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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

If this is true, then sewing blocks in April will bring completed quilts in May!

Our March in-person meeting was a huge success. Chris Schulte was a great speaker who had a life story about each quilt she showed. Thanks to all who took the workshop and attended the meetings. The highlight of the meeting was our Passport event where we learned about available positions for the 2025-2026 year. All Board members will be announced in the Newsletter by President Cindy Krelle. Members new and old stepped up to (mostly) fill the slate of officers.

April is our annual business meeting. We will only meet for the PM meeting. Come to learn all the great things the guild has planned for the next year. I am sure there will be something for everyone. This is our off-year for the quilt show, which is held in even number years. Fear not, there are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer from making community projects, to

helping at meetings and workshops. Remember to make your pin cushion for the exchange at the meeting. A way to show your creativity to others.

Tuesday May 20th is our annual banquet at St Andrews Golf Club. Make your reservation today.

Check out the June workshops. Our July, August, and September speakers and workshops will be unveiled at the business meeting. An even better way to be involved is to sign up for a workshop and learn something new, or to make something that you have always wanted to do.

The guild is busy with monthly virtual retreats, and triannual in-person retreats at the Hampton Inn in Aurora. Sign ups are available for the August and October in-person retreats. Reserve your spot now to join in the sewing fun. Come as a group or by yourself to make new friends.

I look forward to the April guild meeting by being your evening Vice President and
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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

April 28, 2025 at 7 pm
NO MORNING MEETING

May 20, 2025 at 6 pm
BANQUET

All meetings at Congregational
United Church of Christ
unless otherwise noted.

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

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, May 8, 2025.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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working with the board. I have made great friends doing this job. I never thought I wanted to speak before a group and here am enjoying my position for another year. You can also do a board job. You can volunteer to help and learn so much about the guild. Volunteering is in my blood; my mom volunteered in my growing-up years. I am a volunteer at heart. When my girls were younger I was

a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and along came the Cub Scouts. I always said 20 Brownies were easier than 7 Cub Scouts. Hard to watch while one is cutting up the table cloth and the other is eating the cupcake paper, and the rest are wanting a wrestling match. PTA was in my life at that point too. The first groups I joined for myself were Carol Stream Woman's club and Carol Stream

Historical Society. And last but not least, the Prairie Star Quilt Guild. My daughters, son and even my grandchildren have followed in my footsteps in the volunteering. You can do it too.

Barb Tuman
Evening VP

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our community and the guild's programs!

Check out [tutorials on the website](#) to see the guild's programs and the program leaders.

Stop by the QOV sew-ins held monthly on the first Tuesday at the Moose Lodge in St. Charles, and the 3rd Tuesday at the VFW in Montgomery. Contact Rita P. for more information.

Fidget quilts and marble mazes are needed for several local care centers. Kits are available at the meetings or you can check out the PSQG Community Projects [webpage](#) for videos and size requirements to make them from your own stash. NICU isolette blanket kits are also available. If you need a kit or have questions, please contact Linda S.

Residential Hospice in Lisle asks for quilts and comforters for their patients. Pin a note to the item if it's been washed (unscented detergent, no

softener is preferred). They will also accept fidget quilts and marble mazes. Contact Sheila C.

The Quilts for Kids program is looking for sports fabrics from anywhere in the US given that the kids at Shriner's Hospitals come from all over the country. College sport fabrics are okay too. If you have anything to donate, contact Sandi W. She can either get it from you at a meeting or pick it up. Thank you all for a wonderful turn-in from the March meetings!

Port pillows are attached to the underside of a crossbody seatbelt and positioned over the patient's infusion port. The pillows are given to Phil's Friends, a local organization that supports those affected by cancer. Kits are available, although you can use fabric, stuffing, and hook & loop from your own stash. Contact Pam S. and Ann G.

Got scraps to fill a pet bed? We have pet bed kits for you! We are not collecting dog beds. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a [shelter or foster near you](#).

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.

Lastly, Sheila C. will continue to gather items for Residential Hospice but will be stepping down as Community Projects Liaison to run as Programs VP.

Please consider running for the Community Projects position – it is truly a rewarding position!

APRIL MEETING FUN

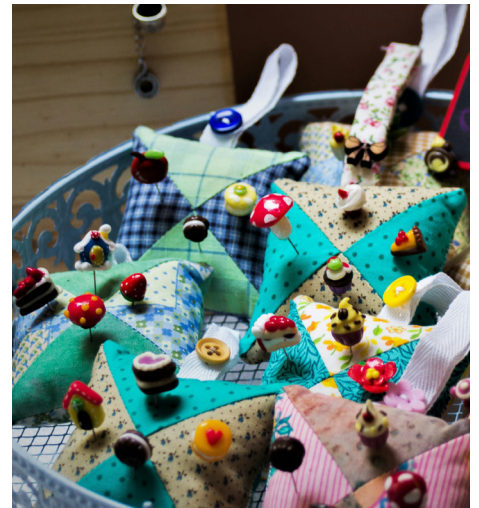
At April's meeting, we will have a fun pin cushion exchange. To participate, check-in at the front of the meeting with your pin cushion. A numbered tag will be attached to each pincushion, H#s for handmade and P#s for purchased.

All members will be given a voting slip, and the pincushions will be sorted into sections for handmade or purchased. Members will

vote for the most creative handmade and the most unique purchased pincushion.

After the votes are counted and prizes given (winners must be present), the pincushions will be put into brown paper bags where participants may make an anonymous choice from the table corresponding to the type of pin cushion they brought, handmade or purchased.

- Nanci M.



VINTAGE QUILT RAFFLES

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE
PSQG APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CLETA'S STAY & SEW
SELECTED BY THE PSQG COMFORT QUILTERS COMMITTEE

You don't need to be present to win.

2026 QUILT SHOW

The dates are October 16th & 17th, 2026 (Friday & Saturday) at the DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds. Save the date and start planning how you'll help.

At the April 2025 meeting, we will have an antique quilt raffle. Proceeds from the event will benefit Cleta's stay & sew. To learn more about this great charity, there's a wonderful video you can watch.

Follow this link to learn more about [Cleta's Stay & Sew](#):

Contact Sue Ann R with questions.

EXCITING NEWS IS CONFIRMED!

Our challenge quilts from the 2024 Quilt Show have been accepted in the Madison Quilt Show in September!

I have reached out to all participants and have gotten permission from those who wish to have their quilts displayed. I will be collecting them at the July and August Guild Meetings.

If you have never been to this show, it is well worth the road trip. Not that far and a great show.

-- Christie H.

MANY HANDS DO MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!

Thank you to the following members who came out on Saturday 5th to assist in getting the pipes sorted and the other things in the storage locker sorted out.

Brenda B.
Chris S.
Deede K.
Kathleen H.
Kathy S,
Pam S.
Ruthann H.
Sheila C.



UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

The Virtual Zoom Retreats continue on the 4th weekend of every month, Saturday and Sunday.

The next chat is April 26 & 27. [Sign up](#) to receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

We have in-person retreats coming up in August and October. Visit our website to learn more and sign up.



MAY BANQUET



Our annual banquet is **Tuesday, May 20th** at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm and there will be a cash bar. **Please note the change of weekday!** Our historical Monday date was pre-booked.

For those who haven't attended a banquet before, this is a social event with a keynote 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. If you would like to sit as a group, select a contact person for your table and make sure your group chooses the same person. You can also sign up as a single and let us choose your table for you. 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!

Sign ups, payment, menu selection, and seating selection are [on the PSQG website](http://www.psqg.org). There will also be an opportunity to sign up in person at the April meeting.

Entrees will be the same as previous years. There is a place to mark gluten free on the sign-up form.

Menu selections:

- Garlic Pesto Gnocchi with vegetables (vegetarian/ gluten free) – \$41.00
- Champagne Chicken – \$42.00
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with maple bourbon glaze – \$44.00

The entrees also include Italian Minestrone soup, St. Andrews garden salad, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, chocolate cake, water, tea, and coffee.

Banquet speaker and fashion show

Our speaker is guild member Sara Hochhauser. Sara has over thirty years experience teaching sewing and quilting. She will showcase a trunk show with her lovely quilted and embellished garments.

In addition to Sara's trunk show, we will have a show and tell fashion show. It will be a fun event to share your talent and stories. Any wearable art is welcome for the fashion show.

Similar to our artist statements at the quilt show, we would like to prepare ahead for the fashion show. Please use the link to tell us about your wearable item and a brief story about it.

[Fashion show submission](http://www.psqg.org)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All programs subject to change. Additional details on our website.

April 2025

Business meeting and fun!

May 2025

Banquet: Sara Hochhauser

June 2025

Sue Pawlowski,
Jack Squares Studio



Frère Jacques or Jack's Chain

Monday, June 23rd, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Members: \$65

Good for the Gander

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

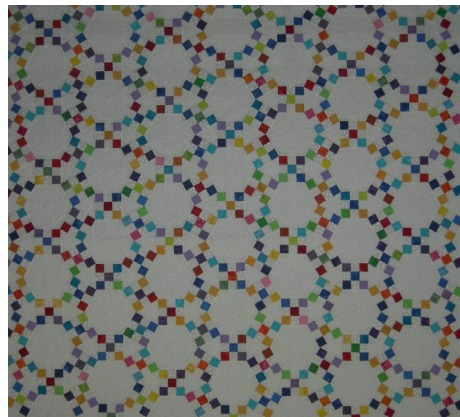
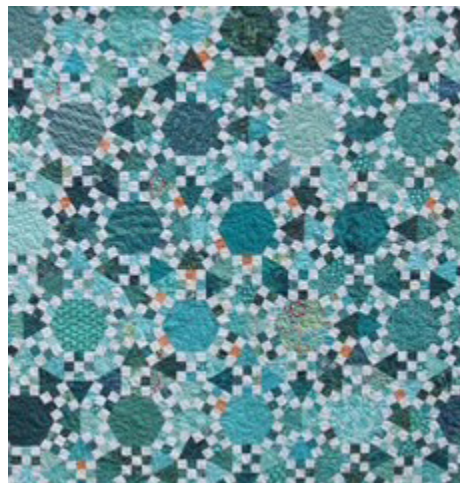
Members: \$40

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



[Sign up for a workshop](#)

SLATE OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the April meeting, we will introduce the people who have agreed to take on these positions for the next Fiscal year. The membership will be asked to officially vote them in.

President: Cindy Krelle

Secretary: Sue Omi

Treasurer: Lori McMahon

AM VP: Susan Egner

PM VP: Barb Tuman

Programs VP: Sheila Cisko

Contracts: Barb Gillespie

Activities: Nanci McAtee

Beekeeper: Beth Koos

Community Projects: OPEN

Education: Chris Schwarz

Library: Liz FitzGerald

Membership: Aileen Vogel

Media: Christine Conway

Newsletter: Diane Collins

Nominations: Melissa O'Brien

Tech: Christine Wyllie



Spring Craft Fair

QUILT CONNECTION

APRIL 26, 2025 - 10 TO 3

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QuiltConnection.org (501c3)

Upcoming workshop at Pride of the Prairie

My name is Lynn Scheimann, and I'm part of the Programs team for the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild. I'd love for you to share this exciting opportunity with your guild!

On Thursday, May 15, we are thrilled to welcome Linda Lambert as our guest speaker. Then, on Saturday, May 17, she will be leading a hands-on workshop.

Linda Lambert is a certified Laura Heine Collage Quilting instructor, teaching at quilt shops and guilds throughout Illinois and Indiana. She is passionate about collage quilting and eager to share her expertise with us. During her presentation, you'll gain insight into Laura Heine's unique collage quilting process, exploring fabric value, hues, and motifs to create layered, artistic quilt designs.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Lynn Scheimann at Lscheimann@comcast.net. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring quilting experience!

Workshop Details



Date: Saturday, May 17



Cost: \$65 per person for non-guild members (Kit and pattern sold separately)

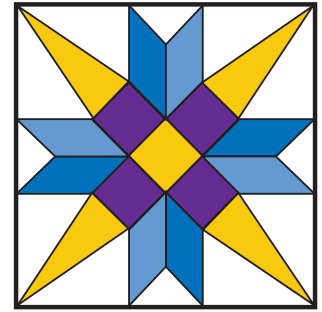


Location: Zion Lutheran Church
11007 Book Rd, Naperville, IL 60564



Delphinium
**JULY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Positivity
Dignity
An open heart



**2024-2025
BOARD
MEMBERS**

President:

Cindy Krelle

Evening VP:

Barb Tuman

Daytime VP:

Susan Egner

Programs VP: Zohra Arastu

Secretary:

Ruthann Heidgerken

Treasurer:

Lori McMahon

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Community Projects:

Sheila Cisco

Nominations:

Sue Plaster

Contracts: OPEN



Gladiolus
**AUGUST
BIRTH FLOWER**

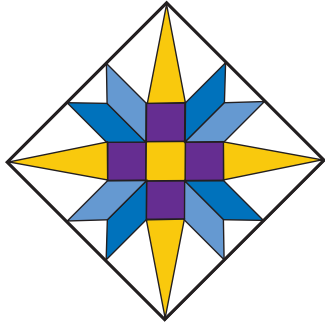
Strength
Generosity
Integrity

*Happy Birthday to all our members who have
their special day in July and August.
For privacy, I will no longer list the names here.*

NEW BOARD POSITIONS

Our slate is full except for Community
Projects. Special thanks to all who
stepped up to serve on our board
for the next term!

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