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## THOUGHTS FROM CINDY

Just gotta say....our guild keeps humming along in the most wonderful way! I have the most amazing board of directors that are continually going above and beyond. Our most recent board meeting covered topics of: our new Teen Scholarships, now open for consideration; new quilting bees forming including Book Bee, Community Service Projects Bee and Fidget Quilts Bee; new speakers being added weekly to our upcoming membership meetings; a brand new banquet agenda; upcoming 250 year celebration of our nation; and fun ideas for the November meeting.

Our quilt show is just over a year away. Sue Ann is seriously looking for committee heads. Think about your bee in charge of one of those positions. The new Challenge Quilt will be introduced later this month. You know ours was invited to be displayed in Madison at the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show? Such an honor! Also, our opportunity quilt is almost complete. Should be ready to



travel to other guilds shortly.

Our recent retreat was a blast.....my first guild retreat! So many new faces and my table mate, who I didn't know, is someone I now have a special bond with. The talent in that room was amazing. There was so much help and acceptance from everyone. Truly a great group of gals..... and all because of quilting! Next retreat is October 30 - November 2. Register on our website!

Enjoy the cooler weather and the change of color presented to us. It will reflect itself in our projects. Please share what you are working on. We love our show & tell and personally meeting you as well.

—Cindy

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### Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 9/22/25, 2025 at 7 pm  
Tues 9/23/25 at 9:30 am

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

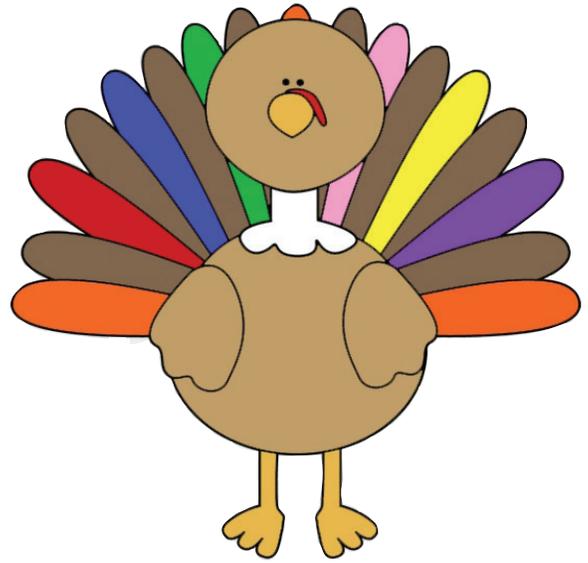
*Congregational United  
Church of Christ  
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.  
St. Charles, IL*

### Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, Oct 9, 2025.  
Send info to Diane Collins at  
[diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).

# NOVEMBER MEETING FUN!

Again this year our November meeting is the same week as Thanksgiving and the Contracts/Program Committee is looking for some creative help. We are looking for members to share a “Make and Take” project or demo a small project with the group. The idea is to have the meeting be something like a School House having members go from table to table every 20-30 minutes. You can sign up for one or both meetings. We will also have card making supplies to make cards for different organizations such as children’s hospitals, senior citizen etc. Contact Barb G, Sheila C email us at [psqg@psqg.org](mailto:psqg@psqg.org)



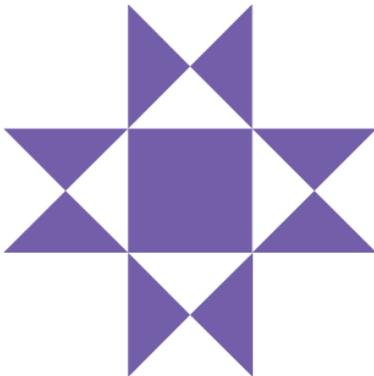
## 2026 Quilt Show

The 2026 Quilt Show will be October 16th & 17th, 2026.

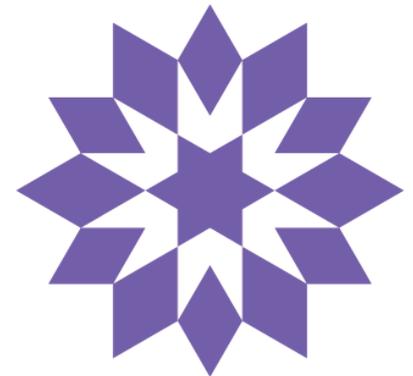
Thank you to those of you who have volunteered already!

Our first virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

The following are still in need of a leader (Groups are welcomed!)



Admissions  
Information Booth  
Publicity  
Quilt Set Up  
Signage

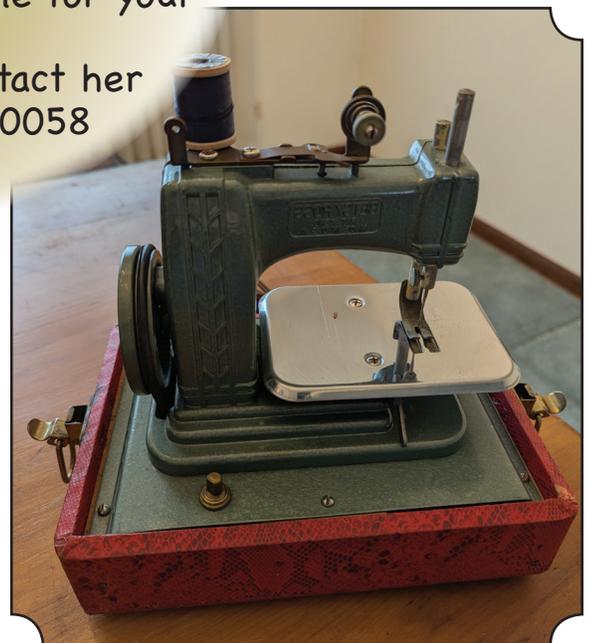


If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please email [psqgquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:psqgquiltshow@gmail.com) or contact Sue Ann Reiner.



Karen Gatewood is selling her items from her collection! These are just examples of the toy sewing machines and thread cabinets for sale. She has many more machines and sewing supplies available for your collection.

If interested please contact her directly at 630-408-0058



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Thank you all for your amazing support of PSQG's community projects! So far in 2025, we've donated **170 items to 11 organizations**, including hospitals, hospice, nursing homes, and recreation associations for special needs children. Your generosity continues to fill many needs.

## Current Projects & Needs

- **Tutorials & Kits**—Visit the PSQG website to explore tutorials, guidelines, and to meet project leaders. Kits for many projects are available at meetings.
- **QOV Sew-Ins**—Join us monthly: first Tuesday at the Moose Lodge (St. Charles) and third Tuesday at the VFW (Montgomery). Contact Rita P. for details.
- **Fidget Quilts & Marble Mazes**—Still needed by several care centers and Residential Hospice in Lisle. Kits and tutorials are available.
- **NICU Isolette Blankets**—Small number needed regularly. Kits are available. Contact Linda S. with questions.
- **Residential Hospice Quilts & Comforters**—Quilts and comforters are welcome. Please label items if washed (unscented detergent, no softener). They also welcome fidget quilts and marble mazes. Contact Sheila C. for details.
- **Quilts for Kids**—Lots of kits are ready to go! Finished quilts or donations can be given to Sandi W. at meetings or arranged for pickup.
- **Port Pillows**—Cushion infusion ports under seatbelts; donated to Phil's Friends. Kits are available or make your own. Contact Pam S. or Ann G.
- **Sleeping Mats**—Thanks to your grocery bag donations, our crochet team is well-supplied for now.
- **Pet Beds**—Use fabric scraps to stuff beds! While the guild is no longer collecting finished beds, feel free to donate directly to a local shelter or foster.

## Contacting Project Leaders

Not sure who to reach out to? Use the **Community Projects form** on the PSQG website and your inquiry will be directed to the right person.

## A Note of Thanks

We are currently well-stocked on fleece marble mazes and grocery bags. Needs may be lighter for the rest of the year, but fidget quilts, NICU blankets, and comfort quilts are still appreciated. Please continue suggesting new organizations we might support—contact Linda S. with ideas.

Thank you again for all your efforts and generosity in supporting our guild and the community!

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**September 22 & 23, 2025**  
Heidi Zielinski, Fiber Into Art by Heidi

**January 26, 2026**  
Helen Godden

**February 23, 2026**  
Kena Tangi Dorsey,  
Kena Quilt Studio

**October 27 & 28, 2025**  
Linda Lambert, Certified  
Laura Heine Instructor

**January 27, 2026**  
Ellen Lindner, Adventure  
Quilter

**February 24, 2026**  
Miriam Galadima Benson,  
Quilt Africa Fabrics

# 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.



## **Three Layers of Design**

Monday, September 22nd, 2025  
7:00 pm Meeting

## **Fiber into Art by Heidi: My Art Quilting Journey**

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025  
9:30 am Meeting

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

September

## Heidi Zielinski “Basically” Monochromatic Abstract Collage

Monday, September 22nd, 2025  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Location:

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

Members: \$75  
Non-Members: \$80

During this workshop you'll learn composition and design principles to apply to creating an abstract art quilt. You'll start with a small with 13" x 13" background for a finished piece approx. 12"x12". Using raw edge applique and by limiting your color palette, Heidi will help you create a pleasing art quilt top that you can quilt by machine and/or by hand--and add embellishment if you like. Learn about her *Three Layers of Design* concept (fabric, stitch, embellish) that will help you achieve a balanced piece of art that is pleasing to the eye.

### [Sign Up For the Workshop](#)



**Linda Lambert**  
Certified Laura Heine Instructor

October

**Featherweight Collage**  
by Collage Applique Artist Laura Heine

University of Illinois Extension  
535 S Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

**\$65**



You will learn Laura Heine's process of collage quilting. While creating your design you will look at value, hues, and motifs to layer fabric while creating your collage quilt.

We will use a kit for this class and you may use your scrap stash for future designs. Learn Laura Heine's techniques to successfully create, secure, and quilt your work of art!

**[Sign Up For the Workshop](#)**



# The Kankakee Quiltmakers

## 2025 Autumn Splendor Quilt Show

Friday, September 26 - 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, September 27 - 9 AM to 3 PM

Admission \$8

### SHOW FEATURES:

200+ Quilt Display

Vendors

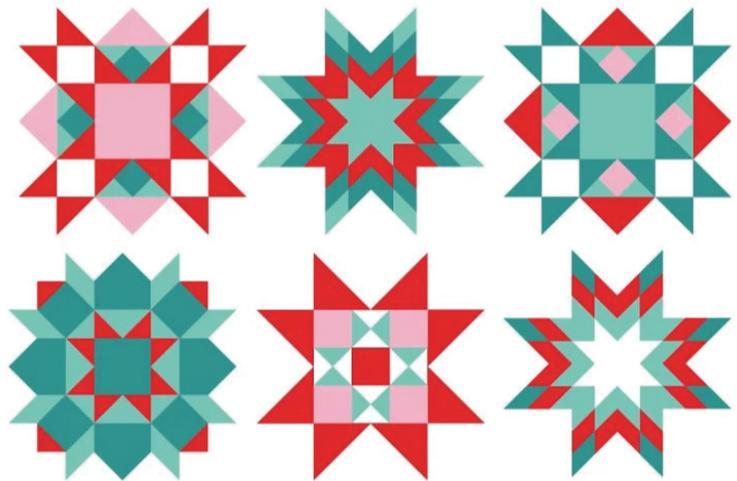
Quilt Raffle

Raffle Baskets

Quiltmakers' Boutique

Bed Turning

Quilt Sale



### SHOW LOCATION:

First Church of the Nazarene  
1000 N Entrance Ave - Kankakee, IL

for information please contact:  
[kankakeequiltmakers@gmail.com](mailto:kankakeequiltmakers@gmail.com)

De-Stash Sale  
 520 East Adams St, Elmhurst  
 9/18, 9/19, 9/20  
 9a.m. - 3 pm  
 East of York Rd, North of Butterfield

New Primitive Gatherings Wool kits, Fabric & Fabric kits, patterns, books, storage containers, new fat quarters and charm packs, yarns, books, tools, quilted jacket, Accu-Quilt with many new dyes .....must see to appreciate.



## BEEKEEPER BUZZ

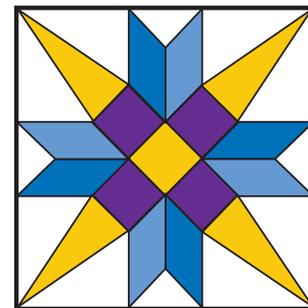
We have 3 new bees. The Huntley Bee is an evening/ weekend bee. The members have been meeting in their homes to sew and going on shop hops.

The Fiber Arts Book Club is enjoying reading fiction which revolves around characters who are involved in some form of the fiber arts while also solving mysteries, falling in love or entering a new stage of life.

The Community Projects Bee will be working on projects to contribute to the Community Projects supported by the guild.

If you have any questions about any bees, please contact me or see me at the Beekeeper table during our guild meetings

Beth Koos  
 Beekeeper



## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Cindy Krelle

**Evening Vice President:** Barb Tuman

**Daytime Vice President:** Susan Egner

**Programs Vice President:** Sheila Cisko

**Secretary:** Sue Omi

**Treasurer:** Lori McMahon

**Membership:** Aileen Vogel

**Newsletter:** Diane Collins

**Education:** Chris Schwarz

**Activities:** Nanci McAtee

**Media:** Christina Conway

**Tech support:** Christine "Tine" Wyllie

**Bee Keeper:** Beth Koos

**Library:** Liz Fitzgerald

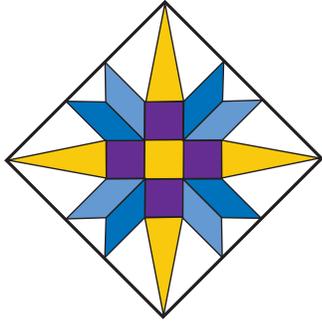
**Community Projects:** Chelsea St. Germain

**Nominations:** Melissa O'Brien

**Contracts:** Barb Gillespie

**2026 Quilt Show:** Sue Ann Reiner & Susan Crement

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