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## Spring has sprung and we are growing like weeds!

If you are at all like me, you have probably grown a bit weary of the cold and snow we endured over the past couple months, which makes us all quite grateful the weather has finally made that change we have all been waiting for! It is great to see sunshine and to be able to get outside and enjoy the warmer temperatures! Your board has been hard at work getting ready for our business meeting in April and have been reviewing our Bylaws and Policies for the new guild year.

We are coming up on that time of year when it is almost time to renew your membership. This will be easier than ever now that we have the system in place to renew your membership online at [psqg.org](http://psqg.org). Follow the link to go directly to the renewal page. Alternatively, go to the home page, scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on the [Renew Your Membership](#) Tab. A huge reminder, that if you have changed your email address since last year, or you have moved, or have had a phone number change,

it is very important that you select the option “Renew- Information Has Changed” button. It’s the only way it will trigger the system to make the changes to our directory. This information keeps the newsletters coming to the proper email address, as well as the important links to our monthly zoom meetings and our very important mail chimp emails and notices that we periodically send out. So please, take a moment when you renew to look at the directory and make sure your information is up to date. If it’s not, submit the proper information by using the appropriate button to make sure we have the correct information! We have had issues with members not getting some of our emails, and this will help us get information to you in a timely fashion.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have already received a very important survey from the board. If you have not seen it in your email box, please take a moment to check your spam folder and look for the survey. We need

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday, April 8, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**March 22, 2021 at 7 pm**

**March 23, 2021 at 9:30 am**

**April 26, 2021 at 7 pm**

**Night meeting only in April**

**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.*

## Spring has sprung..., continued

feedback from our members as to how we can better meet your needs during the 2021-2022 season. Your feedback about Zoom meetings and how we can serve all of you in the best possible way is critical to our success. Give us your honest feedback about how we should do business in the age of Covid, and what we should plan for once people have been vaccinated and we can return to in person meetings. You will be able to fill out the form online and return it back to us electronically by hitting the submit button. When you click submit, the system will redirect you to another page when it has been accepted. If you did not receive your survey by the time you receive this newsletter, please send an email to [psqgboard](mailto:psqgboard) so we can get your survey to you promptly. **Please be sure to complete your survey no later than March 31, 2021.**

Our February meeting saw our guild achieve a big milestone! We had our highest Zoom attendance of all time, topping over 220 members between our two meetings! That means 80% of our current members attended and that made us all very

happy to see! This past year has been a year of challenge for all of us and we had to think outside the box often to provide a good experience for our members when we were unable to meet face to face. We learned a lot during this last year. In some cases, it was a bigger challenge for us “technologically challenged” folks than for others! But despite the few hiccups along the way, somehow, some way, we have persevered and found ways to continue to bring you workshops, lectures, trunk shows, and educational opportunities, and that makes me proud of the knowledge our leaders have of current technology! Chris M has worked tirelessly, to train those of us who needed a “hand up” in the technology department. Thank you to Chris M for getting people like me into the 21st century! And speaking of Chris... how about those amazing videos Chris S has been doing every month? They are wonderful and I have enjoyed them so much. Our thanks to Chris S and Murphy Productions for making these videos a true educational opportunity as well as an amazing

video production. The talent these ladies have continues to impress me with each passing month!

June will bring us some new officers to the board, and it will be exciting to see some new faces helping us to grow as a guild. We have lots of exciting news to share with you at our April business meeting which will be held on Monday April 26, 2021 at 7 pm. There will be no Tuesday morning meeting in April. Please consider stepping up and serving on a committee or volunteering for a one-time project during this next year. It is the best way to get to know new people and have a great time! We look forward to another exciting year and feel like we can overcome any challenge that either Mother Nature or a pandemic can throw our way... a testament to the true resilience we all have as quilter's. Here's to our biggest and best year yet as a guild! See you all at the March meetings.

Sandi White  
Evening Vice-President



Now that the holidays are over I am getting to get back to my task of making a list of active bees, making note of the contact person, and inquiring if the bee is interested in new members.

So much has changed since I became beekeeper last Summer. If you have information about your bee that I should make note of, please contact me.

### Bee Keeper Buzz

The 2nd Tuesday General Bee will be starting to meet via Zoom on Tuesday March 9th.

Fabricators General Bee has been meeting in person, rotating member homes. Everyone brings their own handwork. They meet on the 3rd Thursday afternoon each month. There are 6 current members with openings for 2 new members. The contact person is Ruth Marsh.

The Dear Jane Bee has openings for new members. They follow

the 1863 Jane Stickler quilt that is presented in the book “Dear Jane” by Brenda Papadakis. There are 225 block patterns. For now, they are doing their own thing, but they would like to start having a monthly challenge. Sewing a “Dear Jane” quilt is a good way to become proficient at accurate piecing and learning different appliqué methods. The contact person is Liz FitzGerald.

-Beekeeper, Beth Koos

# Quilt Show 2022 News

## Opportunity (Raffle) Quilt

Keep those blocks coming in! We have received about 25 blocks. We need about **65 more before April 1**. You can find Aileen Vogel's address in the directory and we're working on arranging a time/date when you can drop them off. You can find all the details on the guild website [under quilt show & opportunity quilt](#).

Please finish your blocks by **April 1 (no joke)** so the top can be assembled and quilted.

## In person in 2022!

We are optimistic that we'll have an in-person show in 2022. The show dates are October 14 & 15, 2022 at the DuPage county fairgrounds. During this planning year we will continue to meet virtually until it's safe to meet in person. If you're on the committee, expect a Zoom invite this Spring for our kick-off meeting.

We are still building our committee and there are just a few positions left! Please ask if you would like more details about a position. Asking is not a commitment!

I am very happy to report that the Judge position was filled and we have a third chairperson to help while Krista is kind of on maternity leave. Sheila Cisko will manage Judged quilts and Mary Clemens is our 3rd chair.

## Other open positions:

- Quilt Display (Hostess Houses)- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Layout Plan)- OPEN
- Quilt Display (Set-up & Take-down)- OPEN
- Raffle Baskets- OPEN
- Signage- OPEN
- Volunteers- OPEN

Please let us know of any corrections to this list and if you would like to know more about a position. You can reach us at our personal emails, found in the directory, or at [psqqquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqqquiltshow@gmail.com).

We really appreciate our volunteers; it takes a village!  
-Melanie, Krista & Mary



## May Banquet

Yes, there is going to be a May Banquet. YEAH! The date is May 24, the time is TBD.

I know, I know it is the year of Covid, as we have been doing throughout the year we will improvise, adapt, and overcome. Prior to our awesome speaker, we'll have a themed social hour with time to socialize, win door prizes and enjoy a dessert and beverage of your choice.

In keeping with our philanthropic tradition, you have the option of making a \$10 donation which will go to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. A donation is not required to attend the banquet.

Signup on the [Guild's website](#).



## Proposed Bylaw Changes

Be an informed voter. At the April business meeting, the board will ask you all to vote on the changes we suggest to the Bylaws. Please take some time to read the proposed changes by [following this link](#). You will see the proposed changes marked in red. For questions, please send an [email to the board](#).



## Submitting Show & Tell pics

We have made it even easier to submit your pictures for show & tell.

You can now use [this form](#) on our website to easily send us your pictures. Please be sure to read the

whole form and mark the appropriate choices. Fill in a few bubbles, type a couple of statements, click submit and you're all set!

We love to be inspired by what you do!



# Community Service Programs



Finished quilts  
ready for  
drop off !

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community!

Our new Marble Mazes tutorial is up on the website ! Linda S, Sandi W & Sue R all have kits available for you to make your own. Thank you to all who have jumped on board to make this fun and useful item! If you'd like to expand your new talents, fidget quilts are always in need. We have kits available for all items or you can use your stash! These are quick, instant gratification projects.

Central Dupage Hospital has requested 4 NICU Isolette covers each month - can you commit to making 1 in 2021? If so, check out our tutorial on the website! Kits available; contact Linda S.

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." The July 2021 meeting is set for a special event to nominate a Veteran, go to [QOVF.org](http://QOVF.org), Nominations and Awards, and

fill out the form. In the notes, put PSQG so Rita P. can gather the information for our Program. If you'd like to assist in making a QOV please contact Rita P.

Pet Beds are in need of a project leader. A list of shelters in need was sent out to guild members via email. Sue R. currently has fabric available for beds available for pick up or drop off.

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 J.

Quilts for Kids has been BUSY! Thank you to all who have completed so many quilts and pillowcases already in 2021. Quilt kits, Quilts for Longarming and more are available for pickup or delivery to you. Contact Sandi W.

Contact Community Projects via email at [PSQGCommunityService@gmail.com](mailto:PSQGCommunityService@gmail.com) or check the guild directory for direct contact to each project leader.

## Membership Renewal Time

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 \$35.

Please [renew your membership online](#), and pay online as well. Follow the link or there is a button on the website, lower right corner.

All members must renew by May 31 in order to stay current.



## Having '21 fun yet?

Are you following along with the challenge presented by the education table in January? The "21 fun" challenge? If you missed it, the video is on our website under [education](#) and a PDF copy of the list is there as well.

One of the items on the list is to try a new color or new color combination. Did you know the Kona cotton color of the year is Horizon? Perhaps that will inspire you....



# Quilter's Wordsearch



by Wendy Borchert

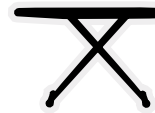
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This is a word search puzzle designed just for quilters! Words go right, left, up, down, and diagonally, but cannot bend at right angles.

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces).



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Reader has permission to duplicate this puzzle for non-profit purposes. Visit [McCallsQuilting.com](http://McCallsQuilting.com) to download a printable version. Click on Bonuses.

I have a large supply of embroidery floss including some #3 DMC Perle cotton. Some of it is on floss bobbins and some still in skeins. If interested contact Yvonne Richter.

The chickens are still laying eggs so I'm still collecting egg cartons. They can be left in the plastic trunk beside my garage door. Thanks, Yvonne Richter

## 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. I'm listing just a few months here as things change rapidly.

### March 2021

[Krista Moser](#)

### April 2021

Business Meeting

### May 2021

Banquet -- details coming soon



## 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.

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# MARCH

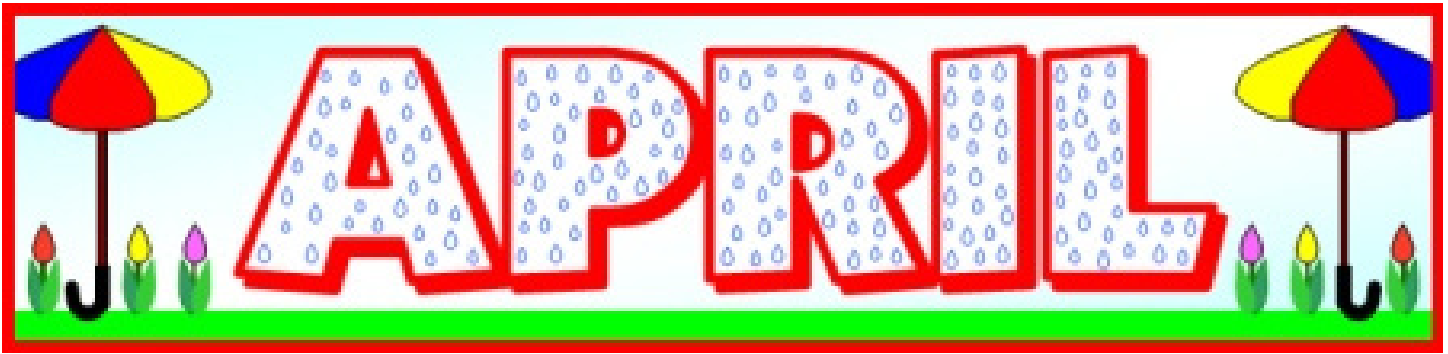


Krista Moser is the creative force and inspiration behind [Krista Moser, The Quilted Life](#).

In her lecture, she will help us learn why "Diamonds are a Quilters Best Friend".

Her workshop, Vintage Windmill 6, is **Saturday, March 27**. [Register here](#). The cost is \$30 and the supply list for the class will be emailed to you with your registration confirmation. Participation in the workshop requires the additional purchase of the Vintage Windmill pattern. There is a link to purchase the pattern when you register for the class.





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 2021. This year we have some new faces and others who are changing to a new position. You will notice we still have positions open. There is still time to fill them! Programs VP would finalize the contracts for the speakers during the rest of 2021 into early 2022. Contracts would line up our speakers for June 2022 through June 2023. Nominations would help fill the slate of board members we would vote on in April of 2022. President and Treasurer serve 2 terms, so they will not be new names in 2022. Our fiscal year starts in June.

## 2021-2022 Proposed Board Members

- President ..... Barb Gillespie
- Evening Vice President..... Sandra White
- Daytime Vice President ..... Ann Johnson
- Secretary ..... Susan Strasser
- Treasurer ..... Dixie Riley
- Programs Vice President.....
- Membership..... Barbara Carlson
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- Education..... Foxy Bees bee - Chris Schwarz
- Media Chair..... Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper ..... Beth Koos
- Library ..... Liz FitzGerald
- Community Projects ..... Sue Ann Reiner
- Contracts 2022- 2023.....
- Nominations .....
- 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs Krista Katzen\*, Melanie Murphy\*, Mary Clemens\*
- Activities ..... Sue Plaster

\* Indicates co-chair

# ZOOMING WITH IQI

## ALL NEW 2021 PROGRAMS - ALL LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM



March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Jaimie Davis

Lecture: “History & Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts”

The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey of America headed for the Civil War. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilt leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures.

Learn more about Jaimie at: [www.loopytulips.com](http://www.loopytulips.com)



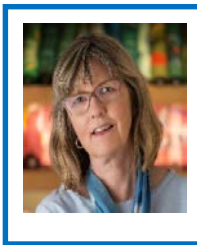
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Brenda Gael Smith

Lecture: “Quilts & Composition” + Studio Tour

*Unlocking the design code for all kinds of quilts and learning to make things better!*

Brenda examines the elements and principles of design in action and highlights recurring types of quilt composition. Understanding composition provides a vocabulary for describing and evaluating quilt design and provides a foundation for developing your creative practice, whatever style of quilts you make.

Learn more about Brenda at: [www.serendipitypatchwork.com](http://www.serendipitypatchwork.com) **From Copacabana Australia**



May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Patricia Belyea

Lecture: “Alluring World of Japanese Yakata Quilts”

Patricia will take us on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival, showing us highlights of this international quilt event, then continues onto a traditional *chusen*-dyeing workshop to explain this traditional hand-dyeing process. Patricia finishes with a show of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

Learn more about Patricia at: [www.okanarts.com](http://www.okanarts.com)

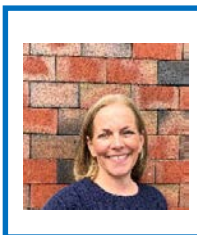


June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Suzi Parron

Lecture: “Following the Barn Quilt Trail”

Suzi's talk will take you on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt. The presentation features over one hundred photographs of barn quilts, some rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. Suzi tells stories of individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

Learn more about Suzi at: [www.barnquiltinfo.com](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com)



July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Rose Parr

Lecture: “Sew Smart – The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting”

*“Quilting should not be a pain in the neck!”* Rose shares her expertise on how to sew smarter, healthier, and happier. This presentation will make sure you have the right posture, techniques, and stretches when putting in those dedicated hours on your next project.

Learn more about Rose at: [www.healthyquilting.com](http://www.healthyquilting.com)

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# April Birthdays

Kay Nolan ..... 4/02  
 Joan Rasmussen ..... 4/02  
 Aileen Vogel..... 4/07  
 Emilie Pollman ..... 4/08  
 Karen Luebbers ..... 4/10  
 Donna Fowler..... 4/11  
 Tina Fugate..... 4/12  
 Sandra Bils ..... 4/13  
 Sue Pawlowski ..... 4/13  
 Betsy Stoughton ..... 4/13  
 Becky Preston ..... 4/13  
 Susan Price..... 4/15  
 Linda Harlson ..... 4/16  
 Ann Garvey ..... 4/21



Fran Pingel ..... 4/23  
 Jayne Hested ..... 4/26  
 Linda Rozema ..... 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



Get in line for show and tell! As you're making things and you want to share, please

find the link on the guild website. We make a slide show to share at both meetings.

Feel free to share works in progress, completed projects, charity items, Holiday quilts, anything your heart desires.

If you participated in the most recent retreat, don't forget to send in pictures of what you worked on!

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

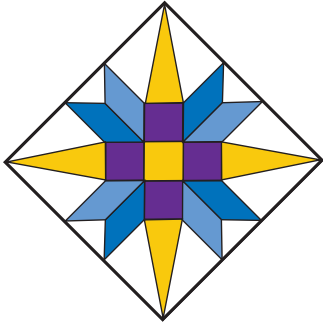
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 Bee Keeper: Beth Koos (AM)  
 & Alyssa Payleitner (PM)  
 Library: Liz Fitzgerald  
 Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner  
 Contracts 2021- 2022: Janet Francis  
 Nominations: Sandy Warzin  
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &  
 Melanie Murphy



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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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