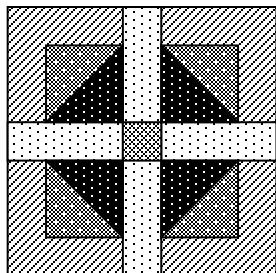

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MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2025

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Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

August 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR August 18, 2025

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PICNIC MEAL WILL START A 6 PM

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello all,

Happy August everyone. It seems to get busier at this time of the year. So many fun things to do. So much work to do as well. We are right in the thick of county fairs right now. I seem to annually go to the Ogle County and Sandwich Fair every year. So much to see and too much to eat. I make sure I go through all the exhibit buildings. The 4-H kids work so hard on their projects. We love to ask questions and listen to them.

If you can, try a state fair. Holy moly.... the best of the best for all to see.

- Wisconsin State Fair 7/31-8/10
- Illinois State Fair 8/7-17
- Iowa State Fair 8/7-17
- Minnesota State Fair 8/21-9/1

I hope everyone is participating in the Mystery Quilt. Rhonda has been supplying the clues to us monthly. I'm not picturing the final pattern yet. Any good guesses? See you on the 18th for the picnic. Bring your appetite!

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.

Jennifer

TREASURERS REPORT

JULY 21, 2025

The July 21, 2025, meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 8:51. There were 40 members present plus 8 new members, and 1 guest.

New Members: Colleen Gallagher, Carol Keith, Sue Newberg, Vicki Kueter, Carole Janes, Cindy PettaConnell, Deyonne Evans, And Kathryn Evans

One Guest: Olivia Wade

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

Prize drawing winners: Show and Tell - Vicky Dose, Name Tag - Chyree Rohde Lincoln, Mystery Quilt - Karen Bolen

Programs: Kay Walker discussed the upcoming programs. August - Shauna Heck will be teaching a paper piecing class using the Hopscotch pattern beginning at 9:00. She has patterns and kits available. We will be having our summer picnic which will start at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share, meat will be provided.

Ruth Whitney is planning a fun game of bingo. She says it is quick moving, and everyone will be a winner. If you wish to play, please bring one item for the prize table.

September - Jill Shaulis will be doing a class during the day called Super Stars and then having a trunk show before the meeting. A warmup is being planned by Karen Bolen at 6:30.

October - In the afternoon we will be working on our book pillows that we will give to children. In the evening Lisa Furleigh from Quilting in the Valley will be having a trunk show.

November - Christmas Party.

Old Business:

Dues increase - During the previous meeting, a motion was passed to increase the dues to \$30.00 to help pay for the storage unit. This motion was put up for vote. The vote was in favor of the increase.

Quilt show - Tabled at the previous meeting, there had been a discussion on having the quilt show every 2 years instead of every 3 years. Rhonda Streich made a motion to amend the Bylaws point #3 under article 1 to read year 1 complete the raffle quilt and year 2 hold the quilt show. Throughout each year, work on community projects. Ruth Whitney seconded the motion. A vote will be taken at the next business meeting.

New Business:

The Stillman Valley Fall Festival committee is looking for volunteers to help at their quilt show on September 26-28. Ruth Whitney will try and find out more information. Peggy Wohlford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cathy King seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:23.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sturtevant, secretary

AUGUST PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

The August event will be our Annual Picnic Potluck. The Refreshment Committee will provide pulled pork and sloppy joes and

Members are asked to bring a “dish to share.” **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEAL WILL START A 6 PM** which gives us time to enjoy the meal and a rousing game of “Scrap Bingo” following the meal all before our meeting. For the bingo game, each Member is asked to bring a gently used quilt related item, something that you are no longer using or perhaps have a duplicate one.

Shauna Heck will be doing a paper piece class, A Quiltworx Stashbuster pattern “Hopscotch,” **THE CLASS IS FULL!**

Kay Walker, Program Chair

BEE KEEPER’S MESSAGE

The Bee will be open at 8:30 due to the early start of our Workshop. Shauna Heck will be doing a paper piece class starting at nine. Anyone wanting to sit and sew may do so too, keeping in mind that the workshop will be going on.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

SERVICE COMMITTEE

As we look ahead to the new year, I'm filled with excitement about our continued commitment to generosity within our community. Country Crossroads Guild has a long-standing reputation for kindness and compassion, and I believe next year will be our most impactful yet.

We're dedicating the upcoming year to a concentrated effort in supporting our neighbors. A fantastic initiative we're launching is a project to create bags for walkers and wheelchairs. These bags will provide much-needed convenience and assistance to those in our community who rely on these mobility aids.

To make this project a resounding success, I'm inviting each of you to contribute a single bag over the next six months. Imagine the collective impact – hundreds of bags, donated with love and care, making a tangible difference in the lives of many. Many hands truly do make light work, and this project is a perfect embodiment of that principle. Even a small contribution from each of us will create a significant collective donation.

Please consider joining us in this meaningful endeavor. We will share more detailed instructions and suggestions regarding bag design and construction in the coming weeks. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

This month's guild update is a bit lighter on details, but I wanted to remind everyone about our upcoming "Pillow Book" project for the children in our area. The girls have expressed a lot of enthusiasm for this initiative, and it promises to be a rewarding experience.

To prepare, please start gathering materials. We'll need a variety of children's books (gently used or new) and soft fabrics – ideally, anything bright, colorful, and appealing to youngsters. Don't forget stuffing! We'll need plenty of it to fill our pillow books. Feel free to raid your fabric stashes for suitable materials. Let's aim for a diverse collection of both books and fabrics to ensure a broad appeal to the children who will receive them.

I'll be in touch soon with more specific details about dates, times, and the project's exact scope. In the meantime, gathering these materials will help us hit the ground running. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Service Committee Chairs:

Doreen Hartman

Nina Mueller

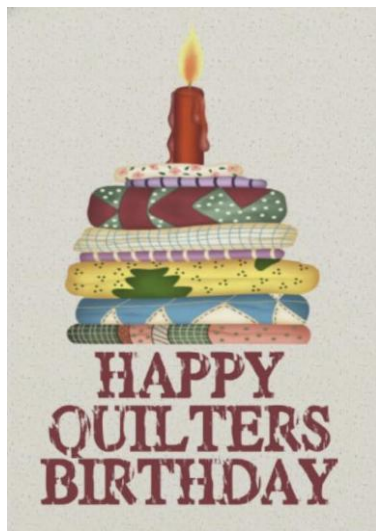
MYSTERY QUILT

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt Clue #4 will be available at the August Meeting!

Clue #4 and a demonstration were 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 #4.

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Deb Ley	4
Kim Meyer	16
Jennifer Newcomer	27

COMING UP: SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nina Mueller	11
Shauna Heck	13
Teri Janecek	13
Jeannie Brinkmeyer	25
Kathy Pederson	27

AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

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

COMING UP: SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS

Lynda Palmer
Joyce Winnekins
Ritarose Pulley

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.

Faithful Circle Quilters
"QuiltScape 2025" Quilt Show
September 20 & 21, 2025
Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm
Jefferson Junior High School
7200 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL



SAVE THE DATES!

Art in Every Stitch: A Quilt Show
August 15 – October 11, 2025
Freeport Art Museum, 121 N. Harlem Av
Freeport, IL
Opening Reception, August 15, 5-7 pm
Bed Turning Event, September 4, 430 – 7pm

Geneseo Quilt Guild
"Fall in Love with Quilts" Quilt Show
September 12 & 13, 2025
Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-3pm
Geneseo Community Center
541 E North St, Geneseo, IL

"The Airing of the Quilts!"
Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company
Outdoor Quilt Show
Saturday September 13, 2025
Downtown Orfordville, WI