



NEWSLETTER ♦ FEB. 2026

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February Birthdays

- 9 - Lauren Eberhard
- 10 - Diane Flynn
- 10 - Jo Snider
- 12 - Peg Ebert
- 14 - Kathy Becker
- 21 - Heather Meyer

You'll be assigned a snack month for an in-person meeting!

Sew Bee at the Wesley Center

Tues, Feb. 24th • 9am - 3pm • \$5 charge

ZOOMY Zoom Zoom...

If you need a Zoom tutorial, let Linda Augsburg know. We will have the Zoom waiting room open at 6:45 pm to work out any problems.

From Our Guild President:

That silly groundhog saw his shadow so we get six more weeks of winter. Good thing our March meeting and our spring fabric sale are after that! I'm so looking forward to warmer weather and to be back to our in-person meetings!

Our fabric sale last summer was a huge success and we are hoping we can make our spring sale a great success too. It was a great time working together! It has truly set our guild up to be around for many more years.

See more about the sale on page 2. Looking forward to our Zoom meeting on the 12th!

Nisse Hoge

Feb. 12th MEETING

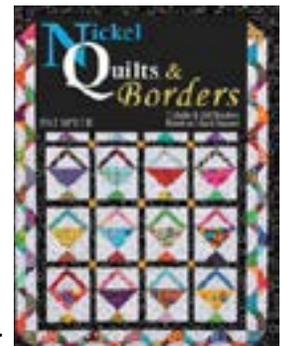
Pat Speth "The Nickel Quilt Lady"

<https://patspeth.com/>



Fabulous Nickel Borders Lecture

Turn a nice quilt into a WOW quilt by adding easy-to-piece Nickel Borders. In this lecture, we focus on easy-to-piece borders that are made from 5" squares. I will show many of my quilts that have pieced borders and walk you through my method of "auditioning" borders for a quilt.



We have all been there; the inside of the quilt top is done and now what do I do for a border. This lecture will give you many ideas to choose from and allow you to awaken a whole new level of creativity. I have loved designing pieced borders over the years and adding them to my quilts. My book, *Nickel Quilts & Borders* contains 260 pieced border ideas and I look forward to sharing many of them with you during the lecture!

This is the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6804206072?pwd=7qcHQ6hYamGP2aQ6fO34HlzuoO9ZL.1&omn=82372668571>

OR: Meeting ID 680 420 6072 Password 2026

The Night Before Christmas 2026 Quilt Show

Are you busy planning your entries? Are you spending these freezing cold days going through your sewing areas to find things you no longer want or need to donate to the boutique? Did you make any cute gifts for Christmas that others might enjoy and purchase in Santa's Gift Shop? Did you receive anything cute for Christmas you might want to make for Santa's Gift Shop?

Santa's Gift Shop is where you can make a few items and sell them. They do not have to be quilts, just something created by you. You will receive 80% and the guild will receive 20% of the total sale. It is open to all guild members. Our only stipulation is that if you are a crafter and do shows, you cannot use this as your personal booth space. You are more than welcome to donate a few items to help out the guild. That would be much appreciated. If you need a booth space for the show, contact Judy Grandys or Cindy McCormack. We do not have a ton of vendor

spaces, so it would be a good place to have a booth without a lot of competition.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting to get an idea of what is going to be needed for the quilt racks. It doesn't have to be exact. You can always add or delete later. With the new space, we need to start working on the layout and having some idea of your entry plans will help tremendously. The final sign-up deadline is the September guild meeting.

We now have 17 raffle trees for the show. If you are doing a tree and would like some help, let that be known. I will have the themes in the next newsletter. If you have any questions, please ask.

Thanks!

Jane Carhart and Linda Charley

QOV Volunteer and Fundraising Opportunity

Quilts of Valor is having their National Sew Day on Feb. 7, 2026. Illinois Valley Quilts of Valor is sponsoring a sew day at the Princeton Moose Lodge, 1339 N. Euclid Ave., Princeton, IL. The hours are 9am to 3pm. We will have quilt kits and block kits for you to work on. Lunch will be available for \$7 at the Moose Lodge, and free drinks of coffee, lemonade and water. There will be door prizes, silent auction and we will award quilts at 1pm.

At 3pm, we will switch over to a fundraiser for Quilts of Valor. We will play Music Bingo (\$1/card). If you haven't played before, you don't know all the fun you've been missing. Come sing or dance along. There will be free popcorn and the Moose will have beverages for purchase.

Join us for a day of fun sewing quilts for Veterans, awarding quilts that have been finished, and fundraising to support purchasing fabric supplies.

Please make a reservation with Terry Johnson - ph: 815-866-3534, to plan for seating and food.

SPRING FABRIC SALE

The fabric sale is Thursday, March 19th (setup day), and Friday & Saturday, March 20 and 21 9am to 4pm (sale days) at the First Christian Church in Morris, IL. Since all of the fabric is marked and measured, and we've run this kind of sale before, we have a lot of the details worked out already. Linda Augsborg has volunteered to lead the committee and Lana, Nisse, Cindy McCormick and Cindy Siebold are the folks who volunteered to help (we think). PLEASE let Linda know if you're willing to help with planning and organizing the event! (Ljaugsburg@gmail.com, 414-333-8505)

Since our meetings until March are all via Zoom, we'll need to organize virtually, so if you want to sign up for some shifts before the meeting, here's the link to the google doc.

[Click to Sign Up to Help at the Spring Fabric Sale](#)

Or you can email, text, call, or Facebook Messenger Linda to sign up for some timeslots. She will keep the spreadsheet up to date on Google so everyone will be able to see where and when we still need help. Otherwise, the list will be at the March meeting. Thanks!!!

VP Charity Project

The Vice President choose a charity project each year. Our 2026 project is to make Christmas stockings for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). CASA sees 450-500 cases per year. Let's see how many we can come up with to help them out! I have the pattern and I can get it to you. The pattern is for a regular-size stocking. Any question please ask! Call 815-545-3688 or email me at jackiegibney@gmail.com

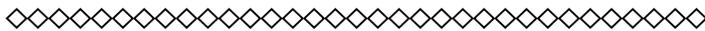
Thanks!
Jackie



BUS TRIP

Saturday, May 2 is the bus trip to [Fiber + Fabric Craft Festival](https://fiberfabriccraft.com/) (https://fiberfabriccraft.com/) by h+h americas. We are up to ~36 on the sign-up list. We have room for 20 more. Contact Michelle Gogliotti or Joanne Hayes to get on the list. Bring your \$20 to the March meeting.

On May 2nd, we will be meeting at Saratoga School (where we had our QOV ceremony) to park our cars and catch the bus at 8am.



2026 Guild Dues

Payment is \$60 - This covers \$30 for dues and \$30 for your 2026 raffle quilt tickets.

You have 3 options to pay:

- 1) Pay Kate Shafer (membership chair) in person at the March 2026 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.



Special Projects

Remember to work on your Crumb Project for special projects. October will be the big reveal!! If you need more details, the PDF that held all of the details is in our private FB group under the Files tab.

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

Upcoming Quilt (& Craft) Shows

Spring Craft Fair & Raffle, Feb. 21, 9am-3pm. Minooka Comm. HS South Campus, 26655 W Eames St, Channahon, IL. \$3.

Sew Out of this World Quilt Show, March 6-7, 9am to 4pm. Little Galilee Christian Camp, 7539 Little Galilee Road, Clinton, IL. Salt Creek Patchmakers. \$8.

Quilting with the Stars Quilt Show 2026, March 14-15, 9am to 4pm. Richland Elementary School, 1919 Caton Farm Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild. \$10.

2026 Quilt Spectrum Quilt Show: The Magic of Quilting, April 10, 9am to 5pm; April 11, 9am to 3pm. Interstate Center, 1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington, IL. Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois. \$10.



Quilts: The Fabric of Our Past – Historic Quilt Display Opens at the Herscher Main Street Museum

The Herscher Area Historical Society will debut its newest feature exhibit, "Quilts: The Fabric of Our Past," at the Herscher Main Street Museum beginning February 1, 2026, with the display running through April 30. The exhibit brings together more than 25 quilts, each on loan from local families, creating a vibrant tapestry of Herscher's heritage stitched across nearly two centuries.

These quilts are more than textiles – they are family stories, heirlooms, and pieces of community memory. Among the highlights is a striking Red Sawtooth Quilt loaned by Betty Chapman, crafted by her great-great-grandmother Mary Stevendings Fritz (1832-1907). Its bold pattern and careful handwork reflect the skill and resourcefulness of early Illinois homemakers.

A unique hand-painted Bicentennial quilt, loaned by Kevin and Pam Peterson, adds a patriotic touch to the exhibit. Created by Kevin's grandmother, Lorene Wyrozynski, the quilt captures the spirit of the 1976 celebration with artistry rarely seen in traditional quilting.

Visitors will also see an 1885 Crazy Quilt, stitched by Sarah Ellen Hicks. Crazy quilts were especially popular in the late 19th century, known for their irregular shapes, luxurious fabrics, and decorative embroidery – a true showcase of Victorian creativity.

Several quilts come with cherished family memories. Val Simmons contributed quilts made by her great-grandmother, recalling how she was allowed to play with them as a child during visits to her grandparents'

home. Maggie Noffke shared a quilt nearly 60 years old, lovingly begun by her mother before she fell ill. Maggie later finished the quilt herself, noting that her mother made quilts for each grandchild using whatever scraps she could find – a reminder of the frugality and love woven into everyday life.

The exhibit also honors the ongoing tradition of quilting in the Herscher community. Local quilters continue to create blankets for donation across the world, extending the village's legacy of craftsmanship and generosity far beyond its borders.

A Brief History of Quilting

Quilting has deep roots in American life. Early settlers used scraps of worn clothing and leftover fabric to create warm bed coverings, turning necessity into art. By the 1800s, quilting bees became important social gatherings for women, blending creativity with community. Patterns often carried symbolic meaning – stars, sawtooth borders, log cabins – each telling a story about the maker's life, values, or surroundings. Today, quilts remain treasured heirlooms, preserving family histories through color, pattern, and stitch.

"Quilts: The Fabric of Our Past" invites visitors to step into those stories and experience the artistry, resilience, and heart of Herscher's families. The Herscher Main Street Museum welcomes the public to enjoy this rare and meaningful collection throughout the spring.

The Main Street Museum is open every Friday 9am-11am and the first Sunday of the month 1-3pm. The Museum is at 190 S. Main Street, Herscher, IL 60941.