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## It Takes a Village to Raise a Guild

Fall is just around the corner, bringing with it cooler weather, colorful trees, and the aromas of pumpkins and burning leaves. Fall also brings (drum roll, please) the beginning of a new school year! This means that moms (and grandmas, too) just may have a little more time. Let me suggest a few ways that you could use a little bit of that time to help our guild.

Our guild depends on volunteers—from Board members who take on big jobs, to those who work on committees, to those who simply pitch in when needed. It is “the pitch-in-when-needed” part that I want to talk about now. I understand that a commitment to take on a job that requires you to be available every month for a guild meeting is difficult for some of you. That’s why I’m listing opportunities that require only a single meeting (or a couple of meetings) commitment.

- Show and Tell help. We all enjoy the parade of quilts each meeting, but it takes time to help hold and fold those beautiful items. The same people seem to be doing it meeting after meeting. If several of you could volunteer for a

meeting, show and tell would go faster. Talk to your chapter V.P. before the meeting begins if you’re willing to do this.

- Monday night snack hostess. This job entails making coffee, setting out plates and cups, and cleaning up afterwards. If you’re willing to do this for just one meeting, we’ll show you what to do. Contact Sheila Cisko to volunteer. You won’t have to ask for snacks or remind people to bring them. Someone else is already handling that job. (**This reminder is for everyone:** At the end of the meeting, please dispose of your cups and plates so that the last person out the door doesn’t have to spend an additional 15 minutes picking up after everyone!)
  - Tuesday morning class raffle. Can you take one meeting and sit at the table to sell tickets? No experience required. If you can do this, contact our treasurer Alyssa Payleitner.
  - Programs help. This should be fun! Our speakers need to be picked up from the airport and driven back. After Monday’s
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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**September 23, 2019 at 7 pm**  
**September 24, 2019 at 9:30 am**  
**October 28, 2019 at 7 pm**  
**October 29, 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, October 3, 2019.  
Send info to Melanie Murphy at [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).

## It Takes a Village continued...

workshops, they need to be taken to dinner. This is an awesome opportunity for one-on-one interaction with the divas of the quilting world. If you can do just one of these things, please contact Teresa Kasch or Chris Berry.

- Web site help. Our Program Chairs could use help in keeping the programs section of our Web site up-to-date. Word Press experience is nice but not mandatory. Interested? Contact Chris Macenski.

Just as the Quilt Show needs all of us to contribute in some way to have the show run smoothly, we need all of us to help out throughout the year to keep our meetings and workshops running smoothly. If you don't have the phone number from the directory to call to volunteer, you can always send an email to the board at [psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance for your help!

Yvonne

## Reminder For All Meetings And Classes



Please be kind to your fellow quilters and refrain from wearing perfume and other strong fragrances at meetings and during workshops. Several members have adverse reactions and we want everyone to be able to breathe freely. Thank you!



## Several chances to help

A couple of our board positions could use a small committee to help lighten the load. If you're interested, please contact the board at [psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com).

**Programs/Media:** A website update helper would be great! This is a great opportunity for someone who works full time, but would have maybe 1 or 2 evenings per month where they could work from home updating the website. Wordpress experience would be helpful, but not required.

**Programs:** Are you particularly interested in meeting one of our upcoming speakers? Sign up to hostess them for their visit! This might require a pickup from the airport, taking them to dinner, etc. Any expenses would be reimbursed.

**AM class raffle:** We need someone who can take payment for tickets at the AM meeting.

**PM hospitality:** Someone to make coffee and set up our snacks.

## 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.

**New Community Service Project:** The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit 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 [lstoynoffl@att.net](mailto:lstoynoffl@att.net).

**Plastic Bags:** Please hold off on the plastic bags. The ladies say they might be ready for them in October. Will let you know. But, 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!!!

## Retreat Oct 7-10 Racine Wisconsin

We have about 20 quilters signed up and room for a few more. Registration forms can be downloaded on website. Contact Barb Gillespie with any questions.

# 2020 Quilt Show Update

Here we go! Let the collecting begin!

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 only. 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 will start collecting at the September 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 will start collecting scraps in September. Please remember that we're looking for quilt shop-quality fabric. As in previous years, we will have a pre-sale just for our membership. Listen at the meetings for details and dates.

## Quilt Show Boutique

Our Boutique will be successful if you share some of your creative talents. Perhaps you took a class and learned a new technique? Maybe you make a special item that you find makes quilting even more fun. Do you combine quilting with embroidery to embellish items? Do you excel at making zipper pouches, organizers, or beautiful bags? 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

As of the August PSQG meetings, we now have a total of 500 door gifts for the quilt show. I was informed at the meeting, that we have an overstock of door gifts from the previous quilt shows. Therefore, once we reach 1,000 hand warmer door gifts, we will no longer be collecting them. We will supplement with the overstock door gifts if we need to.

I received some sewn, but not filled hand warmer bags. If someone would be willing to fill and sew closed these bags, please let be know. (This would bring our total up to 550 bags.)

Thank you to all the members of PSQG for supporting this project and our quilt show.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Andrews

## Raffle Baskets

It's time to check your sewing room for 're-gift-able' items to donate 2020 Raffle Baskets.

2018 Quilt Show raffle baskets generated over \$1500. Let's top

that at the 2020 show! Half of the proceeds go to a local charity, and the rest help pay for club activities, including our great speakers.

At the September meeting we will be collecting red, white and blue fabric and sewing items for a 'Salute to America' basket.

Remember those 14 fat quarters you 'just had to have,' but only used three? Bring us the ones that are lying around feeling unwanted.

While we will be collecting theme-based items throughout the year, we also accept any item/fabric in 'perfect' condition.

If you or your bee would like to donate a basket, please see me at the September meeting or contact me at: [ruthann@heidgerken.org](mailto:ruthann@heidgerken.org) or 708-467-0094. Let me know your theme so we don't have duplicates.

**Great baskets result in great ticket sales.**

That's all for now! Start collecting 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!

## Display your Guild pride!

Our web store is open for business! Visit [psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com](http://psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com) to see all the choices and place your order today. There are several styles of shirts, a couple of jackets, and a travel mug all with our logo to show your "team" spirit.

Orders will be picked up by Susan Egnor and delivered to you at the monthly meetings.



## Programs

September 23/24, 2019

Laura Wasilowski

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

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.annamariahorne.com](http://www.annamariahorne.com)

April 27, 2020

Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2020

Melinda Bula

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



## Laura Wasilowski

Our September speaker/teacher is Laura Wasilowski of Artfabrik ([www.artfabrik.com](http://www.artfabrik.com)) and founding member of The Chicago School of Fusing! She will entertain us with a different lecture at each chapter meeting! If you are interested in registering for one or both workshops, please contact Chris Berry ([cberry1022@att.net](mailto:cberry1022@att.net)).

## Colorful Leaves

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24

**Time:** 1 pm to 4 pm

**Cost:** PSQG Members \$30

PSQG Visitors \$40

\$25 kit fee collected at the workshop

**Location:** Congregational  
United Church of Christ

## Woven Flower Basket

**Date:** Monday, September 23

**Time:** 9 am to 4 pm

**Cost:** PSQG Members \$50

PSQG Visitors \$60

\$25 kit fee collected at the workshop

**Location:** Congregational  
United Church of Christ



# 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.

She says, "Everyone's approach to learning is as unique as their quilting, my adaptive instruction and small class size provide a supportive, non-prescriptive structure to develop the skills you need to refine your own distinctive quilting style. We'll collaborate in helping you focus on play, intuition and exploring the endless possibilities quilting has to offer."

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? 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

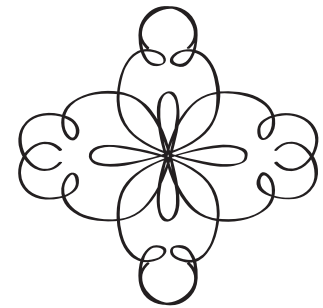
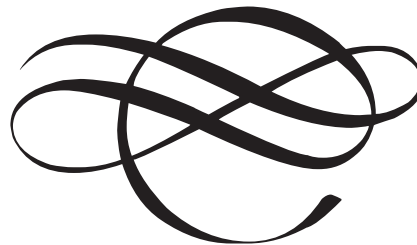
PSQG Visitors \$70

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.



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!

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## For Sale

50 hand embroidered USA blocks, one for each state. These would be beautiful to make into pillows, into a large quilt, or many other projects. Your imagination is your only limit.

\$100 for the set.  
Proceeds will go to the Addison Historical Society for a scholarship.

Contact Laurretta Schneider  
[retta04@yahoo.com](mailto:retta04@yahoo.com)

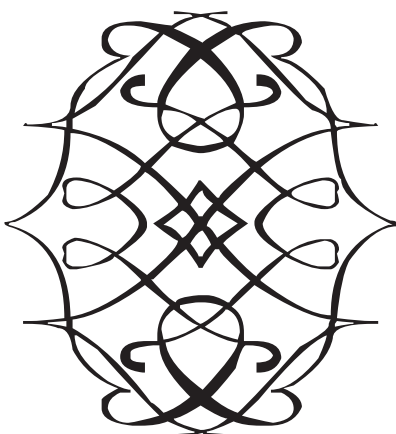
## ATTENTION BONNIE HUNTER MYSTERY FANS



Melanie Murphy designed this shirt for the Bonnie Hunter Mystery bee and we've decided to share it with everyone. There is no profit in this, it is all just for fun.



You can choose this shirt or a sweatshirt.  
**All orders MUST be in by September 19.**  
Visit [www.customink.com/g/cxz0-00by-833y](http://www.customink.com/g/cxz0-00by-833y) if you would like to place an order. Melanie will deliver the shirts at the October meetings.





## October Birthdays

Mary Ellen Hennebry .....	Oct 1
Mary Clemens .....	Oct 2
Sherrie Plowman.....	Oct 3
Edna DeVore .....	Oct 8
Diane Swaney-Smith .....	Oct 11
Lynda Fernow.....	Oct 12
Cheri Stack.....	Oct 13
Madonna Wempe.....	Oct 16
Kerry Kranker.....	Oct 17
Ida Kelsey.....	Oct 20
Eileen Nolan .....	Oct 21
Chris Berry .....	Oct 22
Karen Dolan .....	Oct 22
Rachel Leone .....	Oct 23
Nancy Lilly .....	Oct 23
Dawn LaBarre .....	Oct 24
Jody Schoneck .....	Oct 24
Erma Gibson.....	Oct 25
Jan Sharpless.....	Oct 25
Betty Gibbons .....	Oct 27
Kathy Wall .....	Oct 27
Vi Nelson .....	Oct 28
Lisbeth Reuter .....	Oct 28
Cindi Little .....	Oct 30
Bonnie Holtz .....	Oct 31
Ellie Sudduth .....	Oct 31
Lois Wilhelm.....	Oct 31

## 2019-2020 Board Members

**President:** Yvonne Richter  
**Evening Vice President:** Sandra White  
**Daytime Vice President:** Ann Johnson  
**Secretary:** Susan Strasser  
**Treasurer:** Alyssa Payleitner  
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**Media Chair:** Chris Macenski  
**Bee Keeper:** Beth Rueter  
**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

## Competitive Quilters

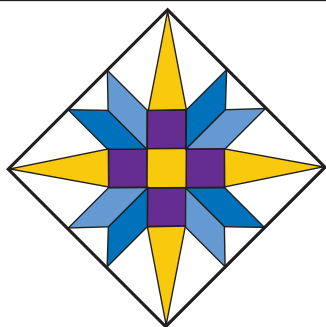


Do you have a quilt displayed at a national quilt show? Perhaps you did the quilting for someone and their quilt was accepted? We would like to know about it! Please send the details, including a picture, to Melanie Murphy at [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).

We will have a future issue of the newsletter with the details, and when we're all traveling to shows we can be sure to look for yours! Who doesn't love a show and tell issue?



## September 2019 issue



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