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CLOSING OUT THE YEAR

As we close this year of the guild, it is always nice to think back on what we have achieved as an organization. Our April meeting covered the past year's highs including the phenomenal Guild Show, the charitable donations, and the many amazing speakers we have had over the course of 12 months. We passed a healthy budget and included new ideas for the coming year. We announced many of the programs which will kick off in June, starting with one of our own, Sue Pawlowski. Her workshops are filling up, by the way, so don't delay in signing up if you are thinking of joining in for the knowledge and the fun.

As an individual, we are also able to look back on what we accomplished this past year and where we are headed. Did you take a workshop or two? Did you learn a new skill? Did you join a bee? I always enjoy spending more time with my guild members in a workshop, as well as with our nationally known speaker. When you take a workshop, it can be so

much fun to meet new friends and be with old ones, but also to ask questions of the knowledgeable instructors. Spending a few hours with them in a small group setting allows you to get to know them on a different level. I love hearing about the "quilting scene" across the country. We are fortunate to be able to attract well known and very talented teachers who teach classes at the national quilt events. Did you know that those same workshops cost more at the national level than ours and also sell out quickly? If you didn't take a workshop offered by the guild this past year, I urge you to see if there is one that suits you this new year that you can try. You will be surrounded by quilters of all skill levels who are happy to explain a step that you don't understand. If you are a beginner, consider trying a workshop that is appealing to you. Yes, we have many really talented people in our guild, but they are learning new skills too. By taking a workshop, your

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Tuesday May 20, 2025
at 5:30 pm, Banquet at St.
Andrews in West Chicago

June 23, 2025 at 7 pm
June 24, 2025 at 9:30 am

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, June 5, 2025.
Send info to Diane Collins at
diane6304@me.com.

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skills will increase. Improving your skills will further the enjoyment of our hobby of quilt making. A win-win!

That reminds me that this is a good moment to think about our future quilt show. It is not too early to think about what you will put in for an entry. If you choose a workshop this year, consider finishing that project as your entry for the show. Maybe you have an

unfinished project that has been set aside but that you might like to get back to work on. Using this quilt as your entry in 2026 might be just the push you need to complete your work. Yes, the show is next year!

What other goals do you make for yourself? I'll be thinking of straightening up my sewing space. I want to go through my fabric and

remove the ones that I pass by quickly and never want to use. I will go through my books and magazines to determine whether I still find value in them or are they outdated? We are in the fifth month of the year. Why not reevaluate what are your own goals for quilting? And then go after them! – Susan E., AM VP

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Starting in June, Sheila C. will hand over the Community Projects Chairperson baton to Chelsea St. Germain. Please introduce yourself and welcome her in her new role!

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 has plenty of kits! If you have items to donate, contact Sandi W. She can either get it from you at a meeting or pick it up.

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to think about membership renewal. For those who are new to the guild, our guild fiscal year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

[Online renewal](#) is open, or you can renew in person at the May banquet.

Please consider updating your information and paying your dues online; updating is easier for us that way.



BEEKEEPER BUZZ

These last few months of colder weather have been a time of imagining, dreaming of more and better ways to promote gathering, friendship and creativity. Several people have suggested ideas for new bees.

Suggestions include:

1. A “Bookclub” centered on the idea of reading and sharing fictional stories that are written about characters who have busy lives (mystery, romance, entering a new stage

of life), but also find time to engage in their favorite fiber arts activities with friends and family members.

2. An “Exchange Bee” based on various ways to engage in block exchanges. The ideas for this are almost endless and are certainly a way to spark your creative juices as well as challenge your knowledge of quilt-making.

3. A “Community Projects Bee” would meet with the purpose of working on any

community projects that the members are interested in, but with a little companionship and friendship thrown in.

If any of these ideas are of interest to you, please let me know. I am happy to connect like-minded people who are interested in sharing their time and quilting productivity.

— Beth Koos, Beekeeper

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

May 2025

Banquet: Sara Hochhauser

June 2025

Sue Pawlowski, Jack Squares Studio

July 2025

Maria DeGroot from Creative Grids

August 2025

Maribeth Schmit
"The Quilt Judge"

September 2025

Heidi Zielinski



Sue Pawlowski from 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 :
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St. Charles, IL

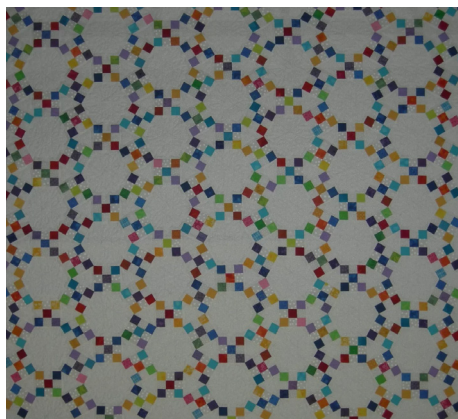
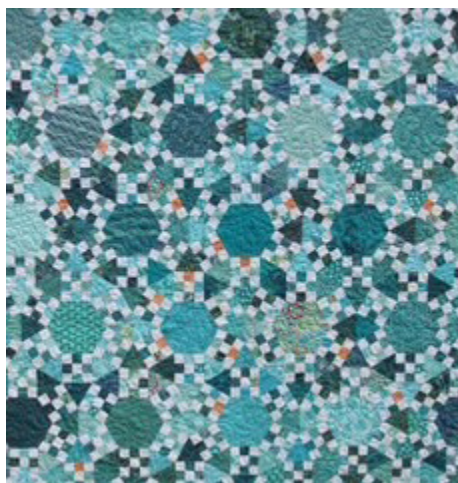
Members: \$40

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psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com



*Sign up for a
workshop*

FUTURE SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

July

In July we will welcome Maria DeGroot, the Creative Grids USA Marketing Coordinator. She will offer a trunk show at the evening meeting and at the morning meeting she'll tell us what's new at Creative Grids.

Maria will offer a Pineapple Block Workshop on Monday, July 28. Sign up on our website: [July workshops](#).



August

Maribeth Schmit, "The Quilt Judge", will visit us in August. Come to her lectures and learn how quilts are judged for competitions. Maribeth is the judge for our 2026 quilt show, so keep your ears open for insider tips.

Ever wonder how quilts are judged in competitions? Want to know what takes a quilt out of ribbon contention? Learn about quilt judging standards and processes. Hear about the common mistakes quilters make and how to avoid them. Become a savvy exhibitor and increase your chances of success at any show!

Maribeth is an award-winning quilt maker, quilting teacher, author and NQA Certified and Master Quilt Judge.

Maribeth is well-qualified to evaluate any machine or hand wrought pieces as well as traditional and art quilts.



September

Our September speaker is Heidi Zielinski, a collage quilter. Creating art through fiber and stitch is Heidi's passion. In no other pursuit (besides raising a child) has she ever found the rewards and joy that she finds in using textiles, thread, paint, beads, yarn and other materials to make a work of art worthy to share. Heidi enjoys creating her own fabric with dyeing, painting, stamping and other surface design techniques, but also continues to use commercial fabrics in much of her work. Heidi will have a workshop on monochromatic abstract collage on September 22, 2025, at the church. Sign up on our website: [September workshop](#).





UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

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

The next chat is May 24 & 25. [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.

Fabric Sale
Cotton Quilting Fabric
Over 5000
yards for
\$5 @ yard



Most fabric still on bolts.
Kits, notions and patterns.

July 17, 18, 19
9am - 4pm

Channahon Methodist Church

24751 W. Eames St. (Route 6) Channahon, IL

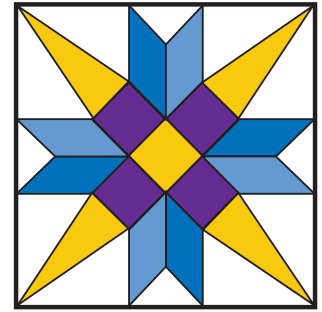
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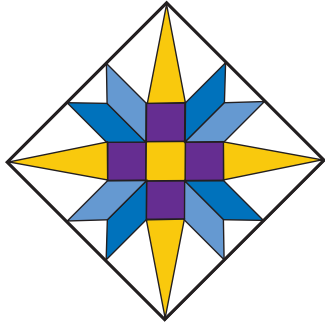
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BIRTH FLOWER**

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



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