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## Happy New (fiscal) Year

It's hard to believe it's already May. The end of our membership year. It seems like this year went by fast – and then in some ways it seemed to move really slow. I don't know about you, but I feel like I spend way more time in front of my computer than I used to. I shop online, I see and visit with my friends and family online, I go to book club online, I attend our quilt guild online, I go to church online, have doctor visits online. It's all very convenient, but just not quite the same as in person. You're probably feeling the same. But looking back on this past year of our guild, I am so thankful for that technology that enabled us to continue to see and communicate with each other. I wonder if we'd even still have a guild if we couldn't meet via Zoom.

Not only do we still meet, but we've had fabulous speakers from all over the country share with us and teach us in virtual workshops. The Board has kicked around the idea that we could even search for new speakers internationally, since we're using Zoom. Many of our workshops have been on Saturdays so that those of you who work could attend.

We couldn't do that when we were bringing in the speakers live.

There are definitely some advantages to our "new" online world, and our Board is working hard to bring you the best of all worlds in these strange times. Thanks for your patience as we continue to adjust to life.

With May comes two important things: Renewing our memberships, and our annual Banquet. Unfortunately, the banquet won't be in person this year, but I encourage you to attend. Again, thanks to technology, we'll be able to get together in smaller groups and actually visit with other members. And we'll have games as well. Please look for an email coming your way with more information on the banquet. I also want to encourage you to make a donation to the Northern Illinois Food Bank through our website. Our guild has always been able to give a large donation from proceeds received at the banquet, and we'd love to continue this tradition. There are a lot of needs out there these days.

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

- May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm  
**BANQUET AND SPEAKER**
- June 28, 2021 at 7 pm
- June 29, 2021 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, June 3, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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So, on Monday, May 24th at 6:30, please join us for our Banquet – “new style”. Make yourself a fancy drink, whip up some appetizers and get comfy! Not only will we have a fun social time, but we will be blessed to hear Melinda Bula share her story and work with us.

Speaking of always being online, have you seen our PSQG website

lately? It's looking fabulous and has lots of easy to find links to register for workshops, virtual retreats, banquet donations, upload your Show and Tell projects (NO Show and Tell in May), and RENEWALS (bottom right corner). **Please take a few moments to go online and renew now.** It'll just take a few minutes, and your Board would really appreciate

your on-time renewal. Consider it an easy way for you to give us a vote of confidence in our guild.

Thanks for your support and membership in our guild. I look forward to another fantastic year.

Ann Johnson  
Morning VP

## Quilt Show 2022 News

### Right on schedule

The opportunity quilt is at the quilter. Other than that, this planning year is pretty quiet at the moment. Watch for a committee meeting in June.

### In person in 2022!

We remain optimistic that we'll have an in-person show in 2022.

The show dates are October 14 & 15, 2022 at the DuPage county fairgrounds.

### Open positions:

- Quilt Display (Hostess Houses)
- Quilt Display (Set-up/Take-down)
- Raffle Baskets
- Signage
- Opportunity quilt ticket sales

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 [psqgquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqgquiltshow@gmail.com).

We really appreciate our volunteers; it takes a village!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary

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## Community Service Programs

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

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! Help us recognize those who served our country. For more information on what you can do to support the effort please contact Rita P.

With return to in-person school in the fall the needs for marble mazes will increase. Linda S, Sue R. & Sandi W. all have kits available for pickup, Sue will drop off or you can use your stash! Check out the tutorial on our website!

NICU Isolette covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need. Kits available! Contact Linda S. or Sue R. to get yours.

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? Check out the how to on the Community Projects page of our website. Contact Joyce J. for further information.

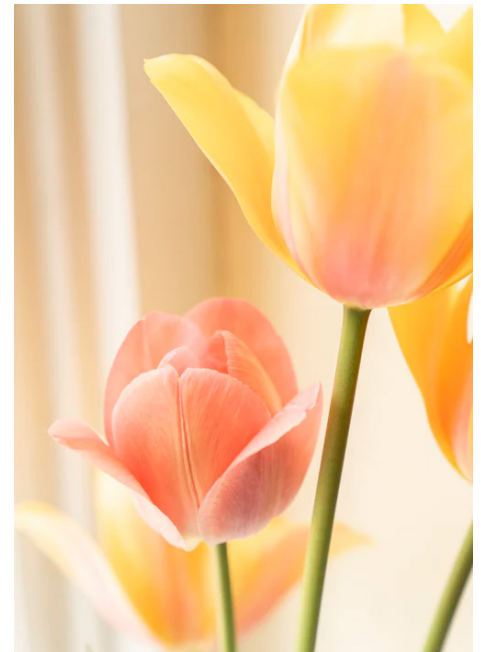
A HUGE Thank You to all of our quilting angels. What an amazing response last month! Over 70 quilts were delivered to area facilities! We are a mighty force! We are looking for members who'd like to sew together a quick strippie quilt - Sandi W. has 3 available for immediate pickup or delivery to you. We have lots of other options available! Let us know what you'd like to make to donate and we will make a kit just for you.

Contact Community Projects via email right on the PSQG website! Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate project leader.

# Quilts of Valor July Event

Have you nominated a veteran to be presented with their QOV at our July event? If so, Melanie M needs your information for the program. By July 1, please send an email to Rita P. or Melanie M. with your veteran's name and a few lines of their military story.

This July our standard guild meeting will be replaced by a QOV presentation event. Watch for more information about exactly what that event will look like.



## Retreats

The Virtual Retreats have been so much fun that we are now meeting the 4th weekend of every month. Come for one day or both days or even a few hours for free.

Every month we meet someone new from the guild, get great hints about so many things, and share ideas on how to solve problems with our projects. It has also been fun to see the progress of projects that are only worked on at these retreats. If this sounds like fun, come join us May 22/23 from 9am-3:30pm. Signup on the website to receive your zoom invite.

## May Banquet

**Monday May 24, 2021**  
6:30-8:30pm Via Zoom

Social Hour: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Speaker Melinda Bula:  
7:30-8:30 pm

Fee: Because we are not having a meal this year there will be no charge for the banquet. In keeping with our history of collecting donations of food or cash we are collecting donations for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. These donations can be made on our website. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Remember, for every \$10 we collect they can purchase \$80 worth of groceries.

Social hour: There are fun interactive activities planned for

the social hour, with prizes! You will be receiving an email before the meeting with instructions about the interactive social hour. We are excited about this new experience and hope that you will join us.

Speaker: Melinda Bula will be our speaker for the evening. She is a fiber artist that does amazing things with fabric and thread. You won't want to miss her lecture.

I am sure you will want to sign up for her Sunflower workshop, scheduled for Saturday June 5.

There is no need to register for the Banquet as all members will be getting a link to join in the fun. However, if you wish to donate to the food bank, you can do that on the website.





## 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.

### May 2021

Melinda Bula

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

### June 2021

Mel Beach

[melbeachquilts.com](http://melbeachquilts.com)

### July 2021

Quilts of Valor Event



## Melinda Bula



Melinda Bula lives in Bakersfield, California and has been sewing since she was a young girl. Melinda has been in love with fabric all

of her life and knew when she was 16 years old that she was going to be an artist, which became her major in college.

Melinda and her family moved to the Sacramento area in 1996, where she became involved in quilting and wearable arts, which has always been her first love. Her sense of color and design has won her numerous awards for both quilts and wearable arts.

Her wearable arts are dynamic and modern and she loves to experiment with new techniques.

Her Fabulous Fusible Flowers quilts are unique. With the wonderful look of a painting, she uses fabric and thread to create beautifully artistic quilts.

Melinda has had the honor of exhibiting her quilts in some amazing venues like the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, Quilt Expo en Beaujolais in France, International Patchwork Festival in Sitges, Spain and at the Texas Quilt Museum. She has taught in fabulous places like Ireland and Australia.

Melinda will speak to us about her quilting life at our annual banquet. She will also hold a workshop entitled "Sunflower" in June.



## 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)



### Sunflower Workshop

Saturday June 5

via Zoom

10a-4p

Registration is on the PSQG website.

The supply list is on Melinda's website:

[melindabula.com/sunflower-supply-list](http://melindabula.com/sunflower-supply-list)



# Mel Beach

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists. She loves stretching her creativity through her completion of 90+ quilt challenges at the local and international level. Her quilts draw upon her inquisitive nature of asking “What If?”, “Why Not?”, working in a series, comedy improv studies, along with her love of nature, photography, and sketching.

Mel is passionate about teaching/lecturing, with a focus on quilting on a domestic machine and modern quilting techniques. Starting in 2016, Mel has taught for quilt shops, guilds and quilt shows all across the United States including several large venues: Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Virtual Quilt Show, Online Quilt Festivals, Virtual Quilt Festival, and Craft Napa.

Her quilts have been juried into national quilt shows and traveling exhibits, published in books/magazines, earned awards/ribbons, and selected as Finalists. She was a Michael Miller Brand Ambassador, Aurifil Artisan, and an AccuQuilt



GO! Getter. Mel has been featured on Quilting Arts TV (series 2500 and 2600) and The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims (episode 2808 and 2112), and has published articles with Quilting Arts Magazine and The Craft Industry Alliance.

Mel will visit us virtually in June.

Watch for more information about our workshop with Mel!



**California Arches**

42” x 38”

Made for Modern Quilt Guild  
Fabric Challenge featuring Hoffman  
Me+You Indah Batiks



# Meals For Older Adults

In response to the need for older adults to receive meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kane Senior Council and Geneva Women's Club have partnered to provide a meal distribution service.

Older Adults who are 60 and older are eligible to receive 5 frozen meals. To register for these meals call 630-290-5914.

These meals will be distributed at Kane County Cougars  
(Northwestern Medicine Field)

## Sign Up / Pickup Details

Date: Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Address: Kane County Cougars (Northwestern Medicine Field)

34W002 Cherry Lane, Geneva, IL 60134

(Cherry Lane is off Kirk Road - Pick-Up Gate 1)

To Sign Up: Carla Durrant 630-290-5914

On the day of the pickup, you must maintain a

6 foot distance. This temporary service may conclude at any time, with notification. For more information about Kane Senior Council call 630-338-0999 or email [info@kanesenioreouncil.org](mailto:info@kanesenioreouncil.org).

During This Time We Are Here For The Older Adults In Our Community Even Though We Are Apart.



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!



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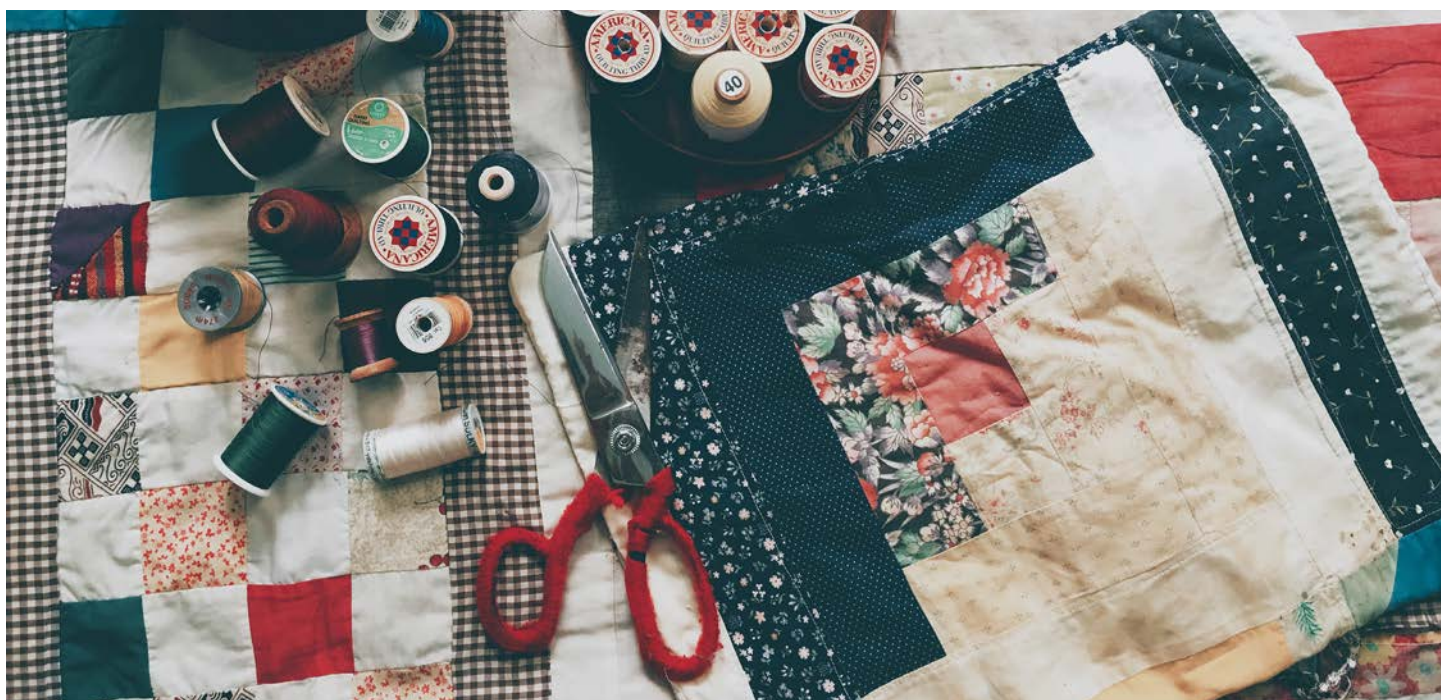
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Karen McAdams .....	06/02	Anne Wray.....	06/21
Diana Rash .....	06/06	Susan Strasser .....	06/23
LeeAnn Dhooghe .....	06/07	Marlene Blocker.....	06/23
Kay Mary Frank .....	06/07	Louette Butwell.....	06/26
Nancy Krasinski.....	06/08	Beth Thomas.....	06/26
Nona Phillips .....	06/09	Barb Tuman.....	06/27
Linda Dettman .....	06/11	Margaret Bartek .....	06/27
Elizabeth Coleman.....	06/12	Ginny Wright .....	06/28
Christine Heavener.....	06/18	Kay Duy.....	06/30



## 2020-2021 Board Members

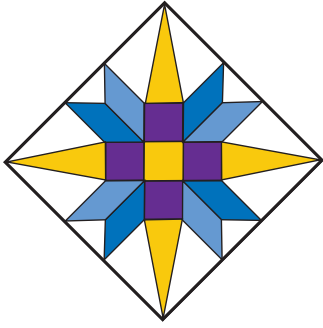
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Nominations: Sandy Warzin  
2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Krista Katzen &  
Melanie Murphy





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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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