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A Summer To Remember!

If you are anything like me, your summer is probably in full swing now! There are lots of activities in the summer that pull us away from our sewing projects. We have not only a vacation next week, but a bridal shower and wedding coming up in the next 30 days in our family. My schedule has been action packed these last few weeks!

So how do we make the time to get in that “me time” for our sewing projects? I think there are two concepts worth a mention. The first is to use a schedule to plan for that “me time”; even if it means I schedule 30 minutes to stitch on my appliqué project before my grandson arrives for the day, or schedule myself an hour when I put him down for a nap. By scheduling myself time to work, I’m able to do what interests me without the guilt!

That brings me to that second concept ... that guilt thing so many of us wrestle with. Whether we have jobs, or kids, or grandkids, or other family demands on our time, we as women often have trouble carving out that “me time” without feeling guilty that we should be doing something else. Scheduling some personal time, and being diligent about it, enables you to practice good time management skills, which will enable you to fit in the things

that are important to you. While this is a concept I struggled to learn, it started with a simple decision that I was going to commit to the process, because I had reached a point where I felt guilty any time that I took some “me time”. This “scheduling my life” concept enabled me to fit in everything I wanted to accomplish with my sewing projects and still take care of my family obligations. So give it a try and see how it works out for you! We all need to take that time to learn, or rejuvenate our souls or just do whatever we need to; to decompress from the daily stresses of being managers of the family!

As the end of summer is drawing near, this is also a good time to tidy up our sewing spaces in preparation for the colder months! I’m having my studio remodeled in the fall and have a ton of packing and organizing to do in order to empty out my space to be redone.

Our exciting August speaker, Maria Shell, will be coming all the way from Alaska to share her unique quilting talents with us! Be sure to check out her website at www.mariashell.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all at our August meeting!
- Sandi White
Evening Vice President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

August 26, 2019 at 7 pm

August 27, 2019 at 9:30 am

September 23, 2019 at 7 pm

September 24, 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, September 5, 2019.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
mgmwriter@gmail.com.

Reminder for August Meeting



Bring some cash to the August meeting. There will be several opportunities to spend it! Try your luck at the class raffle or the antique quilt raffles. There will also be fabric from Quilts of Valor for you to “adopt” for a reasonable donation. You can also sign up for the quilt show challenge and that is cash only. We will also have the unveiling of the 2020 quilt show opportunity quilt!! She is glorious and you will want cash on hand to buy tickets!

UFO Table Help Wanted

Wanted: Need a member who would like to volunteer to handle the UFO table at the night meetings for 2019-2020. Please contact Dawn Schultz for further information - boatnicks@att.net



Retreat Oct 7-10 Racine Wisconsin

Are there still a few openings for you join in the fun right on Lake Michigan? YES!!!!

The sewing room is large, well lit and lots of windows. You will have your own room with private bath. Several meal options are offered, or you can do your own meal plan as there is a wonderful kitchen right in our sewing room. There are also many restaurants nearby. After the August meeting the retreat will be opened to non-members if there are any openings left. Registration forms can be downloaded on website. Contact Barb Gillespie with any questions.

Community Service

Dog Beds: Please be sure your pet beds are a MINIMUM of 24” on EACH SIDE, larger is ok, up to 40”. Please do NOT leave bags of scraps with the pet beds at the Church. If you have scraps, use them to make a pet bed (we have fabric for the case) or if they are large enough, save them for the Quilt Show scrap collection later this fall.

Vitas Hospice has requested several **fidget quilts**.

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). We welcome

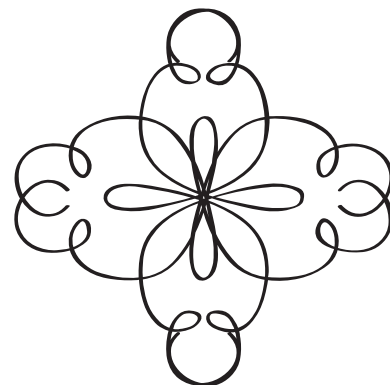
donations of fabric so we can make kits. For questions, contact Linda Stoyhoff 630-444-1115 or lstoynoffi@att.net.

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. Reason for the preferred size is we do a lot of group presentations. Kinda crazy when one receives minimum next to one who gets one at 72 x 92. Another reason, we have a great group of machine quilters. Most of these have their own business and it makes a difference!

QOV has some fabric that cannot be used in the quilts. As a non-profit organization they can’t sell it, but they can offer it to you and in return, you can make a reasonable donation. There will be a table of fabric for this purpose at the August meeting.

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!!!



2020 Quilt Show Update

Before I know it I will be writing that we're one year away and counting! 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. The rules are available on our website.

Opportunity Quilt

It is quilted, finished and ready to travel! We will have the unveiling at the August meetings. She's a real gem!

Books/Magazines/Patterns

The trunk will be open soon! Listen for announcements at the meetings, but I believe we'll start collecting in September.

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

Now is the time to start sewing! The Quilt Show Boutique needs your creations to entice our many guests. Do you make a great table runner, napkins, or other items for the kitchen? Are your pin cushion creations or special sewing room items the envy of your quilting friends? Is there a holiday item that you love to make? Are there orphan blocks waiting to be made into something special? Best sellers include these and many more items

that can be snatched up for \$25 or less. We will start collecting items in September 2019.

Door Gifts

Keep on sewing those little hand warmers! We have some kits at the quilt show table, but keep your instructions and make more any time. The kits are just a starting point.

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!



Local places to recycle textiles

As quilters, we have scraps which we cut up and put into dog beds or donate to the scrap tables at the quilt show. But what do you do if you have something that won't work for those purposes? There are local drop boxes where you can drive up and drop off your donations. The company web site is: www.usagain.com



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Programs

August 26/27, 2019

Maria Shell

www.mariashell.com

September 23/24, 2019

Felicia Brenoe

www.feliciasworld.com

October 28/29, 2019

Katie Pedersen

www.sewkatiedid.com

November 2019

In House Event

December 2019

Happy Holidays!

January 27/28, 2020

Rhea Butler

www.alewivesfabrics.com

February 24/25, 2020

Laurie Simpson

www.minickandsimpson.blogspot.com

March 23/24, 2020

Anna Maria Horner

www.annamariahorner.com

April 27, 2020

Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2020

Melinda Bula

www.melindabula.com

August



Join us in August as we welcome Maria Shell and learn more about the theories of art and improv quilting. Maria shares, "With all my work, the driving force is always color. How to make color vibrate on the wall? That is the question for me. Most often the answer lies in the proportion of line and shape in relation to color... Visit her [website](http://www.mariashell.com) to learn more about Maria

Lecture Information:

Monday evening-

Traditional, Art, Modern:

Notes from the Field

Tuesday morning-

Patchwork to Artwork:

Journey of an Alaskan Quilt

Maker



Riffing on Tradition

Date: Monday, August 26, 2019

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$60

PSQG Visitors \$70

Supply Lists available at registration

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ

Artful Applique

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Time: 1 pm to 4:00 pm

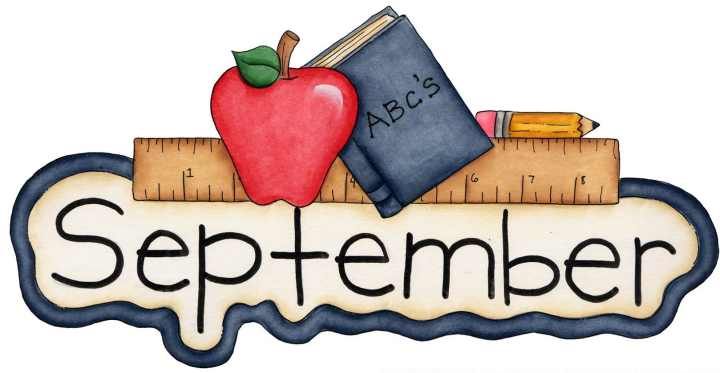
Cost: PSQG Members \$40

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Supply Lists available at registration

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ





Meet our September speaker, Felicia Brenoe! "As a textile designer I believe that creating quilts and other handmade crafts for our homes is one of the best ways to increase the Walking Through Leaves quality of our lives, both because the creation process is inherently cozy and healing, because very few things make as instantaneously personal as welcoming as handmade texti

My quilt and needlework are inspired by my North upbringing, my love affair with traditional American traditions, and the sublime of Japanese quilts."

Visit [her website](#) to learn more.

Lecture: Coming soon!

Ladybugs

Date: Tuesday, September 24

Time: 1 pm to 4:00 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$40

PSQG Visitors \$50



This speaker may be canceled if we don't get sign-ups in August.



Butterfly Forest

Date: Monday, September 23

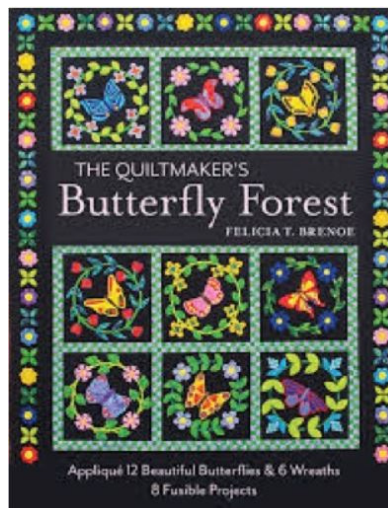
Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$55

PSQG Visitors \$65

Supply Lists available at registration

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ



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!



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

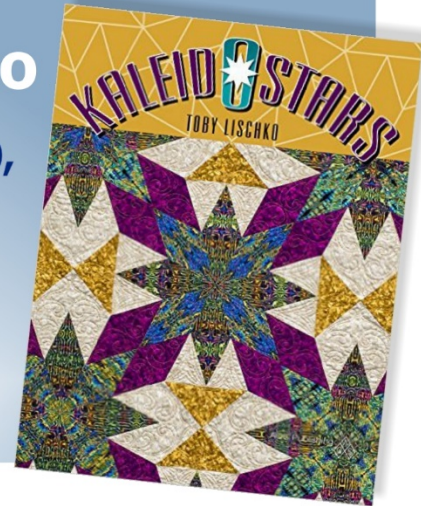
PO Box 501, Plainfield, IL 60544

PrideofPrairie.org



Toby Lischko

Sept 19-20,
2019



Pride of the Prairie Quilters (POP) welcomes author, instructor, and award-winning quilter Toby Lischko. With the right tools, good instruction and a little inspiration, Toby believes that ANYONE can create beautiful quilts that will be cherished for years to come.

On **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, Toby will present a trunk show of star quilts, including Lonestar, Feathered Star, Ohio Star, St. Louis Star, Kaleidostar, and others. For a preview, visit www.gatewayquiltsnstuff.com

Guests are always welcome at POP's guild meetings, which are held at Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60564. The guest fee is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

On **Friday, September 20, 2019**, Toby will teach her **Northern Lights** workshop where we'll learn to look for hidden designs in our fabrics, fussy-cut designs and play with fabric placement for striking pieced blocks.

There are openings in Toby's workshop at this time. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$50 for POP members and \$60 for non-members. A required \$25 kit fee is payable to Toby during class and includes Kaleidostar templates, seam guide and pattern for the 13" Northern Star block. See POP's website for [workshop registration policies](#).

TO REGISTER, please contact Lynn Schiemann at lschiemann@comcast.net



Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild

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www.nsqg.club

Press Release

Ann Kelly, annk220@att.net



Photos from Victoria Findlay Wolfe.

Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild (NSQG) is excited to welcome **Victoria Findlay Wolfe** as our guest speaker and instructor in **September, 2019**. Victoria grew up in Minnesota, is trained in fine arts, and loves painting, sculpting, and photography. She is not happy unless she is making something, and quilts are her greatest passion. Greatly influenced by her grandmother's crazy quilts, she learned her sense of color while buried under them in the cold Minnesota winters. After spending time in New York pursuing her painting, she came back to sewing and started a quilting blog.

Lecture: On **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, Victoria will present her lecture and trunk show, "Creativity & Play: The What and Why's of PLAY!" Victoria will share about her process and inspire you to push your creativity. It's exciting, and she promises to send you home with a creative buzz! Our meetings are held at the **Rolling Meadows Community Center Auditorium**, 3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. The guest fee is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Workshop: On **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**, Victoria will teach her pattern for "Cascade", a very popular quilt from Victoria's book, "Modern Quilt Magic". The class time is spent talking about design, and will focus on the fabrics the students have brought and helping them find a direction for their own quilts. The construction technique is based on slight curve piecing and understanding bias. The light to dark version is only one possibility, and we work with what fabric is available. We talk about all the possibilities! The pattern is full of surprises and options! At this time, this class is only open to NSQG members. You may join our guild via our website, www.nsqg.club.

Workshop: On **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, Victoria will teach us how to construct a single Double Wedding Ring block. Victoria's obsession with DWRs is contagious! Learn the tricks for success in her class and discover that these quilts are really not difficult to make. Learn how to pin for results, piece curves, and build patience and confidence! You'll make one "ring" in this class. You can decide whether to stop there for a pillow or wall hanging, or keep going at home for something bigger. At this time, this class is only open to NSQG members and is filled.

To learn more about **Victoria**, visit her online at <http://www.vfwquilts.com/>.

About NSQG: NSQG was incorporated in Arlington Heights, IL in 1979 and is one of the largest and oldest guilds in the Chicago area, with over 150 members. All levels of quilting expertise are welcomed. The guild meets on the third Thursday of every month (excluding December). At each monthly meeting, world-class quilting instructors are invited to lecture and inspire the audience with their colorful quilts and exceptional creativity. Workshops are usually held on the Friday and Saturday following the monthly meeting. Our next quilt show will be held on Nov. 2 – 3, 2019, at the Elk Grove Village, IL Holiday Inn; details are on our website. For more information about NSQG, email us at nsqg.info@gmail.com. "Like" and follow us on Facebook.

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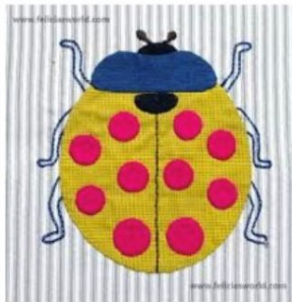
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UPCOMING NSQG SPEAKERS

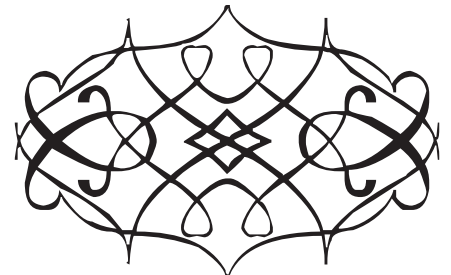
The Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild (NSQG) is excited to welcome Cheryl Sleboda as our guest lecturer and instructor in August, 2019. Cheryl will present her lecture and trunk show, "Not Your Grandmother's Quilter", at our meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Guests are welcome to join us for this lecture; there is a \$10 guest fee payable at the door.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, Cheryl will offer her class, "Fabulous Fun Fabric Manipulation". There are still a few openings in Cheryl's class at this time; the non-member fee is \$55. Please visit our website www.nsqg.club for additional details.

Ladybugs by Felicia Brenoe. See page 5 for more info.



The above comic is © Pickles by Brian Crane for August 11, 2019



SALT CREEK QUILT GUILD

Salt Creek Quilters Guild, located in Western Springs, would like to invite you to attend a lecture and/or workshop. Their website is www.saltcreekqg.org for further information.

Salt Creek Quilters Guild partial list of Speakers

Pat Yamin – Sept.12-14, quilting
Suzi Parrin – Oct.10-12, Barn quilt block painting
Lisa Binkley – Nov.14-16, beading and dying
Dawn Schuch – Jan.9-11, wool appliqué

Please see Salt Creek Quilters Guilds Programs and Workshops section for the remainder of our speakers as wells a great description of them and their workshops.

Contact Terri Karls for any questions and to sign up for classes.



September Birthdays

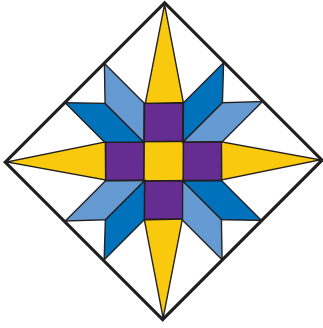
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