2015 MEETING

There were approximately 24 members present for the October meeting. Everyone had a great time, and we learned a lot! We had additional tips and techniques from members.. some of them are summarized here.

1. If you discover that a quilt block has been placed incorrectly in a quilt sandwich, even if the quilt is already partially quilted, it can be corrected! Carefully remove the block with a sharp seam ripper, just catching the threads of the seam holding it in place. Then press it carefully, pressing your ¼ inch seams under. Then use spray basting, and ¼ inch Steam-A-Seam to reposition it back into the correct position, and had applique it back in place with the correct orientation.
2. Be aware that seam rippers can get dull over time. Don't hesitate to buy a new one every so often!
3. Always buy the best thread you can afford. Cheap thread makes a lot more lint than quality thread, and can get into the machine, causing problems. Be sure to clean your machine regularly, especially the area

where the bobbin goes. Check the instructions for your machine, so you can get everything back together properly when you take things apart to clean!

4. Having difficulty threading needles? This tip works for hand-sewing needles or machine needles. Instead of wetting the thread, wet the eye of the needle! The thread will go through so much more easily!!
5. We had a demo on measuring and applying borders... the quick and easy way to prevent wavy edges, from a professional quilter!! However, the instructions are hard to describe in words.... You just had to be there!
6. If you are working on a layout and assembly of blocks at a retreat, class, or on vacation, lay them all out on a clean sheet. Then, if you don't get everything assembled before it is time to clean up, you can just roll the sheet up and the blocks will stay where you put them, ready to unroll and continue with the next session. This would also be great if you live and work in a small space, where you can't always leave your projects spread out on the table or bed!
7. If you have a store-bought quilt, or one you rescued from a yard sale or thrift store, but the quilting is somewhat scanty, or it was a tied quilt, don't hesitate to add more quilting of your own! Some of the store-bought ones really need more quilting to bring out the best in them!



Color Crayon Challenge – by Arlette Kreager

Last Chance to Color!

If you have missed the chance to select a crayon for the "Color Challenge", the November meeting offers one more chance to participate. Select a crayon and have some fun using only the tints, tones, and shades of that color plus black, white, and grey to make a quilt to share at the December meeting. Lots of choices remain--love those boxes of 64! Your quilt can be any size, any pattern. Have some fun and bring it along to our December meeting for Show and Tell.

Round Robin Challenge – by Arlette Kreager and Sunny Kline

Arlette is going to be leading a round robin quilt project, starting in January. If you would like to participate, read on to see what is involved...

WHAT IS A ROUND ROBIN?

It's a quilt that is made by a group of quilters. For our projects, eight other members will work on your quilt! To start, each person makes a center block. This can be an applique piece, a painted design, a pieced block such as a mariner's compass, a landscape or other scenic piece, a pictorial panel, or a photo transfer... whatever you would like as the feature in your quilt. Your center block can be any size you want, up to about 20 inches. It does not have to be square... can be rectangular if you choose. You can decide what your color scheme will be, or you can leave it up to the discretion of the other quilters who will be working on your quilt. If you have some specific fabrics you would like to have included in your quilt, you can include them along with your center block.

At the January meeting, you should bring your center block, any fabrics that you definitely want included in your quilt, and any requests (such as “place a strip of solid-color sashing between each border,” or “please keep the center block in the center with all the borders being the same width”.) Place your items in a tote or shopping bag that is not transparent, and be sure your bag is clearly marked with your name and contact info. Then, your bag of items will go to another member, who will design and add a border to your center block. She will bring it all back to the next meeting, when it will go to another quilter. Each month, your quilt will go to another member, who will add a border, and bring it back, until 8 borders have been added. Each border will only be on one side of your block, so you’ll end up with two complete borders surrounding the center block at the end of 8 months. (we will skip April, when we have the meeting at the quilt show). At the end, you will get your quilt top back, and in the meantime you will not get to see what has been added by the other quilters! Once you get it back, you can add additional borders or other elements if you desire, and quilt it (or have it quilted). Arlette will coordinate getting the bags to the next quilters each month.

Round Robin Guidelines:

-COMMITMENT: when you sign up you are committed to meeting the deadlines and finishing the project. The whole group is depending on you. Drop outs should notify Arlette immediately. You will be expected to bring the quilt you are working on to the next meeting, with your border completed and attached to the quilt top, or have someone else bring it for you, or take it to Arlette. If you have to drop out, you will get your items back, but they won’t be finished.

- Work on another quilter’s project as you want her to work on yours.

-Use GOOD QUALITY fabric and respect the project.

-Measure, measure, measure! Make sure your measurements are accurate, cut straight and use 1/4 inch seams. Make sure your addition and finished project is square! If you don't know how to do something, ASK! There are lots of Youtube help videos and the DCSQ membership is a wealth of information and experience.

-Always follow the vision/request of the owner of the center block. Remember, this is their quilt, not yours.

-Do not change previous work! Pretty clear.

-If you are having difficulty deciding what to do: leave the center on the wall for a few days and let it "talk to you." If this doesn't work, ask for help!

-RELAX and HAVE FUN (yes it is possible, even with rules and guidelines).



Refreshments! Yum! – by Susan Skoog

Plan for an evening of quilting camaraderie and celebrating the winter season. Our December meeting, **beginning at 6:30 PM**, will be held at the Lighthouse Church 3285 144th St W, Rosemount, MN 55068. We will have our ever-popular soup and salad supper! Sign-ups for attending the supper and to bring an appetizer, fruit & vegetable salads, or desserts will be available at the November meeting. (Please also bring a Food Shelf donation.) If you are unable to sign up, please email your intention of attendance so we can let the "caterer" know how many to prepare for.

Retreat After the Retreat – by Carol Egan

After the Wapo retreat, you will have some UFOs that you haven't quite completed. Yes? Announcing -- another opportunity to retreat and continue working on your UFOs! You are invited to come sew at Carol Egan's church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Mendota Heights. Dates are Wed., Nov. 11 – Sat., Nov. 14, times: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM (or any times you can come within those hours). This retreat is Free and is a no-frills retreat: no door prizes, no games, no meals unless people volunteer to prepare an evening or noon meal to share. Otherwise, all meals are on your own. There is a kitchen with stove, oven, microwave, coffee maker, refrigerator. Freezer is tiny and will not be available. There are options in the neighborhood for eating out or ordering in. The main idea is to come together and sew.

This is an independent retreat (not a DCSQ-sponsored event) being offered by Carol and by St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Please RSVP, due to limited space, to Carol at merryhands@gmail.com or 651-452-5161. Donations to Food Shelf are welcome and optional – no fee or donation is required.



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Happy Thanksgiving!

