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## This Fall, expect to see more virtual meetings and events

A little cooler weather, a little rain (not enough but we're grateful for all we get), a few leaves coming off the trees, and maybe a school bus going by says Fall is coming with a chance to use all those quilts we've been sewing since the Pandemic shut everything down in March. Whether or not you agree with masking and social distancing, it does reduce the spread. Even though many of us are part of the "at risk" group, we as quilters must be of above-average intelligence as I've yet to hear of anyone in the guild getting Covid-19.

With distancing in mind, I'm pleased many of you have been very positive about the Zoom meetings and workshops. It was enjoyable not to have to worry about hauling supplies and my machine off to Saturday's workshop by Linda Hahn. When she said to put a piece of tape on the ruler, we didn't panic as we

were home and knew where tape could be found.

So many of your hard working board members deserve the credit and tons of thanks for having the meetings, speakers, and workshops run smoothly. From organizing the Zoom meetings, show and tell, speakers, workshops, our own soon-to-happen Zoom retreat, to our own Vanna doing education — available on the website in case you missed it — and our October Quilt Show, they are the ones who have kept our guild going strong while others are floundering. Please take a moment to send a note of appreciation to them at [PSQGBoard@gmail.com](mailto:PSQGBoard@gmail.com). We are all grateful for the many hours of work they have contributed and continue to contribute on our behalf.

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Richter

### Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, October 8, 2020. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming Guild Meetings:

- September 28, 2020 at 7 pm
- September 29, 2020 at 9:30 am
- October 26, 2020 at 7 pm
- October 27, 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.*

# Quilt Show News

## Here we go!

It's crunch time for the quilt show and this is our last newsletter before the show! Previous years this has been the month to scramble and finish your quilts, while anticipating the September guild meeting where you would receive your instructions for dropping off your quilts and you could volunteer for helping at the show. But, this is 2020 and everything from the past is out the window!

You all have been awesome meeting the deadlines and Melanie is working hard to build the website and the database that supports it. We are going to have about 200 quilts in our show, and that's so exciting!

## Website

The website is coming along. A few people have seen a sneak-peek. The pictures are looking good, and that's one of the big challenges with an on-line show, so thank you all for doing your best. As we move forward, you may get a phone call asking for additional information, so don't be surprised if we need a little clarification on something.

The show will "go live" on October 9, 2020. We are still thinking about when it will end. Because it's online now, we don't have the restriction of only having our venue for 2 days.

## Committee meeting

**Our next committee meeting will be September 9 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.**

## Collection of sellable items

We are no longer taking donations. We will let you know when we're ready to resume.

## Upcoming deadlines

**Challenge quilts** must be "turned in" by **September 13**. Visit the members section of the quilt show website (2020quiltshow.psqg.org) to find some tips on how to take a nice picture. Challenge quilts will need a picture of the front of the quilt and a closeup of the quilting. We would like these to remain anonymous to the viewers so we can ask for voting on viewers choice. If the show runs longer than the typical 2 days, the voting will take place on October 9 & 10, with the winners announced on the 10th. Then I'll close the voting on the website and show which ones are the winners. Once the voting is closed, I can also add more information to those quilts, like the name of the quilt, the name of the maker, and an artist statement if we have it. You may get phone calls asking for more information on these, too.

**Judged quilts** will be dropped off much like you've done before. There will be a schedule to drop them off at the hostess house on October 4. Susan Strasser has volunteered as the drop off location. You will find her address in the directory and she lives just a mile from the church. We have confirmed with the church, and judging will take place there. The judge is scheduled for the morning of October 5. Once the judging of each category is complete, pictures will be taken (with ribbons if appropriate) and we will schedule a time for you to pick up your quilts at the church.

There will be more information coming as to a schedule for drop-off and pick-up. At this time, pick-up will be on Monday afternoon (October 5) at the church. For those who can't make it, we will have an

alternative. We're honestly trying to do our best to take everyone's schedule into consideration.

## Opportunity quilt

Tickets for our opportunity quilt are still for sale. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You, as members, can collect ticket money and send it to Chris Schwarz along with the ticket information (name & phone number). Time is getting tight on this, and keeping in mind that the mail is slow in some places, all sales should be complete by September 25. That will give us some time to receive everything and fill out the tickets.

The drawing will take place on October 10 even if the show runs longer than that. We will contact the winner by phone and we will announce the winner, in semi-private fashion, on the website.

## Thank you

Thank you all so much for the beautiful quilt entries! Now I have my work cut out for me "hanging" all this art. I've been having my own private show here, and I'm so excited to share it with everyone!

All these plans are subject to change, so please be patient as we work through this. Everything is firming up, kind of like Jell-o, so we're communicating with you all as best we can.

Watch for us at the September meeting. Perhaps I can give you all a peek at the website! My goal is to have it all done by the end of September, except for the judged quilts and minor fix-ups.

## September is for finishing judged quilts!



## Virtual Retreat!

It's almost time for the Guild's first Virtual Retreat **Sept 12-13**. We will be meeting via Zoom. The first check-in will be **9am** with scheduled times for connecting with the group during the day using Zoom. We will try to keep it short, about 15 minutes per check-in, and check-ins are totally optional. You can also participate just one day or one afternoon or morning. This is like an open house, so the schedule is up to you.

There will be no cost for this retreat but I would like to suggest a

\$5 donation which will be donated to *The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans* in Wheaton. This organization was started by a fellow Marine who served in Vietnam with my husband. My husband and I will match each \$5 donation.

Because this is our first zoom retreat, I am limiting it to 50 participants.

Registration and Donations can be completed on the guild's website.

I will send a Zoom invite and agenda prior to the retreat.

Any questions? Send them to me, Barb Gillespie, at [quiltinb1@gmail.com](mailto:quiltinb1@gmail.com).

## Our web store is still 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)



## Community Service Programs

Community Service Programs **NEED YOU!**

Try sewing something new! Fidget quilts and marble maze items for Kids with Special Needs for back to school. NICU Isolette covers are always in need. We have kits available for all items. Contact Linda Stoyhoff - [lstoyhoff1@att.net](mailto:lstoyhoff1@att.net) or 630-444-1115 for further information.

Our Pet Bed Project leader is currently moving out of state and we are looking for someone to spearhead the program. Currently the shelters are not accepting donations but it's a great way to use up all those pesky scraps that quilting creates. Please contact Sue Ann Reiner at 630-391-1220 or email [psqgcommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:psqgcommunityservice@gmail.com).

Quilts of Valor is going strong! Contact Rita Pennington at [garipenn@att.net](mailto:garipenn@att.net).

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](mailto:mykids357@gmail.com).

Quilts for Kids have delivered 27 finished quilts and 46 pillowcases to local organizations. We have lots of kits available if you have time to help us make more. Contact Sandi White at text/phone at 630-294-9322 or Sue Ann Reiner via text/phone at 630-391-1220 or email [psqgcommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:psqgcommunityservice@gmail.com).

Interested in helping with the Hospice Memory Bears program? Contact Nancy Krasinski - [nancy.krasinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.krasinski@gmail.com).

Not sure or you have a mix of things? Sue Ann Reiner can help you via text/phone at 630-391-1220 or email [psqgcommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:psqgcommunityservice@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.

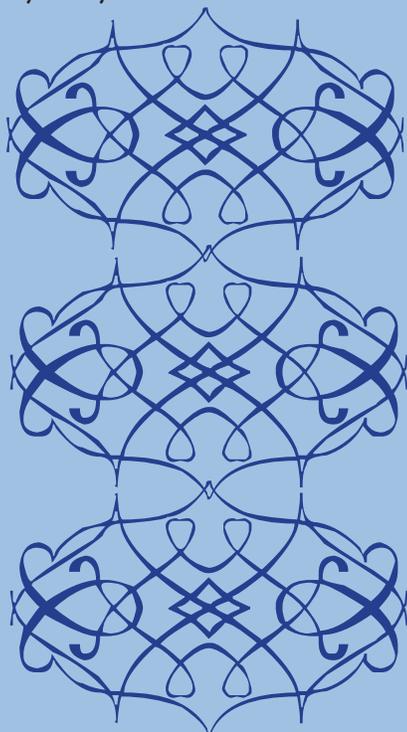
Sept. 28/29, 2020  
Barb Vlack

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!!



## Our very own Barb Vlack!

Barb Vlack, a member of Prairie Star Quilters Guild (that's us!), is a nationally-known speaker and teacher. One of her specialties is the Electric Quilt software. She also has a passion for red and white quilts. She will offer a trunk show of her beautiful red and white quilts and she will offer a workshop or two on EQ8.

Her specialties, in addition to EQ8, include borders, freezer paper foundation piecing, and vintage quilts from the 1930s. She has taught at the International Quilt Festival in

Houston, the AQS show in Paducah, Quilter's Heritage in Lancaster, PA; the Martha Pullen Quilt Academy, Quilting in the Tetons, and at symposia sponsored by statewide guilds in Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, the Gulf States, and North Carolina.  
[www.barbvlack.com](http://www.barbvlack.com)

### Workshop Information

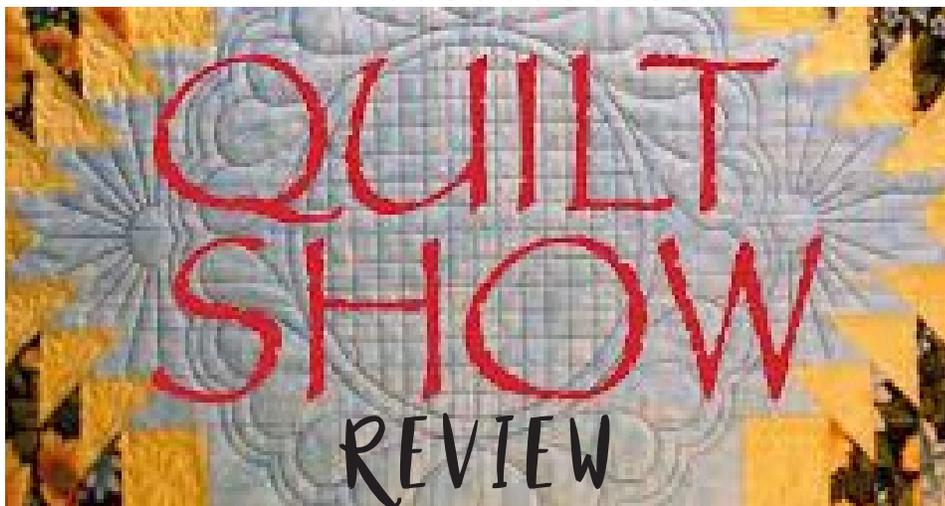
#### Beginners EQ8 Workshop

Date: October 3, 2020

Time: 10 am to 12 Noon

Via Zoom

Price: \$15.00



## October Birthdays



Mary Ellen Hennebry .....	10/01	Chris Berry .....	10/22
Mary Clemens .....	10/02	Nancy Lilly .....	10/23
Sherrie Plowman.....	10/03	Dawn LaBarre .....	10/24
Edna DeVore.....	10/08	Jody Schoneck .....	10/24
Diane Swaney-Smith .....	10/11	Erma Gibson.....	10/25
Lynda Fernow.....	10/12	Jan Sharpless.....	10/25
Cheri Stack.....	10/13	Betty Gibbons .....	10/27
Madonna Wempe.....	10/16	Vi Nelson .....	10/28
Kerry Kranker.....	10/17	Lisbeth Reuter .....	10/28
Ida Kelsey.....	10/20	Cindi Little .....	10/30
Eileen Nolan .....	10/21	Ellie Sudduth .....	10/31
Karen Dolan .....	10/22	Bonnie Holtz .....	10/31
		Lois Wilhelm.....	10/31

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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 & Alyssa Payleitner (PM)  
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 Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner  
 Contracts 2021- 2022: Janet Francis  
 Nominations: Sandy Warzin  
 2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &  
 Melanie Murphy\*  
 Activities: Barb Gillespie



We would like to continue having the show and tell slideshow portion of our meetings. 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!

## For Sale

### Featherweight table

Refurbished and refinished

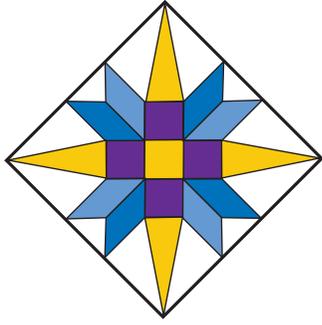
Matching numbers on table and insert

\$250 or best offer

Contact Kathleen Holmes (630)761 -9020

email [mumsee3@gmail.com](mailto:mumsee3@gmail.com)

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