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Summertime, Summertime, Summ Summ Summertime!

The sun is finally starting to shine on a regular basis and that makes me very happy! It was a bit of a difficult year for all of us and yet we managed to persevere! We forged ahead with our zoom meetings to keep as many of our members engaged as possible, and it was very successful. We had excellent attendance between our night and daytime meetings! Zoom meetings enabled us to keep about 2/3rds of our members attending virtually on a consistent basis. Our workshop leaders struggled a little to get up and running in virtual mode and I was proud of how everyone worked together to make the workshops amazing. While some of our workshop educators may need a bit more time before they will be able to bring their lectures and workshops back on the road, we are getting closer to making this a reality. Our Programs Ladies are hard at work to get us booked through the end of the year.

Our banquet was a huge success! We had 115 logins with a number of those logins including multiple

people. The Bingo games were super fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed the breakout rooms and having the chance to meet many women I hadn't had the pleasure to meet before. And this year between Banquet and Retreats, we provided \$575.00 in donations to The Northern Illinois Food Bank and \$95.00 in donations to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. These are outstanding numbers and we are proud of all who supported the charity projects!

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to help manage our programs and contracts. Please see a board member so we can get you to the proper people! And don't forget that if you haven't already renewed your membership, now is the time! You can pay via credit card on the PSQG website page.

We have some exciting new speakers and workshops to announce this month, so be sure to check out the details in the rest of our newsletter. We will be having a Quilts of Valor in person presentation to several very honorable veterans in **continued on page 2...**

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

June 28, 2021 at 7 pm

June 29, 2021 at 9:30 am

July 26, 2021 at 7 pm

QOV event; no morning meeting

**ALL MEETINGS VIRTUAL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

All meetings via Zoom to keep everyone safe and healthy. Email psqgboard@gmail.com with questions.

Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, August 5, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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July. We will keep you all apprised as more decisions are made by your board! We are anxious to get back to in-person meetings and you will hear more about these meeting very soon!

With Much Excitement About Seeing Each Other Soon!

Your Nighttime VP,
Sandi White

Additional note from Melanie:

As of press time, IL is entering Phase 5 of our COVID restrictions. We are all anxious to get back to our in-person meetings, but please bear with us as this is not a smooth transition process. We will communicate with you to keep you

updated as we go through these rapid changes. Remember, each state may have different rules and each speaker has different personal situations; not everyone feels comfortable traveling at this time. Thank you for your continued patience.

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 above, or there is a button on the website, lower right corner.

We are now past the deadline, so please renew ASAP.



Quilt Show 2022 News

Right on schedule

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

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.

LIVE scrap sale!!

We are planning a scrap sale! It will be in person on July 15, 2021. Watch your email and the social media pages for more details. We will need volunteers as well as shoppers, so mark your calendars.

We really appreciate our volunteers; it takes a village!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary

Quilts of Valor July Event

We are excited to say our event will be in person! **July 26 at 7 pm**, meet us at the church for this special presentation. Remember how to get to the church? I had to go back to a 2019 newsletter to get the address!

Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.

St. Charles, IL

Although masks aren't required, we ask that everyone **wear masks** out of respect for our honored guests. We also have a mixture of vaccinated and non-vaccinated attendees as well as those who are in frequent contact with children under 12 who are not able to be vaccinated yet. No food or drink will be served. Any updates to that information will be done via email.

If you nominated a veteran for the event, please arrive early and meet with Rita so all the quilts can be folded and available at the front of the room.

Have you nominated a veteran to be presented with their QOV at our July event? Did you send your info for the program? We're looking for a quick email with your veteran's name and a few lines of their military story. You can send it to Melanie M or Rita P.

LIVE scrap sale!!

July 15, 2021 the 2022 quilt show scrap committee will have a scrap fabric sale!

The quilt show scrap committee is anxious to decrease the amount of fabric stored in their homes.

As of press time we are still working on finalizing the location

and the time for the event. Please watch your email and our social media sites for more information!

Some of the offerings will be pre-selected bags of scraps, fat quarters, and other quick-grab items.

Hope to see you there!



Community Service Programs

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

Quilts of Valor® - For our July meeting, if you have nominated a veteran, we will meet prior to the meeting with your quilt. If you're needing any assistance, let Rita know.

We are working on a request for 118 quilts by September/October for a first all-female veteran Honor Flight trip. (they are working on details). We're pretty close to reaching that goal with the tops, but could use some help in getting these tops quilted. If you can help, contact Rita.

With anticipation of the return to in-person school in the fall, we expect the need for marble mazes

to increase. Linda S, Sue Ann 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 Ann R.

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.

We had another amazing month sending off around 15 quilts to Shriners Hospital and 20 to Central DuPage Hospital and another 20 (plus a box load) pillowcases

to Ronald McDonald House in Winfield! We have new kits available! There are about 50 kits to choose from including new panels, premade tops that just need quilting and binding, some quick strippies which require sewing some strips together and simple quilting and we also have long arm compatible quilts available for pick up or delivery. Contact Sandi W or Sue Ann R. if you need kits for our kids quilts! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers again this month. You ladies never cease to amaze me with how beautiful these quilts are!

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



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 June 26/27 or July 24/25. Signup on the website to receive your zoom invite.

Upcoming Programs

At this time, all speakers and classes will be virtual unless otherwise noted.

June 2021

Mel Beach

melbeachquilts.com

July 2021

Quilts of Valor Event (LIVE)

August 2021

Shelley Cavana, Cora's Quilts

corasquilts.com

September 2021

Cyndi McChensney, Cedar Ridge Quilting

cedarridgequilting.com

October 2021

Joy Duke

joyousappliquedesigns.com

November 2021

Robin Pickens

robinpickensinc.com

December 2021

No meetings -- Happy Holidays!



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



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.

Mel is passionate about teaching/lecturing, with a focus on quilting on a domestic machine and modern quilting techniques.

She will present two different lectures for us:

Monday -- "Fun and Games in Quilting" lecture. It's game on for this playful twist on quilting!

Tuesday -- "Free Motion Crea-TV and Reality" as Mel shares her love of free motion quilting as it relates to her guilty pleasure of watching reality television!

Lectures are included in your PSQG membership and guests are welcome to join us for \$10 per meeting.

Mel Beach



Modern Free Motion Fillers & FUN! with Mel Beach



Virtual Class: Modern Free Motion Fillers and Fun.

Saturday June 26, 2021

10:00 am – 4:45 pm

Lunch break from

12:30pm-1:15pm

Members \$45

Non-Members \$50

[Click here to sign up on our website!](#)



Fun & Games in Quilting!





Quilts of Valor Presentation Event

July 26, 2021

Starting at 7 pm

Congregational United
Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL



August



Shelley Cavanna is a quilter, teacher, author, and textile and quilt designer. She and her hubby have two goofy, rambunctious boys (ages 7.5 and 9) ... so in between all the dirt, flying dragons, quilt-forts, legos, and endless piles of laundry, She manage to sneak in a little bit of quilting and designing!

She is a self-taught quilter, bitten by the quilting bug in 2007 when she bought her first sewing machine.

She had so much fun playing around with classic quilt blocks and puzzling out how to use pre-cuts to make them!

So, who is Cora, then? In truth, no one! She loved the name ever since she fell in love with *The Last of the Mohicans* – both the book and the movie – in high school. It's a lovely nod to her Irish heritage and her love of historical novels!



**Shelley Cavanna
of Cora's Quilts**

WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

Have you ever wanted to part of something bigger than yourself? Something that could truly impact the world and leave a lasting impression? So have I. This is our chance to do just that. The only qualification is that you are a woman willing to design a fabric block for an art installation. The beauty of it is that you can do this from the comfort of your own home and simply mail the block in when finished. Your name will be on the work and hung in an art gallery for all to see!



Imagine women from all over the world creating a fabric block about how they lift up other women. This networking of women to form a whole piece, is iconic of the message of the art installation I plan to create. Right now, many women of the world are working together to raise each other up out of the oppression we have historically faced, and still face today. Each of us matters in this process.

You can make a difference in the world. Your fabric square, celebrating how you raise women up, as well as all other women creating fabric blocks for this installation, will give vision to what the world could be like if all women were treated with respect, and given an equal voice. What if each one of us, in our own circle of friends, assisted women to somehow find their place of self respect, safety, and equality. This is worth celebrating. This is worth exhibiting for all people to see and consider. Won't you join in?

Please [visit the women's collaborative art project website](#) for more information. The deadline to mail in your blocks is June 30, 2021.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 21, 2021



Coming to St. Charles in August 2021!

Be part of our community art project this summer when artist Amanda Browder leads us in creating a fabric cover for the St. Charles Municipal Building! Info@stcharlesartscouncil.org to volunteer, donate fabric or hear details!

Photo by Mikayla Whitmore



This project is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

FABRIC DONATIONS NEEDED!

- One Yard Minimum
- Cotton fabric only; no stretchy fabric. Saturated colors are best – plain or printed
 - **Donation bins are located at:** Blue Goose, St. Charles Police Station,
- St. Charles Municipal Building, Pottawatomie Community Center, All Things Art Studio, St. Charles Public Library

VOLUNTEER FOR SEWING AND PINNING!

- No experience required
 - All ages welcome
- Pinning and Sewing will take place at Baker Memorial Methodist Church from August 5 until completed!
- Contact: info@stcharlesartscouncil.org or kpmom11@aol.com



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!

July/August Birthdays



Kim Waldeck.....	7/01	Darlene Musur	8/02
Susan Bresnahan	7/04	Mabel Goddard.....	8/07
Sandy Warzin	7/05	Ruth Bastian	8/08
Ellyn Romoser	7/10	Susan M Carr	8/09
Susan Wauer	7/12	Cindy LeTourneau.....	8/10
Jean Campbell	7/12	Sheila Bell	8/12
Theresa McCann	7/17	Carol Lauer	8/13
Sue Omi	7/18	Sue Ann Reiner	8/13
Pegi Twait	7/19	Connie Pomeroy	8/14
Dale Coon	7/21	Darlene Allen	8/14
Lynne Curran	7/21	Cindy Krelle	8/16
Donna Boyd.....	7/22	Sandra White	8/18
Ann Kowalyszyn.....	7/23	Edith Hubbard	8/21
Nancy Dorn	7/25	Peggy Benzin	8/22
Nancy Garrison	7/26	Eileen Thurston.....	8/24
Ellen Stevenson	7/26	Peggy McNulty	8/26
Mary Stewart	7/26	Zohra Arastu	8/29
Chris Macenski.....	7/28	Mary Neitzel.....	8/29
Peggy Martinek	7/29		
Laura Blanchard	7/30		
Sherena Titus	7/31		



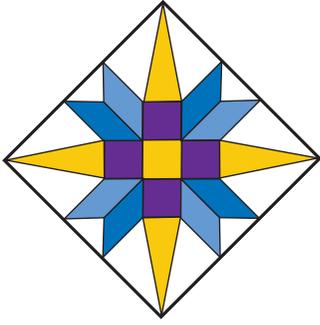
2021-2022 Board Members

Thank you to all our outgoing board members

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 Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner
 Contracts 2022- 2023: Diane Moore
 Nominations: OPEN
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:
 Krista Katzen, Melanie Murphy,
 and Mary Clemens

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