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## What? September??

It's September already. Wow. Time has flown by this year. I've heard people say time moves by faster as you get older. I hate to say it, but I agree with that statement. I am certainly older, and time is just whipping past me. I wish I could move as fast as time!

Even though we still need to have virtual chapter meetings, we've been able to enjoy each other's company in person recently at a couple of events. Our scrap fabric sale was a great success. Thanks to all who helped pull it together, worked the sale, and of course those who came to shop! We made a lot of money for our Quilt Show, and had a chance to visit each other in person. We also had a Quilts of Valor presentation during our July meeting. Not only was it inspirational, it was a great opportunity to catch up in person!

Along those lines, our Community Projects team will be hosting an Open House outside at Mt. St. Mary's Park pavilion in St. Charles on Wednesday, Sep. 29 from 3-7. It'll be a great opportunity to turn in any community projects you've been working on, pick up a

kit for a new project, or just visit and see other members in person. Look for more details in the Community Projects section. Please come and join us.

Our speaker and workshop leader for September is Cyndi McChesney, who will be joining us via Zoom. She's a very accomplished quilter and teacher, has won many awards and has great reviews from her workshop attendees. Go to our website to sign up or read more.

I'd like to thank all of you who have stayed committed to our guild during this past year and a half. It's been difficult to make so many changes, adjustments and sacrifices, but you've just rolled with the flow and stayed true to our guild. You're pumping out community projects, made a beautiful Opportunity Quilt for our 2022 Quilt Show, attended our Zoom meetings, and even renewed your memberships in a timely manner. For that, on behalf of our Board, I thank you. We are so fortunate to be involved in a fantastic quilt guild.

Happy Quilting!  
Ann Johnson, Morning VP

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

- September 27, 2021 at 7 pm
- September 28, 2021 at 9:30 am
- October 25, 2021 at 7 pm
- October 26, 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, October 7, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

# Community Service Programs

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

This fall we are collecting new throws & lap blankets for DuPage Care Center. They have requested washable in fleece, knit, crochet, double layer flannel or flannel backed quilts without batting. Any size is welcome but wheelchair friendly is appreciated. Drop off with Sandi W., Linda S. or Sue Ann R.

NICU Isolette covers, marble mazes & 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 have kids quilt kits available for machine quilters as well as long arm compatible kits available. We

also have piecing projects available! Contact Sandi W or Sue Ann R.

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! Help us recognize those who served our country. For more information on what you can do to support the effort please contact Rita P.

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.

## BREAKING NEWS: An in-person event!!

Our community service ladies are hosting a social event!

**Wednesday, September 29th**  
**3pm - 7pm**  
**Mt. St. Mary's Park Pavillion**  
**1st Street & Prairie**  
**St. Charles**

(South of 64/West of the River)

Stop quickly just to drop off or stay and chat awhile. Come alone or make a date with other PSQG Friends and bring a picnic dinner. You know we will have treats.

Community Projects will be collecting completed projects and will have kits to pick up!

You are also welcome to bring Quilt Show items to drop off! Books, Patterns, etc. will be collecting books, magazines, patterns and quilting notions. The Boutique will be on hand to collect any handcrafted items. This is your chance to drop off what you cleaned out of your closets during quarantine.



## 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. The contact person is Aileen Vogel. She can be contacted by email or text.

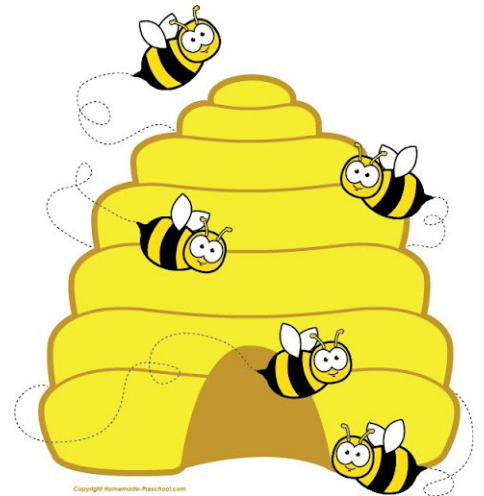
A few members have shown interest in the Stripology Bee. Would you like to join us? The Christmas in Europe Mystery BOM starts September 15, and Gudrun's Fast and Furious club Season 3 will see it's first release on September 20. Lots to talk about! We are gauging interest and then we will have to find a place to meet in person. 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.

The longarm bee that used to meet at Liz Coleman's house on the third Thursday of the month will now be at Diane Moore's house. Please find the address and contact information in the directory. New members welcome.

-- Beekeeper Beth Koos



# Quilt Show 2022 News

## Moving along

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.

We has a committee meeting on September 1. A recording was sent out for those who missed it. Please contact us if you need the link. In quick summary: we have a contract with the judge, the opportunity quilt is finished, and everything else is moving right along.

## Open positions:

- Quilt Display (Set-up/Take-down) - we have someone handling logistics but we need a manager to be there on the set-up and take-down show days
- Raffle Baskets - Can be a sitting job! Management of the team

selling tickets at the show. And prepping/beautifying the baskets ahead of time.

- Scraps team - Shadow the current team and take over for 2024 show.
- 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 [psqgquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqgquiltshow@gmail.com).

## LIVE drop off!!

Please hold any fabric scraps for awhile, but all your other quilt show items can be dropped off at the community service event on the 29th. Quilty things is looking for patterns and notions in particular, but they welcome anything you would like to drop off.

Quilt show boutique says:

The Fall 2022 Quilt Show "Boutique" is hoping to showcase some of your creative work! Thinking Fall and Winter, we are looking for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and autumn themed items for home and table. We also need quilt and fabric creations that celebrate winter holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and the New Year as well as the joy of snow, frosty trees, or other winter fun and animals. While you are having fun with fabric, remember us when you make gifts anytime throughout the year! Our quilt show visitors will want to scoop your creations up for themselves or as gifts for their loved ones!

Drop off items at the event on the 29th or contact Diana Sharp for drop off information.

Thank you all!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary



## 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 September 25 & 26. Signup on the website to receive your zoom invitation.



## Upcoming Programs

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

### September 2021

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

### October 2021

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

### November 2021

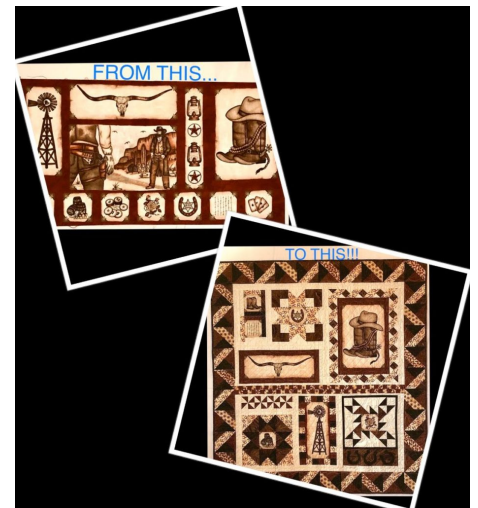
Robin Pickens  
[robinpickensinc.com](http://robinpickensinc.com)

### December 2021

No meetings -- Happy Holidays!



## Cyndi McChesney



Cyndi McChesney is an award-winning quilter who has a passion for quilt making and is on a quest to find new techniques 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.

Sign up for her class today! Can you imagine using this technique with some of the super cute Fall and Christmas panels I've seen in the quilt shops lately?

### Virtual Class: Panel Palooza Two Part Workshop

Saturday, October 2nd

10am – 12:30 pm

& October 9th

9am – 11:30 am

\$35 Members

\$40 Non-Members

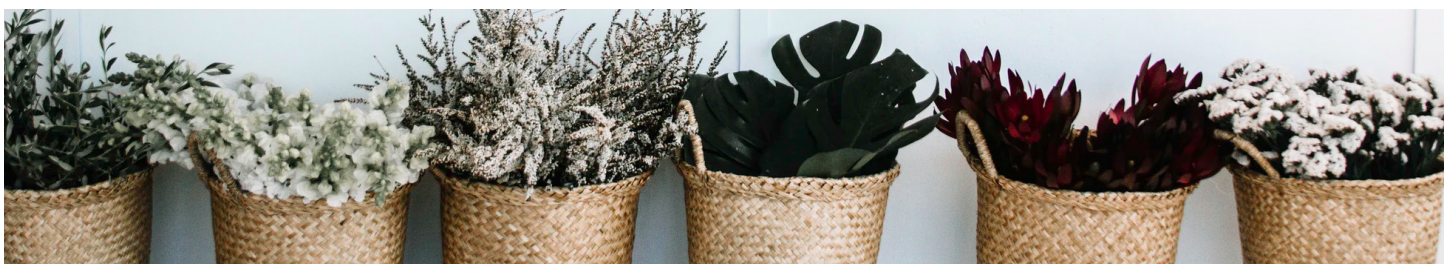
As seen on TheQuiltShow.com  
Take that panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. Square up your selections, add interesting block treatments and borders and fill those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué to create a really special quilt.



## Our web store is open

Place your order and select pick-up instead of shipping. Susan E. 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)



# October

## Joy Duke of Joyous Applique Designs



Joy specializes in applique patterns that are easy, fun, and nature-inspired that all quilters are capable of making. Joy

also likes to incorporate yo-yos in unusual ways in her applique pattern designs. Her latest passion is bamboo felt applique which allows those that are allergic to wool, or that don't have the budget for it, to create beautiful fun pieces of art. In addition to designing, teaching, and lecturing for guilds (both in-person and via Zoom), she enjoys going to the beach and spending time with her family. Sometimes she is even found stitching on the beach or around a competition swimming pool and meets the nicest people when stitching in public. These interactions lead her to create one of her most popular lectures/trunk shows.

Monday night's lecture will be "Stitches in Public". A fun look at how people see our pastime as everything but what we are actually doing.

Tuesday morning is "Making it Your Own". A look at how we can

take anyone's pattern and make simple changes that will personalize it.

**Virtual Workshop:  
Butterfly with Me: Bamboo Felt  
Monday, October 25th  
1pm – 4pm  
\$30 Members  
\$35 Non-Members**

This class allows you to explore the fun of working with bamboo felt and embroidery stitches. This is a workshop option to just dip your toes into the techniques for those that have not worked with bamboo felt before.

Kit is not included in workshop price. Information to purchase as well as the supply list will be sent to registered participants.



**Virtual Workshop:  
Applique Elements  
Saturday, October 30th  
1pm – 4pm  
\$30 Members  
\$35 Non-Members\***

This is a technique class where you learn the basics of fusible applique, buttonhole stitch, stem stitch, and ladder stitch along with seeing how to "birth" a quilt instead of using a binding to finish it off.

Pattern is not included in workshop price. Joy will be including an additional page with your pattern explaining how to transform a bamboo felt pattern to use with cotton fabrics and fusibles. Information to purchase and the supply list will be sent to registered participants.

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

# Happenings around the area



**Harvest of Quilts XIV**  
**QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW**

Friday and Saturday  
September 17 & 18, 2021  
9 AM to 5 PM

**OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA EXHIBIT HALL B**  
715 Locust St., Evansville, IN 47708

**\$10 Admission • Under 12 Free • Free Parking • Handicap Accessible**  
(Ask a guild member for a \$1.00 off admission coupon while they last)

**EXHIBITIONS:**

- Over 200 Quilts on Display With Judged and Non-Judged Entries
- 2021 Raintree Quilters Guild Raffle Quilt
- 2020 Nature Challenge
- 2021 Quilt Show Home Décor Challenge

**QUILTER SHOPPING:**

- Boutique with Varied Handcrafted Items to Shop for Christmas and Other Occasions
- Merchant Mall
- Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items
- Quilts of Valor Evansville Charity Benefit (to benefit Servicé Members & Veterans touched by war)
- Mystery Gift Card Drawing
- 20 Raffle Baskets of Varying Size and Value
- Quilt Appraisals by Appointment

Food and beverages are available for purchase.



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The Northern Illinois Longarm Guild will be hosting Kathleen Riggins at their October 2<sup>nd</sup> guild meeting. Kathleen is a young, talented and very energetic longarm quilter who will be teaching us from her shop in Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Her lecture, Feathers for Modern Quilts, will certainly teach us a few fun techniques as it is more an online class on quilting feathers rather than a lecture. Kathleen will be sharing ideas that can be used by all quilters, longarm, midarm and domestic. The members of NILAG welcome guests to our virtual Zoom meetings for a \$10 fee. Please check out our website for more information on Kathleen Riggins and take a look at all we have to offer machine quilters throughout 2022. <https://nilag.org>

Respectfully submitted,  
Annabelle Jankowiak

Salt Creek Quilters Guild has a Zoom workshop scheduled for October 11 on the Accordion Half Square Triangle method by Eva Paige designs. Non guild members are welcome to register by going to our program page. We'd love to have you!  
<https://www.saltcreekqg.org/programs>

The Kankakee Quiltmakers presents "Autumn Splendor 2021" Quilt show. The show will be Oct. 8, Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Oct. 9, Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. at Kankakee First Church of Nazarene. Address: 1000 N. Entrance, Kankakee, Illinois.

Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold at the door and drawing will be held Saturday 2:00pm October 9. Winner does not need to be present.

Quilts will be on display along with a Vendors Mall, Quilt Boutique, and raffle prizes on site. Food will be available for purchase.

Admission: \$8.00

For more information visit [www.kankakeequiltmakers.com](http://www.kankakeequiltmakers.com)



*Marigold*  
**OCTOBER  
BIRTH FLOWER**

Passionate  
Creative  
Driven

## October Birthdays

- Mary Ellen Hennebry ..... 10/01
- Mary Clemens ..... 10/02
- Edna DeVore ..... 10/08
- Diane Swaney-Smith ..... 10/11
- Lynda Fernow ..... 10/12
- Cheri Stack ..... 10/13
- Madonna Wempe ..... 10/16
- Ida Kelsey ..... 10/20
- Eileen Nolan ..... 10/21
- Debby Giasson ..... 10/21
- Chris Berry ..... 10/22
- Nancy Lilly ..... 10/23
- Dawn LaBarre ..... 10/24
- Jody Schoneck ..... 10/24
- Erma Gibson ..... 10/25
- Jan Sharpless ..... 10/25
- Betty Gibbons ..... 10/27
- Vi Nelson ..... 10/28
- Lisbeth Reuter ..... 10/28
- Ellie Sudduth ..... 10/31
- Lois Wilhelm ..... 10/31
- Bonnie Holtz ..... 10/31



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!

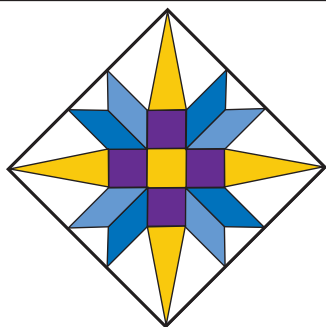


### 2021-2022 Board Members

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

## September 2021 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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