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We're Working to Chase Away Those Covid Blues

If you are like most of us, you are probably good and tired of covid and the affect it has had on our guild and our ability to meet in person. Here's what we ask from you, our members... please be patient just a little while longer. If all goes as we hope, we will be back in person in two short months! It is our number one goal to get back to meeting in person. We need to get back to a point like last summer when we met for Quilts of Valor, when rates for new covid infections were lower. Omicron threw us for a loop directly on the heels of Delta and set us back significantly in our plans. Also, please keep in mind that many speakers are simply not ready to travel, and some have informed us they aren't sure if they will go back out on the road.

Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to share your thoughts and opinions with us in our recent Programs Survey. Our Contracts Team will be using that information and finalizing our programs for our "Grand Reveal"

at our Annual Business Meeting in April. At that meeting, we will vote on incoming board members and go over the facts and figures for the "State of the Guild" presentation to provide complete transparency to our valued members.

Our first slated in-person workshop is in May in conjunction with our banquet; we are truly excited to have Jamie Wallen as our first in-person workshop in two years! And what a great choice he is. I am signing up for Jamie, as I never have the answer to How Do I Quilt That? Jamie's work is amazing, and he is a world famous quilting teacher. You will not want to miss him!

Don't miss our lecture for our February 28th and March 1st virtual chapter meetings. Patricia Belyea will be giving an online lecture on the Alluring World of Japanese Yokata Quilts. This will include an amazing tour of the Tokyo Quilt Festival that you surely don't want to miss! We can't wait to see all of you soon. In the interim, stay warm and well.

-- Sandi White
Vice President of Evening Programs

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

February 28, 2022 at 7 pm

March 1, 2022 at 9:30 am

March 28, 2022 at 7 pm

March 29, 2022 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.

Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, March 10, 2022. Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

Community Service Programs

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

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! (58" x 68") Help us recognize those who served our country. Rita P. has quilts in need of quilting & some that need binding. If you have availability, this is a great way to support the veterans.

NICU Isolette covers, marble mazes & Fidget Quilts are always in need. Kits available! Contact 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. Let us know if you need projects to work on or need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Contact Sandi W or Sue Ann R.

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.



May Banquet

Our annual banquet is May 23rd at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Watch the PSQG website for menu selection and reservations.



Free Zoom Workshop

Got the Winter Blues? Sew into Spring ...Green - or any other color with us on Tuesday, March 1st from 2:00-5:00 after the morning guild meeting.

This is a free Zoom sew-along workshop making a 38.5" x 14" table runner for yourself or as a gift. No need to register for this event.

Directions and Zoom link will be sent out through the Guild email.



Fabric requirements:

1/4 yd focus fabric

1/3 yd sashing/binding fabric

1/4 yd border fabric

1/2 yd backing

Batting approximately 40" x 18".

Contact Yvonne Richter with any questions.



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 February 26 & 27. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Quilt Show 2022 News



2022 is here!

Each month we get closer to our quilt show, scheduled for October 14 & 15, 2022 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

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](#).

If you're planning to make a quilt and have it judged for potential ribbons, you may like to read the article on the website about what the judges are looking for.

Open positions:

- Quilt Display (Set-up/Take-down)
- Scraps team (2024 show)
- Signage

Please let us know 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.

Boutique

We are still collecting small handmade items to sell at the boutique.

If you already have made a few goodies and need to drop them off to make room for more projects, call Diana S. (630) 879-7578 or email her at dleesharp@sbcglobal.net for drop-off information.

Quilty Things

You can make arrangements to drop off those books, patterns, magazines, rulers, rotary cutters, stencils, pantographs, etc. you no longer need. Contact Susan E. or Barb T.

What do we want?

Books: Quilt related, Copyright year 1990 and newer is best. If you include older than 1990, those books will be donated or recycled as we see fit. Please take a moment and flip through your books, as I have found carbon copies of personal checks, bills, children's handmade

drawings, and more. I do my best to remove these things, but having you check too will be best. If your donation has a musty smell, ripped cover, spilled drink stain, etc. please do not donate it. We want to resell these items and want the book to be appealing to the buyer.

Patterns: Any patterns of all shapes and sizes! These sell very well. We cannot resell a pattern that you have copied from a friend, so please keep those for yourself or recycle.

Magazines: We used to take any and all magazines that you kindly donate. We have found that magazines do not sell well these days. (And they are very heavy!). Most of us probably are already subscribed to the main titles. That being said, we will still collect the most recent 5 years of any titles. (2017-2022). It would be so helpful to me if you could limit your donations to those years.

ETC: At our last sale we happened to have items other than those listed above and they were very well received. We had quilt-related puzzles, machine embroidery items, longarm pantographs, and hand quilting stencils. We are opening up this category to include anything reasonable and quilt-related such as threads, beads, buttons, rulers, notions, etcetera!

Thank you so much ladies for all of your efforts! Our sale raises a lot of money for the guild because of you!

-From Susan Egner and Barb Tuman

Thank you all, keep warm and sew on!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary

Upcoming Programs

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

February 2022

Patricia Belyea
okanarts.com

March 2022

Bonnie Langenfeld
landscapesinfabric.com

May 2022 (Banquet)

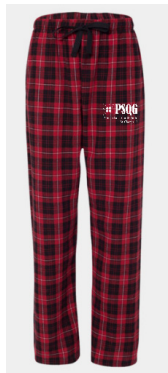
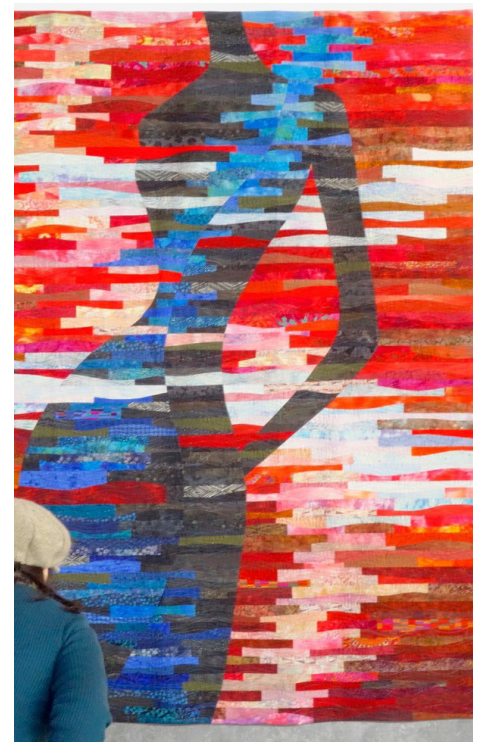
Jamie Wallen
quiltersapothecary.com



Patricia Belyea

A creative quilt maker, speaker and teacher, Patricia co-owns Okan Arts with her daughter Victoria. The small family business imports vintage Japanese textiles for adventuresome quilters. Patricia is the author of *East-Meets-West Quilts*, a book about making improv quilts with Japanese fabrics.

Join Patricia Belyea as she takes you on a virtual tour of the Tokyo Quilt Festival. Then, get swept away to a chusen-dyeing workshop where you watch the elaborate hand-dyeing process. Patricia finishes with a trunk show of her quilts made with Japanese cottons and talks about how the fabrics inspired her quilt compositions.



**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.

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March

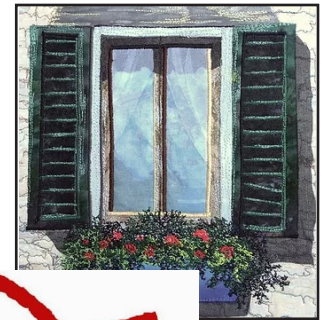
Bonnie Langenfeld

Bonnie has to create. It can be home decor, drawing, sewing, inventing new uses for things, or new ways to do things.

For many years she only did raw edge applique and thread sketching/painting. Bonnie prides herself on not using any paint or ink to enhance the images. (Ok, once in a while, she does write house numbers with a fine marker, but that's it.)

Lecture: The Art of Realistic Fabric Art with a presentation and trunk show.

Bonnie will join us for a lecture only. The workshops are cancelled and refunds will be processed shortly.



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Pictured here are a couple of landscape quilts from Bonnie's website



Beekeeper Buzz

The existing Lambee (Longarm bee) is the third Thursday (Next Feb 17) from 10a - 12p and is accepting new members.

Diane Moore would like to start an additional longarm bee on the first Saturday of the month starting on March 5th. The next Lambee is scheduled on February 17. Both bees will be at Diane Moore's at 1631 S Fourth Place St. Charles IL. Please

call Diane if you are interested at (847) 269-7058. Please note that they are for any type of longarm -- sit down or standing longarm machines and for beginners or people who have more experience. They share by show-and-tell and exchange ideas to help solve problems they encounter.

Several people have expressed interest in a Featherweight Bee. Barb Vlack is willing to be a contact person. On our Facebook page, there seems to be quite a few members

interested, so please let me know if we need to form 2 bees.

New Bee forming!! Join us on Wednesday March 2nd from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm for the first Zoom meeting of the Handwork bee. Working on a binding? EPP project? Like to hand sew? Join us as we get together to share our projects, discuss this new bee and make new friends and support fellow quilters!

- Beth Koos, beekeeper

LONGARM FOR SALE

I am thinking about upgrading my longarm. Is anyone interested in my starter set-up? It's a Q'Nique 14+ on an 8' SR-2 frame, both made by the Grace company. It would be a great for someone who wants to freemotion Q size or smaller quilts. Please contact Melanie Murphy (630-267-6214 cell) if you would like more information.



Want to see what I've been doing with it? Check out my website, melaniemakeups.com. I provide quilting services and more.





Narcissus
**MARCH
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Rebirth
 Faithfulness
 Prosperity



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!

Liz FitzGerald 3/02	Deanne Simpson 3/16
Sandy Roos 3/03	Sue Balsiger 3/17
JoAnn VanDril 3/03	Sharon Gaffor 3/17
Marty Jacobsen 3/04	Judy Herman 3/17
Cynthia Grieme 3/05	Priscilla Miller 3/20
Eija Viitanen 3/06	Becky Hall 3/21
Sandra Andrews 3/07	Sue Needham 3/21
Carol Fisher 3/07	Debbie Coffey 3/23
Robin Elsen 3/09	Colette Day 3/24
Regina McNulty 3/15	Christie Hardt 3/31
Lyneta Grap Piela 3/15	

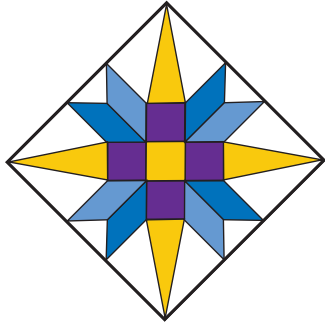


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 and Mary Clemens

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