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## A Time to Gather Together

Well, we did it! We finally had our first official meeting in person after two years of covid. For those who were able to join us at our Annual Business Meeting, you had the opportunity to mingle with your fellow quilter's who you may not have seen in person in a long time! I felt happy. Happy to see people, happy to be back in person, and happy to chat with folks I haven't seen in a very long time. We had the opportunity to vote on and welcome new board members and thank outgoing board members for their service. We had some technical difficulties (who knew the church was going to change their wi-fi password?), so we had difficulty sharing the presentation of upcoming speakers and taking credit card payments. But with each difficulty we encounter, we learn from it so we can do better next time!

Our banquet will be here before you know it, and oh how we are looking forward to it. You still have a few days to sign up for our banquet on May 23, 2022, and we urge you to join us if you can. The tickets are \$43 per person and includes dinner and an amazing presentation from the world-famous Jamie Wallen!

There are also a few more days to sign up for his fabulous class called "How do I Quilt That?".

While Jamie is a world class longarmer and teacher, I want to point out that this class is not just for longarmers. I do not own a longarm and I machine quilt everything. I often struggle with the question of "How do I Quilt That?". With almost every quilt, especially my art quilts, I sit and stare at it and draw a blank as to how am I going to make this quilting complement the quilt. I sweat over it, often for months. I often feel clueless on where to begin. If you have ever felt any of the thoughts I routinely feel, then this is the class for you!

Jamie is going to help you sort this all out and come up with a design to make your quilt shine! Machine quilters are encouraged to attend. Before class, send Diane Moore a photo of the quilt you want to plan out, and Jamie will help provide some design ideas for you.

Jamie's work has been featured at the National Quilt Museum and he was awarded the 2012 Machine Quilting Teacher of the Year!

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**Banquet May 23 starting 5:30pm**  
**St. Andrews Golf Club, W. Chicago**  
**NO AM MEETING**  
**June 27, 2022 at 7 pm**  
**June 28, 2022 at 9:30 am**

### NOTE THE SPECIAL LOCATION FOR JUNE:

*Hickory Knolls Discovery Center  
795 Campton Hills Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175*

### Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, June 9, 2022. Send info to  
Melanie Murphy at  
[melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

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You don't want to miss this chance to take a class from this spectacular quilter. His classes at quilt shows routinely sell out. [Sign up on the PSQG website.](#) The cost is \$50 for a full day class on May 24th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Our speaker for June is Lynn Koolish. She is a fiber artist, teacher and author. This class will be focused on the Japanese art of Sashiko.

This is a beautiful style of hand stitching, and it is beautiful! Our meetings will be at **Hickory Knolls Discovery Center in St. Charles.** Unfortunately, our regular church is not available due to elections. The location for the workshop is still to be determined.

Lastly, we still have 3 board positions we still need to fill. We need your help! Sign up to share a position with your "bestie" and split the job.

You won't regret it. I'm starting my fourth year as a board member, and I have stayed because I really enjoy the work. Please consider volunteering. This guild can't function without its volunteers. We need your help! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet on May 23, 2022!

- Sandi White  
Vice President, Evening Meetings



## 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.

The May banquet will be the next best chance to pay in person. If you aren't attending the banquet, 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.

## Community Service Programs

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community! We will be accepting items at the May Banquet and we hope to see you there.

NICU Isolette covers, marble mazes & Fidget Quilts are always in need. Kits available! Contact Linda S.

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.

Quilts of Valor® is thankful for those of you who have kept us going!

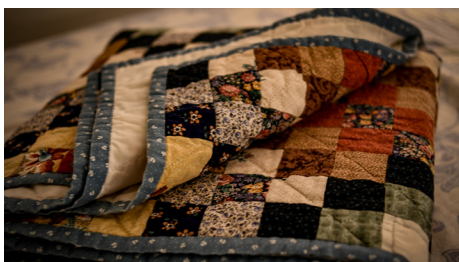
Thank you to the piecers, quilters and binders who keep on sewing to help us recognize those who served our country. Contact Rita P. if you have availability to help this is a great way to support the veterans.

Thank all the amazing supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. We made another amazing delivery to CDH Hospital this month. Let us know if you need a project to work on, supplies or need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Contact Sue Ann R or Sandi W.

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.



## 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 May 28 & 29. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

# Quilt Show 2022 News



## 6 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 collected many wonderful things at the April meeting; thank you to everyone who was able to be there helping and dropping off.

At the banquet, you will have a chance to see the opportunity quilt and purchase tickets for your chance to win it. We ask each member to purchase \$20 in tickets, then you can sell them to family and friends or take the chances for yourself. 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. Mary sent an email with the link, so please let us know if you need a repeat.

You can reach us at our personal emails, found in the directory, or at [psqqquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqqquiltshow@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 May Banquet.

## Boutique

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 S. & Louette B.

## Quilty Things

You can make arrangements to drop off those books, patterns, magazines, 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 are collecting 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 [psqqquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqqquiltshow@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



## Beekeeper Buzz

A new bee is forming that will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 via zoom. When the weather is good they may meet outside in the afternoon on a weekend. The contact person is Sue Plaster.



## Upcoming Programs

All programs subject to change.  
More info on our website.

### May 2022 (Banquet)

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

### June

Lynn Koolish

### July

Diane Murtha

### August

Barbara Eckmeier

### September

Kathy Steere

### November

Carol Wilhoit

### January 2023, virtual

Meg Cox

### February 2023 , virtual

Lisa Ruble

### March 2023

Lori Dickman

### May 2023

Melody Crust

## 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](http://psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com)



## 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.

### 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

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

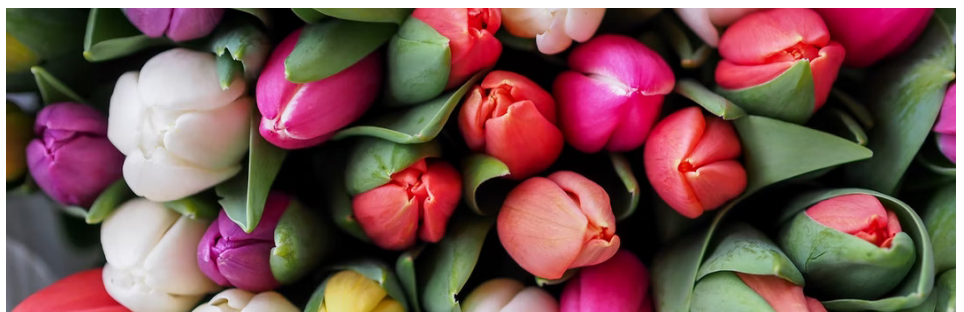
This class will be a combination of sharing how he would quilt your quilt and learning to draw and make designs for quilting. Provide

# Jamie Wallen



a picture ahead of class and Jamie will 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.





Lynn  
Koolish

Lynn Koolish is a fiber artist, teacher, and author. She is most known for her bright colors and hand-dyed fabric. She also creates mixed-media fiber art. She teaches locally in the San Francisco Bay Area and nationally at venues including the International Quilt Festival in Houston and Quilters Affair in Sisters, Oregon.

She has written/co-written 5 books including *Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Dyeing*, *The Wonderful Colorful Wonder Wheel of Color* (with Kerry Graham and Mary Wruck), *Innovative Fabric Imagery for Quilts* (with Cyndy Rymer), and *More Photo Fun* (with the Hewlett-Packard Company and Cyndy Rymer). She also has a DVD "Lynn Koolish Teaches You Printing on Fabric". All are available from C&T Publishing.

Lynn will present two lectures\* and a workshop :

**Monday lecture:** Confessions of an Electric Quilter

In this fiber art lecture, Lynn presents her personal journey in art quilting with a discussion of inspiration, process, and quilts. Join her as she explores various media, techniques, and processes.

**Tuesday lecture:** Make Design Principles Work for You

Whether you work using a thoroughly planned-out design, intuition, improvisation or anything

in between, using basic design principles is essential for creating compelling work no matter what your style—Art, Modern, or Traditional. See how four renowned quilt artists, who work in very different styles, put design principles to work in their quilts.

### Inspired Stitches Workshop with Lynn Koolish

*Location to be determined*

Monday, June 27

1pm – 4pm

Members: \$50

Non-Members: \$55

Many cultures have a history and tradition of making quilts using scraps and old clothing. Boro, Sashiko, Kawandi, and Kantha quilts come from different cultures but share the common use of scrappy fabrics layered and held together with stitches to make a quilt that is both functional and beautiful. In this class, you will start a small quilt that you can hang on the wall, frame, use on a table, or make into a pillow or tote bag. This is a great way to use up assorted scraps.

\* Lectures to be held at:

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center  
795 Campton Hills Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175

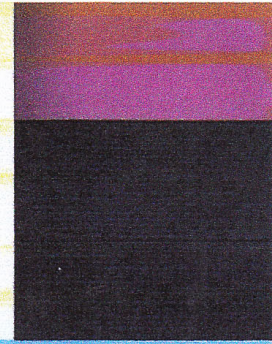
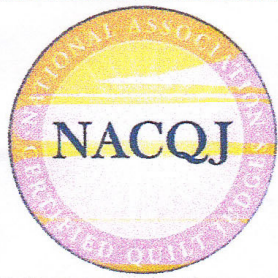


This is an easy, relaxed class. We'll talk about the various traditions of these types of quilts and you can relax knowing that the hand stitching in this class is big, fun, and easy — you can be as precise (or not) as you choose.

[Sign up for Inspired Stitches here!](#)







## 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](mailto:quilterbev@gmail.com) Pat Harrison [pharrisoncj@verizon.net](mailto:pharrisoncj@verizon.net)





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LeeAnn Dhooghe ..... 06.07	Anne Wray..... 06.21	Margaret Bartek ..... 06.27
Nancy Krasinski..... 06.08	Susan Strasser ..... 06.23	Ginny Wright ..... 06.28
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Elizabeth Coleman..... 06.12	Beth Thomas..... 06.26	



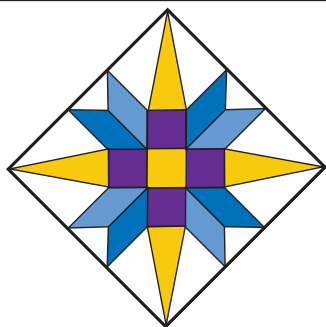
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 Nominations: OPEN  
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs\*:  
 Mary Clemens, Krista Katzen,  
 and Melanie Murphy

\*Quilt show is not a board position, but listed here for convenience.

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