

# Prairie Star Press

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## A new year is underway!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This is going to be an exciting year for our Guild. It is the start of a new calendar year and we kick it off with a new location for our Guild. In addition, it is time for the Guild to get ready for the 2020 Quilt Show!

Have you made any resolutions for this year? I try to make resolutions that I know can be accomplished. Like, "What quilt will I want to enter in the 2020 quilt show?" or "What quilts that have been started, do I want to finish this year?". Are there charity projects you want to do this year? How about taking a position on the 2019-2020 PSQG Board? What classes would you like to take this year that are offered by the Guild? Stop by the committee tables before the meeting and learn more.

Our speaker this month will be teaching us some "good habits" for quilting. The first time I saw

our speaker, a friend and I were attending the Tuesday morning meeting as guests. After hearing her talk, and seeing how much fun this Guild was, we became members that day. So, please bring a friend that is a quilter to our meeting to enjoy this presentation. If a new member would like to join in January, the membership fee is reduced to \$20 because we're half way through our fiscal year.

There will be a Pot-Luck Sew-In on Monday, January 28th, from 10 am to 5 pm, at our new location. This is FREE to members and visitors. Space is limited; email Barb Gillispie as soon as possible at [activepsqg@gmail.com](mailto:activepsqg@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

Till I see you at the January Guild meeting,

-- Sandy Andrews  
PSQG Evening Vice President

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## Next Guild Meetings:

January 28, 2019 at 7 pm

January 29, 2019 at 9:30 am

February 25, 2019 at 7 pm

February 26, 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, February 7, 2019.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at [mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com).

# Community Service

QOV's stash of finished quilts is getting a little low. Please stop by the table to pick up a kit to make some blocks or a quilt to bind. There will be kits at the sew-in, so be sure to bring white thread, a rotary cutter and mat to make blocks that day. Alternatively, when you're snowed in one of these days, whip up a quick quilt top for a veteran.

Please continue to work on our community service items:

**Dog Beds (Leslie Nyckel):** Drop off completed beds near the meeting entrance on meeting days.

**Plastic Bags (Jane Phillips or Dorothy Walls):** Can leave near the meeting entrance on meeting days. These bags are used to make beds (3' x 6') for the homeless.

**Fidget Quilts (Linda Stoyhoff):** Linda provides kits if you need them or ideas can be found online.

**Quilts...all sizes, and pillowcases (Deb Long):** These are distributed at Ronald McDonald Houses. We also have a selection of fabrics to use to make pillowcases. Just ask!



# News from the hive

Happy New Year! Is joining a bee or starting one in your future this year? Your beekeepers can help you. Please see Beth Reuter (day) or Sue Plaster (night), beekeepers, at the January meeting.

The Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt Bee has been a buzzing the past 7 weeks. It is not too late to join. The bee meets every Saturday at the Panera on Wilson Street in Batavia, time is 10 am. Bring your questions, colors, blocks, anything you would like to share. We are planning on sharing our quilts at the guild meeting show and tell late summer/early fall. Watch the newsletter for more information on this as we would love for everyone in the guild

who is working on the mystery quilt to join in on the fun at the show and tell. We have one member who has completed her top; the picture is below.

See you at the meeting!  
-- Sue Plaster  
630.338.5871



# Layers of Hope Quilting 9II

Bonnie Holtz, [quiltersjoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quiltersjoy@sbcglobal.net), is interested in coordinating and mailing quilts to this group. Please contact her if you're interested in participating.

Layers of Hope Quilting 9II is unique in the fact we seek out those in need and usually only send to first responders.

We find the family, the couple or the single first responder in need. We then find out how many children they have, the ages and genders, and

their favorite colors. Once I have that information, I put it out to my quilters and they get to work. It is a labor of love and I am blessed to have so many reach out.

We have blessed 44 individuals with quilts and there are 20 quilts in the process of being made.

Please check out our facebook page [www.facebook.com/Layers-Of-Hope-Quilting-9II-401592493230782/](http://www.facebook.com/Layers-Of-Hope-Quilting-9II-401592493230782/)

# 2020 Quilt Show News

It takes a village of quilters to make a great quilt show and you, my friends, are our villagers!

Our raffle quilt is well in hand and you will be hearing more about that in the coming weeks and months.

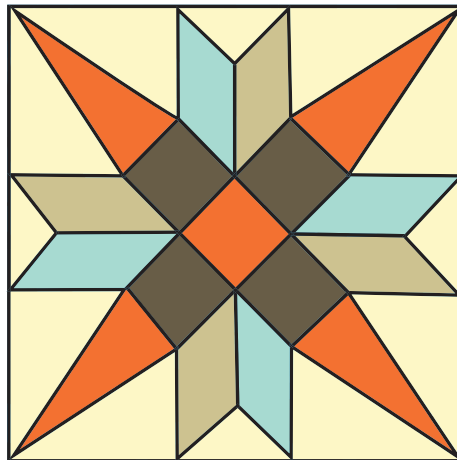
We have openings for a few positions. Please contact us if you have any questions (in person, phone or e-mail) or if you would like to know more about a position. Inquiries don't necessarily equal commitment!

- Challenge Quilts
- Quilt Display- Hostess Houses
- Quilt Display- Logistics and Rentals
- Quilt Display- Set Up & Take Down
- Raffle Baskets
- Raffle Quilt Sales
- Ribbons
- Signage
- Vendors
- Volunteers

We would love to have all the positions filled by the end of March 2019 so nobody will have to miss a meeting.

- Melanie Murphy  
630-267-6214  
[mgmwriter@gmail.com](mailto:mgmwriter@gmail.com)

Krista Katzen  
630-995-1455  
[off2mexico@hotmail.com](mailto:off2mexico@hotmail.com)



The quilt pictured below is from:

<http://www.pieceandquilt.com/2016/08/snow-globe-village-quilt-custom-machine.html>



## Join Us To Pack Meals

Friday, Jan. 25th  
12:30-2:30  
or 3:30-5:30

We Need Your Help!!! Bring Your friends, husbands, families! Make this a Bee Outing and have fun while helping to save children's lives.

Packing Event at Fox Valley Christian Action 35W624 Riverwoods Ln., St. Charles

To Register, call Ann Johnson 630-338-6789. Thank you!

## 2018 & 2019 Programs

January 28, 2019  
"The Sister" and a sew-in

February 25, 2019  
Jenifer Dick  
[www.42quilts.com](http://www.42quilts.com)

March 25, 2019  
Angela Walters  
[QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com](http://QuiltingIsMyTherapy.com)

April 2019  
Business meeting, no speaker

May 2019 and beyond  
To be announced



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 May 31, 2019.

Stop by the lottery table and try your luck!



### It's All About Good Habits

**\*\*Don't forget to join us at Congregational United Church of Christ!\*\***

By popular demand, we will be welcoming back a special friend of our guild who last visited us several years ago. We've invited this multi-award-winning quilter to return with her special humor and wisdom to remind us that "It's all About Good Habits." Last time she visited, she left us all in stitches so you definitely don't want to miss this encore!

Interested in a sewing day? From 10:00-5:00 we are offering a sew-in with pot luck lunch in place of a workshop in January. Bring something to share for the pot luck (think finger-foods). Bring your machine and your own projects or Quilts of Valor will have some kits available. If you intend to sew on QofV projects, you will need your rotary cutter, mat, white thread and your machine. There will also be non-sewing helpers needed for trimming and ironing. We will finish at 5:00 so you have time to get home or out for dinner before the 7:00 evening chapter meeting.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Please email Barb Gillispie as soon as possible at [activepsqg@gmail.com](mailto:activepsqg@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. If you plan on sewing for QofV please indicate that in your email so enough kits are available.

### Pot-Luck Sew-in

Bring your usual supplies and a WIP and check out the new location! We will also have a charity project if you want a change from your project. Bring something to share.

**Date:**

Monday, January 28, 2019

**Time:**

10 am to 5 pm

**Cost:**

PSQG Members FREE

PSQG Visitors FREE

Space is limited, contact

Barb Gillispie at

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

to sign up.

Bring a dish to share

**Location:**

Congregational United Church of Christ



# FEBRUARY



## Because It's Applique!

Jenifer Dick began quilting in 1993 when, on a whim, she signed up for a beginning quilt making class. From that first stitch she was hooked. In 2001, she discovered appliqué and it changed her quilting life. She has been blogging, speaking to guilds, and teaching appliqué and innovative piecing to quilt makers ever since.

She is the author of five quilt books and her work has been published in many other books and magazines.

Jenifer lives in Harrisonville, Mo., with her husband and children.

## Lecture: Because It's Applique!

Monday evening & Tuesday morning

## Workshop: Applique Three Ways

You'll learn how to set up your machine with invisible and regular thread, how to prepare the appliqué shapes with freezer paper and how to remove the freezer paper after sewing the shapes down. We will work on an easy bird wall hanging, but will discuss how to use this method for any of your appliqué projects. All students finish the quilt top in class and receive complete instructions for finishing the quilt at home.

### Date:

Monday, February 25, 2019

### Time:

9 am to 4 pm

### Cost:

PSQG Members \$60

PSQG Visitors \$70

### Location:

Congregational United  
Church of Christ





## Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild

PO Box 146, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0146  
www.nsqg.club

### Press Release

Ann Kelly, [annk220@att.net](mailto:annk220@att.net)



Photos from Pam Buda/Heartspunquilts.com

**Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild (NSQG)** is excited to welcome Pam Buda, a fiber artist from the south suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. On **Thursday, February 21, 2019**, Pam will present her lecture and trunk show, “Secrets of a Professional Quilter – Revealed!” She will share the insights and secrets she’s gathered over many years of designing quilts and fabrics, and teaching hundreds of classes. She will demonstrate alternative piecing methods for making the most common units found in quilt blocks, as well as her hints relating to every aspect of quilting. Pam’s tips for precision will help you learn how to improve your own piecing skills, and her trunk show of 50+ quilts will offer you tons of inspiration. For more information about Pam, go to [www.homespunquilts.com](http://www.homespunquilts.com).

Guests are always welcome at NSQG’s guild meetings, which 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 7:15 p.m.

On **Friday, February 22, 2019**, Pam will teach her class **Star Strings Quilt & Pincushion** class. This scrappy quilt features a variety of scrappy Sawtooth Star blocks, each featuring a string paper pieced center. The fundamentals of paper piecing are covered, as well tips for choosing just the right fabrics so each student can make their “sparkling” quilt! Students may choose to make a quilt or a pin cushion from Pam’s pattern.

On **Saturday, February 23, 2019**, Pam will teach her **Settler’s Puzzle** quilt. This quilt looks like it is difficult to make but Pam makes it easy with her techniques. The quilt features two very unassuming blocks, which fit together like puzzle pieces to create the wonderful pattern you see in the quilt center. She will also teach her best tips for making perfect half square triangles, along with my tips for sawtooth borders that fit, and have sharp points!

There are openings in both of Pam’s classes at this time; non-members will pay the same fee as our members for these classes only: \$45 + \$5 pattern fee. Please visit our website: <http://www.nsqg.club/> for additional details. To register for a class, please email our Programs Chair at [programs@nsqg.club](mailto:programs@nsqg.club).

**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 nearly 200 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. “Like” us on Facebook or email us at [nsqg.info@gmail.com](mailto:nsqg.info@gmail.com).



## February

Jane Darin .....	February 1
Sue Hedke .....	February 1
Sharon Bold .....	February 2
Mary Conway .....	February 2
Marcella Christensen....	February 3
Emily Reins .....	February 3
Charlotte Drew .....	February 4
Lauretta Schneider .....	February 4
Judy Corfield.....	February 5
Janet Francis .....	February 6
Kathy Newcomb.....	February 6
Elaine Morgan .....	February 8
Beth Koos .....	February 9
Charlene Cooper .....	February 11
Alexandra Scott.....	February 11
Betty Evans .....	February 14
Julie Grisham .....	February 14
Patti Polachek.....	February 14
Kathleen Holmes .....	February 16
Susan Plaster.....	February 16
Kathy Secor .....	February 16
Peggy Wolfe.....	February 16
Carol Allan.....	February 19
Susan Giorno.....	February 19
Gloria Friedrich.....	February 20
Linda Stoyhoff.....	February 20
Sharon Spates.....	February 21
Ruth Kay.....	February 22
Debra Steffes.....	February 22
Dorothea Cowsert .....	February 23
Sylvia Miller.....	February 23
Mary King .....	February 25
Patricia Noonan .....	February 25
Carol Wood .....	February 26
Margit Rippberger .....	February 27
Janice Lindenmeyer ...	February 28
Karen Upham.....	February 28



## PITS

I personally have  
WAY TOO many of these

Watch for the answer in the  
next newsletter.

**Answer from Nov/Dec**  
CRAFT = Can't Remember a  
Flipping Thing



Mrs. Bobbins is created by Julia  
Icenogle, [mrsbobbins.com](http://mrsbobbins.com).

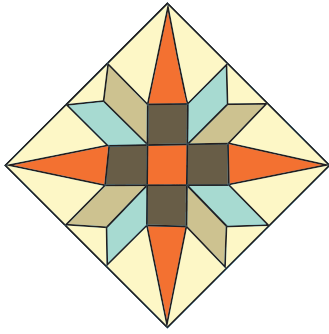


## 2018-2019 Board Members

President .....	Sharron Evans
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Secretary .....	Barbara Stewart
Treasurer .....	Carol Fisher
Programs Vice President.....	Rachel Lance
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Library .....	Liz Fitzgerald* & Susan Strasser* & Yvonne Richter*
Community Projects .....	Rita Pennington
Contracts 2019- 2020.....	Teresa Kasch* & Chris Berry*
Nominations .....	Diane Moore
2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs.....	Krista Katzen* & Melanie Murphy*
Activities .....	Barb Gillespie

\* indicates co-chair

## January 2019 issue



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**St. Charles, IL 60174-1460**

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1/2 page      \$40/issue

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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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