



Little Bits of Whimsy News and Updates

February, 2025

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May 17-18, 2025
Judson University
Lindner Fitness Center
1151 N. State St.
Elgin, IL 60123
Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Checklist

- ☐ Submit quilt entries by March 20.
- ☐ Finish Challenge quilt by April guild meeting (April 17th).
- ☐ Sell raffle tickets.
- ☐ Turn in sold raffle ticket stubs.
- ☐ Make something for the boutique.
- ☐ Signup to volunteer.
- ☐ Go through your quilting books and patterns and donate to the show.
- ☐ Tell all your family and friends to come to the show.

Can you believe there are only 77 days left until the quilt show? We still have a few things to wrap up, but everything is coming together for a fantastic event. The show will once again be held at the Lindner Fitness Center at Judson University in Elgin, a perfect venue to display our quilts, feature our vendors, and highlight all

the exciting aspects of the event. We've put this newsletter together to make sure you have all the important details in one place. It will also be available on our website.

Of course, the star of the show will be the stunning quilts created by our talented members. It's always exciting to see a wide variety of styles and colors hanging side by side, showcasing so much creativity. We hope that each member has multiple entries to share, and remember, all skill levels are welcome and encouraged! After all, we all started as beginners. We want to inspire our visitors and spark the thought, "Maybe I can do that!" As you volunteer on the show floor, share your knowledge and enthusiasm with our guests. You might even inspire someone to join the guild, they'll see just how much fun we have!

Please don't hesitate to lend a hand. So many members are already working hard to ensure the success of this show, but it takes all of us working together.

Life can sometimes get in the way of the things we'd like to do, but there are volunteer opportunities for everyone, not just

during set-up and showtimes. Let's support one another and enjoy the process of creating a beautiful, successful, and profitable event!

- Karen Snell-Quilt Show Chair



What's New?

Many aspects of our show will stay the same—quilts (of course!), raffle baskets, vendors, and the scrap room. But we've added a few exciting new features this year!

First, we'll be featuring a Legacy Exhibit to honor two of our guild's beloved members, Liz Armstrong and Joyce Drenth. Both of these talented women gave so much of their time and energy to our guild, and this exhibit will showcase some of their beautiful quilts as a tribute to their contributions.

Second, we're introducing something we're calling the "Inspiration Station." Often, when admiring a quilt at a show, we wish we could tell



the maker how much we appreciate their work—now we can! We'll have post-it notes available for you to

write messages of appreciation, and a place to post them near the quilts. At the June meeting, the notes will be distributed to the makers, letting them know just how much their work inspired you!

And finally, we're excited to introduce a quilt block scavenger hunt! We want to make sure our guests explore every corner of the show and experience all the amazing things we have to offer. Quilt blocks will be hidden throughout the venue, if all the quilt blocks are found, guests can enter to win a fun prize! It's a great way to explore everything the show has to offer while adding a little extra excitement.

Help Needed!

We're looking for some help to make the show a success! Some tasks can be done before the event, while others will take place during the show:

- **Vendor Hospitality:** We need a couple of people to assist with vendor setup on Friday, as well as coordinating lunches and helping with any additional needs on Saturday and Sunday.

- **Scavenger Hunt Creator:** We're looking for someone to design the quilt block scavenger hunt, making sure it's enjoyable and interactive for our guests as they explore the show.

If you can lend a hand with either of these roles, we'd greatly appreciate it!

March Madness

Need to finish a quilt? Need help with a sleeve, entry form, or quilt photo? Or maybe you just want to hang out and have some fun? Join us for **March Madness!** Every Saturday in March, we'll be at a designated location to help you with your quilt-related needs and enjoy some time together. Don't miss out on the fun!

- **Saturday March 1st** – Schaumburg Library, 10am – 3pm
- **Saturday March 8th** – Location & time: tba
- **Saturday March 15th** – Prince of Peace Church, Palatine, 9am – 3pm
- **Saturday March 22nd** – Mt. Prospect Library, Noon-4:30pm
- **Saturday March 29th** – Arlington Heights Library, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Volunteering

The NSQG Quilt Show would not be possible without the many hands (and hundreds of hours) worked by our members. The quilt show generates revenue so the guild can sponsor great programs throughout the year. The guild relies on member volunteers to make the quilt show happen. In other words, we need you! We appreciate your time and talent. We ask each member to work at least one shift during the quilt show.

To sign up for your Quilt Show weekend shift, find the Quilt Show Volunteer schedule set up on Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD44AFA72CABF85-51430397-2025#/>

Following is a general summary of the duties of the volunteer jobs during the weekend of 5/16 through 5/18.

Friday Set Up-Follow instructions from the quilt show committee to move and set up quilt racks, tables and chairs according to layout.

Vendor Set Up/Take Down-Help vendors load and unload their equipment. This job requires the ability to lift and carry. While we encourage the use of carts/wheels for moving equipment, some of the materials carted by vendors may be heavy.

White Glove-Walking the show floor, use a gloved hand to lift the quilts to show the back to interested viewers. This allows curious quilt show guests to see as much of the quilt as possible. This is a great way to learn more about the quilts on the floor and their makers! Generally, the volunteer ahead of you will brief you on fun trivia about the quilts to share. Members can rest in a chair if needed, but walking

the show floor is encouraged.



Admission

Tickets-Greet and welcome guests to the show and

sell entry tickets. This job is mainly sedentary, located in the entryway of the quilt show.

Ticket Sales volunteers may also answer questions about the ballots for voting on quilts, raffle baskets, the raffle quilt, boutique and scrap sale rooms.

Boutique Sales-Assist in the sale of boutique items, which were all handmade by NSQG members. This is a mostly sedentary position.

Scrap/Book Sales-Arrange and sell the donated scrap fabric and quilt books (and notions) donated to the guild. May require walking around the sales area to rearrange the merchandise (light lifting/moving) as needed.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales-Sell tickets for the raffle quilt to quilt show guests. This job can be done sitting.

Take Down-On the last day of the show, the guild comes together like a swarm of bees to take down and unwind the show. Take down moves fast and the more hands we have, the sooner everyone can pick up their quilts and celebrate the end of a fabulous show!

Many hands make for light work. Sign up now while you can get your pick of jobs! If you have questions, please reach out to Pam Jackson, 847-894-0031 or email at volunteer@nsgq.club, or speak to any member of the quilt show committee!

How to Enter the Quilt Show

This year, we're using an electronic Google form for quilt show entries. If you're unable to use the online form, don't worry! We will have paper entry forms available at all guild meetings starting in February. Access to both electronic and paper forms are on the NSQG website. All entries are due by March 20th, which is our March guild meeting.

A link to the electronic entry form is available by emailing entries@nsgq.club.

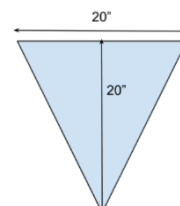
All entries except Challenge entries REQUIRE a COLOR PHOTO that shows the entire item, front side. If item is unfinished at time of entry, photograph what you have done. Either mail photo with (attached to) the paper form or email the photo to entries@nsgq.club.

IMPORTANT: Include your name and the entry name with your email. If emailing photos of more than one item, send each in a separate email. A link to the electronic entry form is available by emailing entries@nsgq.club.

Need Help? Beginning in 2025, most in person NSQG events will have members on hand who can assist you with getting your quilt photographed, accessing and filling out the electronic form, getting a hanging sleeve installed on your quilt, etc. Meanwhile, send questions about the entry process to entries@nsgq.club.

Quilt Show Challenge

Our 2025 challenge is to create a "whimsical" pennant-shaped triangle quilt, measuring 20 inches across the top and 20 inches from the top middle to the tip at the bottom. Your quilt can hang from the



base, side, or tip—just don't forget to include a hanging sleeve!

A Quilt Show entry form must be submitted by March 20th. Please **do not** submit a photograph of your quilt with the entry; we want to be surprised! We'll take pictures of the quilts at the April meeting. Your finished quilt must be brought to the April 2025 guild meeting for display.

Quilt Show Boutique

The 2025 Quilt Show, *Little Bits of Whimsy*, will feature a boutique sale, with all proceeds supporting the guild. Please note, this is not a consignment sale—your contributions will be greatly appreciated! Items will be accepted until April 2025. Below is a list of suggested items to consider, though feel free to get creative!

- Place mats, runners, and coasters
- Mug rugs
- Bags and purses
- Wall hangings and mini quilts
- Wine bottle bags
- Jewelry
- Knitted and crocheted items
- Ornaments and holiday decorations
- Cards and postcards
- Quilts, including baby quilts

Raffle Baskets

What's exciting and full of Quilt Candy? Raffle Baskets! You can help make them the best ever. Do you have a favorite notion or tool? Fabric Designer? Do you have a connection with a business (doesn't have to be directly quilt related)? Share your love by donating new items for the Raffle Baskets. Drop them off at the February or March meeting with Linda Nemec or Maria Ross. Or call Linda Nemec at 847-217-0584.

“Color-rings” is On the Move!

Our stunning raffle quilt has already traveled to over 24 events and has more stops leading up to the show in May! We're looking for a few guild members to help chaperone to upcoming Guilds. You'll be paired with an experienced NSQG member who will guide you through everything—including setting up the quilt display.



- Thursday, February 27th – DeKalb County Quilters Guild (evening meeting)
- Tuesday, March 11th - Lockport Heritage Quilters Guild in Lockport (evening meeting)
- Thursday, March 13th - Kankakee County Quiltmakers in Kankakee (evening meeting)
- Thursday, April 10th - Salt Creek Quilters Guild in Hinsdale (evening meeting)
- Thursday, May 1st - Sinnissippi Quilters in Rockford (afternoon and evening meeting. Select one or both)

Traveling to these guilds is a great way to meet other members, enjoy guest speakers, and represent NSQG. If you're interested in joining, please contact Jackie Barry and Karen Venson at barryjmk0922@gmail.com and karen.venson@gmail.com.

Raffle Tickets Reminder!

Just a friendly nudge—please turn in your sold raffle tickets and money at Guild meetings or March Madness events. Each guild member is asked to sell \$30 in raffle tickets, and they're an easy sell with such a beautiful quilt! If you need to pick up your tickets or need more, stop by the Quilt Show table at Guild Meetings or reach out to Wendy Pawelek at wendy.pawelek@gmail.com.

Vendors



What's better than a room full of beautiful quilts? A bunch of amazing vendors right there with them! This year, we have a fantastic lineup of vendors offering everything from traditional quilt shops to antiques and jewelry. Here's

who will be joining us:

- Blue willow Mercantile
- Dyed by Heather Marie
- Fresh Jewelry Co.
- Jack Square Studio
- Janis Arquette
- Kenosha Quilting
- Rivendell Alpacas
- Sewing Concepts
- The Attic Window
- The Quilting Connection/Handquilter
- Twisted Stitch
- Warman Cozy Quilt Shop

Marketing

Flyers will be available at the February meeting, and we're asking members to help spread the word by posting them around the community. Great places to share include libraries, coffee shops, park district buildings, and senior centers. Let's get the word out and make this show a huge success!

Are you on Facebook or Instagram? If so, now is the perfect time to help promote our quilt show! Follow NSQG on social media and share any quilt show posts to spread the word and get more people excited about the event!

Quilt Show Committee

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to someone on the quilt show committee. We're happy to help and make sure everything goes smoothly for the show!

- **Quilt Show Chair-** Karen Snell
- **Awards-** Deb Szott
- **Boutique-** Marcia Bowen
- **Brochure-** Cathy Steiner
- **Guild Challenge-** Valerie Kuster
- **Layout and Planning-** Gail Gregory, Cathy Steiner
- **Marketing-** tba
- **Quilt Drop off/Pick up-** Sue DiVarco
- **Quilt Entry Registration-** Toni Slepak
- **Raffle Baskets/Door Prizes-** Linda Nemec, Maria Ross
- **Raffle Quilt-** Jackie Barry, Sue Daurio
- **Raffle Quilt Travel-** Jackie Barry, Karen Venson
- **Raffle Tickets-** Wendy Pawelek, Karen Venson
- **Scraps & Used Books-** Susan Leverenz
- **Treasurer-** Gina Ordonez
- **Vendors-** Martha Ross-Mockaitis, Mary Siefke
- **Venue Coordinator-** Renee Puccetti
- **Volunteer Coordinator-** Pam Jackson

