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## August Already?

Could it really be August already? Where has the summer gone?

In July I had the honor of making a Quilt of Valor for a longtime friend of my husband who served in the Army Reserves. It was wonderful to gather with others for this event, which I hoped would be the beginning of in person meetings. With the new virus variant and the virus numbers escalating, we (as the Board) unanimously voted to continue having Virtual meetings. I know this is not what you wanted to hear, but we felt it best for all parties concerned. The Breakout Rooms have been a wonderful way to connect with others in a more intimate way. If you have not participated in one, give it a try. You never know who you will meet; some lucky members were in the same room as the speaker.

Are you a Social Media Butterfly? Then you are the person for the job! We would like someone to keep all our social media — Facebook, Instagram, Program announcements — current. This position is part of the media committee and not a board position. (You will not be

required to attend board meetings) Please email [PSQGboard@gmail.com](mailto:PSQGboard@gmail.com) with questions, or better yet to VOLUNTEER for this exciting opportunity to help promote your guild.

Be sure to check out the Guild's website to see all the exciting speakers and workshops that are coming up. The Program Committee has done a wonderful job of selecting a variety of interests and techniques. Each month has a detailed description of the exciting lectures and workshops that are being offered. Be sure to sign up early to secure your spot in the workshops.

August and September Workshops: Have you ever wanted to know how to sew a Flip N Stitch project? Our August speaker, Shelly Cananna of Cora's quilts, is the workshop for you! She has two beautiful quilt options to choose from.

Pinwheel Star: The blocks in Shelley's Pinwheel Stars quilt are pieced quickly and easily using her signature stitch-and-flip construction methods. Oh, and it **continued on page 2...**

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

August 23, 2021 at 7 pm

August 24, 2021 at 9:30 am

September 27, 2021 at 7 pm

September 28, 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, September 9, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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can be made with a bundle of pre-cut 10" squares or 2- 1/2" strips to minimize the cutting!

Apple Blossom: Grab your favorite fat quarters and get ready to piece these beautiful Apple Blossom blocks! This class will introduce you to Shelley's favorite stitch-and-flip constructions techniques ... for a truly stunning quilt, made simple! In the workshop, Shelley will chat

about color theory and demonstrate methods for constructing the various building blocks used in her Apple Blossoms block.

Are you a Panel Addict but aren't sure what to do with them? The September speaker, Cyndi McChesney of Cedar Ridge Quilting, has the answers. She will take that panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. This

is a two-day workshop. Go to the website for complete details.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help lead our Guild to the Best Guild it can be.

Have a wonderful end of summer but take the time to sign up for one of the wonderful workshops and Virtual Retreats.

Barb Gillespie

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## Community Service Programs

The number of mazes that have been created already in 2021 has surpassed totals from other years. It has truly been so beneficial for the kids! The need for more is great. Linda S, Sue Ann R. & Sandi W. all have kits available for pickup, drop off or you can use your stash! Check out the video 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.

Thank you to Adele Jeschke & all our Quilting Angels who continue to create wonderful quilts for all the kids. We have quilt kits available for machine quilters as well as long arm compatible kits available. We also have piecing projects available for those who don't want to quilt. Contact Sandi W or Sue Ann R.

Quilts of Valor® - Land of Lincoln Quilts of Valor meets on the first Tuesdays of the month at the Moose Lodge, St Charles making quilts for our veterans. Quilts do not have to be patriotic but we avoid florals because the female veterans want what the guys get. Because we do a lot of presentations with multiple veterans, we make our tops the minimum size. So, unquilted,

we ask that tops be 58" x 68" as quilting tends to shrink the top.

Come to the sewing event with your quilting supplies. We have kits, but if you're wanting to use your own pattern, we have fabric. Rita will need to know what yardage you need so it is brought on the day of sew in. Please contact her via email or through the Facebook page. Find and join us on our Facebook page, Illinois Quilts of Valor.

Not sure who to contact? You can email Community Projects via email right on the PSQG website! Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate project leader.

Thank you for everything you do!



## Virtual Retreats

The Virtual Retreats have been so much fun that we are now meeting the 4th weekend of every month. Come for one day, both days, or even a few hours. Admission is 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 August 28 & 29. Signup on the website to receive your zoom invite.



## Beekeeper Buzz

The Modern Bee is open to four new members. Meetings are on first Thursday of the month 7PM-9PM. This sometimes moves to the second Thursday during the summer. They meet in member's homes, and that location is designated at the prior meeting. Current members are located in Elgin, West Chicago, Bartlett, Elburn, and Sycamore/DeKalb area. They enjoy the novelty of moving around to each other's homes. Current members all enjoy a more modern style of piecing and quilting. They have done a few challenges and a Mystery Quilt. They usually bring small individual projects to work on during the meetings. The contact person is Aileen Vogel. She can be contacted by email or text.

Two members are interested in starting a Stripology Bee. They are thinking it would be a discussion group all about Gudrun and her patterns. She will start her Christmas

in Europe Mystery BOM soon, and it will go for 14 months. This will allow plenty of discussion as a start. They are interested in meeting monthly, in person. They will try to find maybe a local coffee shop for meetings; to be determined after we gauge interest. The contact person is Melanie Murphy.

We have two members who are interested in starting a general bee in or near Downers Grove. They hope to have 7-10 members, but are ready to start meeting as soon as they have at least 3-4 members. Due to work schedules the meetings will be in the evening during the week or daytime on a weekend. The contact person is Nanci McAtee.

Fabricators General Bee has been meeting in person, rotating member homes. Everyone brings their own handwork. They meet on the 3rd Thursday afternoon each month. There are 6 current members with openings for 2 new members. The contact person is Ruth Marsh.

-- Beekeeper Beth Koos

## Quilt Show 2022 News

### Right on schedule

You may have seen the opportunity quilt at the QOV event. It's all done and ready to travel. Aileen V. is looking for a team who are willing to take it to visit other guilds. The bonus is, you can attend their meetings for free! Contact Aileen if you're interested. There are only a few guilds currently meeting in person at this time.

Watch for a committee meeting soon. We're about 14 months away from the show, if you can believe it!

### Open positions:

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

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

### LIVE scrap sale report!!

Our scrap, etc, sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped spread the word. In total, we earned over \$4,000 for the quilt show! We would like to have another event, so watch for that news.

Thank you all!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary

## Membership Renewal Time

Our membership numbers are climbing all the time, and many of you have renewed your membership, so thank you!

For those who haven't heard, it is time to renew your membership! 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.

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



## Upcoming Programs

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

### August 2021

Shelley Cavanna, Cora's Quilts  
[corasquilts.com](http://corasquilts.com)

### September 2021

Cyndi McChensney, Cedar Ridge Quilting  
[cedarridgequilting.com](http://cedarridgequilting.com)

### October 2021

Joy Duke  
[joyousappliquedesigns.com](http://joyousappliquedesigns.com)

### November 2021

Robin Pickens  
[robinpickensinc.com](http://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 E. if you'd like one.

[psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com](http://psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com)



# August



## Shelley Cavanna of Cora's Quilts



Shelley Cavanna is a quilter, teacher, author, and textile and quilt designer.

She opened her first independent design company under the banner of Poplun Designs – the Croatian word for quilt – and in 2013 she decided to re-brand, and re-open as Cora's Quilts!

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* in high school. It's a lovely nod to her Irish heritage and her love of historical novels!

Our Monday, August 23rd lecture topic is Modern Quilts.

At our Tuesday, August 24th meeting the lecture topic is Spectacular Stars Simplified.

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

### Virtual Workshop:

### Flip and Stitch Stars Pinwheels



Thursday, August 26th, 2021

2pm – 5pm

\$35 Members

\$40 Non-Members

*Pattern is not included in workshop price.  
Information to purchase will be sent to registered participants.*

### Virtual Workshop:

### Apple Blossoms



Saturday, August 28th, 2021

12pm – 4pm

\$40 Members

\$45 Non-Members

*Pattern is not included in workshop price.  
Information to purchase will be sent to registered participants.*

# September

## Cyndi McChesney of Cedar Ridge Quilting



Cyndi McChesney has been fascinated with quilts and quilt-making for most of her life. In the late 1970s she enrolled in a beginning quilting class, and the journey of love and passion for this time-honored tradition and craft began. She went on to open her own quilt store in New Hampshire in the early 1980s where she taught a variety of quilting classes and made custom quilts for customers and galleries throughout the northeast.

A move to Colorado in 1983 led her to teach quilting classes for Colorado Mountain College and small quilt shops in the Rocky Mountains. Today Cyndi is a teacher at First Stitches in Canon City and Pueblo, CO, lectures and teaches at guilds and shows throughout the US, and operates her long-arm business from her home studio.

In 2011, Cyndi achieved the

distinguished title of National Quilt Association Certified Teacher and in 2015 was awarded National Quilt Association Teacher of the Year. She has won awards for her quilts in the Hoffman Challenge (2010), the Hoffman Challenge Traveling Exhibits (2011-2013), the Colorado State Fair (2009-2014), NQA Annual Show (2013), Quilt Colorado (2014), Visuals#1 Mancuso Show (2020), and in 2012 was one of three Invitational Exhibitors at Interquilt 2012 in Girona, Spain.

In 2012, Cyndi was inducted into the Colorado Quilt Council Hall of Fame. Cyndi has been a repeat guest on TheQuiltShow.com, and her show on Panel Palooza aired in 2017. As a return guest, Cyndi presented a program on drafting quilt blocks from pictures and photographs. Cyndi's passion for quilt making is evident in comments from her students and in her never-ending quest to find new techniques and skills to share with others.

Cyndi will be with us virtually for our Chapter Meetings on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 with her Panel Palooza Lecture & Trunk Show.

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

### Virtual Class: Panel Palooza Two Part Workshop



**Saturday, October 2nd & 9th**  
**10am – 12:30 pm**  
\$35 Members  
\$40 Non-Members\*

\*Non-member registration opens  
30 days prior to workshop date.

*As seen on TheQuiltShow.com*

*Take that panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. Square up your selections, add interesting block treatments and borders and fill those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué to create a really special quilt.*



*We will have a PSQG education video in August! Tune in to find out what the topic will be this time!*



# SHOW AND TELL

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! Don't forget to mention if you worked on this project during one of our virtual retreats or if it's a class project from a recent speaker.

We love to be inspired by what you do!

# CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Rebecca Lamb .....	9/04	Janet Miller.....	9/12	H. Diane Moore.....	9/22
Claire Erickson.....	9/07	Dixie Riley.....	9/12	Carol Cunningham.....	9/22
Dorothy Walls.....	9/08	Peggy Hartsgrove .....	9/17	Diane Duncan .....	9/24
Janice Arismendi-Cox .....	9/09	Meg Hemmerich .....	9/17	Sheila Cisko.....	9/25
Yvonne Richter .....	9/09	Nita Marsyla.....	9/19	Ruthann Heidgerken.....	9/25
Darlene Hoctor.....	9/09	Jody Cregier.....	9/20	Patti Fry.....	9/26
Gail Fields .....	9/12	Melanie Hutter .....	9/20	Sheryl Keiler.....	9/27
Bonita Gillette.....	9/12	Holly Lampier .....	9/20	Lorraine Barker .....	9/27

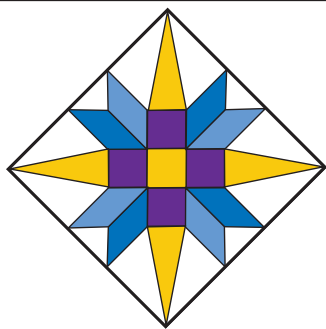


## 2021-2022 Board Members

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 and Mary Clemens

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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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