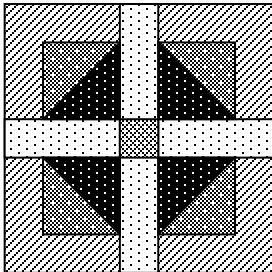


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025

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November 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025

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

Hello all, welcome to cold weather everyone. I received about 2 inches of snow at my house. Right on top of all the leaves that decided to fall 2 days prior.

#### Major Events:

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo in Novi, MI (November 6-8, 2025), the Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival in Puyallup, WA (November 13-15, 2025), and an Open Sewing Weekend in Charles City, IA (November 28-30, 2025) Sew That!

There are also several online events and challenges, such as the "A Gift To November 2025" sewing challenge.

To our guild longarmers.... when is your cutoff date for ensuring quilt tops need to be to you for holiday gifting? It is not too early to start holiday gift projects. It will be here before we know it.

Please don't forget our charity projects. Book pillows and walker bags. Both projects were sent on a pdf with newsletters.

I hope everyone is participating in the Mystery Quilt. Rhonda has been supplying the clues with us monthly. I'm not picturing the final pattern yet. Any good guesses?

I am looking forward to our holiday gathering and a somewhat new leadership for the guild this coming year. I wish them nothing but success!

Stay safe, lighthearted, warm, and sew on.  
Jennifer

Several comments/concerns were voiced regarding the number of conversations which members were having during the program and the business meeting. Please be respectful of our Guests and Members by minimizing such conversations.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The 2026 Proposed Budget is attached to this Newsletter email. Please review prior to the meeting as we will be discussing and voting approval of this budget.

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

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

## **OCTOBER 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes for CCQG meeting 10/20/25.

Following the evening program presented by Lisa Furleigh of Quilting in the Valley and our refreshments, President Jennifer Newcomer gathered the group together to get started.

VP Mary Pizzolato announced the winners of tonight's drawings: Show & Tell: Teri Janecek; Nametag: Joyce Winnekins; Mystery Quilt: Peggy Wohlford.

She also reported that 36 members were in attendance plus 2 Guests, both from Byron: Cindy McIntyre and Judy Ferolie.

Jennifer then called for any Show & Tell presenters.

The business meeting was then called to order at 8:45 pm.

Review of the October Newsletter: one item was identified as item within the Treasurer's Report, which seemed to be missing a check number. This will be verified with the Treasurer and corrected for the record.

There were no additions or correction to the meeting minutes as reported within the Newsletter. Peggy Wohlford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Shauna Heck seconded the motion; motion passed.

Regarding the Treasurer's report, Jennifer asked if there were any bills to present to the Treasurer. Hearing none, she stated that this report would be held over for the annual audit by the Executive Board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kay Walker, Program Chair, reported on the November meeting activity would be our

annual Holiday Potluck. Jeannine Price and Liz Fabian are co-chairing this event. They requested 4 volunteers to sign up to provide a meat dish; volunteers were identified. The remaining membership was asked to bring a dish to pass. Jeannine and Liz are planning some games following the meal.

Kay reported on the Pocket Pillow project which was part of the Bee activity today. We were very pleased with Bee activity; participants completed 35 pillows. (Subsequent to the meeting Ruth Whitney inventoried all the pillows turned in at this meeting and reported 99 total were collected.) Final date for submitting any pillows will be the November meeting. Several local organizations are being contacted for potential recipients of the pillows, including DCFS, Hope House (Rochelle), Voices (Freeport), etc. Final distribution plan will be presented at the November business meeting.

Kay also reported that Vicky Dose has stepped forward to volunteer on the Program Committee with Kay.

Doreen Hartman/Nina Mueller, Charity Committee, are planning various projects for our charity work plus the 2027 Quilt Show Boutique. They are planning to announce monthly projects and will utilize the Bee time for workshops.

Jennifer thanked Karen Bolen for volunteering to share a Warm Up this evening before the program. She encouraged others to think of something they could share with the group in this format.

## OLD BUSINESS

Quilt Show update from Shauna Heck, Quilt Show Chair: she is looking for members to volunteer to head up the following sub-committees: Boutique, Raffle Quilt (making

it), Publicity, Challenge Quilt. The show date will be the first or second week in April 2027. Shauna is requesting input from the group for a Show theme. We need to settle on this as it will drive other items: Raffle quilt selection, publicity, etc. Please submit your suggestions tonight or via email to Shauna (shaunarheck@hotmail.com or phone 815-238-1342).

Please note: At the October meeting, we missed formally presenting the Slate of Officers and obtaining an approved motion to accept that Slate. This will be done at the November meeting along with installation of the new Officers.

The Slate of officers as discussed at the September meeting:

President: Mary Pizzolato  
Vice President: Liz Fabian  
Secretary: Sue Sturtevant  
Treasurer: Donnalee Yenney

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced tonight.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer introduced the project titled "Dress a Girl Around the World" which is a program with the organization Hope 4 Women International. She plans to share more information in the future, perhaps including a workshop session as part of the Bee afternoon. For more information see <https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com>.

A call for a motion to adjourn was made. Nina Mueller so moved, Kay Walker seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Whitney, subbing for Sue Sturtevant,  
Secretary

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Our November program will be our

**November is our Holiday Potluck dinner.**

**MEAL WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM.**

**MEAT DISHES WILL BE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER MEMBERS.**

**Everyone else is invited to bring a dish to share!**

Christmas party. Thanks to Jeannine and Liz for planning and handling all the details of the Christmas party. I believe we are to bring a dish to pass with four people furnishing meat. We will be playing games and just have a good time.

The Sinnissippi Quilters from Rockford will be at our January 19, 2026, meeting with their Raffle Quilt: In My Garden by Kelli Saffel. Their 2026 Quilt Show will be May 2 & 3, titled Parade of Quilts.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

## **BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE**

The Bee will be open at 9 am. Today will be an open sew, no specific projects or workshops scheduled.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

With the festive season upon us and all the hustle and bustle that comes with it, I truly wanted to encourage you to take some well-deserved time for yourself. It feels like such an important time to switch off, recharge, and truly soak up those precious moments with your family.

Let's completely put our heads together on the charity discussion once the new year rolls around. It makes perfect sense to reconnect then, when things are a bit calmer, and we can give it our full attention.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful, relaxing, and joyful end to the year!

Doreen Hartman & Nina Mueller  
Service Committee Chairs

## **QUILT SHOW 2027**

The time has come to vote on the theme for the next Quilt Show (spring 2027). I will have a printed-out form at the meeting but wanted you to have some time to think about the themes.

- Stitch'n the Time Away
- So Much Fabric Sew Little Time
- Quilts Bee A-Bloomin
- Quilt Block Party
- Spring Into Quilting
- Spring Showers of Quilts
- Kindness is free, Sew it everywhere.

Also, I want to thank everyone who has volunteered so far to help on a committee!

- Boutique: Dawn Vehmeier
- Raffle Quilt: Donnalee Yenney
- Quilt Check in/ Check out: Chyree Rohde-Lincoln
- Vendors: Shauna Heck
- Quilt ID Tags: Mary Meier
- Challenge Quilt: Liz Fabian and Mary Pizzolato

I am still in need of someone willing to do publicity/ advertising for the show.

Thanks, Shauna Heck, Quilt Show Chair

## **MYSTERY QUILT**

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt Final Clue presenting the Big Reveal will be at the November meeting.

It's gonna be fun!  
Rhonda Streich

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Chasity Moorehead	15
Mary Block	24
Bonnie Lawfer	28

## **COMING UP: DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Colleen Gallager	21
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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Bolen	2
Margaret Rominski	2
Jan Franks	10
Vicki Kueter	14

## **Meeting Reminders:**

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

**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!**

2026 Parade of Quilts  
Sinnissippi Quilters, Rockford, IL  
May 2 &, 2026  
ISC Spors Center, 8800 E Riverside Dr.  
Loves Park, IL

## **General Notes and Reminders**