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## Fall time is “me” time!

The days are getting shorter. The leaves are starting to change. The air is crisper. Yes, Fall is here! I love this time of year. The crazy and busy summer plans are over, school is back in session, and it’s the lull before the storm of “the Holidays” that take over the end of the year.

This is my “me time” season. Although, if I’m honest, I’ve been making every season “me time” lately. With my health status changing and my future unknown, I’m realizing that every day counts. I don’t know how long I’ll be able to be active and involved in things, so I’m participating while I still can. Next week I’ll be attending our guild’s Fall Retreat, and I’m really looking forward to it. Not only will I get some serious sewing done, but I’ll enjoy spending time with other quilters. I learned so much on the last retreat I went on, and it was fun to get to know other guild members.

If you haven’t gone on a retreat, I encourage you to do it. We’re having a sew-in on Monday, Nov. 25th in lieu of a workshop. What a nice “me time” opportunity right before the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving.

Things are happening at PSQG. Our website has been updated with our new logo, and a streamlined

format for easier navigation. There is information on our upcoming (and past) programs, our 2020 Quilt Show, newsletters, activities, membership, and we even have all of our library inventory available to see online! And don’t forget to check out the link to our own PSQG Spirit Wear product line. A huge thanks to Melanie Murphy for her fantastic logo design, and Chris Macenski for her countless hours in redesigning and implementing our new website design.

Another change and improvement PSQG is bringing to the table is the ability to accept credit/debit cards for purchases. After some technical problems with our former card reader, we will now be using the Square credit card reader, and are excited to bring you improved technology effective at our October guild meetings. Check out the website for our future workshops so you can sign up at the next guild meeting.

I hope you can all take some “me time” just for you this fall. Enjoy the beautiful weather, colorful nature and crisp air. Get inspired, plan out what your next projects will be, and then you can quilt all winter long.

-- Ann Johnson

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**October 28, 2019 at 7 pm**

**October 29, 2019 at 9:30 am**

**November 25, 2019 at 7 pm**

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

*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, November 7, 2019.  
Send info to Melanie Murphy at  
[mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).

## Do you EQ? Do you want to?

If you've always wanted to learn how to use Electric Quilt (Versions 7 or 8) or already have the program and don't really know how to use it, you have a great opportunity! Barb Vlack, a nationally recognized EQ teacher, has agreed to teach a small group of us. If you're interested, please contact



me, Susan Strasser, and I'll organize a class (or perhaps even a series of classes). My cell phone number is 630-632-8320, and my email address is [strasser23@gmail.com](mailto:strasser23@gmail.com).

## Community Service

**Dog Beds:** Dog bed collection will continue! Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to deliver dog beds, we will be able to continue collecting them as long as the shelters accept them. Please bring your completed dog beds to the next meeting. 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.

**Ronald McDonald quilts need batting:** We have a member who is managing quilts for Ronald McDonald House. We need batting, 100% cotton, approximately 45 x 60 crib size. If you can donate batting, please drop it off at the community service table.

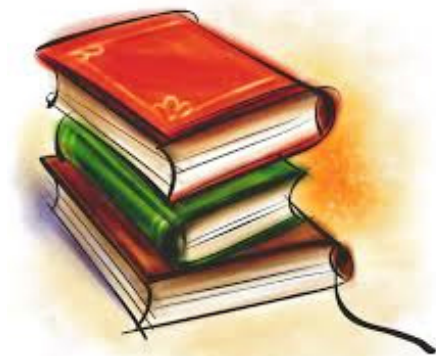
**Plastic Bags:** Please hold off on the plastic bags until January, unless they're made into a skein. Thank you for your donations!!

**Quilts of Valor:** Please remember we like our tops at the minimum size at 58 x 68. If it's not bordered, please sew 1/8" around the perimeter of the top to hold the edges together.

If you want to sit back at the Community Table and get some good vibes, join us. It's awesome seeing our members come back there and ask how they can help!!!

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## PSQG Library Missing Books



Dear PSQG Members,  
The following books are missing from the library:

- Always There: The African-American Presence in American Quilts
- The Border Workbook: Easy Speed-Pieced and Foundation-Pieced Borders
- Cathedral Window Quilts: The Classic Folded Technique and a Wealth of Windows
- Circle of Quilters
- Clues in the Calico: A Guide to Identifying and Dating Antique Quilts
- Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting: Inspiration for Creating Classic Quilts & More
- Get Addicted to Free-Motion Quilting

- Leisure Arts Presents Great American Quilts Book Eight
- Machine Applique Made Easy
- Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker
- My Mother's Quilts: Designs from the Thirties
- Quick and Colorful Applique: 14 Lively Designs
- Quiltastic Curves
- Quilted Projects with Wool and Wool Felt
- Quilting with a Modern Slant
- Quilting by Hand
- Seasonal Silhouettes
- Shape-by-Shape Free-Motion Quilting with Angela Walters
- Vintage Quilt Revival

and DVDs:

- Joyce Becker Teaches You Landscape Quilting
- Master Machine Quilting

Please look through your collection. PSQG Library books always have a colored dot on the spine. If the book has been withdrawn from the Library, there will be a stamped "withdrawn" inside the cover.

Thank you,  
The Library Committee

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## Our web store

[psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com](http://psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com)

# 2020 Quilt Show Update

EEEEK! October is extra scary this year! 12 months and counting!

Start sewing your challenge quilts, display quilts and judged quilts. We will strictly adhere to the deadlines for these items, so be ready to meet them, please.

## 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 ([psqg.org/red-and-white-competition-rules/](http://psqg.org/red-and-white-competition-rules/)).

## 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 for more chances to win, 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, copyright 2000 to present.
- 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.

## Scraps

We're starting the countdown to the quilt show with both collecting and selling events! At every guild meeting, we'll have a car in the parking lot with an open trunk for scraps collections. Please donate only quilt-store-quality scraps, no smaller than about 4-inches square. Yardage is also welcome. And since we've already collected some lovely things, we'll have a table at the November guild meetings to offer these items first to members. In addition to FQs and 1/4-yard pieces (\$0.50 each), we'll have some jelly rolls and fabric packs. Also available will be a stack of orphan blocks. We invite you to adopt one or more of these blocks and use them to practice free-motion quilting on your domestic machines. (You might even create a table runner or pillow for the Quilt Show boutique...)

## Quilt Show Boutique

Our Boutique will be successful if you share some of your creative talents. We know you are out there creating as we've seen some lovely items at Show-And-Tell that would be perfect for the boutique. Please bring your items to the Quilt Boutique Table at the guild meeting. We'd love to see all the wonderful things you are doing.

## Door Gifts

Collection is going great thanks to all you very generous sewists. We will announce when we have reached our limit.

## Raffle Baskets

For the October meeting, please bring a batik fat quarter for a 'Beautiful Batiks' basket. We also need rulers, tools and almost any quilting tool that is in new condition. We will also take large baskets to fill.

Also be sure to let me know if your bee is interested in composing a basket.

Thanks for all your help.

Ruthann Heidgerken,  
Raffle Baskets Coordinator

It takes the whole guild to make a successful show and we, as a group, are going strong! Keep it up, this is the start of the marathon.

Since our show is in October, Fall and Holiday items sell really well at the boutique. Keep that in mind as those fabrics go on sale in the coming months this year.

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!

## Contracts/ Programs needs a committee



Our current contracts manager, Janet Francis, is hard at work booking speakers for the '20/'21 guild year. She works full time. See a little challenge coming?

Janet would like to form a committee of helpers for the June 2020-May 2021 season. In particular, workshop organizers

during the day to check that setup is done and then check-in attendees as they arrive. Would you be able to sign up to help one month? Contact Janet at [francis.j@sbcglobal.net](mailto:francis.j@sbcglobal.net).

## Programs

October 28/29, 2019

Katie Pedersen

[www.sewkatiedid.com](http://www.sewkatiedid.com)

November 2019

In House Event

December 2019

Happy Holidays!

January 27/28, 2020

Rhea Butler

[www.alewivesfabrics.com](http://www.alewivesfabrics.com)

February 24/25, 2020

Laurie Simpson

[www.minickandsimpson.blogspot.com](http://www.minickandsimpson.blogspot.com)

March 23/24, 2020

Anna Maria Horner

[www.annamariahorner.com](http://www.annamariahorner.com)

April 27, 2020

Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2020

Melinda Bula

[www.melindabula.com](http://www.melindabula.com)

# OCTOBER

## Katie Pedersen

Meet our special guest for October, Katie Pedersen; author, teacher, designer, and quilter extraordinaire!

Her teaching and quilt designs fuse the tradition rooted in her childhood with improvisational techniques and a modern aesthetic. Her workshops are accessible to all levels, she teaches locally in her studio and nationally.

Learn more about Katie at her website and during her lectures at our meetings.



## Psychedelic, Baby

**Date:** Monday, October 28

**Time:** 9 am to 4 pm

**Cost:** PSQG Members \$60

PSQG Visitors \$70

Supply list available at registration

**Location:** Congregational  
United Church of Christ

By merging one construction method with multiple string piecing techniques we'll simultaneously create large string blocks and mitered log cabin blocks that appear both chaotic and controlled. Design one quilt or two with your blocks.

She'll touch on fabric options, placement and the unlimited design potential to make a finished original quilt. Katie will have multiple inspiring examples of how you and these quilt blocks can play together.

## Bring your Good Fortune

The Bonnie Hunter Bee would like to have a special show and tell at the October meeting. If you made the Good Fortune mystery quilt, please bring it in October. Tops or

finished quilts are welcome, whether you're part of the bee or not.

We're anxiously anticipating the new mystery, which begins with the release of colors on Halloween!



## Edith Hubbard & A Sew-in

Join us for a fun look at finding quilting supplies in an unexpected place: “Shopping Home Depot for All Your Quilting Needs” by Edith Hubbard.

**Additionally, all members are asked to bring their favorite Christmas quilts to inspire us with a holiday-themed show and tell.**

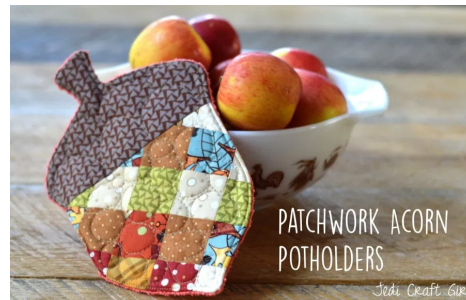
Our Monday workshop will be an Open Sew with prizes and giveaways from local merchants – bring your supplies and works in progress for a good old fashioned sew-in!



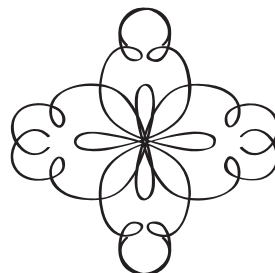
This quilt is called “Sew Merry” from The Quilt Company.  
<https://www.quiltsngifts.net>



This quilt is the Holly Jolly Christmas Kit from Missouri Star.  
<https://www.missouriqltco.com/>



Amanda Niederhauser Design Team thermo-web ADHESIVES

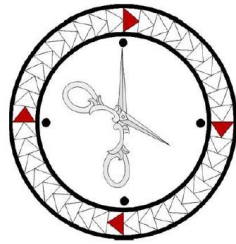


Win a class credit!

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 the end of the guild year.

Stop by the lottery table and try your luck!



## ***Time Flies!*** ***Quilt Show***

Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild

Sat. Nov. 2 & Sun. Nov. 3, 2019

Holiday Inn  
1000 Busse Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Contact:**

**Ann Kelly**, Co-Chair Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild 2019 Quilt Show, [quiltshow@nsqg.club](mailto:quiltshow@nsqg.club)

*Photos from [www.nsqg.club](http://www.nsqg.club)*

**Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild (NSQG)** is excited to announce our upcoming quilt show, ***TIME FLIES!***



#### **SHOW DETAILS:**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019 (9 AM – 6 PM) and Sunday, November 3, 2019 (10 AM – 5 PM)**

**Admission:** \$8.00 (Free Parking)

**Location:** Holiday Inn Elk Grove, 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Show parking lot and entrance off Landmeier Road (rear of the building)

**Featuring** over 200 quilts on display; raffle quilt; raffle doll; raffle baskets; door prizes; scraps and used book sale; mini quilt sale; special silent auction items.

**2019 Raffle Quilt:** “Wild & Goosey”, showcasing the “Wild & Goosey” block designed by Bonnie Hunter. This quilt was designed by Karen Snell, who also executed the original applique design. Blocks were pieced by guild members. Professionally long-arm quilted by Sue DiVarco. **Size:** 88” x 88”. **Tickets:** \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; or 13 for \$10, available from any guild member, on our website, or at the show. **Raffle Drawing:** November 3, 2019.

**2019 Raffle Doll:** American Girl® Doll “Blaire Wilson” with extensive hand-made wardrobe created by our members and special accessories. **Tickets:** \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; or 13 for \$10, available from any guild member, on our website, or at the show. **Raffle Drawing:** November 3, 2019.

Please visit our website: <http://www.nsqg.club/> for additional details.

**About NSQG:** NSQG was incorporated in Arlington Heights, IL in 1979 and is one of the largest and oldest guilds in the Chicago area, with nearly 200 members. All levels of quilting expertise are welcomed. The guild meets on the third Thursday of every month (excluding December). At each monthly meeting, world-class quilting instructors are invited to lecture and inspire the audience with their colorful quilts and exceptional creativity. Workshops are usually held on the Friday and Saturday following the monthly meeting. “Like” us on Facebook or email us at [info@nsqg.club](mailto:info@nsqg.club).



## November Birthdays

Rachel Lance .....	11/1
Alyssa Payleitner .....	11/1
Sheryl Appleberry .....	11/2
Carol Gent .....	11/4
Lois Bushman-Spognardi .....	11/5
Shirley Dickenscheidt .....	11/5
Barbara Vlack .....	11/7
Kathy Steere .....	11/8
Erica Barrett .....	11/9
Kathy Elvin .....	11/9
Ann Johnson .....	11/10
Cynthia O'Deay .....	11/10
Rebecca Cromley .....	11/11
Karen Christensen .....	11/12
Lois Larson .....	11/12
Pam Sullivan .....	11/14
Carol Wilhoit .....	11/15
Mary Weinschreider .....	11/16
Paula Spychala .....	11/18
Jean Stanish .....	11/19
Diane Hubberts .....	11/20
Marilyn Kelly .....	11/21
Teresa Kasch .....	11/22
Denise Parchert .....	11/24
Judith White .....	11/24
Juanita Brook .....	11/25
Adele Jeschke .....	11/25
Carol Andermann .....	11/27
Eva Thorn .....	11/28
Denita Jackman .....	11/29
Cheryl Burdine .....	11/30
Heidi Clayton .....	11/30
Diane Hinton .....	11/30

## 2019-2020 Board Members

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**Contracts 2020- 2021:** Janet Francis  
**Nominations:** Chris Schwarz  
**2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:** Krista Katzen & Melanie Murphy\*  
**Activities:** Barb Gillespie

\* indicates co-chair

## Competitive Quilters



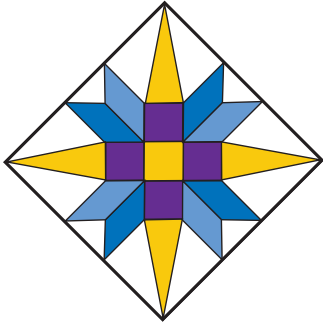
Do you enter quilts in national quilt shows? Perhaps you longarm for someone and their quilt was accepted? We would like to know about it! Please send the details, including a picture, to Melanie Murphy at [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).

We will have a future issue of the newsletter with the details! Who doesn't love a show and tell issue?

Also, please share your upcoming entries when the new season starts.



## October 2019 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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