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Spring is here! Time for a refresh

Spring is finally here! We've had a few nice days to give us hope, and then we're brought back to the winter reality of cold. Good thing we know where to get a warm quilt or two! I'm always sitting under a quilt, regardless of the season. So comforting.

We have some exciting changes coming up soon. First of all, we are finally going to meet in person again! Our first in-person meeting is on April 25, our Monday night annual business meeting. I really encourage you to join us, for many reasons. One: You can finally see each other in person and visit and catch up with each other. It's been 2 years! Lots has probably happened in each of our lives, even though it seems like we've been stuck in a rut. Be sure to wear your nametags, so we can match up the name to the face. (That is one good thing about Zoom!) Two: You have an opportunity to clean out your sewing studios and donate all your extra fabric and quilting things for our Quilt Show. There will be several cars parked out front with their trunks open for you to drop off donations. Won't it feel good to clean house? Three: We will get

to hear about next year's speakers! Four: And, last but not least, we will enjoy a Quilt Parade for Show and Tell. Think about that! A live Show and Tell! Please bring your beauties to share with the rest of us (no more than 2 please). This will be a private preview of what's in store for our Quilt Show in October.

We will also have our Library open for business. If you've been holding any of our books for the last 2 years, please bring them back that night. And, you will also be able to check out books!

Sign ups for next year's programs will also be available, as well as Raffle tickets for our Opportunity Quilt.

We've also got our Annual Banquet coming up in May on Monday, May 23rd at the Saint Andrews Golf Club at Rt. 59 and 64 in West Chicago. Please be sure to sign up for that – the last day to sign up is our April meeting. You can do that on our website under Activities. Well-known longarm quilter Jamie Wallen will be our guest speaker.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you to renew your membership to Prairie Star Quilt Guild. Our new membership year starts June 1, and

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

April 25, 2022 at 7pm
NO AM MEETING

Banquet May 23 starting 5:30pm
St. Andrews Golf Club, W. Chicago
NO AM MEETING

APRIL MEETING
Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, May 5, 2022. Send info to
Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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you can either renew online or in person at our April meeting.

Speaking for your Board, we really appreciate your continued support throughout the last two years. We are looking forward to

getting back to "normal" and seeing you all in person once again.

- Ann Johnson, Morning VP



May Banquet

Join in the fun! PSQG is having our Annual May Banquet on Monday, May 23rd. The doors at St. Andrews Golf Club in West Chicago open at 5:30 pm and dinner is served promptly at 6 pm. The last day to register for this event is Monday, April 25th.

Please see our website (PSQG.org) for on-line registration (quick and easy!) You also will be able to register in person at the Annual

Business Meeting on Monday, April 25th at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 40W45I Fox Mill Blvd, St. Charles. You may pay with a check at that time. Also, attached to this newsletter is a form you can mail in. We prefer on-line registration, so please only mail the form if that's your only option. You may print the form and bring it with your check to the April meeting.



Membership Renewal Time

For those who are new to the guild, our guild year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is \$35.

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, you must be a member in good standing.

Read the News from the Library

It's time, it's time! April will be a meeting all about cleaning and renewal.

Now's the time to return those library books that have been hanging around in your sewing space for so long! You may bring these library books to the April Business Meeting,

the Banquet in May, or the June evening and daytime meetings. As an added incentive, the library will have books to check out at the April Business Meeting, a meeting which doesn't typically have library check-out. Come see our new books, and please, return our books!

Virtual Retreats Continue

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 April 23 & 24. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!



Quilt Show 2022 News



7 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 start selling those opportunity quilt tickets!

We will have open trunks at the April meeting to help you with your Spring clean out. Scrap fabric, boutique items, and 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. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Open positions:

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

Our next **committee meeting** is coming up on May 11 at 7pm via Zoom. Watch your email for the link.

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 sign up for the Little Quilt on the Prairie Quilt Challenge. Your quilt must represent the prairie and use a piece of mystery fabric that will be supplied with registration. Details and the registration form are on the website, or you can sign up in person at the April meeting or May Banquet.

Boutique

Are you excited about our first in person meeting in over two years? We are, your Boutique Committee, as we can personally collect more items for our little shop for the quilt show in the fall. *The Quilting Hub* for March had an article about items that were the best sellers this year at Quilt Shows. The following is a list of items that were big hits with shoppers: pin cushions, vinyl window project bags 14"x16", tote bags, purses, tool mugs, hats, tooth fairy bags, small art quilts, children's busy bags with pencils, and hats. The article stated that rooster-themed items sold well. So what's wrong with chickens? Shouldn't they be popular too?

Find the article here: [What to Sell at Your Quilt Show](#). There are many interesting articles on this site you might also enjoy.

We would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to the Boutique already and for helping to make our show a success. We have received some beautifully crafted items and look forward to collecting more.

See you all very soon.

Diana Sharp & Louette Butwell

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.

Patterns: Any patterns of all shapes and sizes! These sell very well. Do you have some duplicates? This is a great time to let someone else enjoy them. We cannot resell a pattern that you have photocopied from a friend.

Magazines: We have found that magazines do not sell well these days. 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.

Calling all Longarmers!

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, sew on, and sew forth!

-Melanie, Krista, Mary, and the committee

Upcoming Programs

At the April meeting we will announce the speakers for the new guild year.

April 2022

Social and business meeting

May 2022 (Banquet)

Jamie Wallen in person!

quiltersapothecary.com

June 2022 and beyond

There will be an announcement presentation at the April meeting. Most meetings will be in person, with January and February virtual.



April is our business meeting and 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, opportunity quilt ticket sales, the library, and receipt of finished community projects.

Slate of 2022-2023 board positions

President: Barb Gillespie

Secretary: Yvonne Richter

Treasurer: Diane Hubberts

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

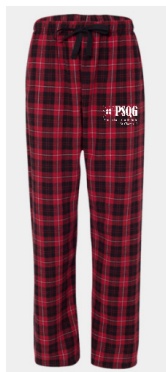
Membership: Aileen Vogel

Media: Chris Macenski

Newsletter: Melanie Murphy

Nominations: Open

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



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



Jamie Wallen

Banquet Guest Speaker Jamie Wallen

After a longarm purchase in the late nineties, Jamie began to develop his own unique style of quilting. He teaches his signature workshops and classes, Mystical Quilting series and Threadfusion.

Jamie enjoys sharing his knowledge of quilting, and his YouTube channel has become a hit. He continues to teach nationally and internationally.

Home base for Jaime is [Quilters Apothecary](#) in Michigan City Indiana, where he is pursuing his art, filming instructional videos, hand dyeing, quilting and teaching workshops. In 2013 Jamie was the recipient of the 2012 Machine Quilting Teacher of the Year.



Take the workshop with Jamie

How Do I Quilt This?

Tuesday May, 24th 9am – 5pm

*Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St. Charles, IL*

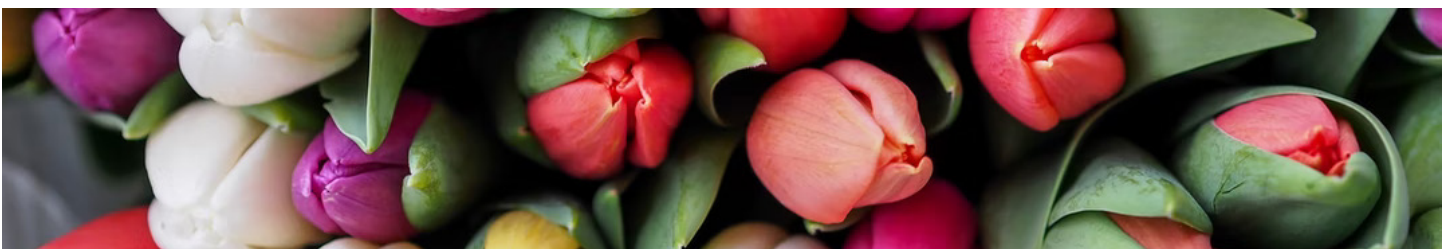
\$50 Members / \$55 Non-Members*

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

[Follow this link to sign up.](#)

This class will be a combination of sharing how he would quilt your quilt and learning to draw and make designs for quilting. Bring your quilt and Jamie will take a picture at the beginning of class and use technology to show how he would quilt it for each workshop participant. Send your quilt picture before class to [Diane M.](#)

Also, bring several sharp pencils, eraser(s), and a drawing pad with many pages. He will teach you to draw and begin to build muscle memory for movement patterns to make a variety of quilt designs. Whether you're quilting on a domestic machine, a mid-arm, or a long arm, you will have a great experience in this workshop.



Community Service Programs

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-is we understand and it will get completed.

At this time, we will **not be collecting dog beds** at meetings. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you. Click here for information: [Shelter list](#)

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 need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Contact Sue Ann R. while 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.

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



2-Day Judging Seminar

September 12-13, 2022
Davenport, Iowa

Beverly Fine NACQJ CJ
Pat Harrison NACQJ CJ



Come join us and be immersed in a multi-faceted, multimedia learning experience to understand the judging process from the perspective of the quilt judge. Whether your interest lies in becoming a judge, learning how to best prepare for the judging of your own quilts, or to prepare for the judging for your own guild show, this is the place to learn quality quilt judging practices.

Students will actively evaluate design and workmanship and acquire terminology through hands-on practice. The Seminar covers all aspects of quilt judging, judging systems, categories, ethics, and awards. Students will work in an efficient judging floor set-up and experience the complete job of judging. NACQJ Certified Judge instructors Pat Harrison and Beverly Fine will work together and separately to maximize effective practice.
(Although this seminar is highly recommended by the NACQJ for aspiring Candidates to the judging program, it is not required.)

Dates: September 12-13, 2022 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Location: Hampton Inn, 5290 Utica Ridge Rd., Davenport, Iowa
Fees: \$200 seminar fee + \$25 supplies and classroom fee
Maximum: 24 students

Contact us to sign up:
Beverly Fine quilterbev@gmail.com Pat Harrison pharrisoncj@verizon.net



Lily of the Valley

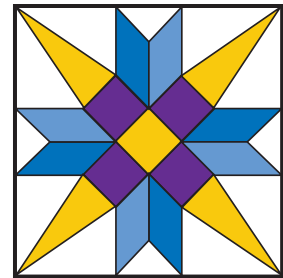
MAY BIRTH FLOWER

Humility
Purity
Sweetness



We will have a LIVE show and tell in April! Bring no more than 2 items to share. Since it's been 2 years since we've seen things in person, we expect to have a lot to show! This will be a great taste of what we can expect at the quilt show in October.

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| Melinda VanDril-Beer | 05/01 | Cynthia Green..... | 05/13 |
| Nanci McAfee..... | 05/01 | Sr. Trish Villarreal | 05/15 |
| Rita Gilbert | 05/02 | Barbara Gillespie | 05/16 |
| Edith Gourd (Trudgeon) .. | 05/03 | Mary Kline | 05/16 |
| Joanne Frediani | 05/07 | Chris Dostal..... | 05/19 |
| Connie Gaston | 05/10 | Laura Hays | 05/21 |
| Debbie Long | 05/10 | Barbara Burdette..... | 05/22 |
| Lynn Fick..... | 05/11 | Krista Katzen | 05/22 |
| Loraine Miranda | 05/11 | Sharon Smith..... | 05/26 |
| Kim Sceggel..... | 05/11 | Susan Wing..... | 05/27 |
| Cathy Lorenz | 05/12 | Bobbie Corpolongo | 05/27 |
| Catherine Urnezis | 05/13 | Dorothy Andrews | 05/30 |

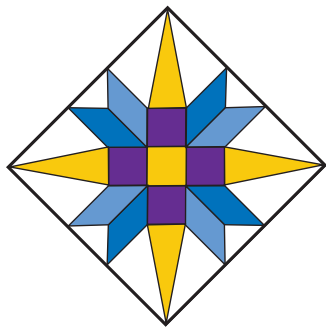


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 Contracts 2022- 2023: Diane Moore
 Nominations: OPEN
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:
 Krista Katzen, Melanie Murphy,
 and Mary Clemens

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