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Fall is Heading Our Way!

Summertime is officially behind us, and Fall has arrived. Some of us are already missing those summer days, while others may be welcoming the cooler days and getting ready for the holidays that lie ahead. Either way, we have had an enormous number of activities behind the scenes at PSQG!

Our fabric sale was very successful and most recently our “in person” social that took place a couple of weeks ago was so much fun! It was great to get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful weather with our fellow quilters. We have missed your beautiful faces and it did us all some good to see each other! We gave out many kits for our volunteers to work on over the Fall and Winter months to benefit one of our many Community Projects programs. We received a ton of quilts for the children’s quilt program for the hospitals we serve and quite a few blankets to provide to DuPage Convalescent Center in Wheaton. A huge thank you to all our members who stopped by and dropped off quilts, blankets, books and boutique

items to sell at the quilt show! You ladies are truly amazing, and we are so grateful for your caring spirit and immense talent. I have always felt that we have the best guild ever!

As we head into these next months, we have many things on our plate as a guild. We are officially one year away from our quilt show! The [challenge quilt instructions](#) and information are now available on our website. Click on the link to check out the page!

We are also inching closer to the days when we will be able to meet in person again and that has your board hard at work making plans to hit the ground running as we have so many exciting programs planned for your enjoyment. We are planning our April business meeting which will include a social and a chance to visit with all those faces we have missed so much! Our May banquet is going to be amazing, and we have Jamie Wallen to entertain us with his witty and knowledge-filled presentation along with his workshops that you can sign up for now!

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Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, November 11, 2021. Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

October 25, 2021 at 7 pm
October 26, 2021 at 9:30 am
November 22, 2021 at 7 pm
November 23, 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 with questions.

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We are still in need of several helpers to assist Sue P and the activities folks with planning and hospitality. **Our guild cannot function without your help.** It is a short-term commitment for these positions, so please step up and volunteer if you can.

We are also in need of a helper for programs. Diane M needs someone to help coordinate all the programs that she sets up and compile that data into an orderly format to get it on to our website monthly, and make sure the workshop info gets out to each participant. Diane has been doing a two-person job for a while now and we really need someone to help her out. While this position will go on throughout the year, it is a person to help her with the overflow work to make sure we get accurate and concise

info out to our members quickly. Please consider stepping up to help with programs if you can spend up to a couple hours a month helping. Lastly, in anticipation of resuming in person workshops, we will need host helpers that will volunteer on a one- or two-time basis to assist with picking up our speakers at the airport or having dinner with our speaker on workshop days. It would be a wonderful opportunity to meet with our speaker one on one and get to know them personally and make them feel welcomed by our guild. Please contact us if you can help in any way. Our board members are currently in overdrive and really need some helpers to make sure we can meet and exceed everyone's expectations for your best guild experience!

We are very excited and are looking forward to the days where we can meet in person and see all your smiling faces and hope you look forward to seeing ours! Those days will be here before you know it. We have weathered many storms as a guild with the pandemic, yet we are coming out of it as strong as ever! We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Love and Peace to all and enjoy the Fall!

Sandi White
Evening Vice-President!

Community Service Programs

What a great turn out for our Social Event in the park! It was so nice to see so many smiling faces. We collected 40 throw/lap blankets for DCC, 28 finished kid's quilts, 2 quilt tops, 7 Quilts of Valor, as well as a NICU blanket and a stack of Marble Mazes.

We love that so many of you left with projects to work on. Finished mini-quilts for the Oak Lawn Police have already been collected! We do have a few more kits available if you are interested in completing a quick project for the Community. Contact

Sue Ann R.

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.

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.

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 so much for all you do for our Community!



Virtual Retreats

The Virtual Retreats continue on the 4th weekend of every month. Come for one day, both days, or even a few hours. Admission is free!

The next chat is October 23 & 24. [Click here to signup](#) on the website to receive your zoom invitation.

Quilt Show 2022 News

The countdown begins!

The opportunity quilt is all done and ready to travel. Aileen V. is looking for a team who are willing to take it to visit other guilds or other locations. Contact Aileen if you're interested in representing us somewhere close by.

The challenge quilt, [Little Quilt on the Prairie](#), was announced at the last guild meeting and the info is up on the website. You can sign up and pay online or mail in your form.

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 psqqquiltshow@gmail.com.

Boutique

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!

Contact Diana S. for drop off information.

Thank you all!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary



Beekeeper Buzz

The Bonnie Hunter Bee is meeting via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. In October they will meet on the 9th and 23rd. Starting November 6 they will meet weekly until the upcoming mystery is over. Bonnie usually announces the new mystery and colors on Halloween! The first clue comes out on Black Friday. The contact person is Melanie Murphy.

The Modern Bee is open to three 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.

The new Stripology Bee is making plans for their first meeting. The intention of this group is to meet in person and chat about whatever GE Designs has going on. They are looking for a meeting place, possibly a coffee shop or cafe. Timing and frequency has yet to be determined,

but Saturday afternoon once a month is looking good. This will be a discussion group about Gudrun and her patterns & projects. Of particular interest is her Christmas in Europe BOM which will run for 14 months. 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 McAttee.

Beekeeper Beth Koos

Upcoming Programs

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

October 2021

Joy Duke

joyousappliquedesigns.com

November 2021

Robin Pickens

robinpickensinc.com

December 2021

No meetings -- Happy Holidays!

January 2022

Tina Curran

tinacurran.com

February 2022

Stephanie Soebbing

quiltaddictsanonymous.com



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.

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.

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 a 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.



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

November



After numerous years in the corporate world, Robin decided to

pursue work that was more personal and artistic through illustration, textile and surface design and to work from her own studio.

In 2015, she was fortunate to win the Fabric8 competition on spoonflower, allowing her to work with Moda Fabrics. That has opened up a new world of exploring not just pattern design for fabric but also of designing quilts and quilt patterns. She had no idea she would enjoy that part of the process so much!

Her sewing machine is humming and her studio is filled with the joy of making.

Robin will present two different virtual lectures for us:

Monday, November 22nd

My journey into Fabric and Quilt Design

Tuesday, November 23rd

From simple panels to curved piecing and color way

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

Robin Pickens

Virtual Workshop:

Bean Stalk

Saturday, December 4th

10am-5pm

Price: \$45 Members

\$50 Non-Members

Virtual Workshop:

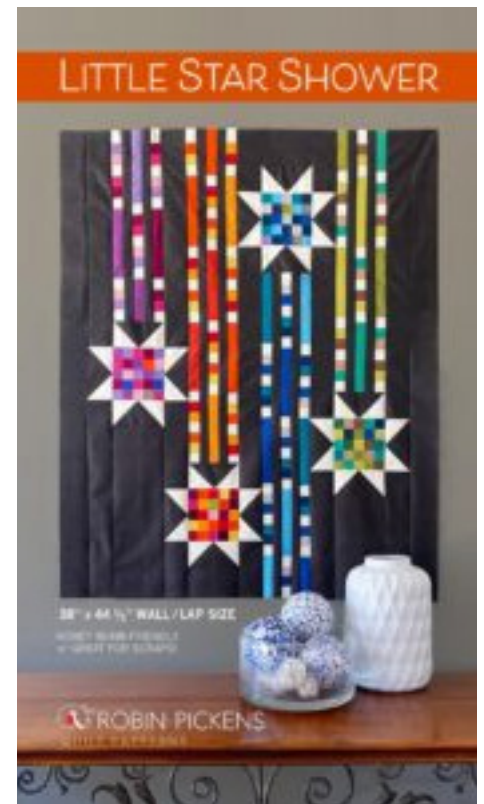
Little Star Shower

Monday, December 6th

1pm-4:30pm

Price: \$30 Members

\$35 Non-Members



[Sign up here...](#)

Events around the area & items for sale



Fiber Art Divas Annual Show and Sale

October 26-November 6, 2021
Tues-Sat, 10am - 4pm
Free Admission. Face masks required.

508 N Center St,
Naperville, IL 60563
www.napervilleartleague.com



Quilt Frame for Sale for Hand Quilting

A Homestead Quilt Frame
by Hinterberg Design
93 inches long with
31 inch extensions.
All wood.

Easy to put up and take down.
From smoke-free, pet free home.
In excellent condition, used very little.
Pick up only in Wheaton, IL.

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Phone: 630-752-9957
Photos sent upon request.

Grace quilt frame for sale



Grace Z44 wood quilt frame. Fits crib up to
King size quilts. Beautiful and functional.
Like-new condition. Leader cloths included.
Lamp included, chair not included. Price \$100.
Contact J Francis



Chrysanthemum

**NOVEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Friendship
Joy
Happiness

November Birthdays

- Alyssa Payleitner..... II/01
- Carol Gent II/04
- Judy GouldII/05
- Lois Bushman-SpognardiII/05
- Shirley DickenscheidtII/05
- Barbara VlackII/07
- Kathy SteereII/08
- Erica BarrettII/09
- Kathy Elvin.....II/09
- Jill Plotke II/10
- Ann Johnson..... II/10
- Shirley ApplerII/11
- Karen Christensen II/12
- Pam Sullivan II/14
- Carol Wilhoit II/15
- Paula Spsychala II/18
- Jean Stanish II/19
- Patricia RiegerII/20
- Diane HubbertsII/20
- Marilyn Kelly II/21
- Gretchen NolleII/23
- Judith White.....II/24
- Adele Jeschke.....II/25
- Carol Andermann II/27
- Eva ThornII/28
- Denita Jackman.....II/29
- Patti Carrington.....II/29
- Cheryl Burdine.....II/30
- Heidi Clayton.....II/30



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.

The deadline to send in pictures is the Friday before the monthly meetings.

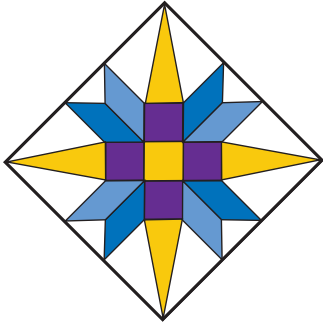
We love to be inspired by what you do!

2021-2022 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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