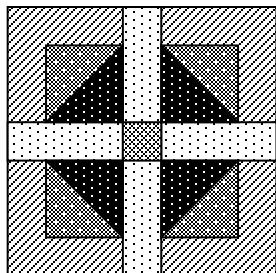


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2025

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Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

September 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR September 15, 2025

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### **THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE**

Hello all,  
Happy September everyone. I noticed about a week ago trees started to change color. Fall has arrived early I believe. Summer seemed to have flown by at a record pace. I am starting to plan out colder weather sewing plans. I felt guilty about sewing in the warm weather so not much was accomplished.

The fabric stash seemed to multiple though. I like to think the stash is like a garden and I did a wonderful job with production this year. No need for fertilizer yet. Lol

- September is National Sewing Month
- September 10<sup>th</sup> is Sewing Machine Day
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Hooked on Sewing September Sewalong This event includes beginner-friendly projects with video tutorials released over several weeks.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> is National Sew a Jelly Roll Day Look for livestreams and special projects on Youtube.

It is not too early to start holiday gift projects. It will be here before we know it.

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?

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.  
Jennifer

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

### **COLLECTION OF 2026 DUES HAS STARTED.**

## **AUGUST 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

The August 18, 2025, Country Crossroads Quilt Guild meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 7:17pm. There were 36 members present and one guest, Judy Bence.

Prize drawing winners: Name Tag-Kathy Clark Show and Tell-Chastity Moorehead Mystery Quilt-Dawn Vehmeier.

Peggy Wohlford motioned to approve the minutes of the July 2025 meeting as they appeared in the newsletter. Kathy Clark seconded. Motion approved.

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

Workshop/Programs-Kay Walker reported that in September Jill Shaulis will be teaching a class at 9:00 am called Super Stars. Jill will be presenting a program in the evening.

**Old Business:** At the previous meeting, a motion to change the Constitution/Bylaws to hold the Quilt Show every other year; motion passed with a vote to be called at the August meeting. Following a short discussion on this matter, a final vote was taken. The members voted in favor of having the Quilt Show every other year.

**New Business:** Nominations for officers will be in October with elections in November. Please consider serving as an officer. We are especially in need of filling the office of Vice President.

The sewing project for October will be the book pillows. Ruth Whitney will bring directions in September, and 14- or 16-inch pillow forms seem to work the best. Liz Fabian has donated 25 flashlights for the project.

Doreen Hartman reported on Charity plans. She said to look online for walker bag patterns, there are many to choose from.

Sandy Shelly motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doreen Hartman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Sturtevant, Secretary

## **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM/WORKSHOP**

In September Jill Shaulis will present a class on Super Stars, the class will start at 9. Doors will open at 8:30. The evening program will be a trunk show presented by Jill.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

I'm writing to follow up on our recent project providing walker bags. I was absolutely delighted by the overwhelming community response and the generous contributions of fabric. The bags make a significant difference for so many people in our area.

In addition to the walker bags, we've identified another urgent need: providing comfortable bedding for animals at the local shelters in Granny Rose in Dixon. Many of these animals are without adequate bedding, and even small donations of old towels or blankets can dramatically improve their quality of life. If you have any old towels or blankets that you'd be willing to donate.

This initiative extends beyond Granny Rose; I believe all animal shelters would greatly appreciate similar donations of gently used towels before they're discarded. Every bit of comfort we can provide makes a difference in these animals' lives.

Service Committee Chairs:  
Doreen Hartman & Nina Mueller

## **MYSTERY QUILT**

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt Clue #5 will be available at the September Meeting!

Final Clue presenting the Big Reveal will be at the November meeting. Also, an email will be sent with Clue #5.

It's gonna be fun!  
Rhonda Streich

## **BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE**

The Bee will be open at 8:30 due to the early start of our Workshop. Anyone wanting to sit

and sew may do so too, keeping in mind that the workshop will be going on.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

**ATTENTION: We need your help. 2026 will be the year of making the Raffle Quilt. This is our only fundraiser for our Guild.**

**A Raffle Team needs to be established, including a Team Leader to coordinate the making of the Raffle Quilt.**

**Please consider volunteering for this very important/urgent need.**

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Nina Mueller	11
Shauna Heck	13
Teri Janecek	13
Jeannie Brinkmeyer	25
Kathy Pedersen	27
Kathryn Evans	29

## **COMING UP: OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jeannine Price	4
Carol Bellows	5
Dawn Vehmeier	6
Debbie Griffith	15
Kay Walker	30

## **SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS**

Lynda Palmer  
Joyce Winnekins  
Ritarose Pulley

## **COMING UP: OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS**

Jan Franks  
Jodie Bowen  
Deb Ley  
Cathy King

**2026 REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEER  
LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE  
STARTING AT THE SEPTEMBER  
MEETING. BE SURE TO SIGN UP!**

### **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.



## **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

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

## **ATTACHMENTS TO THE NEWSLETTER EMAIL WILL INCLUDE:**

- Workshop pre-class instructions
- Pocket Pillow Instructions



- Suggested Walker Bag Pattern