



NEWSLETTER ◆ APRIL 2026

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April Birthdays

- 1 - Carol Kieslar
- 3 - Violet Hoge (new member!!)
- 8 - Mary Standley
- 9 - Virginia Keating (new member!!)
- 10 - Linda Friant
- 17 - Faye Groth
- 17 - Kati Vertrees

Birthday ladies: Please bring snacks to the April meeting!!

2026 Guild Dues

Payment is \$60 – \$30 for dues and \$30 for 2026 raffle quilt tickets.

You have 3 options to pay:

- 1) Pay Penny Johnson in person at the April 2026 meeting (because Kate won't be at the meeting).
- 2) Mail a check to: Pieces From the Heart, PO Box 145, Morris, IL 60450.
- 3) Zelle - Contact Kate Shafer **and** Penny Johnson to let them know you're using Zelle. Use the email address: piecesfromtheheartqg@gmail.com.
Note: The name Monica Johnson 815-370-3118 will come up – that's Penny's legal name.

From Our Guild President:

What a relief to have another successful fabric sale behind us. It's amazing what we can do when we all join together!

Now its time to have some fun! I'm looking forward to our bus trip, Sweatshirt Palooza, and August retreat! Looking forward to lots of fun times creating with everyone this year.

I have so many projects that I want to get done this year! I'm going to follow a great plan that Heather was telling me about. She's written a list of everything she wants to get done and when they need to be done. She's broken down big projects into some smaller steps and set realistic weekly goals. Now I know what is realistic for each of us is different but what a great way to make progress throughout the whole year without having to cram at the end of the timeline. I'm off to write my list... sweatshirt samples, crumb challenge, stockings, items for Santa's workshop, and quilts for the show!

Nisse Hoge

SATURDAY, MAY 2 BUS TRIP

We're going to the [Fiber + Fabric Craft Festival](https://fiberfabriccraft.com/) (https://fiberfabriccraft.com/)! On May 2nd, we will meet at Saratoga School, 4040 N Division St, Morris, (where we had our QOV ceremony) to park our cars and catch the bus at 8am SHARP. Park in the back/southwest corner of the building.

We may have space for non-guild-member friends, so contact Michelle Gogliotti or Joanne Hayes to get yourself or a friend on the list, since they need the email address of the attendee in order to secure their tickets. Bring \$20 to reserve your spot (cash is easiest) to the April meeting – you'll get it back as long as you show up. Your personal volunteer time with the fabric sales and prep are what "pays" for your bus trip and ticket to the show. For non-members and those who did not volunteer, we will establish a cost at the April board meeting.

SPRING FABRIC SALE RESULTS

First, you're all amazing—we came together for three days and we got so much nice feedback from shoppers! I'm so grateful for the support & assistance. Thank you doesn't seem like enough to say.

Second, we sold a net total of **\$26,109.43** in two days (not counting rental of the church and other expenses), so our overall net total should be more than \$25,000. Additionally, we sold \$304 in raffle tickets and also spread the word about our quilt show!

April 9th Meeting – Jenni Grover

We're meeting at the Wesley Center, 111 W. North St. (corner of North and Jackson), Morris, at **6:30 pm**. Bring a notebook – you'll want to jot down your ideas!



Jenni Grover
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The Daily Creative offers 30 ways to cultivate creativity in the mundane and build a robust daily creative habit. Whether you're a quilter who wants to mix up your process – or you just want every day to feel more exciting – The Daily Creative has you covered. Through intention and playfulness, you'll learn to see the world in new ways... and that will color your creative work forever.

Jenni usually teaches this as a 1-hour lecture, but just for us, she's offering it as a 90-minute workshop. You'll get to ask questions and work together on strategies to implement some of the ideas she offers.

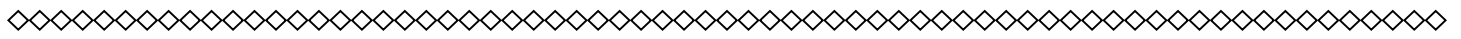
She's a wellness coach for makers, plus an author, quilter, and lover of rainbows. She cares deeply about the intersection of craft and health; coaching clients' physical, mental, social, creative, and spiritual concerns.

Jenni is also a past president of the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild, and a passionate craft journalist, having written for *Quiltfolk*, Craft Industry Alliance, SuzyQuilts.com and *Quiltmaker* magazine.

A lifelong writer, Jenni has more than 35 years of experience in print, broadcast, and online media. She has been a professional speaker since 1996.

Jenni has lived with multiple chronic illnesses and chronic pain since 1997 and has devoted much of her life to advocating for those like her. Her book *ChronicBabe 101: How to Craft an Incredible Life Beyond Illness* has helped countless folks feel better.

Jenni will bring a few copies of her book, which she'll autograph for you! She'll accept \$20 cash or Venmo.



The Night Before Christmas Nov. 13 & 14

Email the category numbers you plan to enter items in to Jane - jgc3530@gmail.com - by May 1st please. The final entry date is September 10th. At that time you must commit to what you are entering and the item must be at the show.

Remember to make a table runner to enter as a guild project. The "guest favorite" and "guild member favorite" will be voted on at the show. Winners will receive a valuable prize. If you do not use table runners you can: A. be one gift ahead on Christmas presents or B. donate it to the Methodist church for their annual craft fair in July. For new members, we always donate to their craft fair to thank them for letting us use their building for our guild meetings free of charge.

If you plan to buy your raffle tickets - please do not fill them out. Bring them to a meeting and I will exchange them for the old ones. If we get enough back, we won't have to buy more new ones with the correct quilt photo.

If you have any questions about the quilt show, let us know.

There are several areas that will need volunteers during set up and the show. Wednesday: quilt check in and quilt hanging. Thursday: all areas set up. Friday and Saturday: entry table, quilt guild info booth, silent auction, tree raffle ticket sales, quilt raffle ticket sales, Santa's gift shop, bakery area, boutique, fabric sale area, quilt area to answer questions and visit with guests. Saturday: take down.

It takes all of us to make a successful show. Be thinking about where you would like to help out. I will be listing the area chairwomen soon. You can talk with them to see what they need. The bakery will be looking for items to sell. We try to keep everything under \$10.

Thanks!

Jane Carhart and Linda Charley

Stocking Project

Thank you all for helping. At the March meeting, I collected 87 stockings—that's great! Hope to do that again this month. I will bring more precut stockings to the April meeting. If you need a pattern or have any questions, please email me at jackiegibney@gmail.com or call 815-545-3688.

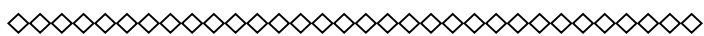
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Jackie



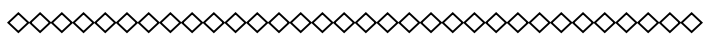
August Retreat

We are making plans for the August retreat and we want to get you signed up early! Since it is our country's 250th birthday, we are looking forward to some patriotic celebration fun. Kathy Hoge will have registration forms available at the April meeting, but be sure to put August 13-16 on your calendars now and plan to join your friends at Pilgrim Park!



Wesley Center Sew Bee

Tues. April 28 • 9am - 3pm
\$5 charge



Upcoming Quilt Shows

2026 Quilt Spectrum Quilt Show, Fri. April 10, 9am-5pm; Sat. April 11, 9am-3pm. Interstate Center, 1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington, IL. Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois. \$10.

Faithful Circle Quilters Pop-Up Shop Guild Member Sale, Sat. April 11, 10am-3pm. Faith United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 432 59th St., Downers Grove, IL 60516. Admission: \$2.

Quilts: The Fabric of Our Past at the Herscher Main Street Museum through April 30, Friday 9am-11am + 1st Sunday of the month 1-3pm. 190 S. Main Street, Herscher, IL 60941.

35th Annual Arthur Quilt Show. Fri. April 30 & Sat. May 1 10-4, Sun. May 2, 10-3. Otto Center, 2056 County Rd. 1800 E, Arthur, IL.

Parade of Quilts 2026 Quilt Show by Sinnissippi Quilters. Sat. May 2, 9am-5pm; Sun. May 3, 10am-4pm. Indoor Sports Center, Sportscore II, 8800 Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111. \$8.

2026 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild Officers

President – Nisse Hoge

Vice President – Jackie Gibney

Secretary – Kathy Hoge

Treasurer – Penny Johnson

Membership – Kate Shafer

Hospitality – Tana Sheets

Webmaster – Lana Stafford

Newsletter – Linda Augsburg

Special Projects – Kati Vertrees,
Faye Groth, Carol Padovano

2026 Programs Facilitator –
Heather Meyer

2027 Programs Contracts –
Michelle Gogliotti, Maria Conrad,
Terry Johnson,

2026 Raffle Quilt – Linda Charley

2027 Raffle Quilt – Nisse Hoge

2026 Quilt Show –
Jane Carhart & Linda Charley

Retreat Coordinators –
Becca Parini & Kathy Hoge

Quilts of Valor Chairperson –
Cindy McCormick