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**It's time to renew your membership!
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Springtime updates and changes

April, that time of year when the flowers bloom, birds start making nests, and the weather gets warmer.

And for our Guild, it is time to remember all that we have accomplished this past year. Our President, Sharron Evans, will be presenting our budget for 2019-2020 and a recap of the years events. We will also be voting in a new Board of Directors this month. Please take a moment to thank the Board members who are leaving, and welcome the new Board members. There will not be a Tuesday morning meeting this month, only the Monday night meeting. So mark your calendars!

Don't forget that your annual Guild dues of \$35.00 are due by June 1, 2019. There are several ways to pay your dues; either by mail, at a meeting, and now via credit card. Please contact Susan Egner if you have any questions.

The May banquet is fast approaching. Have you sent in your reservation yet? The cost for the

banquet is \$38.00 and is payable by either check, cash, or credit card. Please contact Barb Gillespie if you have any questions.

The 2020 Quilt Show committee has some positions still open. Melanie and Krista have an article in this newsletter with details.

The Bee Keepers have advised me that there are a number of Quilt Bee's looking for members. Please stop by the table at the April meeting to see who has openings. If there is a Bee that you would like to start, please let the keepers know.

As announced at the March meeting, the photo directory is ready! Thank you Chris Macenski for putting this together for our Guild.

I leave you with this thought: "In this crazy quilt of life, I am glad you are in my block of friends!"

Sandy Andrews
Evening Vice President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

April 22, 2019 at 7 pm

NO MORNING MEETING

**BANQUET May 20 at 6 pm,
St. Andrews Golf Club, W. Chicago**

NO MORNING MEETING

All meetings at Congregational United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

*Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL*

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at mgmwriter@gmail.com.



It's Time to Party at the May Banquet!

The April meeting will be your last opportunity to register for the Banquet and I can take credit cards at the meeting.

The Banquet is May 20, 2019 at the St. Andrew Country Club in West Chicago. Social time begins at 6pm. Please bring or send me, Barbara Gillespie, your completed registration form and payment. Be sure you have made your meal selection and indicate any food requirements.

At the banquet we will be collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army's Food Fund. A \$15 dollar donation will feed one person for three days and a \$20 dollar donation will feed a family of four for a day. So PLEASE be generous and help feed the needy!!!



2020 Quilt Show Update

April is the last month we will collect red fabric for the raffle quilt. We're looking for ruby red fabric, a minimum of 10" square, that reads solid. Please put your donation in a zip top plastic bag with your name on it if you would like the donation returned if we can't use it. Any unmarked donations we decide not to use will be donated to Quilts of Valor. Soon we will have block packets (Bonnie Hunter style) and we will ask for help sewing those.

We have openings for a few positions. Please contact us if you have any questions (in person, phone or e-mail) or if you would like to know more about a position. Inquiries don't necessarily equal commitment!

- Raffle Baskets
- Raffle Quilt Sales
- Signage



Our first meeting is scheduled for April 17 at the Panera in downtown Batavia from 6-8pm. Feel free to join us if you're interested in a position but want to get a "taste" first.

For the meetings, we plan to only have a few and not every month until right before the show. So, if you work full-time and would still like to help, we can be flexible and accommodate your schedule.

- Melanie & Krista



As I get older
I'M ALWAYS
walking into things.
QUILT SHOPS
AND
FABRIC STORES
MOSTLY

★ ★ ★

Community Service

At the April meeting we will “pass a bucket” to collect cash donations for Quilts of Valor. An anonymous donor has agreed to match the amount we collect, so be as generous as you can!

We will have our usual items for you to take home and kits to be picked up, so stop by and see what we have.

Pet Beds:

There will be NO pet bed collection at the April or May meetings, nor the July event.

The next collection will be in **June** and then **August**.



Free Table, Dog Beds, Plastic Bags & Egg Carton Reminders

The collection of these items at the Guild meetings seems to be causing a traffic jam entering our meetings. In the future they will be collected outside the gym area in the hallway. Look for signs to indicate where they should be placed.

The Free Table at the guild meetings is a way to share craft items you no longer use, have doubles of (who doesn't forget what we have and buy it again), or just plain want to get rid of. It is open to all guild members to bring and take items. There are a few guidelines for items you bring for the table. PLEASE do not donate magazines or books (2010 or more recent), or quilting fabric that could be sold at the Quilt Show. Upholstery fabric, fleece, and batting which we don't sell at the show are welcome. Please NO clothing,

sheets, or curtains. Craft magazines, patterns, and other craft items –glue guns, knitting needles, embroidery floss, quilt rulers, sewing tools, etc. - ARE welcome. Community Projects can use items for pet beds and fidget quilts so consider donating appropriate items to them. Please do not place materials there that should have been put in the trash to begin with. Unclaimed materials left after the end of the Tuesday morning meeting will be donated to Goodwill or disposed of, depending on their quality.

The empty egg cartons that are collected are sorted according to the material they are made of. They are delivered to a co-op in DeKalb County for distribution to chicken farmers.

- Yvonne Richter

Membership Renewal Reminders

Ladies, it is time to renew your membership in preparation for another year of creativity, education, innovation and friendship. For those who are new to the guild, our guild year begins June 1st and ends May 31st.

Our talented technical guru, Chris Macenski, has designed an online membership form to make renewal easier. Simply go to “Join the Guild” on our website and fill in the form online. You do not need to print this out. Just click on “Submit” and your information will be received by the Membership team. We can not, as yet, pay the dues online. Once that's submitted, mail your \$35 check to Susan Egner, or bring your payment to the April

or May meeting.

When you pay at the meeting, we are now able to take your credit card payment! In the future, you will be able to fill out the form AND pay online. Exciting times! If you prefer to print out your membership form and fill it out by hand, you are still able to do so. Go to “General Guild Information” and then click on “Member Information” on the drop down bar. There you will find a link to print the form.

In answer to the question of the deadline for dues, we had to look no further than our own ByLaws. They state: “Section 3: Annual dues are due by June 1st. Failure to pay dues will result in the loss of membership.”

We will follow our bylaws and encourage each of you to renew **B E F O R E**

June 1. That means planning ahead.

If you are not going to attend either of the evening meetings in April or May, please send your dues to Susan Egner via the post office. After May 31st, your name will be removed from the attendance for June's meeting and when you renew, you will be charged \$5 more, as voted on by the Board. This adheres to our ByLaws and our published deadline.



2019 Programs

April 2019

Business meeting, no speaker

May 2019 - Banquet speaker

Sew Kind of Wonderful

sewkindofwonderful.com

June 2019 & beyond

To be announced at the

April meeting!



Enter our lottery-style drawing to win a class credit! \$1 per ticket will put you in the running. Limit 1 entry per person and you must be a guild member in good standing. The drawing will occur at the morning meetings. The winner will be notified by phone.

The winner will receive a credit to use towards one class of their choice. Supplies are not included. The credit is up to a \$50 value (unused portion not refundable) and must be used by May 31, 2019.

Stop by the lottery table and try your luck!



April is our business meeting. There are a few changes to the way the meeting flows. We will not have show and tell, but we will have the reveal of the new classes, a Longaberger basket drawing, cake and ice cream and Sister Sew N Sew will make up her missed January appearance.

*The big
reveal*

*Longaberger
basket
drawing*



*Sister
Sew N Sew*



*Need a ride to evening
meetings?*

Contact Diane Moore and she will match you up with a nearby member who can give you a ride. You will find Diane's contact information in the directory. Please also contact her if you are willing to give a ride.



Sew Kind of Wonderful!

We are pleased to announce the special guest for our May banquet will be the Sew Kind of Wonderful! In addition to their trunk show at our banquet, we're offering two workshops featuring their Quick Curves Ruler. We hope to see you at one of these fun classes!

Lecture Information

Banquet lecture and trunk show
May 20, 2019, 6-9 pm

Rings Revival

This is a new take on an old favorite! Come learn all about curves using the Quick Curves Ruler from Sew Kind of Wonderful. The goal will be to finish the two rings blocks and take a look at the simple background squares. This quilt, as shown, finishes at 57"x57".

Date: Monday, May 20, 2019

Time: 9 am to 4pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$50

PSQG Visitors \$60

Supply Lists available
at registration

Location: Congregational
United Church of Christ



Chic Picnic Pillow

Come learn all about the Quick Curves Ruler and how four quick blocks can make this adorable pillow! You'll enjoy hearing directly from the designers of this popular ruler – you may even be inspired to whip up a few more for a coordinating quilt!

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Time: 9 am to 1pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$30

PSQG Visitors \$40

Supply Lists available
at registration

Location: Congregational
United Church of Christ



QUILT BLOCK ANAGRAMS

Unscramble the words and match to the quilt block names. The answer will be in the next newsletter. Good luck! Example: Pecan Hint = Nine Patch.

Anagram

a cosy cliché
a green pole
and help it bounce
bad closed jar
broken assaults
crack dirt
crush hand
enter pie
fear shattered
female pal
fertile foe
honorable one-third hole
in his chair
intact widow
logic ban
many neglect fans
never giants
nice flare
outward print holder
prank adds hurt
punch must dazzle
reckon why men
rotate mass
school-wide ages

Quilt block name

attic window
wild goose chase
monkey wrench
feathered star
Dutchman's puzzle
trip around the world
evening star
log cabin
Jacob's ladder
rail fence
double nine patch
storm at sea
maple leaf
Clay's choice
pine tree
drunkard's path
churn dash
Irish chain
card trick
gentlemen's fancy
Kansas troubles
tree of life
in the barn door
orange peel

2018-2019 Board Members

President	Sharron Evans
Evening Vice President	Sandy Andrews
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Secretary	Barbara Stewart
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Programs Vice President.....	Rachel Lance
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Contracts 2019- 2020	Teresa Kasch* & Chris Berry*
Nominations	Diane Moore
2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs	Krista Katzen* & Melanie Murphy*
Activities	Barb Gillespie

* indicates co-chair



May

Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda VanDril-Ber	May 1
Susan Akre	May 2
Rita Gilbert	May 2
Jen Beatty	May 3
Andrea Ficarella	May 3
Edith Gourd	May 3
Vicky E. Moon	May 8
Liz Wilson	May 9
Connie Gaston	May 10
Debbie Long	May 10
Ruth Marsh.....	May 10
Lynn Fick	May 11
Judy Gould	May 11
Lorraine Miranda	May 11
Kim Sceggel.....	May 11
Cathy Lorenz	May 12
Cynthia Green.....	May 13
Catherine Urnezis	May 13
Sister Trish Villarreal	May 15
Barbara Gillespie	May 16
Mary Kline	May 16
Susie Shaddle	May 16
Margy Towler	May 17
Lorraine Malecki.....	May 18
Chris Dostal.....	May 19
Laura Hays	May 21
Barbara Burdette.....	May 22
Krista Katzen	May 22
Lynn Kuehn.....	May 22
Mary Zenger	May 22
Sharon Smith.....	May 26
Bobbie Corpolongo	May 27
Susan Wing.....	May 27
Dorothy Andrews	May 30



Sherrie Plowman Longarm quilting

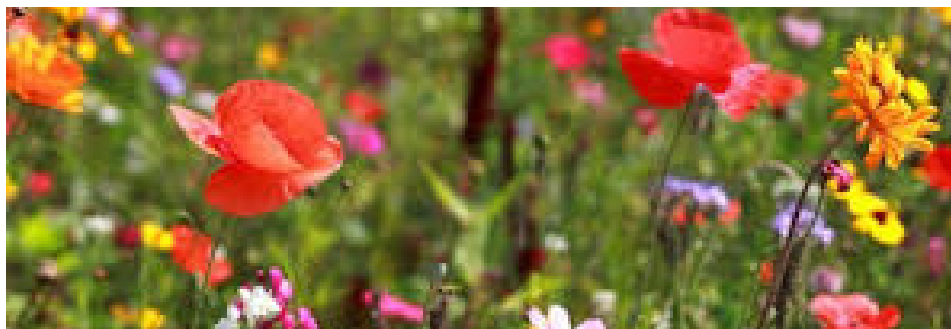
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Custom Quilting, E2E, and
all-over hand guided free motion

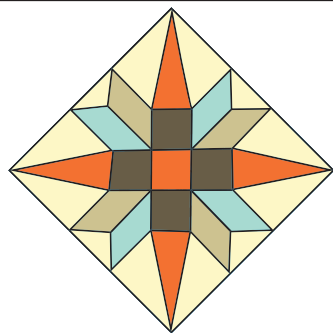
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