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Welcome to 2021

Welcome to 2021. Despite continuing concerns about Covid, which means continuing virtual Guild meetings and workshops for the foreseeable future, let's celebrate the end of 2020 and the ability of our guild to survive, host an awesome on-line quilt show, and together virtually enjoy our quilting lives.

In order to continue going forward, we need YOU! We have more than 250 members, and many of us are Zooming in to our virtual meetings and workshops. BUT, we've been depending on a core group of women to make things happen, and these women need help. At our January meetings, we'll talk more about what is needed, but start thinking now about what you might be able to do to pitch in. The 2022 Quilt Show Committee has a number of openings. We need people to help assemble community project quilts, as well as people to sew them. And we also need people to volunteer (or let themselves be nominated) for positions on our Board.

Melanie Murphy and Krista Katzen have volunteered (or let themselves be coerced) into chairing

the 2022 Quilt Show. Since no-one volunteered to design an opportunity quilt, they have selected a pattern and a fabric palette. Now we need you to sew blocks; they would welcome a volunteer to assemble the final quilt top. Instructions are in another section of this newsletter.

As we approach our April business meeting with the election of new officers, please consider again what you can do to support the guild and keep us moving forward. As indicated in our policies, to be an active member, you need to participate. Let me paraphrase, "Ask not what the guild can do for you, but what can you do for the guild". Please consider this a plea from me to you to keep our guild moving forward and thriving.

Finally, when you get the notice for the next Zoom guild meeting or workshop, you will see a note indicating that recording is prohibited. Our contract with our speakers specifies that their presentation will not be recorded. Please follow this request to keep us all out of legal troubles.

- Yvonne Richter

Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, February 11, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

- January 25, 2021 at 7 pm
- January 26, 2021 at 9:30 am
- February 22, 2021 at 7 pm
- February 23, 2021 at 9:30 am

**ALL MEETINGS VIRTUAL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

All meetings via Zoom to keep everyone safe and healthy. Email psqgboard@gmail.com with questions.

Community Service Programs

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community!

Quilts of Valor is going strong! If you'd like to help please contact Rita Pennington at garipenn@att.net. There is an article below about the QOV event planned for July 2021. Please sign up ASAP if you would like to award a quilt to a Veteran at our presentation.

Pet Beds are in need of a project leader. Sue R is temporarily overseeing the program - We've reached out to numerous shelters and foster groups in the Western Suburbs and a complete list will be available soon. She currently has fabric to make covers and fleece if you'd like to make little blankets.

Interested in helping with the Hospice Memory Bears program? Contact Nancy K at nancy.krasinski@gmail.com.

Try sewing something new! Fidget quilts, marble maze and NICU Isolette covers are always needed. We have kits available for all items. Contact Linda S. at lstoynoff1@att.net or 630-444-1115 for further information.

Finished 3' x 6' mats for the homeless are still being collected! If you don't crochet, how about doing some recycling and making balls of Plarn for those who do? Contact Joyce J. at mykids357@gmail.com

Quilts for Kids received many end of year thanks for deliveries in 2020. We are looking for helpers to make kits with Sandi at her home in Glendale Heights. Quilt kits, quilts for Longarming and tumbler block kits are ready for piecing! Available for pickup or delivery to you. Please contact Sandi W. at text/phone at 630-294-9322.

Check the Community Projects page on the website for tutorials! psqg.org/activities/community-projects/.

The guild received this nice note from Shriners hospitals Chicago in their Christmas card:

Dear friends at Prairie Star Quilts Guild,

Thank you for once again allowing your skill with us in making these lovely quilts for our kids to enjoy. As the weather turns colder, we know how much these hugs of love mean to our patients and their family.

We hope you all have a healthy holiday season and know how many smiles you have created.

January Virtual Retreat!

At the retreats we work on our own projects. However, I do encourage participants to consider adding a charity project to their weekend. I have several meet-up's scheduled during the day or evening (none of which are required, nor is participating each day). At these meetings throughout the day it is exciting to see everyone's progress.

Consider signing up for the next retreat January 16 & 17. There is a link on the website (psqg.org).

-Barb Gillespie

Award a QOV at our July meeting

The July 2021 meeting has been set aside to honor our veterans by wrapping them with your Quilt of Valor. We are cautiously optimistic we will be in-person by then. It's not too early to start thinking about your quilt.

As before, you nominate your Veteran(s), but this time, due to us

not meeting in person, you can fill out the form online (QOVF.org). Print the form and snail mail or email it to me. You then make the quilt, and wrap your nominated veteran at our Veteran celebration meeting.

To nominate, go to QOVF.org, Nominations and Awards, and

fill out the form. In the notes, put PSQG or my name so we can gather the information for our Program.

You will also find the Basic Requirements, size, etc.

If you have any questions, email me or give me a call.

- Rita Pennington



Bee Keeper Buzz

Can you help me get organized in January? Let's start this year with getting a good, clear list together.

First, I want to determine which bees are still active. Most seem to be holding off until it's once again safe to meet in person. Some have met in a socially distanced group. Some have started meeting by Zoom. What is your bee(s) up to? Talk to your bee members and ask if anyone has contacted me.

Second, I am inquiring if each bee is interested in meeting by Zoom. If the answer is yes, then we usually have a short discussion about this form of meeting.

Third I'm making a list of the contact person for each bee.

I am still sorting through the information that I received from our previous beekeeper. So much has changed. Some of the previous contact people are no longer members of the guild.

If you have a bee that is still active, please feel free to send your information to me or to the PSQG email (psqgboard@gmail.com). I am interested in knowing the name of your bee, what type of bee it is and who is the contact person. It will only take a few minutes and will really help me with my organization to start the year.

-Beth Koos



Quilt Show News

In person in 2022!

At the moment we are optimistic that we'll have an in-person show in 2022. The show dates are October 14 & 15, 2022. We have the DuPage county fairgrounds reserved for those dates. During this planning year we will continue to meet virtually until it's safe to meet in person.

Now it's time to form the committee and there are a couple of areas where we need help right away.

Judged quilts

We need someone to select the judge and then be the hostess/coordinator for the judge during the week of the quilt show. If we don't have this position filled **by the end of February 2021**, we will not have a judged quilt category in the show.

Opportunity (Raffle) Quilt

We did not get a volunteer to coordinate the creation of the opportunity quilt, so we took it upon ourselves to decide on the pattern and colors. You can find all the details on the guild website [under quilt show & opportunity quilt](#).

This quilt will be scrappy and our hope is that it comes from your stash. The background should be cream, off-white, or white with one of the other colors from our chosen palette. Please finish your blocks by April 1 so the top can be assembled and quilted. If you would like to take over the coordination of this project, please let us know. This job is not selling tickets, but coordinating the creation of the quilt.

Other open positions:

- 3rd overall chairperson - OPEN
- Beautification- OPEN
- Books/Mags/Patterns- Susan Egner and Barb Tuman
- Boutique- Diana Sharp
- Cafe- Jan Sharpless and Chris Schwartz
- Challenge Quilts- OPEN
- Children's Quilts - Barbara Carlson
- Door Gifts & Admissions- OPEN
- Information Booth- OPEN
- Judging- OPEN
- Labels- Ruthann Heidgerken
- Publicity- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Entry Forms & Data Entry)- Mary Clemens
- Quilt Display (Hostess Houses)- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Logistics & Rentals)- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Layout Plan)- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Set-up & Take-down)- OPEN
- Raffle Baskets- OPEN
- Raffle Quilt- OPEN
- Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales- OPEN
- Ribbons- Edith Hubbard
- Scraps- Liz FitzGerald, Susan Strasser, Yvonne Richter, and Judy Scheppach
- Signage- OPEN
- Vendors- OPEN
- Volunteers- OPEN

Please let us know of any corrections to this list and if you would like to know more about a position. You can reach us at our personal emails, found in the directory, or at psqgquiltshow@gmail.com.

We really appreciate our volunteers; it takes a village!
-Melanie and Krista

Upcoming Programs

At this time, all speakers and classes will be virtual in some way. Our list of speakers is subject to change at short notice. I'm listing just a few months here as things change rapidly.

January 2021

Kathleen Herbach

February 2021

[Eva Paige Quilts](#)

March 2021

[Krista Moser](#)

April 2021

Business Meeting



Our web store is open

Place your order and select pick-up instead of shipping. Susan Egner will pick up your order and contact you to make arrangements for delivery. We also have the white travel mugs available. Contact Susan if you'd like one.

psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com

JANUARY



Kathleen Herbach

Workshops via Zoom:

Kathleen has been quilting since 1993 when her mother introduced it to her and started a foundation flip and sew block.

She was hooked and started watching Simply Quilts and other shows for inspiration and techniques. She has sailed on a quilting cruise and taken two trips to Japan to study (also known as purchase fabric). She has taught at Peaceful Hearts, Prairie Shop Quilts and Quilters Quest. She is part of the winning team of "Iron Quilter" with Debbie McCaffrey at the Rosemont Show.

Kathleen will be presenting her quilts in a virtual trunk show at our regular scheduled Guild meetings.



Basic Binding
January 25, 2021
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Max of 20 students



Beyond Basics Binding
January 26, 2021
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Max of 20 students

Registration for each is \$20.
Sign up via our website at:
[January workshops](#)

FEBRUARY

EvaPaige Quilt Designs



Why Take the Hurdy Gurdy Workshop with Beth Helfter? And wait ... Who the Heck is Beth Helfter?

To answer the second question first — that's me right there. I'm a quilt designer and instructor from Massachusetts who's been quilting for over twenty years and has been building a business since 2005, when I had twin two year olds and a need to create to stay sane. Many years later I have three teenage daughters, and the need to create has been joined by the need to get out of the house now and then (or just lock myself in the studio with my Zoom account) and be with quilters; inspiring, motivating, learning, and sharing my designs and seeing theirs as well!

My work has been featured in *Quilters World*, *The Quilter*, *Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks*, *Quilts From Quiltmakers 100 Blocks*, and I was a member of the 2014 Quiltmaker "Scrap Squad". My style tends toward the scrappy and my designs mirror my company tagline: Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude. I am the creator of the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ (Half Square Triangles) method; a way to get way more bang for your scrappy buck when it comes to half square

triangles! Quilting is supposed to be fun, and with every pattern I strive to keep you as far away from your seam ripper as possible, with every lecture I work to keep quilting light, fun, and motivating, and with every workshop I try to create a relaxed atmosphere of learning with a fun pattern or technique that doesn't aim for perfection, but aims for a great day of quilty entertainment and learning.

Lecturing and teaching is still my very favorite part of this career and I can't wait to meet Prairie Star in February!

But really, why take the Hurdy Gurdy Workshop?

If you're going to learn a new technique, you might as well go straight to the source! Not only am I the inventor of the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method, but Hurdy Gurdy is one of the first patterns I designed for my first book about the method. You can't get more original than that.

In this workshop you'll master the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ within the first 45 minutes—really, you WILL!—and move on to learn how they go beyond just a way to make HSTs more scrappy, but can be used to create ordered accordions that lay out blocks like butter. You'll never want to make HSTs any other way again!

Lecture February 22, 2021: OOPAH!

Lecture February 23, 2021: Give it a scrap slap!



Intro to Accordion Sewn HSTs
February 23, 2021
1:00 pm – 4 pm
20 Students/Fee: \$25.00



Hurdy Gurdy Table Runner
February 27, 2021
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
20 Students/Fee: \$30.00

Purchase of her book is not required, but you will need the class handout for \$8.00. This can be later credited toward the purchase of the book if desired.

Online signup coming soon.

New Board Nomination Time

Dear PSQG Members,

What a year it has been! We have all learned so much, especially in the area of technology. I, for one, am so very glad ZOOM is a thing and our Guild was able to react so quickly to taking our meetings and classes online. Can you believe the whole Quilt Show moved online?! Awesome job and kudos to all who contributed and visited the show.

As we move into the next fiscal year June 2021 - May 2022, the

Board must be finalized. The slate of officers will be posted at the March meetings with voting taking place in April.

PSQG has long been a premier Guild to belong to. Excellent programs, retreats, and a welcoming spirit are all attributes we appreciate. Because of this, we NEED YOU to participate and become part of the dynamic leadership team. Please review the job descriptions located on the PSQG.org website > About >

Job descriptions. Next, contact the person currently in this role and get a feel for the job. Let me know what you are interested in, or if you know of someone, either by email SWARZIN@GMAIL.COM or a phone call 630-715-9032.

The future of the Guild depends on participation from all of us on many levels.

Thank you,
Sandy Warzin



2021 BOMs and Challenges Starting in January

January is a good time to start a new block of the month (BOM) or maybe a UFO (unfinished objects) challenge (to complete them, not start more!). There are many options out there, but these are a few that came up in a quick search.

BOMs

<https://www.aquiltinglife.com/2021/01/january-2021-quilt-block-of-the-month.html/>

<https://kimlapacek.com/2020/12/an-old-school-block-of-the-month-2021.html>

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/2021-designer-mystery-blocks-of-the-month-reservation>

<https://swimbikequilt.com/journal/2020/12/observatory-a-2021-block-of-the-month-quilt-along>

https://store.figtreeandcompany.com/2021_22_CREAM_SPARKLE_BOM_ADVENTURE_p/sparkcream_bom_2021.htm

<https://www.sewinspiredquilts.com/boms.htm>

<http://countrystitches.com/page.php?id=54>

https://www.alicecaroline.com/product/jewel-palace-quilt-bom-2020-liberty-tana-lawn/?gclid=CjoKCQjA6Or_BRC_ARIsAPzuer_tAjGXAPodmzslFUszybovNod3YjkTifi8RUvnUUSuLtWBtekf3waAvixEALw_wcB

UFO challenges

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/finishing/2021-ufo-challenge>

<https://www.quilthavenonmain.com/event-calendar/2021-git-r-done-ufo-challenge/2021-01-01/>

<https://www.quiltingboard.com/quiltingboard-challenges-contests-f21/ufo-challenge-2021-a-t3I3679.html>





February Birthdays

Mary Conway 2/02
 Marcella Christensen..... 2/03
 Lauretta Schneider 2/04
 Judy Corfield..... 2/05
 Janet Francis 2/06
 Elaine Morgan..... 2/08
 Beth Koos 2/09
 Alexandra Scott..... 2/11
 Julie Grisham 2/14
 Patti Polachek 2/14

Kathleen Holmes 2/16
 Susan Plaster..... 2/16
 Peggy Wolfe..... 2/16
 Carol Allan..... 2/19
 Gloria Friedrich..... 2/20
 Linda Stoyhoff..... 2/20
 Sharon Spates..... 2/21
 Ruth Kay..... 2/22
 Dorothea Cowsert 2/23
 Mary King 2/25
 Patricia Noonan 2/25
 Carol Wood 2/26
 Margit Rippberger 2/27
 Janice Lindenmeyer 2/28



Get in line for show and tell! As you're making things and you want to share, please send

your pictures and a description to psqgboard@gmail.com. We make a slide show to share at both meetings.

Feel free to share works in progress, completed projects, charity items, Holiday quilts, anything your heart desires.

If you participated in the January retreat, don't forget to send in pictures of what you worked on!

It's so inspiring to see what you're up to!

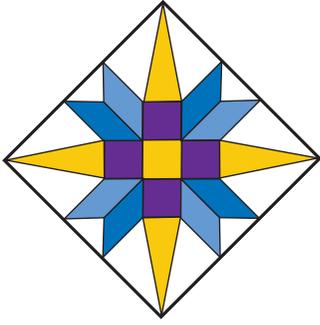
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 Activities: Barb Gillespie

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 & Alyssa Payleitner (PM)
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 Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner
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 Nominations: Sandy Warzin
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &
 Melanie Murphy*



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