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National Quilting and Women's History Month!

How exciting, an entire month is dedicated to women and quilting. What will you be doing to celebrate either quilting or women in history? How are you celebrating National Quilting Day? I have seen many quilt alongs, retreats and museums having special exhibits, to name a few. I recently came across an article about Mary Brooks Pickens, a fashion icon of her time. She started the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences in Scranton Pennsylvania. It offered correspondence courses in sewing, cooking and millinery. At its height she had 300,000 students. She supported women entrepreneurs and their desires to start business to support themselves and be independent. Amy Barickman has written a book called "The Vintage Notions" about her. I am definitely going to read Amy Barickman's Blog to learn more about Mary Brooks Pickens. Be sure to support your local quilt shops so that on future National Quilt Days you will have the tools and fabrics we've come to

enjoy.

Our March speaker is Bonnie Langenfeld and it will be interesting to see how she approaches her art with fabric and thread. I love thread painting and am excited to learn more about her and her technique.

March is also the month to sign-up for the May Banquet. The talented Jamie Wallen will be our guest speaker. Be sure to read the banquet article on page 2 for a description of the menu and how to register for the banquet. You can register as part of a group or as one person. If you are registering as a single or small group, you will be put with other members of the guild. I did not have others to sit with at the first banquet I attended and sat with strangers who became friends. Friends I cherish.

Now for even bigger news, WE ARE MEETING IN PERSON!!! The April meeting will be the first time we meet in person in over two years. How wonderful and strange that will seem, all at the same time. This is

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

March 28, 2022 at 7 pm

March 29, 2022 at 9:30 am

April 25, 2022 at 7pm

Business meeting, no AM meeting

MARCH MEETINGS VIRTUAL

The March meetings will be via Zoom.

Email psqgboard@gmail.com with questions.

APRIL MEETING

Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.

St. Charles, IL

Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2022. Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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our Annual Business Meeting with elections and the presentation of the speakers for the coming year. We will be meeting at the Congregational Church 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St. Charles. Masks are optional. There will be no refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own beverage. Please have a lid or top on it.

We WILL have Show N Tell at the April Meeting, however in a different format. We ask that you only bring two items. To keep the parade of quilts moving along, give

a short reason for making it or your name, pattern name and who quilted it. We will try to keep the general meeting short so that we have time to visit with each other.

The other big question is "Can we still have the Zoom option for the meetings?" The short answer is we do not know. We are working with the Church and our technical team to see if it is possible. However, it has been decided that the January and February meetings will be held via Zoom. This will allow us to have speakers from around the world that

our guild would otherwise not have the opportunity to have. Also, our speakers and members do not have to worry about bad weather or road conditions.

Spring brings so many things to look forward to with the rising temperature and lowering Covid-19 cases. Nature coming to life and long walks outside with the sounds of birds singing and children playing comes to mind. I hope you make the time to enjoy the beautiful weather in this wonderful month of March.

-- Barbara Gillespie, President

May Banquet

Our annual banquet is May 23rd at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm and there will be a cash bar.

For those who haven't attended a banquet before, this is a social event with a headline speaker and it's a great opportunity to meet other quilters and make new friends, or reconnect with friends you haven't seen in awhile. Typically we have tables seating 8, and groups can sign up to sit together. We encourage

you to sign up as a single and let us choose your table for you, much like our Zoom breakout rooms. Meeting new quilting friends can be fun, and you know with this group we all have one topic of conversation to break the ice with -- quilting!

In the next week or so you will be able to sign up and pay on the PSQG website. There will also be an opportunity to sign up in person at the April meeting.

See you at the banquet!



Beekeeper Buzz



The Hand Work Bee had our first meet and had a great time!

A lot of chit-chatting and a LOT OF SEWING was accomplished. The bee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm - please email or call Sue Plaster at 630.338.5871 or sgpaussie@gmail.com. The next bee is Wednesday March 23rd at 6:30 pm.
- Beth Koos, beekeeper



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!

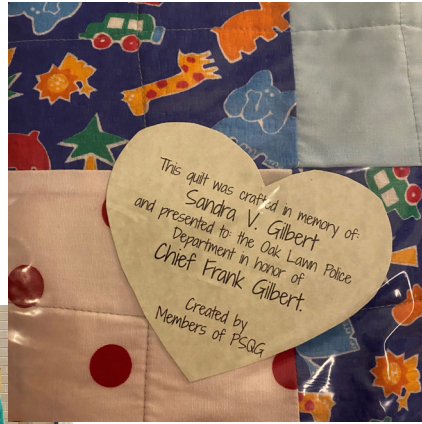
The next chat is March 26 & 27. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!



Community Service Programs

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

The Oak Lawn Police Department was thrilled with our donation of 22 mini-quilts in memory of quilter Sandra V. Gilbert and in honor of her husband Former Chief of Police Frank Gilbert.



We are NOT collecting dog beds at the business meeting. Please refer to the list of shelters and fosters on the website to drop completed projects.

We will be in person collecting completed projects at the April business meeting. Have a kit you picked up pre-Covid that you've been looking at for the past 2 years? We'd love it if you finished it up and returned it, but if you return it as it is we understand and it will get completed.

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! (58" x 68") Help us recognize those who served our country. Contact Rita P. if you have availability to help; this is a great way to support the veterans.

NICU Isolette covers, marble mazes & fidget quilts are always in need. Kits available! Contact Linda P.

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 if you need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Contact Sue Ann R. as Sandi recovers from surgery.

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.



Membership Renewal Time

March is the month to start our reminders about membership renewal. For those who are new to the guild, our guild year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

At this time, the board is planning to have meetings in person at the Congregational Church on Fox Mill Blvd. in St. Charles except

during the winter months of January and February when we will meet via Zoom.

For our members who are distant and have been enjoying the speakers and meetings via Zoom, we are working on a plan to meet your requirements. More news to come soon.

You may [renew your membership online](#). You can also renew in person at the April or May meeting.

Our ByLaws state: "Section 3: Annual dues are due **by June 1st**.

Failure to pay dues will result in the loss of membership."

We will follow our bylaws and encourage each of you to renew by May 31.

If you are not going to attend either of the meetings in April or May, please consider updating your information and paying your dues online.

Also, this is a quilt show year. If you would like to display a quilt in the show, your dues must be paid by May 31.

Upcoming Programs

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

March 2022

Bonnie Langenfeld

landscapesinfabric.com

April 2022

Social and business meeting

May 2022 (Banquet)

Jamie Wallen

quiltersapothecary.com



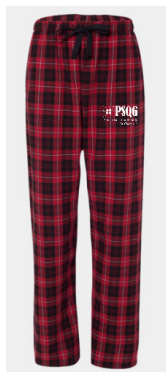
Bonnie Langenfeld

The Art of Realistic Fabric Art Presentation and Trunk Show

The essential art elements and techniques for fabric landscape realism are covered, e.g. using lines of perspective and use of color for depth. Bonnie explains much of what she has developed over several years, particularly the best fabric choices and stitching techniques, as well as how to construct a picture, and much more. Many pictures of her in-progress work and completed pieces are shown. Laced with humor and enthusiasm, audience questions are welcome.



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



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



April is our business meeting and during that meeting we will vote in/confirm our new board members who will start their term in June 2022. There is one open position. If you are interested, please contact Barb G.

Some social time and fun is planned, keeping it as virus-safe as possible. No refreshments will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own drink (with a cover, please). We will have show and tell. There is a limit of 2 items per person, and we ask you to keep your presentation short and sweet.

As you arrive at the meeting, you will notice open trunks in the parking area. The quilt show committee will be collecting all the things you've been holding on to. Scraps of fabric, items for the boutique, and books/patterns/magazines and other quilting things will all have open trunks for you to fill.

Inside, there will be a couple of tables for check-in and membership renewal, the opportunity quilt ticket sales, and receipt of finished community projects. The library will be there for returns only, and community projects is also just for returns.

Slate of 2022-2023 board positions

President: Barb Gillespie

Secretary: Yvonne Richter

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AM VP: Susan Egner

PM VP: Sandy White

Programs VP: Diane Moore

Contracts: Diane Moore

Activities: Sue Plaster

BeeKeeper: Beth Koos

Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner

Education: Chris Schwarz

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

Membership: Aileen Vogel

Media: Chris Macenski

Newsletter: Melanie Murphy

Nominations: Open

Quilt Show 2024 is open, but this is not a board position.

Quilt Show 2022 News



8 months and counting down!

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!

Clean out your sewing room! We will have open trunks at the April meeting so you can bring all those items you've been holding on to. Scrap fabric, boutique items, quilty things are all welcome. We will also have the opportunity quilt on display and we will be selling tickets. We ask each member to purchase \$20 in tickets, then you can sell them to family and friends or take the chance for yourself. Cash will be accepted at the meeting and the banquet, too.

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.

Challenge Quilt

Don't forget to register for the Challenge quilt: [Little Quilt on the Prairie!](#)

Put on your quilty-thinking caps and create a quilt to represent our beautiful prairie, incorporating the mystery fabric you will receive upon registration.

Challenge quilts are not included in your allowed number of quilt entries, and they will be judged via viewers' choice.

We plan to post a key to the mystery fabrics, so visitors can explore the display and discover how and where each was used.

See the website for full details and to register.

Boutique

We are still collecting small handmade items to sell at the boutique. We like to have a large variety of small items we can sell for \$20 or less.

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: Thread, beads, buttons, rulers, notions, stencils, quilt-related puzzles, machine embroidery items, longarm pantographs, and hand quilting stencils, just to name a few.

Longarm Quilting

Do you have a longarm quilting business and are you a member of the guild? It's a quilt show year, and many of our members will have need of your services. We would like to provide a list of longarmers under the quilt show section of the website.

If you would like your business included, please send an email to psqgquiltshow@gmail.com with your business name, your name, website, contact information, town, your deadlines for quilts for the show, and what services you provide. Thanks so much!

Thank you all, keep warm and sew on!

-Melanie, Krista & Mary and the committee



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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!

Kay Nolan 4/02	Linda Harlson 4/16
Joan Rasmussen 4/02	Ann Garvey 4/21
Aileen Vogel 4/07	Fran Pingel 4/23
Emilie Pollman 4/08	Jayne Hested 4/26
Karen Luebbers 4/10	Linda Rozema 4/26
Donna Fowler 4/11	Elvira Illig 4/27
Tina Fugate 4/12	Melanie Murphy 4/27
Sandra Bilz 4/13	Janet Karnstedt 4/28
Sue Pawlowski 4/13	Lynn Murphy 4/29
Betsy Stoughton 4/13	Sharon Thomsen 4/29
Becky Preston 4/13	Sharon Simms 4/30
Susan Price 4/15	Karen Bidanset 4/30

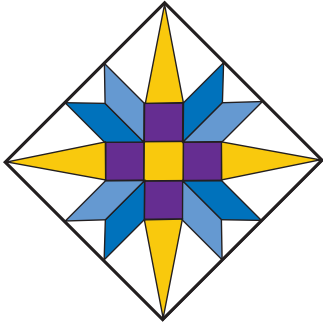


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 Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
 Library: Liz Fitzgerald
 Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner
 Contracts 2022- 2023: Diane Moore
 Nominations: OPEN
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:
 Krista Katzen, Melanie Murphy,
 and Mary Clemens

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