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## Adapt, reinvent, adjust & overcome

October. Fall Is here. Crisp nights, beautiful colorful leaves to enjoy, and our own PSQG 2020 Quilt Show. What a wonderful show.

That quilt show summarizes this whole year of 2020. We've been thrown a huge curve ball, and have had to change the way we live. For me personally, I've been cooped up at home since March. I didn't drive for 5 months – and my first trip was to my longarmer. (You can see where my priorities are). I'm so thankful for Zoom and other ways to communicate virtually, but it's still been hard. We've all had to adapt, reinvent, adjust, and overcome. And that's exactly what our Quilt Show committee did.

First, months ago they had to make the decision to have a virtual quilt show. Make the appropriate cancelations of vendors, space, and then figure out HOW to have a virtual show. Create a website. Such a small sentence, but a HUGE task. Put all the pictures of quilt entries online and display them so we can view them – and keep our comments together with our quilts. How to set the voting options online. Create the ability to accept donations. All the behind the scenes work by the committee to get the quilts for

judging, display, and challenge quilts coordinated. AND on top of it all, make the website beautiful, appealing, easy to use and inviting. Maybe that's easy for a professional, but we're not professional website designers. But they did it. It was amazing.

I go back to my earlier sentence where I said we've been forced to Adapt – go to a virtual show, Reinvent – figure out how to do that. Adjust – this is where the rubber met the road. On Friday, when our site opened, it was very slow, and then other issues popped up. It basically wasn't fixed until late Saturday night. I don't know how many hours Chris Macenski spent on the phone with the website hosts to get it fixed, but she did it. And I'll remind you that she works full time. Every time I texted Chris and Melanie during that time, they both responded with cool heads, humor and a positive attitude. A new email was sent to our members advising our new adjusted voting hours, and to let us know we're were up and running. That covers my Overcome. They did it and I'm so proud of them, and so honored to call them my friends.

I noticed comments from those displaying their quilts that there were

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

October 26, 2020 at 7 pm

October 27, 2020 at 9:30 am

November 23, 2020 at 7 pm

November 24, 2020 at 9:30 am

**ALL MEETINGS VIRTUAL  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*All meetings via Zoom to keep everyone safe and healthy. Email [psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com) with questions.*

**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
Thursday, November 5, 2020. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

many tear outs, do overs, frustrations along the way. Some of them took years to make. But they persevered. Look at what they accomplished. Those quilts were beautiful! I have

to believe that quilting helps create character along the way.

I thank you all for believing in our guild, participating and helping to make us a light in this hazy world

we live in these days. We have a special guild – 40 years strong. I look forward to the next 40 years.

-- Ann Johnson, Morning VP



## Quilt Show News

### Website Hiccups

Sorry for all the frustrations with the website. I hope you all are enjoying it and I hope you're able to share it with friends and family far and wide.

The site is running smooth and fast now, thanks to Chris Macenski. She spent a couple of late nights working with our website host, and I spent a couple of stressful days pacing. And sending nervous Facebook updates and emails. Sorry about the false starts, but we eventually got there.

We will leave the website up as long as we can. I will put up a warning message a couple of weeks before we have to take it down.

### Opportunity quilt

Tickets for our opportunity quilt are still for sale. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You, as members, can collect ticket information (name & phone number) and send it to Chris Schwarz. For the payments, please send them to Alyssa's attention at the PO Box. The address is on the last page of this newsletter. Please make

sure to note that the payment is for opportunity quilt tickets.

Time is getting tight on this, and keeping in mind that the mail is slow in some places, so leave extra time for that.

**The drawing will take place on October 26 at our night meeting.** We will also announce the winner at the morning meeting. We will contact the winner by phone and announce the winner on the website.

### Thank you

Thank you all so much for the beautiful quilt entries! I am always so inspired by you all! It was so hard to choose my vote for viewer's choice and the challenge quilt.

At the October meetings we will have a beautiful quilt show review, probably slide-show style. We can also share information about donations so far, the number of visitors, and the number of countries that have visited. We've gone international and that's something we can't easily do at our regular quilt show!

-Melanie and Krista



[2020quiltshow.psqg.org](http://2020quiltshow.psqg.org)



## 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

Try sewing something new! Fidget quilts and marble maze items for Kids with Special Needs are in demand especially with Virtual Schools in session. NICU Isolette covers are always in need. We have kits available for all items. Contact Linda Stoyloff - 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 Jensen mykids357@gmail.com

Quilts for Kids are in the process of making up new kits to be ready for winter sewing. Please contact Sandi White at text/phone at 630-294-9322.

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

## Another Virtual Retreat!

Our first virtual retreat was so fun the participants decided we needed more. So, gather up those last-minute Holiday gifts that need finishing and join the fun.

**When:** November 7-8  
Saturday 9am-?  
Sunday 9am-3:30

**Where:** Your favorite sewing room

**Cost:** \$10 Registration fee to be donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

**Limit 30**

Register and pay on our website: [psqg-virtual-quilt-retreat](http://psqg-virtual-quilt-retreat)  
Questions? Contact Barb Gillespie, at [quiltingbi@gmail.com](mailto:quiltingbi@gmail.com).



## Bee Keeper Buzz

There is finally news to share about our bees!

The Bonnie Hunter Mystery Bee will continue to meet after the release of Bonnie's next mystery on October 31, 2020. They meet each Saturday at 1:00PM (by zoom) and are a discussion group. The contact person is Melanie Murphy.

If your bee is meeting, in a socially distant manner, please send pictures of your group to [psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com). We'd like to use the pictures at our guild meetings.

The board has been discussing ways to help our bees continue to meet in a safe manner. The guild

Zoom account is available for any bees that are interested in this form of gathering. Contact Chris Macenski to get on the schedule. Please know that board meetings, guild retreats, and regular meetings will take precedence. Your bee must have a contact person who will be trained to host the meeting.

As a new Beekeeper, I am reviewing our Beekeeper files regarding each Bee's contact person. I will be updating the files so that Chris will have a list of people who can schedule meetings with her. Zoom can only accommodate one meeting at a time, so pick your time and get on the schedule.

## For sale

*Baby Lock Serenade w/Horn 2180 insert*

*Regular maintenance w/dealer*

*\$500 or best offer*

*Contact Darlene Musur (text)*

*312-501-7803*

*Or [dteach54@gmail.com](mailto:dteach54@gmail.com)*

## 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.

Oct. 26/27, 2020  
Quilt show review

Nov. 23/24, 2020  
Modern Quilt Studio  
[modernquiltstudio.com](http://modernquiltstudio.com)

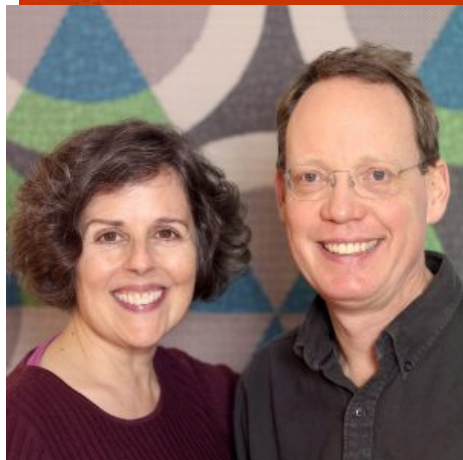
December 2020  
No meeting

Happy Holidays and  
bye-bye 2020!!

# OCTOBER



## Quilt Show Review



## Modern Quilt Studio

Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr are celebrating their 20th year as professional quilters and co-founders of Modern Quilt Studio, a design studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Bill and Weeks are pioneers of the Modern Quilt Movement, having written the first book on Modern Quilting.

Their lecture at both meetings will be “What makes it modern?”.

Their workshop is called “Curved Piecing” and will be via Zoom in 2 parts. Watch the class and then participate in the live event.

Date: December 5  
Time: 12pm-2pm

[Click here](#) to register for the workshop! Cost is \$40.



## November Birthdays

Alyssa Payleitner .....	II/01	Carol Wilhoit .....	II/15
Rachel Lance .....	II/01	Mary Weinschreider .....	II/16
Sheryl Appleberry.....	II/02	Paula Spsychala .....	II/18
Carol Gent .....	II/04	Linda Parkhurst .....	II/19
Shirley Dickenscheidt .....	II/05	Jean Stanish .....	II/19
Lois Bushman-Spognardi .....	II/05	Diane Hubberts .....	II/20
Barbara Vlack .....	II/07	Marilyn Kelly .....	II/21
Kathy Steere .....	II/08	Susan Klipp .....	II/22
Kathy Elvin.....	II/09	Gretchen Nolle .....	II/23
Erica Barrett .....	II/09	Judith White.....	II/24
Cynthia O’Deay .....	II/10	Adele Jeschke.....	II/25
Ann Johnson.....	II/10	Carol Andermann .....	II/27
Rebecca Cromley.....	II/11	Eva Thorn .....	II/28
Shirley Appler .....	II/11	Denita Jackman.....	II/29
Karen Christensen .....	II/12	Cheryl Burdine.....	II/30
Pam Sullivan .....	II/14	Heidi Clayton.....	II/30

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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 2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &  
 Melanie Murphy\*  
 Activities: Barb Gillespie



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](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com).

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

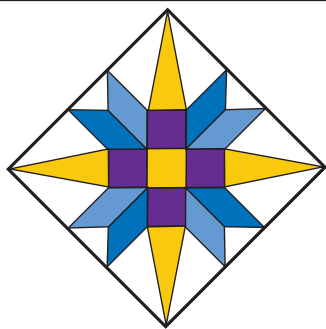


## Our web store is open

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

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