



Dakota County Star Quilters (DCSQ)

Bits and Pieces

November 2021

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Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 11/09/2021
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.

Please know, your safety is very important to us. Our in person meetings have been following current CDC guidelines and we are also working with the Eagan Community Center on cleaning and safety protocols. There is a link on our website, dakotacountystarquilters.org to see the current CDC guidelines.

Message from our chairperson – Trisha Millonig

Hello Everyone,

November is here and with it the cooler weather. My gardens are put to bed for the year leaving me more time to quilt. I have always enjoyed the change of seasons and have used my quilting to create different seasonal quilts to display throughout my home. I also have made seasonal lap quilts to drape over the back of my sofa and love seat. I gravitate towards the cool color spectrum and working with the warm autumn colors of oranges, yellows and browns was a challenge for me. I love changing out the quilts every three months as the seasons change. Speaking of challenges, I made myself a list of 21 quilt related things to do in 2021 inspired by our “20 in 2020” challenge. I put some of the unfinished things from 2020 on my list as well as some new ones. One of those things was to try curved piecing which I had not done in my 24 years of quilting. I was inspired by the Carole Lyles Shaw presentation and bought her book, “Madly Modern Quilts”. I am proud to say I have accomplished that goal and will show the results during our bag of stuff reveal at our meeting. We will also have a representative from the new quilt shop, Wildflower Quilt Company, to show us some of their items, have some games and giveaways. They are located in Lakeville on 17775 Kenwood Trail. Beth Kobliska will host our bag of stuff reveal and Cindy Thury Smith will be demonstrating the technique for making a clamshell block. We will also have fall themed and general show and tell.

In addition, we are going to try to simulcast our meeting live via zoom for those members who cannot attend in person. The link is below. You can also sign in by going to zoom.us. The meeting ID is 479 009 7389 and the passcode is QUILT. We have no experience doing this and any feedback is appreciated. We are hoping to have this as an option for future meetings.

Topic: DCSQ November Meeting
Time: Nov 9, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4790097389?pwd=NnIFc3NkU1JKckZRU2FtL3hKbDkzdz09>
Trisha

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

Are we in person? Are we virtual? What Safety protocols are we taking? What community service project is the group working on? Check the website! It is a great place to see the most up to date information on upcoming meetings and activity. Our members only page has past newsletters, current membership list, board notes, and programs.

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

Sue

Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch

Annual Quilt Retreat at Camp Wapo

Our retreat will be this week November 10-14, 2021.

Mark your calendars for next years retreat, which will be November 9-13, 2022. Registration forms will be updated and put on the website soon under the retreat page at www.dcsq.org

If you have any questions, please contact me at tpbasch@hotmail.com

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Education/Activities – Elizabeth Kobliska

For November, we're tackling curved piecing. Cindy Smith will demonstrate clamshell piecing at the meeting, and I'm writing instructions for 2 ways to make a Drunkard's Path block for our Skill Builder sampler.

Attached is the DCSQ Skill Builder / Technique of the month for October - yeah, it's late - my sewing room has been such a mess, with 4 projects going on at once, that I didn't even want to

go in there. I finally braved the mess, cleared some space, and made my blocks. This month I have 2 methods for Square in a Square technique, with tips for when to use each method. And there are instructions for 2 sampler blocks, Snail's Trail (plus a variation), and Connecticut, which uses Square in a Square, Flying Geese and Half Square Triangles. If you make one or more of the blocks each month, you'll have enough for a sampler at the end of the series. I'm working on several sampler layouts, so you'll have some choices, depending on how many blocks you end up making. If you've made any of the blocks so far, please bring them to the November meeting. I'll be there and display my blocks up on the wall.

On to November - curved piecing.

I've also posted the pdf in our DCSQ Facebook group.

Any questions or corrections, you're always welcome to contact me.

Beth Kobliska
651-340-0024

Membership-Trisha Millonig

Dues for the 2022 calendar year are due by January 1st, 2022 and will return to the pre-pandemic amount of \$30.00. (Note: the board had decreased dues in 2021 because we were not having in person meetings, and we had 8 months of room rental paid at the ECC). There will be no quilt show store or small quilt auction income in 2022 and we are exploring technology options to allow both in person and simulcast meetings.

You can pay in person at a meeting or mail a check made out to **DCSQ** to:
Trisha Millonig,
2041 Jade Lane
Eagan, MN 55122.

Community Service-Trisha Millonig

We will continue to work on the Pie Crust Pile Up pattern. I am currently piecing the first top. I have enough red and blue blocks to piece a second quilt as well. For our next project, I would like to do this same pattern in bright, scrappy colors for children. We will make it in two sizes, lap and twin.

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 or two quilts that showcase some of your best work. The library has approximately 150 linear feet of wall space divided among 10 walls in different areas.

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:

Wildflower Quilt Co. Presentation, Bag of Stuff Reveal and Clamshell Demonstration by Cindy Thury Smith
Show & Tell Theme: Fall Items

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

Results of the survey are in and we will have a potluck as well as bring your own food option. Or if desired, just come and socialize. We will have the Left, Right, Center dice game with fat quarters for prizes. Since we will be sitting facing each other at tables rather than spread out in a large meeting room, we are asking you only attend if vaccinated and masks will be required except while eating. This is in line with what other groups and facilities are requiring for this type of activity.

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.

February 8, 2022, Time to be determined, at the Burnhaven Library

Page Johnson will be giving a presentation on designing award winning group quilts.
More information to follow.

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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.