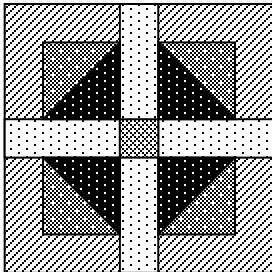

COUNTRY CROSSROADS

QUILT GUILD



FORRESTON, ILLINOIS

<i>President</i>	<i>Jennifer Newcomer</i>	<i>708-774-3279</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Mary Pizzolato</i>	<i>297-5519</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Sue Sturtevant</i>	<i>541-7446</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Donalee Yenney</i>	<i>309-229-6020</i>
<i>Program</i>	<i>Kay Walker</i>	<i>275-2904</i>
<i>Guild Historian</i>	<i>Kathy Clark</i>	<i>670-2833</i>
<i>Warm Ups</i>		
<i>Service Projects</i>	<i>Doreen Hartman</i>	<i>973-5112</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Ruth Whitney</i>	<i>262-0740</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Ruth Whitney</i>	<i>262-0740</i>
<i>Mail to:</i>		<i>ruth0203@aol.com</i>

Our website: countrycrossroadsquiltguild.com

Webmaster: countrycrossroadsquiltguild@gmail.com

MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2025

Volume 32, No. 7

Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

July 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR July 21, 2025

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Just like that it is July. Cherries, black raspberries, and blackberries are coming in strong. I cannot wait for the first garden tomato. How is everyone doing on the mystery quilt that Rhonda Streich is generously providing?



Important dates for this month.

National Contract Sewing Month is in July and is a month long-observance recognizing and celebrating all things manufactured with a needle and thread.

Enjoy the 4th of July holiday. See you on the 21st.

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.

Jennifer

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's Report

June 2025

CCQG, Meeting Minutes **JUNE 16, 2025**

Program: Longarm Forum Guild members Carol Bellows, Donalee Yenney and Ruth Whitney shared their insights and answered questions on sending your quilt tops to a long armer for quilting.

Carol stated that she began by doing custom embroidery in 2001. She bought her first Handiquilter 16 in 2008 and a second machine in 2017. In 2015 she moved the business to her current location in downtown Oregon. She estimates that she has done 2500 quilts and does about 3 per week using Edge to Edge programs.

Donalee started quilting in 2018. She first bought a used longarm without a computer. In 2020 she sold that machine in order to purchase an APQS which she does Edge to Edge and custom quilting with. Her business is in her home at Lake Carroll.

Ruth started quilting in 2016 and uses a Handiquilter which she does Edge to Edge quilting. Her business is in her home in Stillman Valley, and she does 3-5 quilts a week.

They shared advice and answered questions from the members. Carol demonstrated how to properly measure and add borders to your quilt top to prevent them from being wavy. Donalee talked about how important it is to press both the quilt top and backing. Ruth commented on the need to communicate with your longarmer and to be specific on

how you would like the top quilted. Helpful tips included placing a piece of pool noodle over a hanger to prevent deep creases in the quilt top and backing. Try and accordion fold your quilt top in the direction it will be loaded on the longarm frame. Label the top of the quilt tops and backings especially if the fabric is directional or pieced. Remember when using a wideback fabric to rip it instead of cutting to keep it straight. On the backing try and leave the selvage on the top and bottom. When the quilt top is finished sew 1/8 inch around the outside of the quilt tops to keep the seams from pulling apart.

This was a very informative program to help us help the longarmer to quilt the tops we have put so much time and effort into.

Rhonda Streich shared clue #2 of the mystery quilt. It's definitely still a mystery.

After a break for refreshments, the meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 8:11pm.

There were 32 members present. We welcomed 5 guests: Colleen Gallagher, Carole Keith, Vickie Krueger, Deyonne Evans, and Kathryn Evans. Debbie Griffith renewed her membership.

Drawing winners: Name tag-Karen Bowen Show and tell-Rhonda Streich, Mystery Quilt-Sue Sturtevant.

Nina Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in the June newsletter and Shauna Heck seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report as it appeared in the June newsletter was reviewed and held for audit by the Executive Board.

Kay Walker gave a report on upcoming programs. In July, Linda Halpin will be

coming to teach a Rolling Star table runner class during the day and then in the evening she will be presenting a program called Borders on Parade.

In August we will be having our annual picnic and Shauna Heck will be teaching a paper piecing class.

In September, Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Quilt Designs will give the program.

In October, Lisa Furleigh from Quilting in the Valley will be presenting. In November we will be making children's book pillows.

Remember at the end of 2025, Kay will be stepping down as program chairperson. Please consider becoming involved with seeking out presenters and program scheduling. Kay is willing to help the new people get started.

Old Business: The Executive Board met to discuss the ideas that were brought forth on how we are going to pay for the storage unit that is housing the quilt show racks and supplies. The monthly rental on the unit is \$40.00. After reviewing the ideas, the Executive Board recommended increasing the yearly membership fee to \$30.00. The recommendation was opened for discussion. Nina Mueller motioned to increase the annual membership dues to \$30.00, Ruth Whitney seconded. A vote will be taken on this matter at the July meeting.

Rhonda Streich reported that the trailer that had formerly been used to store the quilt racks had been sold for \$240.00.

Nina Mueller discussed the current ideas for charity projects. They include lap quilts and walker bags. She asked members for any other ideas they might have.

She and Doreen Hartman are also interested in putting together a sewing class for kids.

New Business: A discussion was opened on having the quilt show every 2 years instead of every 3 years. Some of the reasons included feedback from people who attended, that it would keep a quilt show in the area every year as Rockford is having theirs next year and it is a source of income for our Guild. This subject was tabled for now to allow time for members to consider and discuss it. It will also result in a change to the constitution.

Kathy Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Peggy Wolford seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Show & Tell followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sturtevant, Secretary

JULY PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

The Workshop will be a class taught by Linda Halpin, from Reedsburg, WI, starting at 12:30. Linda will be instructing on a new construction technique to easily create the Rolling Star block. A course description along with pre-workshop material requirements and cutting instructions was emailed to members on June 22. At night Linda will present a program "Borders on Parade" sharing quilts from my personal collection, examining dozens of variations on border treatments.

There is prep work for the Workshop. Previously sent Workshop information will be attached to this Newsletter mailing.

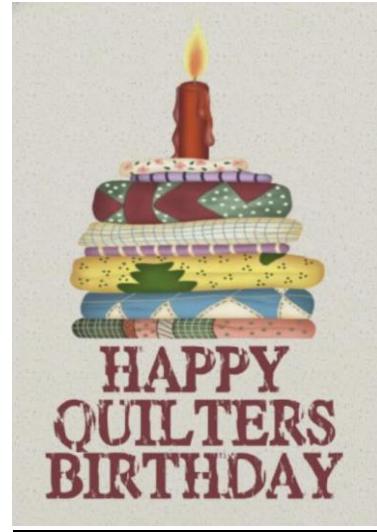
Reminder: People taking the class please pay me \$40.00 before the start of class. Thank you.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE

The Bee will be open at 10. Everyone is welcome. There is a Workshop going on so Bee participants will need to keep this in mind.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper



MYSTERY QUILT

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt
Clue #3 will be available at the July Meeting!

Clue #3 and a demonstration will be given at the July Guild Meeting, with a new Clue each month until the Big Reveal at the November meeting. Also, an email will be sent with Clue #3.

Please share Clues with other folks that may be interested in joining our guild! Create a Mystery Quilt Sew Group! There is no cost. This will be a 2-color quilt, and all clues will contain traditional piecing techniques.

It's gonna be fun!
Rhonda Streich

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Faye Schneiderman	6
Sue Sturtevant	7
Susan Murges	11
Lynda Palmer	14
Donna Saxby	21
Rhonda Streich	21
Mary Pizzlato	26
Ritarose Pulley	26
Doreen Hartman	28

COMING UP: AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Deb Ley	4
Kim Meyer	16
Jennifer Newcomer	27

JUNE REFRESHMENTS

Joyce Winnekins
Shauna Heck
Doreen Hartman

COMING UP: AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

Fran Kaminski
Carol Bellows
Jennifer Newcomer
Ruth Whitney
Kim Meyer
Denise Rehnberg

Meeting Reminders:

Please wear name tag
Bring show and tell!
Please silence your cell phones.
Please keep table conversations to a minimum during our business meeting.

General Notes and Reminders

Refreshments: There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

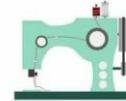
And: The church has asked that we restore the room set up as it was upon arrival and put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings.

Everyone please stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this. It would be greatly appreciated.

Also: We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is responsible for taking the garbage out to the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you have tossed your trash before then.



It's a proven
fact...



You cannot be sad
when holding
fabrics and thread

