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A Guild Worth Celebrating

2020 is a big year for our Prairie Star Quilt Guild. It's our 40th Anniversary! I've only personally been a member for almost 4 years (joined at the 2016 Quilt Show), and I'm excited to see the progress we've made in that short time. I can only imagine what some of our "longtimers" have seen through the years. We've certainly grown in size – as of January we have 341 members! And, (again I don't know what the old days were like), our guild offers great speakers, workshops, retreats and activities, a library, friendship, bees, a website full of information, education and inspiration.

I just spent a few minutes looking over our website. Have you been there recently? It's been totally revamped, and is full of information. There are links to our upcoming speakers, a list of Longarmers in our guild (think about getting your entries ready for our Quilt Show!), a link to Spirit Wear so you can promote PSQG on a Tshirt, bag or fleece jacket. And you don't even have to pay for shipping

– your order will be brought to the next guild meeting! Did you know that our Library has a search ability on our website to look up specific books? There are even directions and hints on how to search. We can also now renew and join online. I'd like to give a big thank you to Chris Macenski for all her hard work in creating this new site.

There is also a page on the website for our 2020 Quilt Show. You can find information on our Challenge Quilt, items needed for the show, and the registration forms for entering your quilts are there as well – both judged and nonjudged entries. Please note that the deadline for entering quilts in the show is July 31, 2020. All entries must be in hand or postmarked by that date. No exceptions. So, I advise you to get going on your entries – and use the website's listings of Longarmers to get your quilts finished in time. Remember that this quilt show is all about the quilts. Every month during Show and Tell, I'm reminded

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

February 24, 2020 at 7 pm

February 25, 2020 at 9:30 am

March 23, 2020 at 7 pm

March 24, 2020 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, March 5, 2020.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at mgmwriter@gmail.com.

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that our guild has amazingly talented members, and this is your time to shine! I encourage you all to participate in the show. Let's share some of our beauty and creativity with the world on October 9-10.

Also coming up are a Retreat in March, and April's Business Meeting (Monday evening only – no Tuesday morning meeting) will also be a PSQG Birthday Party with cupcakes and ice cream. We're worth

celebrating. And don't miss our May Banquet on Monday, May 18th with Melinda Bula as our speaker. April and May meetings are a wonderful opportunity for our entire guild to meet together and celebrate what makes PSQG special. I am very glad I joined this guild, and I thank you all for making it so special.

Ann Johnson
Morning VP

Pizza anyone?



Well, pizza boxes anyway. We learned from Carol Wilhoit in January that pizza boxes are a great storage option for quilters. We will be selling

16" pizza boxes at the library table during the February meetings. Stop by and pick up a few!

Community Service

Plastic Bags for homeless beds: Ladies tell me they are still loaded with bags. Joyce will take a finished mat as long as it's 3 feet by 6 feet.

Dog Beds: Please bring your completed dog beds to the next meeting. Please be sure your pet beds are a MINIMUM of 24" on EACH SIDE, larger is ok, up to 40". 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. 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.

NICU Blankets: The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) 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 lstoyhoffi@att.net.

Hospice Memory Bears: Are you interested in learning how to make the stuffed teddy bear that our Service branch makes for hospice? Nancy Krasinski will be teaching a class on their creation. The class will include general sewing directions, fabric layout suggestions, and time-saving construction tips. Using supplies you provide, you will have a completed bear at the end of this one day class. Please contact Nancy at nancy.krasinski@gmail.com for more information. Class date will be determined once participants are known.

Ronald McDonald quilts: We gave out about 25 kits in January. 8 or 9 tops came in from the November kits. We know we may not see an influx of returns until Spring, and we are fine with that!

For the February Meetings, we will have around 38 to 50 kits to

hand out. We expect that not all those will be taken, but that's fine. We just want to always be a bit ahead on the kits than behind!

Quilts of Valor: I'd like to first thank the guild for the donation that came from the November Sew-In. Your donations of money, fabric, and time does not go unnoticed! And thank you for what you are doing for our Veterans. I brought home 20 finished quilts from the January meetings! Our guild members really like to bind – I still have quilts for binding if you're interested.

We just received confirmation that at the July 2021 evening meeting we will be awarding our own veterans again...save the date. It's never too early to start thinking of the veterans in your life; put his/her name(s) in for nomination on the forms that I will have after this year's quilt show. Pick a pattern, make the quilt, have it quilted ready to go! Remember in order to have a QOV (copyright) label, minimum finished size is 55 x 65, maximum 72 x 92.

-Rita Pennington

2020 Quilt Show Update

Planning is proceeding on schedule. Our next meeting will be February 19 from 6-8pm at the Panera in Downtown Batavia. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Start sewing your challenge quilts, display quilts and judged quilts. The [entry forms](#) are on the website under the quilt show section.

Boutique

Hearts are always in fashion, be they on bags, clothing, decorative items for the table, or little gifts for the special women in your favorite group. Potpourri bags for the linen closet or lingerie drawers; trims on bathroom towels for that fun girls-night-in for cards and treats; goodie bags stuffed with chocolate kisses for the grand kids; a decorative cloth for keeping the bread warm in a basket on the table; whatever the item, little hearts will make all hearts swell. Add some loving kindness to the items in the 2020 Quilt Show Boutique by sewing some of these for the shopping pleasure of our membership and quilt show guests.

Challenge Quilts

Barb Vlack has announced the red & white challenge for the show. Sign up in person at a meeting for \$5 cash. The [rules](#) are available on our website.

Door Gifts

Wow! You members are the best! We have over 1,000 hand warmers!! February will be the last month we will collect these. Thank you all so much for your hard work.



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 or you can sell them to relatives or friends.

Quilty Resale

We are collecting at the 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.

Raffle Baskets

Spring cleaning? Bring us your unused, unneeded quilting supplies. We can use any tools (rotary cutters, seam rippers, RULERS, etc.) We are also in need of fat quarters. ANY fat quarters, but particularly batiks or anything red, white or blue. We will have a list at the meeting of our basket themes so you can decide what you might want to search your stash for.

- Ruthann Heidgerken and Liz Coleman co-chairmen, Raffle baskets.

Scraps

We are still accepting scraps! Please keep in mind that we're looking for quilt shop quality fabrics. Also, please be on the lookout for pins and other foreign objects in your bags of scraps. Look for the open trunk in front of the church at the meetings.

Youth Blocks

We are excited to announce a new category for our 2020 show; YOUTH BLOCKS!

We are looking for Members to host a child and help them create a block for this new and exciting category. The blocks will be displayed at the 2020 Guild Show.

We will have three age groups.

- Kindergarten through 4th grade
- 5th through 8th grade
- 9th through 12th grade

Guidelines:

1. Blocks are to be constructed by students.
2. The block can be an original design or based on an existing pattern.
3. Block size is a 12-inch square. It may be hand or machine pieced. Additional embellishments may be used.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee. The form will be available on the website by the February guild meeting.

Sign up at the quilt show table at the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Carlson: rncmst6@gmail.com.

Gather 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!



Programs

February 24/25, 2020
Laurie Simpson
www.minickandsimpson.blogspot.com

March 23/24, 2020
Anna Maria Horner
www.annamariahorne.com

April 27, 2020
Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2020
Melinda Bula
www.melindabula.com



Laurie Simpson

Laurie Simpson of Moda's *Minick & Simpson* will be visiting us in February. Her quilts convey the beauty of traditional piecing. Visit her website (minickandsimpson.blogspot.com) to see some of her amazing work.

Big Stitch Hand Quilting

Date:

Monday, February 24, 2020

Time:

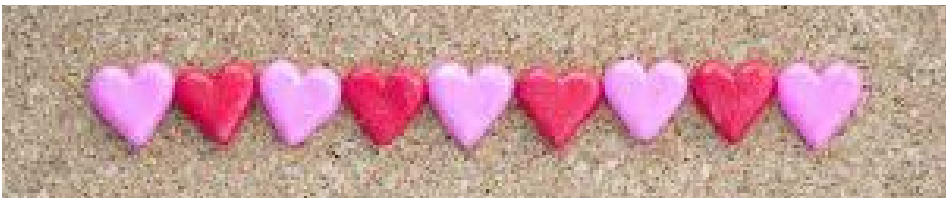
9 am to 4 pm

Cost:

Workshops are full

Location:

Congregational United
Church of Christ



MARCH

Anna Maria Horner

Anna Maria Horner brings incredible excitement to her quilts with vibrant fabrics and thoughtful color placement. See some of her amazing work when you visit [her blog!](#)

Anna Maria has made A Different Box of Crayon of Glen Ellyn her shop during this visit. Details on forthcoming kits, fabrics, etc will be available.

Feathers

Date:

Monday, March 23, 2020

Time:

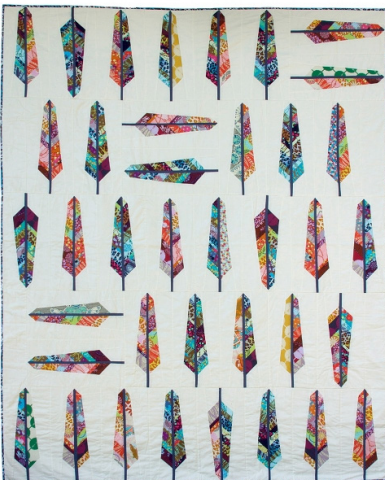
9 am to 4 pm

Cost:

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Location:

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Applique Stories

Date:

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Time:

1 pm to 4 pm

Cost:

PSQG Members \$40.00

PSQG Visitors \$ 50.00

*Pattern & supply list will be
given at registration.*

Location:

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Thanks to these PSQG Hampton Inn retreaters, thirty children at Central Dupage Hospital and Ronald McDonald House will receive a very cute pillowcase to brighten their day! Thank you for your fabric donations and to everyone who participated in the effort!

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March 14-15, 2020
Richland Grade School
1919 Caton Farm Rd
Crest Hill, Illinois
Admission \$8.00

Banquet Date & Menu

It's getting to be that time of year. Spring and the May Banquet! Make plans and reservations to join the fun.

Monday, May 18, 2020
St Andrews Golf Club
2241 Route 59
West Chicago Il 60185

Guest Speaker Melinda Bula

Social Hour with cash bar will be from 6:00-6:30PM. Dinner served at 6:30PM. **Registration begins at the February meeting.** Group sign-ups are available, if you are signing up as a group, please have one person responsible for collecting your information and payments before turning in the form. Group forms will be available on-line or at the February meeting. Each table accommodates up to 10 people. If you are not part of a large group or cannot fill a table, please sign-up anyway. Small groups or individuals will be combined to make a table.

Just think of the new friends or even the possibility of a Bee you could become! Final registration is due at the April meeting.

Make sure to indicate specific dietary needs or allergies on the registration form.

At a **cost of \$38**, this year's menu is: Italian Minestrone Soup, Garden Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Biscayne Vegetable Blend.

Main Course of your choosing followed by Ice Cream Sundae.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Menu choices:

- Homemade Vegetable Lasagna with garlic bread and vegetables
- Pretzel Crusted Chicken with Dijon Cream Sauce
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with Maple Glaze Sauce

Questions? Contact:
Barb Gillespie
activities@psqg.org



March Birthdays

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| Liz FitzGerald | 3/2 |
| JoAnn VanDril..... | 3/3 |
| Marty Jacobsen | 3/4 |
| Carolyn Mack..... | 3/6 |
| Eija (A-yah) Viitanen | 3/6 |
| Sandra Andrews..... | 3/7 |
| Carol Fisher..... | 3/7 |
| Laurel Kiburg | 3/7 |
| Robin Elsen | 3/9 |
| Janis Gorski | 3/12 |
| Regina McNulty | 3/15 |
| Lyneta Grap Piela | 3/15 |
| Deanne Simpson..... | 3/16 |
| Sue Balsiger | 3/17 |
| Sharon Gaffor | 3/17 |
| Judy Herman..... | 3/17 |
| Sue Kapperman | 3/18 |
| Priscilla Miller..... | 3/20 |
| Becky Hall | 3/21 |
| Sue Needham | 3/21 |
| Debbie Coffey | 3/23 |
| Colette Day..... | 3/24 |
| Leslie Nyckel | 3/25 |
| Laura Meador..... | 3/27 |
| Christie Hardt..... | 3/31 |

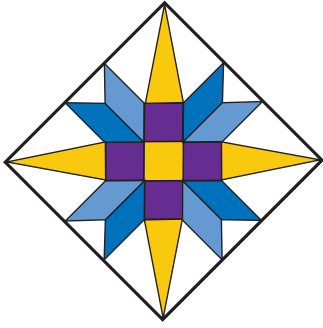
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