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We're springing ahead to an amazing year!

Spring is almost here! Is anyone excited about that besides me? We are getting warmer weather; the days are getting longer and we just changed our clocks forward. As our guild closes out our year, I would be remiss if I didn't take a minute to thank each person who served our guild this year! Our guild is only as good as the people who serve, and it has been a great year to serve our guild and our community.

Our 2020-2021 Board members have been hard at work to make our 40th Anniversary year our best year ever! The programs team has an exciting line up of guest speakers that will offer something for everyone. You will be excited to hear about all the wonderful workshops they have put together for you, our special members! Don't forget that our April meeting is our business meeting and will be held only on Monday evening April 27th. There will be no Tuesday morning meeting. Come join us and hear about our new board members

coming in to serve, and all about the programs being offered while enjoying cupcakes and ice cream at our 40th birthday party!

If you have ever considered volunteering, this will be the year you will want to get involved! We are trying our best to offer opportunities to get involved that can accommodate almost any busy schedule. We have many options where you can help, even if it's just for a few hours or maybe a few times a year, we have something for everyone! From filling in for a vacationing member which would just be a one-time day of service to sewing opportunities to providing quilts to our Veterans through Quilts of Valor, to helping with dog beds, fidget quilts, memory bears or sewing for critically ill children, we have projects that you can do as much of or as little of the quilt project as you are comfortable with. Your Quilts for Kids team has new and updated kits available for you and we will be offering pillowcase

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Upcoming Guild

Meetings:

March 23, 2020 at 7 pm

March 24, 2020 at 9:30 am

April 27, 2020 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 9, 2020.

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

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kits to our members to provide to Ronald McDonald House, Central DuPage Hospital, and to provide for our boutique at our fabulous upcoming Quilt Show 2020! Be sure to stop by and see Chris Schwarz at the next meeting and she can share with you what opportunities are available to fit your schedule.

Speaking of Quilt Show 2020, start working on your quilt entries now! Please remember your dues must be paid for you to enter a quilt in the show. It is renewal season, and you can take care of it any time

from our website or at a meeting. The deadline to enter a quilt in the show is July 31st, so get started on that quilt that you've always wanted to make to enter in the show! I'm working on both a challenge quilt and an art quilt to enter. Can't wait to see all the amazing entries this year! Don't forget that this year we are also offering a Youth Block program. See the PSQG website homepage for more details.

You can now purchase tickets for our May banquet. If looking for a table for a group, you can sign up on

the PSQG website. Tickets will also be available at the March and April meetings from Barb Gillespie.

As we finish off the 2019-2020 year, I'd like to say thank you to all the wonderful people who welcomed me as I joined the board this last year. I've had the pleasure of meeting some of the most wonderful ladies ever and I look forward to serving again in 2020-2021! Happy Spring to all!

Sandi White
Evening VP

Community Service

Plastic Bags for homeless beds: Ladies tell me they are still loaded with bags. Joyce will take a finished mat as long as it's 3 feet by 6 feet.

Dog Beds: Please bring your completed dog beds to the next meeting. Please be sure your pet beds are a MINIMUM of 24" on EACH SIDE, larger is ok, up to 40". Do NOT leave bags of scraps with the pet beds at the Church. If you have scraps, use them to make a pet bed (we have fabric for the case) or if they are large enough, save them for the Quilt Show scrap collection later this fall. Look for a car/van parked under the canopy and place your beds there. If you don't see a vehicle, then bring them inside and stack them by the freebie table in the open closet. If you need more cases, we will continue to have them at the Community Service Table.

NICU Blankets: The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of

Central DuPage Hospital uses unbatted blankets to cover the incubators for premature babies. The blankets muffle noise and darken the environment. They need to be 36" x 48" with flannel on one side and minky type fabric on the other (no fleece). Thank you for the generous donations of fabric for our kits; we do not need more fabric donations at this time. For questions, contact Linda Stoyhoff 630-444-1115 or lstoyhoff1@att.net.

Hospice Memory Bears: Are you interested in learning how to make the stuffed teddy bear that our Service branch makes for hospice? Nancy Krasinski will be teaching a class on their creation. The class will include general sewing directions, fabric layout suggestions, and time-saving construction tips. Using supplies you provide, you will have a completed bear at the end of this one day class. Please contact Nancy

at nancy.krasinski@gmail.com for more information. Class date will be determined once participants are known.

Ronald McDonald quilts: We have kits available at the community service table.

Quilts of Valor: We just received confirmation that at the July 2021 evening meeting we will be awarding our own veterans again...save the date. It's never too early to start thinking of the veterans in your life; put his/her name(s) in for nomination on the forms that I will have after this year's quilt show. Pick a pattern, make the quilt, have it quilted and ready to go! Remember in order to have a QOV (copyright) label, minimum finished size is 55 x 65, maximum 72 x 92.

-Rita Pennington



2020 Quilt Show News

Start sewing your challenge quilts, display quilts and judged quilts. The [entry forms](#) are on the website under the quilt show section. You may sign up any time, but remember your [membership dues](#) must be paid for it to be official, so go ahead and take care of that before you sign up.

Boutique

'Tis the luck of the Irish to sew something green and gorgeous for the 2020 Quilt Show Boutique. Think of how the leprechauns will smile upon you and perhaps help you find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow....or, if nothing else, your quilt guild family will smile upon you and your reward just might be one of the great treats at the next meeting! Sew, think GREEN. Help keep families green by donating some cute cotton "every day" wash and reuse napkins! Everyone needs some large sturdy "shopping bags" for those trips to grocers who now encourage people to be green. Design and sew a simple picnic/patio table cloth or runner with weighted corners to keep those pesky breezes from turning things over, or perhaps a waterproofed ground blanket for little ones to play on the sidelines while their older siblings are involved in outdoor sports. Maybe design a patio table cover that accommodates an umbrella to make the outdoors more inviting and save on air conditioning. A few "thread catchers" would encourage recycling and some snazzy pin cushions will keep track of prickly things in the sewing room (and save \$\$ by not

having to buy more)? Be green, sew green, make something fun to be seen at the 2020 Quilt Show Boutique.

Challenge Quilts

Barb Vlack has announced the red & white challenge for the show. Sign up in person at a meeting for \$5 cash. The [rules](#) are available on our website.

Door Gifts

Wow! You members are the best! We have over 1,000 hand warmers!! Thank you all so much for your hard work. If you have some in progress, we will take them, but please don't start any new ones.

Opportunity Quilt

The quilt is traveling and ticket sales are underway. We ask that each member **purchase \$20 in tickets**. You can use those for yourself or you can sell them to relatives or friends.

Quilty Resale

We are collecting at the meetings; please look for an open car trunk.

- Books, any year.
- Magazines from 2015-2020 (five years old).
- Patterns of any age are welcome, but please be mindful of copyright laws and don't include a photocopy you got from a friend.
- Other quilty items in good condition. Puzzles, rulers, longarm pantographs, embroidery files, etc.

Raffle Baskets

Keep raffle baskets in mind when organizing your sewing room. Please remember, donations should

be in new or like-new condition. The March guild meeting will be the last collection until later in the year when we more specifically determine our needs.

Thank you for all the great contributions! You have all been very generous.

Raffle basket co-chairmen, Liz Coleman and Ruthann Heidgerken

Scraps

We are still accepting scraps! Please keep in mind that we're looking for quilt shop quality fabrics. Also, please be on the lookout for pins and other foreign objects in your bags of scraps. Look for the open trunk in front of the church at the meetings.

Youth Blocks

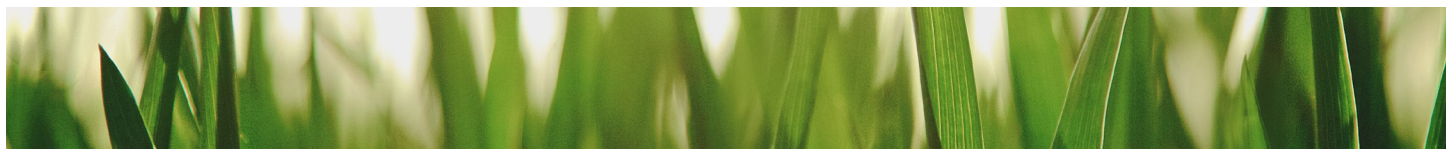
We are excited to announce a new category for our 2020 show; YOUTH BLOCKS!

We are looking for Members to host a child and help them create a block for this new and exciting category. The blocks (unquilted) will be displayed at the show.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee. The [form is available](#) on the website.

Sign up at the youth block table at the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Carlson: rncmst6@gmail.com.

Gather those items you don't read any more, the scraps that you can't look at any more, and start sewing or finishing those wonderful quilts! Don't forget to add in time for longarming. We have a list of guild longarmers on our website.



Programs

March 23/24, 2020
Anna Maria Horner
www.annamariahorne.com

April 27, 2020
Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2020
Melinda Bula
www.melindabula.com

June 2020 and beyond
coming soon!



MARCH

Anna Maria Horner

Anna Maria Horner brings incredible excitement to her quilts with vibrant fabrics and thoughtful color placement. See some of her amazing work when you visit [her blog!](#)

Anna Maria has made A Different Box of Crayon of Glen Ellyn her shop during this visit. Details on forthcoming kits, fabrics, etc will be available.

Applique Stories

Date:

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Time:

1 pm to 4 pm

Cost:

PSQG Members \$40.00

PSQG Visitors \$ 50.00

Pattern & supply list will be given at registration.

Location:

Congregational United
Church of Christ

Feathers

Date:

Monday, March 23, 2020

Time:

9 am to 4 pm

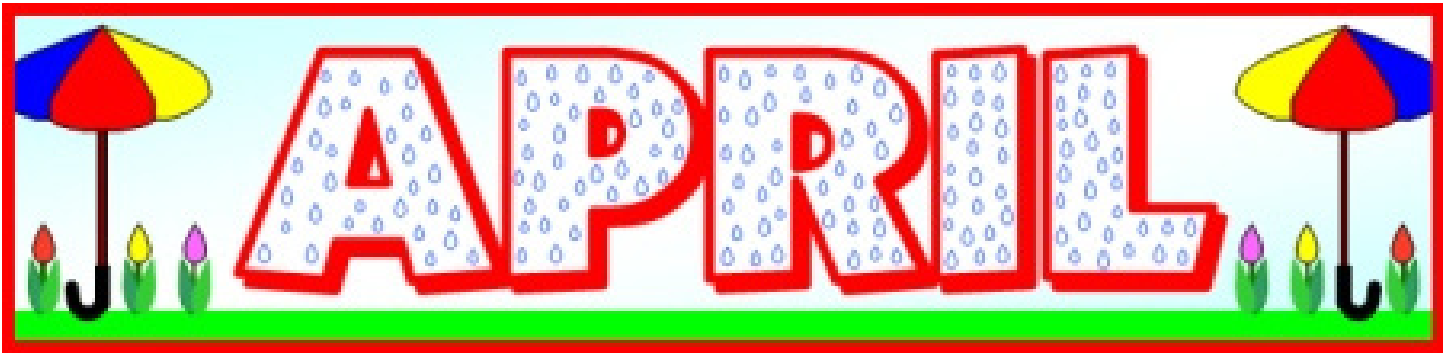
Cost:

Workshops are full

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 2020. There are a couple of open positions. If you are interested, please contact Chris Schwarz.

Some fun items are planned, too! We'll have cake and ice cream treats, a scrap sale, and we will continue to collect items for the quilt show. We will not have education nor show & tell at this meeting.

PSQG SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2020-21 BOARD POSITIONS

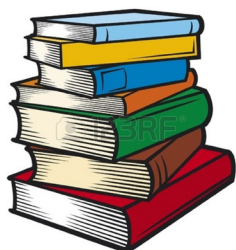
- President - Yvonne Richter
- VP - Evening - Sandy White
- VP - Morning - Ann Johnson
- VP - Programs - Janet Francis
- Contracts - _____
- Treasurer - Alyssa Payleitner
- Secretary - Susan Strasser
- Activities - Barb Gillespie
- Beekeeper - Beth Koos (AM) and Alyssa Payleitner (PM)
- Community Projects - Sue Ann Reiner
- Education - Foxy Bees bee - Chris Schwarz
- Library - Liz FitzGerald
- Membership - Lynne Curran
- Media - Chris Macenski
- Newsletter - Melanie Murphy
- Nominations - Sandy Warzin
- 2022 Quilt Show Chair(s) - _____

Thank you to all who volunteered to help the guild.

Library Closures

Check out books in March and they don't have to be back until June! The library will be closed during April and May (for the business meeting and the banquet).

Do you know you can check our book list any time? Our inventory is searchable, simply visit [our library page](#).



Membership Renewal Reminders

It is time to renew your membership! For those who are new to the guild, our guild year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

You may [renew your membership online](#), and pay online as well. You can also submit your information online and pay in person at the April or May meeting.

Our ByLaws 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 by May 31.

If you are not going to attend either of the evening meetings in April or May, please consider updating your information and paying your dues online.

Also, this is a quilt show year. If you would like to display a quilt in the show, your dues must be paid by May 31.





Mardi Gras Fun

It's Banquet Time

It's getting to be that time of year. Spring and the May Banquet! Make plans and reservations to join the fun.

Monday, May 18, 2020
 St Andrews Golf Club
 2241 Route 59
 West Chicago Il 60185

Guest Speaker Melinda Bula

Social Hour with cash bar will be from 6:00-6:30PM. Dinner served at 6:30PM. **Registration is ongoing.** Group sign-ups are available. If you are signing up as a group, please have one person responsible for collecting your information and payments before turning in the form. Group forms will be available on-line or at the meetings. 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. Small groups or individuals will be combined to make a table.

Just think of the new friends or even the possibility of a Bee you could become! **Final registration is due at the April meeting.**

Make sure to indicate specific dietary needs or allergies on the registration form.

At a **cost of \$38**, this year's menu is: Italian Minestrone Soup, Garden Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Biscayne Vegetable Blend.

Main Course of your choosing followed by Ice Cream Sundae. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Menu choices:

- Homemade Vegetable Lasagna with garlic bread and vegetables
- Pretzel Crusted Chicken with Dijon Cream Sauce
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with Maple Glaze Sauce

Questions? Contact:
 Barb Gillespie
 activities@psqg.org



Shout out to Lynne C for donating the extra King Cake, Paczkis & cookies from our Mardi Gras party to Lazarus House! What a great way to let the celebration continue.



April Birthdays

Joan Rasmussen	4/02
Kay Nolan	4/02
Aileen Vogel.....	4/07
Emilie Pollman	4/08
Karen Luebbers	4/10
Donna Fowler.....	4/11
Tina Fugate	4/12
Ann Sands.....	4/12
Becky Preston	4/13
Sue Pawlowski	4/13
Betsy Stoughton	4/13
Sandra Bils	4/13
Susan Price	4/15
Linda Harlson	4/16
Ann Garvey	4/21
Fran Pingel	4/23
Beth Santell	4/23
Linda Rozema	4/26
Jayne Hested	4/26
Elvira Illig	4/27
Melanie Murphy.....	4/27
Janet Karnstedt.....	4/28
Lynn Murphy	4/29
Sharon Thomsen.....	4/29
Sharon Simms	4/30
Karen Bidanset.....	4/30

PRESENTING...

Quilters - a Musical Play

April 3-26, 2020

The Steel Beam Theater

St. Charles, IL

steelbeamtheatre.org

The gallery exhibition "Abstract, Traditional and all In-between" will feature a collection of small quilts and fiber art by PSQG member Kathy Steere. (www.katesfunart.com)
Kathy will be present one hour before show time
April 5, 17 and 25.

2019-2020 Board Members

President: Yvonne Richter

Evening Vice President: Sandra White

Daytime Vice President: Ann Johnson

Secretary: Susan Strasser

Treasurer: Alyssa Payleitner

Programs Vice President: Teresa Kasch &
Chris Berry*

Membership: Lynne Curran

Newsletter: Melanie Murphy

Education: Cindy Krelle & Beth Hoffman*

Media Chair: Chris Macenski

Bee Keeper: Beth Reuter

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

Community Projects: Rita Pennington

Contracts 2020- 2021: Janet Francis

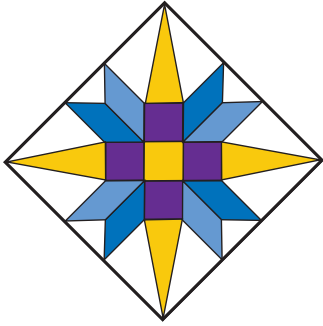
Nominations: Chris Schwarz

2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &
Melanie Murphy*

Activities: Barb Gillespie

* indicates co-chair

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