



## Upcoming Events:

April Meeting: Eagan Community Center, Tues, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

May Meeting: Eagan Community Center, Tues, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

### 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. 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 the Eagan Community Center, Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. **There will be a brief mini meeting at 6:30 Tuesday before the DCSQ meeting to wrap up the quilt show. All are welcome.**

## Note From DCSQ Chair – Beth Kobliska

Does winter always last this long in Minnesota? I've been here 11 years, and I'm sure I've been out bike riding by April 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm coping with cabin fever by working on my Gypsy Wife quilt, while binge watching Downton Abbey, Counterpart, and Homeland. Fingers crossed that it will soon be warm and dry enough to get out for a bike ride and banish the winter blues.

For our **April meeting**, Trisha Millonig will present a photo tour of members' sewing rooms, with ideas for organizing fabrics, supplies and work areas. There might even be a mystery demonstration – but you'll have to come to the meeting to find out. Nanette Sutherland, our quilt show chairperson, will do a wrap-up of the quilt show and present the Viewer's Choice awards. We'll also get an update on how well the store sale and auction.

Join us to sew pillowcases Saturday, April 7th from 10am to 3pm at All Saints Lutheran Church, 3810 Lexington in Eagan (corner of Lexington and Wescott). Bring your sewing machine or serger and basic sewing supplies and lunch. The pillowcases have been cut and are ready to sew together. Can't come for the whole day? That's fine – stop by for an hour or two. I'll bring an extra sewing machine or put you to work pinning and ironing. It will be a fun day, sewing and socializing. And the best thing about making pillowcases for community service – at the end of the day they're done - no unfinished quilts to finish at home. At the end of the day we'll have bins full of finished pillowcases ready to be donated to local shelters.

**DCSQ's Chair Note continued...**

The Gypsy Wife Sew-Along has begun, with 16 people participating. The Gypsy Wife quilt is a sampler pattern by Jen Kingwell, with 72 blocks of all different sizes, and assembled with a background of 1-inch strips. It's fun, with some blocks challenging our piecing skills, and some blocks fast and easy. Please bring your finished blocks to the April meeting, pinned to a pillowcase or fabric that we can tape to the window so everyone can see, and to be entered in a drawing for a charm pack. If you haven't signed up yet, let me know (Beth Kobliska) so I can add you to my email distribution list. I've shared the schedule, and some helpful tips and instructions though email and on the DCSQ Facebook page. At the April meeting, I'll answer any questions and go over the blocks for section 2.



In May we will have our annual election for board members. If you'd like to be more involved in DCSQ, get to know other members and help plan DCSQ programs and activities, the best way is to join the board. Don't worry that you're new to DCSQ, or don't know how things have been done in the past. We welcome fresh ideas, new ways of doing things, and there are many members to help out and answer questions. Here are the open positions in need of volunteers.

**Chair:** Work with the board to organize programs for monthly meetings, work with the treasurer to establish an annual budget for her term budget, and lead monthly meetings.

**Vice Chair:** Assist the Chair, lead meetings in the chair's absence, and serve as DCSQ chair the following year. Basically learns the ropes to lead the group next year.

**Education and Activities:** Organize group activities and quilting challenges, such as round robins, block exchanges, group sewing days, shop hops, fabric challenges, sew-alongs, and classes.

**Membership / Greeter:** Greet and welcome members and guests at meetings, keep a sign-in sheet for meetings, maintain membership packets for new members, and accept new member applications.

**Community Service:** Organize charity sewing and distribution of donation quilts, pillowcases and other items made for community service.

### March Meeting Minutes – Sunny Kline

We had another great meeting with more than 30 members and guests present at the Eagan Community Center. Our presenters were Brenda Lou Scott, and her daughter Liz, who presented “10 Gift Ideas, Under \$20”. Brenda Lou and Liz owned a quilt shop in California until a couple of years ago when they relocated back to Minnesota. Liz has an active online business, designs patterns, and sells fabric and kits. (web site [scottiedogquilts.com](http://scottiedogquilts.com)). They brought samples of many great quick and easy gift ideas (see photos) as well as fabric, kits, books, patterns, and notions to sell. They had quite a line of members shopping and purchasing items during the break!

Guild Chairperson Beth then presented a fabulous slide show on the Gypsy Wife Quilt. She is leading a “quilt-along” this year, featuring this amazing scrappy sampler quilt, and showed numerous versions of it that she found online. She and Sandi brought blocks for the quilt and presented them for everyone to see. This is a challenging quilt, but most of the block are familiar patterns, such as Puss in the Corner, Square in a Square, and Courthouse Steps. It will be fun to see what everyone does with this project as the months go by!

### 2018 Quilt Show – Nanette Sutherland, Show Chair

**There will be a brief mini meeting at 6:30 Tuesday before the DCSQ meeting to wrap up the quilt show. All are welcome.**

At the meeting, we will award the prizes for Viewer's Choice, UFO Challenge as well as the Fabric Challenge.

We have heard many wonderful compliments regarding this year's show. People loved the wide variety and of course the store! We had 25 finished UFO'S in the show! The museum also benefits from the extra traffic. It really is a win - win for all of us to have an annual show. I'm sure if I had I taken on the Chair position earlier, I would have had more time to find a speaker and put things into motion sooner. Going forward that would be my best advice to the next Quilt Show Chair. If you have the time or haven't been able to lately, please consider helping with next year's show. *Just like raising a family, it takes a village to put together a quilt show.* We had approximately 16 DCSQ members and some family members for set up and 8 DCSQ members for take down.

Many thanks to all who helped with this year's show. A special thanks to:  
Karen Asmundson: Quilt Show and quilt rack set up  
Nicole Anderson Davis: Viewer's Choice  
Jackie Grinde: store merchandise and set up, newsletter  
Jan Haneberger: Modern Quilt Group Coordinator

Susie Smidt: Silent Auction & Refreshments  
 Beth Kobliska: Fabric challenge  
 Sue Tobias: Quilt Store Chair  
 Marsha Millonig: Treasure  
 Jeannette Root: Registration  
 Rosemary Root: Advertising Bookmarks / Posters, and Registration

**Quilt Show Boutique Challenge – Arlette Kreager**

Take some of what you purchased at our boutique during the show and create something new! It could be a finished UFO or a completely new creation. Bring your treasure to the picnic in July so we can all enjoy seeing the results.

**Pillowcase Sewing Day – April 7th**

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**Website Information - [dcsq.org](http://dcsq.org) – Sue Tobias**

Want an easy way to look through the quilts from the show? Go to our website, under "annual quilt show" to see the 2018 show as well as past years shows. As always, Members Only page has a password, **i am a member**, with spaces and not caps.

**A Site for Your Fabric Scraps – Karen Asmundson**

Bloomington Hazardous Waste accepts textile scraps. Dakota County residents can use this service without charge. They take for free just show your driver's license.

South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street Bloomington, MN 55431

Facility hours:

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday . . . 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday . . . . . 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Saturday . . . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays

Open to residents of Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties

### **2018 Quilt Retreat – Pat Basch**

Mark your calendars for our next **quilt retreat November 7-11, 2018** at Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin. This beautiful and spacious setting overlooks Lake Wapogasset and promises lots of fun, camaraderie, and possible Eagle sightings. A Little Piece of Mind quilt shop will provide a Friday evening trunk show. Meals are included. The registration form can be found on the guild website [dcsq.org/retreat](http://dcsq.org/retreat). Attend 3, 4, or 5 days...whatever works with your schedule. Space is limited. Pat Basch (c) 651-767-2210

### **Community Service – Beth Kobliska and Trisha Millonig**

Do you have a UFO that you don't want to finish, or a quilt top that's finished but you're not interested in quilting? Perhaps you weren't happy with the finished quilt top, didn't like the way it came out or your taste in fabrics and colors have changed. Consider donating it to community service. I'll be happy to quilt it and we will find it a good home with someone who will be thrilled to have it. We'll find backing and binding fabric if necessary.

### **Minneapolis Modern Quilt Guild - Spots Available for Heather Jones workshop**

Hi!

I'm a member of the Minneapolis Modern Quilt Guild and I thought some members of your guild may be interested in our upcoming Heather Jones workshop "From Inspiration to Design." Participants bring a photograph for inspiration and leave with a unique quilt design that's ready to be constructed at home. The no-sew workshop is on April 21 from 9:30-4:30. The cost is \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members.

The info and signup form for the Heather Jones workshop can be found here: <http://www.minneapolismqg.com/2018/02/heather-jones-workshop.html>

**Pictures from the "Scottie Dog" Presentation**



**Bow WOW**



**Selected Quilts from the March Meeting**



And many tells...

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DCSQ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/DakotaCountyStarQuilters/](https://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.

