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## Grateful for another notable year

With the Holiday season upon us, I am grateful for all the positive things that have happened in the Guild this year. As a Board, we have again this year worked as a team to keep the Guild moving forward during the Covid pandemic. In exploring Zoom's options, we have had the opportunity to participate in Breakout Rooms at the monthly meetings, and that has been so enjoyable. It is great to be able to put a face to a name. The Virtual Retreats have been great fun as well. If you have not tried it, give it a try. We have had so many laughs, tips and ah-ha moments. And I would be amiss if I did not mention EDUCATION! How wonderful the videos have been.

Without Zoom we would not have been able to continue having speakers and workshops. I know we are all experiencing Zoom overload, but please be patient as there does seem to be some indication that we are coming to the end of this pandemic.

We are testing out some in-person options. To make sure that

our non-tech members, especially, can participate in some of our lectures, the Programs team has secured a room at the St Charles Public Library. We have an option to Zoom on the big screen for our November Tuesday AM Meeting. Space is limited, so registration will be necessary to participate in this watch party.

We also have some spots available to join in-person this same way on Monday, December 6th for Robin Picken's Little Star Shower workshop at the St. Charles Public Library. Robin will attend via Zoom, but you can be in a room with other sewers. If you are interested, please contact programs via email at [Programs@PSQG.org](mailto:Programs@PSQG.org) to reserve one of the limited spots prior to registering for the workshop. There are no extra fees to attend this way.

It has been brought to our attention that it can be hard to reach someone for technical assistance on workshop days. We have established a Google phone number connected to our Gmail account that you can call if you ever have trouble connecting for

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

November 22, 2021 at 7 pm  
November 23, 2021 at 9:30 am

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**NO DECEMBER MEETINGS**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**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, January 6, 2022. Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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a meeting or workshop. The number is (331) 308-0337. You will be asked to leave your name, number, and a brief message. We will return your call ASAP.

As we move into in-person meetings there will be opportunities for you to volunteer to help the many committees that keep the Guild running smoothly. This can be a one-time or ongoing commitment. Sue Plaster will need help with the planning of the banquet and retreats. Scraps Committee needs help sort and preparing fabric for the quilt show. Programs will need help with speakers: picking up and dropping off at the airport, workshop assistants, driving to and from meetings and workshops. This

is the perfect opportunity to have a one-on-one personal meeting with our wonderful speakers. The Quilt Show will also have many different opportunities to help in the coming months. Watch for volunteer opportunities in the Newsletter and at Guild Meetings.

Along with volunteering to help the many committees, we are also in need of a Nominations person to join the Guild Board. The nominations person is responsible for filling the Board Slate for the 2022-2023 calendar year. If you would like to be the Nominations person, please email [psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com). Should you be asked to fill a board position in the future, please consider it. For questions about what that position

does, I would be glad to answer your question or refer you to the right person to ask.

Because none of us want to have our personal information out on the web, there is a Guild email ([psqgboard@gmail.com](mailto:psqgboard@gmail.com)) to contact all board members. Your emails will be forwarded to the person that is best suited to answer your question. Or call our new help-line (331) 308-0337 and leave a message. We want to hear from you for whatever reason.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Barb Gillespie, PSQG President

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## Community Service Programs

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

We are collecting throws & lap blankets for DuPage Care Center. Washable, fleece, knit, crochet, double layer flannel or flannel backed quilts without batting. 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.

Thank all the amazing supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. What an amazing show of work this last month! We couldn't do it all without you! Great job ladies. Let us know if you need winter projects to work on. 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.

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## 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 November 27 & 28. [Click here to signup](#) on the website to receive your zoom invitation.





# Quilt Show 2022 News

## Almost 2022!

We had a meeting on November 3 and the link to the recording was sent out. Please let Melanie know if you need the link. Also, there will be no meeting in December, but we will schedule one for **January 12, 2022**.

Contact Aileen V. if you're interested in representing us at another guild or location with the opportunity quilt.

You can sign up to participate in the challenge quilt any time. Sign up and pay online or mail in your form. [Little Quilt on the Prairie](#).

## Open positions:

- Quilt Display (Set-up/Take-down)
- Raffle Baskets
- Scraps team - Shadow the current team and take over for

2024 show. We have 1 interested party, so a team is forming!

- Signage
- Opportunity quilt ticket sales (team members)

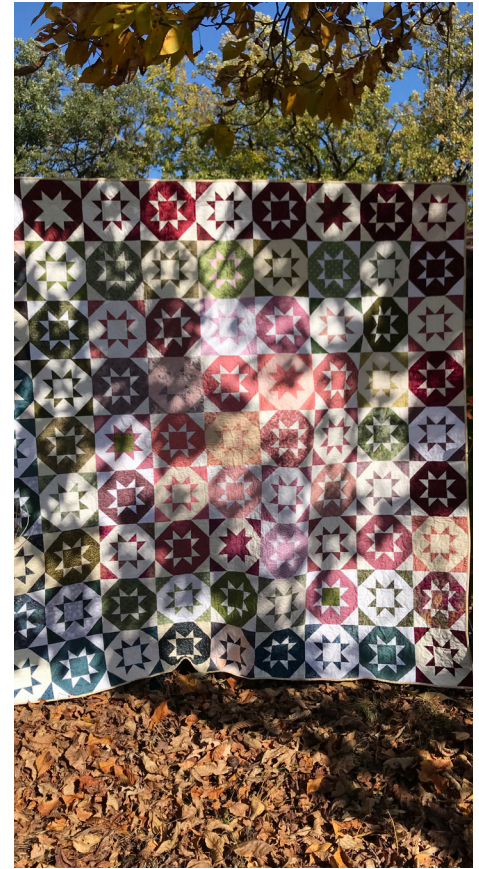
Please let us know of any corrections to this list and if you would like to know more about a position. You can reach us at our personal emails, found in the directory, or at [psqgquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqgquiltshow@gmail.com).

## Boutique

As you're making your Fall and Holiday items, keep the quilt show in mind! We're always looking for those little items with a value of less than about \$20 to sell at the show.

Thank you all!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary



Phoenix pattern from GE Quilt designs, made by Melanie Murphy.



## Beekeeper Buzz

The Bonnie Hunter Bee is meeting via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am.

Starting November 27 they will meet weekly until the Rhododendron Trail mystery concludes. 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. 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. The contact person is Aileen Vogel. She can be contacted by email or text.

The new Stripology Bee is meeting in person once a month. The next date is November 20 at 1pm at the Panera on Rt 59 in Naperville. This is a discussion group about GE Quilt Designs and everything Gudrun has going on, although all are welcome and we talk/share other quilting things too. 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.

Beekeeper Beth Koos

## Upcoming Programs

At this time, all speakers and classes will be virtual unless otherwise noted. Speakers are subject to change.

### November 2021

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

### December 2021

No meetings -- Happy Holidays!

### January 2022

Tina Curran  
[tinacurran.com](http://tinacurran.com)

### February 2022

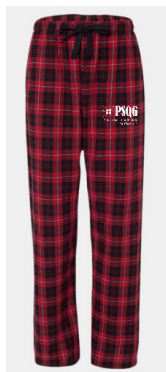
Stephanie Soebbing  
[quiltaddictsanonymous.com](http://quiltaddictsanonymous.com)

### March 2022

Bonnie Langenfeld  
[landscapesinfabric.com](http://landscapesinfabric.com)

### May 2022

Jamie Wallen  
[quiltersapothecary.com](http://quiltersapothecary.com)



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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.

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

### Virtual Workshop:

#### Bean Stalk

Saturday, December 4th

10am-5pm

Price: \$45 Members

\$50 Non-Members



## Robin Pickens

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.

### Virtual Workshop\*:

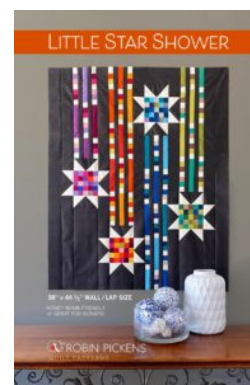
#### Little Star Shower

Monday, December 6th

1pm-4:30pm

Price: \$30 Members

\$35 Non-Members



*\* This event has a hybrid option. If you are interested, please contact programs via email at [Programs@PSQG.org](mailto:Programs@PSQG.org) to reserve one of the limited spots prior to registering.*

**[Sign up here...](#)**



# JANUARY

**Tina Curran**



Tina's interest in making art quilts was jump-started by seeing her dear friend Sara take a variety of patterned fabrics, cut them

into pieces and combine them in such an artistic way. As a life-long sewer (having experienced her first sewing triumph with a skating skirt she made in Girl Scouts), she took to quilting quickly. One of the great thrills with this art form is that her options are as infinite as those of a painter working on canvas — landscapes, portraits, geometric patterns, abstract impressions, etc. She enjoys both the deep American roots of traditional quilting and the unlimited possibilities today's art quilts present. Combining elements of both extremes is great fun, as she often uses contemporary fabrics in century-old quilt patterns.

While she has no formal art training, she has taken some wonderful classes over the years. However, she knows her greatest learning has come in the over 10,000 hours she has spent making more than 125 art quilts to date. And it is exciting to realize that there seems to be no end to this learning curve.

Tina will present two different Zoom based lectures for us.

**Monday:** My Excellent Adventure as a Quilter.

**Tuesday:** My Design Process – From Concept to Quilt.

## **Virtual Workshop:**

### **Herringbon-aza**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**9am-4pm**

**Price: \$40 Members**

**\$45 Non-Members**

This workshop features several variations on a herringbone quilt. Participants can choose to make either a 20" quilted pillow or a 40" x 50" quilt. Students are amazed at how easily these quilts are constructed — they look more complicated than they are.



## **Virtual Workshop:**

### **Wreath-o-rama Houses**

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**9 am-4 pm**

**Price: \$40 Members**

**\$45 Non-Members**

Tina offered a block-of-the-month program in 2018, releasing the pattern for each 18" block over the course of nine months. The individual blocks can be used in quilts or made into 20" quilted pillows.

The houses can be embellished to further dress them up for the holidays. She likes to add beads as stand-ins for Christmas lights on these tiny homes — for example, spelling out "Noel" on one roof. She also added a wreath on one door, a swag of garland with bows on another house and candles in the window of a third.

**[Sign up for Tina's workshops here...](#)**

# Upcoming Guild events

**SPRING RETREAT** - March 10th through 13th, 2022 at Chicago-Aurora Hampton Inn (88 and Orchard Rd) Registration will begin in January 2022.

**APRIL GUILD MEETING (BUSINESS MEETING)** - We would like to have some fun at this meeting - let's mix it up a bit! I am looking for a few volunteers who would like to meet once or twice to brainstorm and create a fun interactive meeting for April - Please contact Sue Plaster!

**MAY ANNUAL BANQUET** - If you are into event planning, details, organization, idea generation, and/or want to meet new people, then I could use your help!!!

I need help with planning - registration, meals, table layout, welcome table, table cards, our annual Salvation Army fundraiser, and I am sure there is more. The more volunteers, the easier the load for everyone. Please contact Sue Plaster - Thank you!



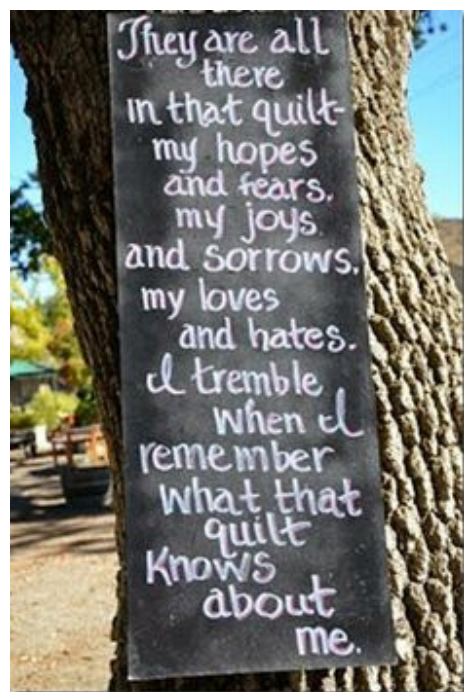
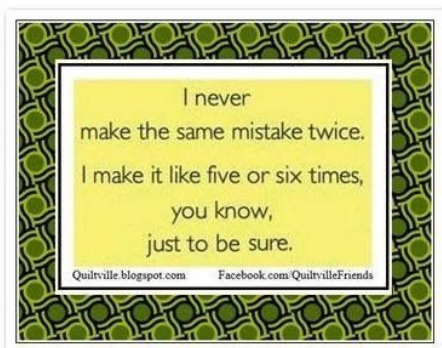
You can now use [this form](#) on our website to easily send us your pictures. Please be sure to read the whole form and mark the appropriate choices. Fill in a few bubbles, type a couple of statements, click submit and you're all set! Don't forget to mention if you worked on

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!

## Humor from Pinterest







Beverley Rose Enright..... 12/05  
 Susan Egner..... 12/06  
 Rita Pennington..... 12/06  
 Merna Cunningham..... 12/08  
 Ella Mae Goshen ..... 12/13  
 Kathleen Brown..... 12/16  
 Britta Cuming ..... 12/17  
 Diana Sharp ..... 12/19  
 Dawn Schultz ..... 12/22  
 Beth Hoffman ..... 12/23  
 Karla Close..... 12/24  
 Christa Chocker..... 12/26  
 Nancy Mueller ..... 12/27  
 Judy Scheppach..... 12/28  
 Nancy Cleckner..... 12/30  
 Ann Stoa..... 12/30  
 Mary Jane Cross..... 12/31

Jane Phillips..... 1/01  
 Kay Schurman ..... 1/01  
 Debbie Konopka ..... 1/04  
 Pat Lipscomb..... 1/04  
 Loretta Stenger..... 1/04  
 Barbara Nagengast (Lies) ..... 1/07  
 Mindy Bosso ..... 1/08  
 Irene M. Jones ..... 1/08  
 Denise Luper ..... 1/09  
 Nancy Pauli..... 1/09  
 Joy Abts ..... 1/11  
 Judi Werkema ..... 1/12  
 Karen Schroyer..... 1/12

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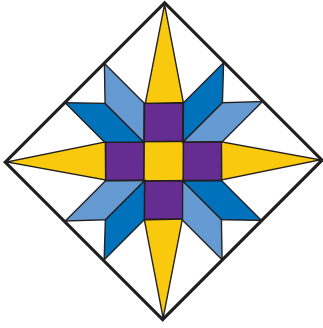
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 Contracts 2022- 2023: Diane Moore  
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 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:  
 Krista Katzen, Melanie Murphy,  
 and Mary Clemens

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