



Upcoming Events:

February meeting:
Tues., Feb. 10, 7:00 PM
Eagan Community Center

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**Deadline for March
Newsletter: March 2**

**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.

Note From President, Sandi Irish

Happy Valentine's Day!

Deciding how to begin my newsletter blurb each month is the hardest part. I have to be clever, catch your attention and not sound like a knucklehead at the same time. It may not be attention grabbing but it is easier when I can wish you a happy or merry something or other.

Hopefully the coldest part of Winter is behind us. I'm still hoping for some measurable snow for snowshoeing, rather than these little teasers we've been getting. But, without the heavy snows, it is nice to easily get to the quilt shops without fighting drifts. There's always an upside! And, since we're not out shoveling, snowshoeing or ice skating, we're getting LOTS of quilting done on our show entries, aren't we? I think I have three planned for the show.

This month is a hand sewing (hey! Knitting or crocheting are completely acceptable) night. If you are doing some kind of handwork that might be new, please share your technique.

March will be our Quilt Show store prep meeting. I think we had a fun time last March and we came up with some lovely fabric packs and bundles. Do a little early spring cleaning! Make room for the fabric you'll buy at the show.

April-SHOW!

In May we will see a presentation on round robin quilts made by a group from the Chaska guild. A small group each made a starting block, then the rest of the group members added to it, using any two sides. The original quilter did not see her block again until all were completed. They turned out FABULOUS. You will indeed enjoy this Power Point which explains their process, and some of the quilts will be here in person.

Also, May is election month. A few board positions will be available, chair and co-chair among them. It's not a hard job and nobody does it alone!

May your points always be pointy!
Sandi

Quilt Show 2015 – by Trisha Millonig

Dates: April 14, 2015 through May 8, 2015

Theme: Turning Twenty. It is our Twentieth Anniversary Show.

Speaker: Wendy Butler Berns

Website: www.wendybutlerberns.com

Opening Lectures: Tuesday 4-14-2015 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Class by Wendy: Wednesday, 4-15-2015 (for sign-ups, see Trisha Millonig)

The class is "**Creating Captivating Colorful Quilts-Color for Quilters.**"

Begin to take the mystery out of confusing fabric choices. Develop confidence in choosing fabrics and understanding more about color dynamics. This is a technique and project based class.

This will be a no sew class at the DCHS on Wednesday, April 15th and is limited to 20 people. Cost is \$35.00 More specific details from Wendy will be given prior to the class.

Quilt drop off: Thursday April 9, 2015 and Friday April 10, 2015

Quilt rack set up and small quilt auction hanging: Friday April 10

Show set up: Saturday April 11

Store set up: TBD

Show take down: Saturday: May 9, 2015

At the March meeting we will be sorting and bundling fabric for the store. We will have a couple of games and some fun door prizes! Start getting your fabric donations ready now.



2015 Show Challenge - by Sally Mortenson

Remember to start working on your show challenge. If you need the challenge fabric, I can send you some. I can't make the February meeting, so give me a call.

2015 will be our 20th annual quilt show. The traditional gift for the 20th anniversary is china. Let's make something for the table- a runner, placemats, candle mat, napkins, fabric bowl, etc.- something to go with our china. Challenge quilts will be turned in on April 9 or 10. Put them in a paper bag to keep them unseen until the show.

Here are the rules:

1. Make something to use on the dining table.
2. Include the 4-5 charms challenge fabric. They must be visible on the project (e.g. don't use them for backing or binding). You may choose any other fabric and embellishments for your project.
3. If you wish, attach a photo of the tableware you would use with your project.

Retreat in November – by Pat Basch

The 2015 retreat will be November 4-8 at Camp Wapo. If you are interested in attending, see Pat Basch for a registration form. The retreat is limited to 32 women and fills quickly. Check out our guild blog for retreat photos. (Blog address is in the info box at the bottom of the last page of every newsletter.)

Community Service – by Carol Egan

Our 2015 block is a 9.5-inch nine patch. Use any color, print or solid (but please no religious symbols or religious holiday fabrics). Novelties are great for kid quilts. Bring blocks to any meeting. 2014 blocks are still being accepted as well.

At the next few meetings I will have kits available for people to finish quilts. If you are willing to volunteer, see me.

I hope to have some labels available at our February meeting and will need a few of them sewn onto completed quilts. Bring a needle and thread, please.

Save **Saturday, Feb. 21 for a DCSQ Sewing Day** to be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 Wesley Lane, Mendota Heights, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Bring a lunch or money for Jimmy Johns. Bring fabrics or already-cut 3.5-inch strips. We'll work on community service projects that day and/or your own projects as well. The more the merrier!

Help Wanted, May – by Carol Egan

I will be away during newsletter and meeting time in May. Can someone else please do the newsletter for me that month? We can make it as easy for you as possible. See me.

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