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## Spring Is Coming!

It's been a long, cold, hard winter. Fortunately, there are signs that it will be over soon. The days are getting longer – and on Sunday (March 10) daylight saving starts. Having daylight at dinner time is always encouraging. Soon the weather will get above freezing, and the snow and ice mounds will melt away. We might even see grass trying to turn green. OK – I know that's pushing it. Too soon for that. We can only hope.

Springtime brings a fresh new focus on life. Flowers and trees come to life. We are attracted to bright, happy colors. And bright happy quilts! And it makes me want to get out more and connect with others again after my winter hibernation. PSQG has several opportunities to connect with other like-minded quilters coming up. Be sure to check out our speaker lineup online. Our March speaker is Angela Walters. With our wonderful new location, we have options for larger class spaces. And due to demand for Angela's workshops, we are moving her classes to the upstairs gym so that more of you can attend. Be sure to sign up soon.

If you're looking to join a Bee, there are 12 openings for several

bees. And don't forget that our April meeting will be our business meeting, and only held on Monday night - no Tuesday morning meeting in April! We'll be introducing our new Board members at this meeting. So please be sure to come and support these volunteers.

Our membership cycle runs from June 1 – May 31. So that means our annual May Banquet is coming soon! Read the article about that on page 2. This time of year also means membership renewals are due! You can renew at the meetings, and at the banquet. And very soon we will be able to accept credit cards for payments! No more hunting down your checkbook! Dues are once again only \$35 for a year. I encourage you to pay on time, because any renewal dues received after July 1 will be charged \$40 instead of the regular dues of \$35. So be sure to renew at the next meeting and get it done!

Spring is coming – and it looks like we'll have lots of opportunities to reconnect with each other. Think happy colors and happy quilts!

Ann Johnson  
Morning VP

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**March 25, 2019 at 7 pm**

**March 26, 2019 at 9:30 am**

**April 22, 2019 at 7 pm**

**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, April 4, 2019.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).



## It's Time to Party at the May Banquet!

Do you like to mingle with other Guild Members and have a wonderful meal with live entertainment? Then the annual May Banquet is for you!

**When:** May 20th. Social Hour with a cash bar from 6-7pm; dinner following.

**Where:** St Andrews Golf Club, 2241 Route 59, West Chicago, IL 60185. The club is near the intersection of Rt 59 and Rt 64

**Cost:** \$38.00. Payable by check or cash.

**Entertainment:** Sew Kind of Wonderful

Download and fill out the registration form, which can be found under Activities on the PSQG website. Final registration is due no later than the April meeting.

Select your meal choice and indicate any special dietary requirements. The full menu descriptions are listed in the February newsletter. If you are unable to attend the meetings please mail your registration and payment to Barb Gillespie.

Groups are welcome; bring your group registration and payment to the March or April meeting. Each table accommodates up to 10 people. If you are not part of a large group or cannot fill a table please sign-up anyway. We will help combine small groups and/or individuals at a table. Just think about making new friends and the possibility of joining a Bee.

If you have any questions please contact Barb Gillespie at [Activepsqg@gmail.com](mailto:Activepsqg@gmail.com)

## Future Sew-ins or Mini Retreats?

How disappointing that the January sew-in had to be canceled because Mother Nature decided we needed a snow storm? I was very excited with all the responses, so much so that I had to cut off the requests at 40. How AWESOME! This, along with your comments, strongly suggest we should plan another. So, with this in mind I would like some input from you.

- How likely are you to attend?
- How often should it be offered?
- Would you pay a nominal fee?
- Location suggestions?
- Time of year?
- Weekday or weekend?
- One or Two days?
- Work on your own projects?
- Group Projects?
- Suggestions?



Please email me your thoughts at [activepsqg@gmail.com](mailto:activepsqg@gmail.com). We will also offer a few copies of this quick survey at the March meetings on paper.

I am hoping to receive lots of input,  
Barb Gillespie



# 2020 Quilt Show Update

Dig out your reds! Did you see the samples of the fabric we're looking for to include in the raffle quilt? Barb Gillespie is managing our raffle quilt and it will be a beauty! You can help by providing ruby red fabric, a minimum of 10" square, that reads solid. We will have samples of what we have in mind at the meetings. 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. We will collect donations at the meetings. Find us at the 2020 Quilt Show table.

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!



- Quilt Display- Hostess Houses
- Quilt Display- Set Up & Take Down
- Raffle Baskets
- Raffle Quilt Sales
- Signage
- Volunteer management

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 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.

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## Community Service

The Board has decided to take this year off from doing a Quilt of Valor presentation at our July evening meeting. We have contracted a teacher to do a workshop instead. If you want your veteran awarded a quilt this year, or sooner than July 2020, go to [QOVF.org](http://QOVF.org) and fill out the form to put in a request. It will be in the system and we will make it happen.

**Fidget Quilts:** Linda Stoyloff provides kits if you need them or ideas can be found online. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have enough fabric, lace, etc. for kits and do not need any more donations at this point. However, the Elgin school district would appreciate donations of fleece pieces large enough to make pillow cases. They would also like zippers, Velcro, buttons, and items

to make crafts for their over 200 special needs students.

I would also like to thank those of you who have been folding and balling the plarn (the plastic bags) to make it easier for those collecting and making the homeless beds.

Thank you for your contributions to our community.

- Rita Pennington

## 2019 Programs

March 25, 2019  
Angela Walters  
[QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com](http://QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com)

April 2019  
Business meeting, no speaker

May 2019  
Sew Kind of Wonderful  
[sewkindofwonderful.com](http://sewkindofwonderful.com)

June 2019 & beyond  
To be announced!



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!

# MARCH

## Angela Walters



Angela Walters loves all things related to quilting!

In addition to being a devoted quilter, she is also a shop owner, author, teacher, and fabric designer. You can keep up with Angela at [QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com](http://QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com)

Lecture:  
Monday evening & Tuesday morning:  
Trunk Show

## Borders & Backgrounds

**Date:**  
Monday, March 25, 2019

**Time:**  
9 am to 4 pm

**Cost:**  
PSQG Members \$75  
PSQG Visitors \$85

**Location:**  
Congregational United  
Church of Christ

## How Should I Quilt It?

**Date:**  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**Time:**  
4 pm to 9 pm

**Cost:**  
PSQG Members \$50  
PSQG Visitors \$60

**Location:**  
Congregational United  
Church of Christ

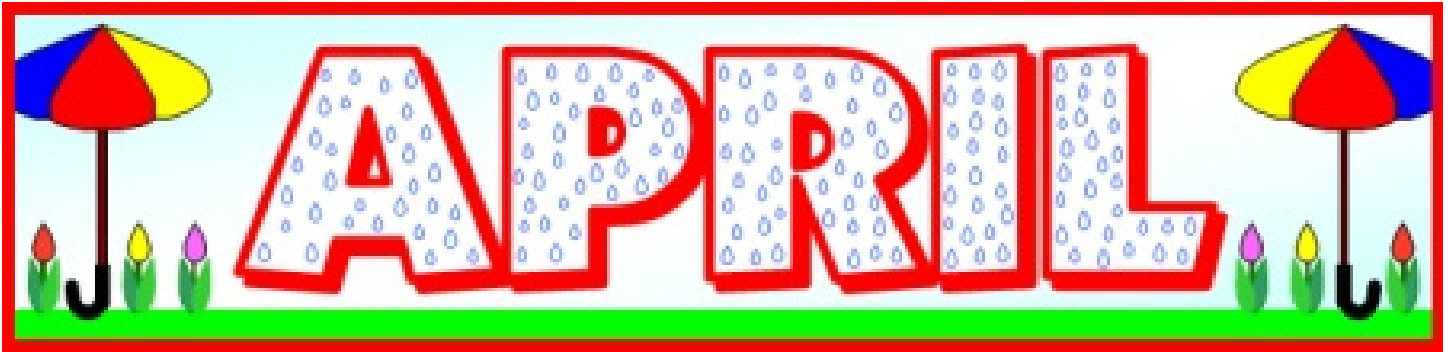
## Small Changes, Big Variety

**Date:**  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

**Time:**  
9 am to 4 pm

**Cost:**  
PSQG Members \$75  
PSQG Visitors \$85

**Location:**  
Congregational United  
Church of Christ



April is our business meeting and during that meeting we will vote in/confirm our new board members who will start their term in June 2019. This year we have some new faces and others who are changing to a new position. Some positions, like President, are in a continuation of a two-year term. Our fiscal year starts in June.

### **2019-2020 Proposed Board Members**

- President .....Sharron Evans
- Evening Vice President .....Sandra White
- Daytime Vice President .....Ann Johnson
- Secretary .....Yvonne Richter
- Treasurer .....Alyssa Payleitner
- Programs Vice President .....Teresa Kasch\*, Chris Berry\*,  
& Rachel Lance
- Membership .....Sandy Warzin & her lovely crew
- Newsletter.....Melanie Murphy
- Education .....Cindy Krelle\* & Beth Hoffman\*
- Media Chair .....Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper .....Beth Rueter
- Library.....Liz Fitzgerald\* & Susan  
Strasser\* & Yvonne Richter\*
- Community Projects .....Rita Pennington\* and  
Mary Stewart\*
- Contracts 2019- 2020 .....Janet Francis
- Nominations .....Chris Schwarz
- 2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs .Krista Katzen\* & Melanie  
Murphy\*
- Activities .....Barb Gillespie

\* Indicates co-chair

# NEARBY RESTAURANTS

Here is a list of nearby eating establishments. We don't endorse or rate any of these restaurants, but we thought you might like to know what's close to the new church. My source for the distance, hours, descriptions, etc is Google.

There are a bunch of restaurants just north of the church near Rt 64 and La Fox road. Turn right from the church parking lot onto La Fox and soon you'll find:

**Pizza Cucina**

Open 4pm to 9pm on M & T.

**Taylor Street Pizza**

Open 10am to 11pm on M & T.

**McDonald's**

Open 5am to 11pm on M & T.

**Old Towne Pub & Eatery**

Open 11am to 1am on M & T.

**Niko's Tavern Neighborhood Grill**

Open 4pm to 11pm on M & T.

**Shima's Sushi**

Open 4:30pm-9pm on M and 11:30 -2pm, 4:30-9pm on T.

**Mel's Diner** (no relation 😊)

Closed M but open 7am-2pm on T.

**China Garden Restaurant**

Open 4pm-9:30pm on M and 11am -9:30pm on T.

**Subway Restaurants**

Open 8am to 9pm on M & T.

**Cassano's Pizzeria**

Open 3pm to 10pm on M & T.

**Balmoral Restaurant**

Open 2pm to 10pm on M & T.

Further West on 64 (left from La Fox road):

**The Lodge on 64**-- about 2 miles from church.

Open 3pm to 1am on M & T.

Traveling East on 64 (turn right from La Fox), about 4 miles from the church is:

**Charlie Fox's Pizzeria & Eatery**

Open 11am-9pm on M & T.

Almost 5 miles down 64 you'll find:

**Los Burritos Mexicanos**

Open 8am-12am on M & T.

**Buona**

Open 10:30am-10pm on M & T.

**Just Kabobs**

Open 10:30am-9pm on M & T.

**Alexanders Cafe 64**

Open 6:30am-2:30pm on M & T.

**Colonial Cafe**

Open 6:30am-9pm on M & T.

Now you're at Randall road and all kinds of possibilities open up. Bon Appetite!

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# 2018-2019 Board Members

President .....	Sharron Evans
Evening Vice President .....	Sandy Andrews
Daytime Vice President .....	Ann Johnson
Secretary .....	Barbara Stewart
Treasurer .....	Carol Fisher
Programs Vice President.....	Rachel Lance
Membership.....	Susan Egner & her lovely crew
Newsletter .....	Melanie Murphy
Education .....	Cindy Krelle* & Beth Hoffman*
Media Chair .....	Yvonne Richter* & Chris Macenski*
Bee Keeper .....	Sue Plaster* & Beth Rueter*
Library .....	Liz Fitzgerald* & Susan Strasser* & Yvonne Richter*
Community Projects .....	Rita Pennington
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



## April

Kay Nolan .....	April 2
Joan Rasmussen .....	April 2
Cindy Crooks .....	April 5
Aileen Vogel.....	April 7
Emilie Pollman .....	April 8
Donna Fowler.....	April 11
Tina Fugate.....	April 12
Ann Sands.....	April 12
Sandra Bils .....	April 13
Sue Pawlowski .....	April 13
Becky Preston .....	April 13
Betsy Stoughton .....	April 13
Susan Price.....	April 15
Linda Harlson .....	April 16
Clare Best .....	April 18
Ann Garvey .....	April 21
Fran Pingel .....	April 23
Jayne Hested .....	April 26
Linda Rozema .....	April 26
Elvira Illig .....	April 27
Melanie Murphy.....	April 27
Janet Karnstedt.....	April 28
Lynn Murphy .....	April 29
Sharon Thomsen.....	April 29
Jolene Lown.....	April 30
Sharon Simms.....	April 30



Mrs. Bobbins subtly tries to influence the quilt show judges.

Mrs. Bobbins is created by Julia Icenogle, [mrsbobbins.com](http://mrsbobbins.com).



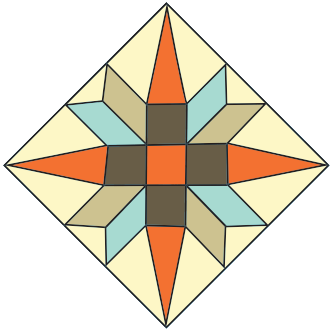
### No more acronyms

I am ending the acronym filler. I will start a different fun filler in April. Do you have something fun you'd like to see? Email me with suggestions: [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com)

### Answer from February

HSY = Haven't Started Yet

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1/2 page      \$40/issue

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Deadline for ads (getting copy or camera-ready artwork to the Editor) is the first of the month in which you wish the ad to appear. Call or email the Editor if you have any questions.

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