

Upcoming Events:

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

February meeting
Tues., Feb. 9, 7:00 PM,
Eagan Community Center

Deadline for January
Newsletter: Jan. 4

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., Dec. 8, 6:30 PM

Our December meeting will be held at the Lighthouse Church 3285 144th St W, Rosemount, MN 55068. We will have our ever-popular soup and salad supper! Please bring an appetizer, fruit or vegetable salad, or dessert. (Please also bring a Food Shelf donation or a toy for Toys for Tots.)

Note From President, Sandi Irish

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy New Yew! It is the most wonderful time of year. I love the lights, the snow, the family get-togethers and the seed catalogs that come in January with the promise of warmer weather.

It's time for our annual Christmas dinner; I always look forward to it. If you make a unique dessert or appetizer please bring a few copies of the recipe, if you can. Please remember an item or 2 for the food shelf and don't forget -- our meeting starts early -- 6:30 PM. Come hungry!

For Show and Tell, bring a holiday quilt if you have one, or maybe one that will be a gift that none of us will get to see once it's gifted.

May all your points be pointy!
Sandi

2016 DCSQ Quilt Show – by Kathy Lindstrom

The 21st DCSQ's Quilt Show has a theme – "Legal in All 50 States." Remember that any DCSQ membership renewals in the month of December and January will receive a ticket to the April lecture featuring Gudrun Erla, the designer and owner of GE Designs. There will be an afternoon lecture (1 pm) and the normal 7 pm meeting time lecture. Cost for a ticket if you do not renew in time will be \$6.

We need a volunteer for each lecture to take tickets at the door. We also need a volunteer to manage store set up.

This year's challenge is to make anything from fabric that was purchased at the show store in any of the previous years. The maximum size is 40" x 40" or 160" around the perimeter. This can be any shape, and bags, garments or anything else you've made would be acceptable. Time to sort through your stash and put your creative thinking caps on!

2016 DCSQ Dues – by Trisha Millonig

Reminder: if you renew your dues (\$24) in December or January, you get a free ticket to the quilt show lecture in April.

What Color is Your Quilt? – by Arlette Kreager

It's unveiling time and it should be fun to see what those who accepted the challenge have done with tints, tones, and shades of a single color (color crayon). Bring your project to the December meeting (even if it's not quilted) and enjoy the oohs and aahs of your fellow quilters.

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.

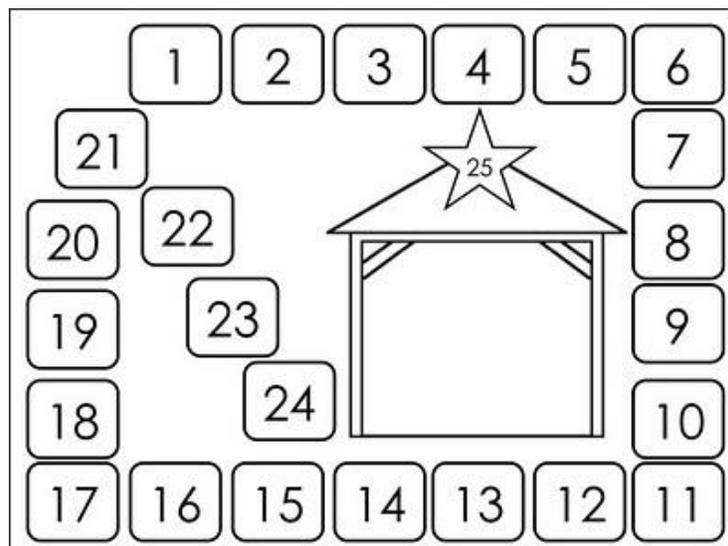
- Work on another quilter's project as you want her to work on yours.
- Use GOOD QUALITY fabric and respect the project.
- Measure, measure, measure! Make sure your measurements are accurate, cut straight and use 1/4 inch seams. Make sure your addition and finished project is square! If you don't know 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).

January Meeting – Don't Miss This One! – by Carol Egan

Be sure to come to the January meeting, and bring a friend. We are lucky to have a nationally-known and popular quilter, Amanda Jean Nyberg, as our January speaker! Amanda Jean is co-author of the book, *Sunday Morning Quilts*, and author of a very popular blog, *Crazy Mom Quilts*. Her scrap quilts are beautiful and inspiring. She can hardly throw away a scrap. Come see her large quilts, and the tiny ones made from the most miniscule scraps. You will be amazed. She has her own line of fabric just out, and will offer her patterns and fabric for sale. Don't miss it – January 12, 2016.

Coloring – the New Hot Trend – by Carol Egan

Coloring for grownups is a new, popular trend, so in keeping with the season, we are offering you your own Advent calendar that you can color as the days go along. Have fun!



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