

# Prairie Star Press

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## FALL IS HERE

Fall is my favorite time of year. Cooler days have finally arrived—the air is crisp and gives me more energy. Time to take a look at unfinished projects and spend a few hours or days finishing up a few. Taking unfinished projects on retreat makes me feel like I have accomplished so much.

The color of the leaves always inspires me to try different color combinations in my projects. Also fall colors are my favorite, what are yours?

Make the most of our last two in-person meetings of 2025. Enjoy the speakers and think about the October workshop. Especially if you own a Singer Featherweight machine. In November we are having a School House program. Members will be sharing their talents with you. This always encourages me to try something new and different.

Bring your Halloween and fall quilts for show and tell. Lets see how many we have.

Our January and February 2026 meetings will be on Zoom. You don't need to leave the house on those cold and



snowy days and evenings. In March we will see all your smiling faces again. When you bring your smiling face in March. See *Quilt Show information* in the newsletter.

## Banquet Changes

The banquet day is changed to Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at Lions Park in Elburn. More details to come.

Think about how much more fun you can have by being on the PSQG Board for 2025-26. Volunteer today.

I am am excited to see our Opportunity Quilt at the meeting.

—Barb Tuman, PM VP

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 10/27/25, 2025 at 7 pm  
Tues 10/28/25 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, Nov 11, 2025.  
Send info to Diane Collins at  
[diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).

# NOVEMBER MEETING FUN!

At November's meetings there will be demonstration tables and charity projects for you to work on. Come and join the fun!

## Both meetings:

- Stuffing Bears-Sue Ann R.
- Card making for ALS-Cecilia S.
- Stamping and stenciling on fabric-Sheila C.
- Needle Keeper-Edith H.
- Felt/Wool ornaments-Susan E.

## PM only:

- Christmas Ball Ornaments-Christina C.



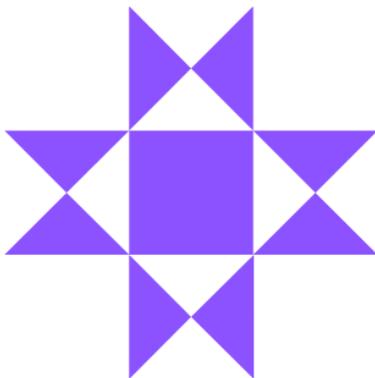
# 2026 Quilt Show

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.

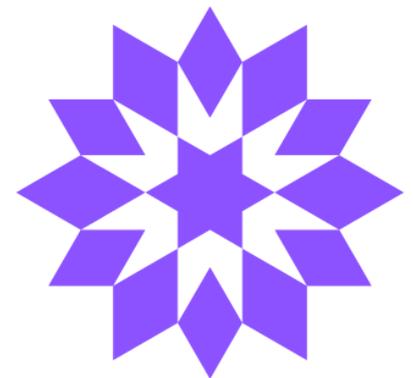
The following are still in need of a leader (Groups are welcomed!)



Information Booth

Publicity

Signage



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

# 2026 PRAIRIE STAR CHALLENGE QUILT

PSQG members are welcome to participate in this fun challenge. A \$5 fee and completion of the form will get you registered. At the show there will be a display of these quilts and visitors will be able to admire them and vote for their favorite. Winners will receive a small cash prize, ribbon, and bragging rights!

See [website](#) for rules and more details.



# 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**—While our contact at Residential Hospice is no longer active, quilts and comforters are still welcome and we will hold them until we find a new place to donate. 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.
- **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.

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

**January 26, 2026**  
Helen Godden

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

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

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

# October

## Linda Lambert

Certified Laura Heine Instructor

Collage Quilting & Your Health  
Quilting is so much more than a hobby.  
IT IS THERAPY!

Learning a new technique not only exercises your brain, but lowers blood pressure, helps fight depression, and strengthens pathways in your brain. Linda will share the research that supports your favorite hobby.



**Monday, October 27th, 2025**  
**7:00 pm Meeting**  
**&**  
**Tuesday, October 28th, 2025**  
**9:30 am Meeting**

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

October

**Linda Lambert**

Certified Laura Heine Instructor

## **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!

**Only 1 spot left in the workshop!**

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

# February

## Virtual Workshop with Kena Tangi Dorsey

### Let's Make a Selfie Portrait Quilt Raw Edge Appliqué Self-Portrait Quilt

Starting with an image from a selfie or photo of yourself (or it could be any portrait), students will learn how to turn a picture into a template and create a raw-edge appliqué self-portrait block or quilt-top.

Saturday, February 28th  
10-4pm

## Members Only \$45

[Members Only Registration](#)



# CALLING ALL



# TEEN

# QUILTERS!



**DO YOU LOVE TO SEW AND ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING A QUILTING CLASS?**

**The Prairie Star Quilt Guild in St. Charles, IL**

**is offering SCHOLARSHIPS to TEENS at their favorite local quilt shop. Learn the timeless art of quilting in a fun, supportive environment!**

**Guidelines to enter for a scholarship:**

- Must be 14 to 18 years old to apply for a scholarship
- Must live and select a quilt shop within a 35-mile radius of St. Charles IL

**What to do next?**

- Find an in person quilt class offered at your local quilt shop that you would like to attend
- Email us at [psqg@psqg.org](mailto:psqg@psqg.org)
  - Introduce yourself and tell us why you would love to take the class along with a brief paragraph about why you are excited about sewing and are ready to learn to quilt
  - Tell us the name of the Quilt Shop and the name of the class you are requesting a scholarship for
- 5 Scholarship recipients will be awarded during a membership year. One scholarship will be awarded per participant

**Additional information:**

- The scholarship includes the price of the class and an allowance to purchase fabric at the Quilt Shop that is hosting the class. (All payments will be made directly to the Quilt Shop)
- A sewing machine is typically required. If the scholarship recipient does not have access to a sewing machine, arrangements will be made
- Selection for the scholarship also entitles the teen to an honorary membership to attend Prairie Star Quilt Guild meetings hosted monthly in St. Charles, IL
- Scholarship recipients will also receive a beginners Sewing Basket complete with basic sewing/quilting tools
- In celebration, your completed quilt will be showcased at the Prairie Star Quilt Guild's bi-annual quilt show coming up in October of 2026.



## Bernina Q16 Plus with Horn Lift Table

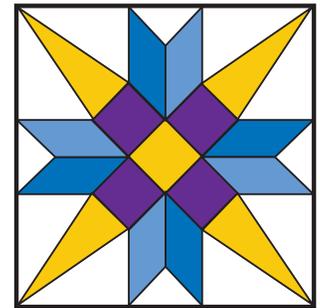
Contact Sue at [scvc111@yahoo.com](mailto:scvc111@yahoo.com)

- Stitch Count 89,434
  - Original Packaging for Q16 Plus
  - Stitch Regulation
  - Feet included: #9-Darning Foot, #72-Adjustable Ruler Foot, #73-Adjustable Stippling Foot, #74-Adjustable Gliding Cup Foot, #96-Ruler Foot
- All original accessories included

Extras: Sue Heinz entire collection of five quilting books and five quilting rulers



\$6000



## 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

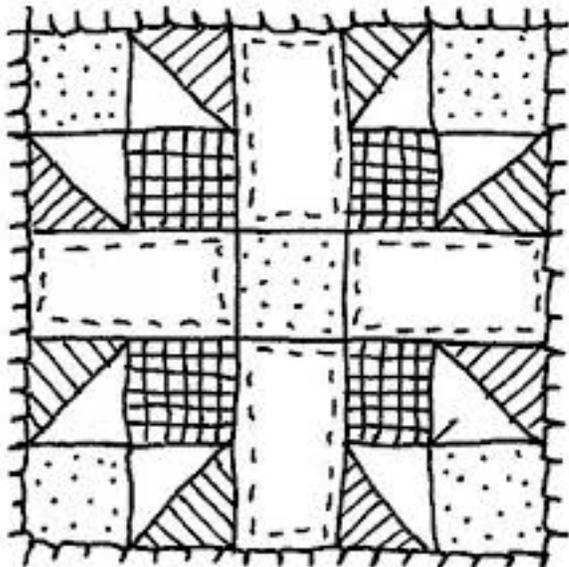
**Library:** Liz Fitzgerald

**Community Projects:** Chelsea St. Germain

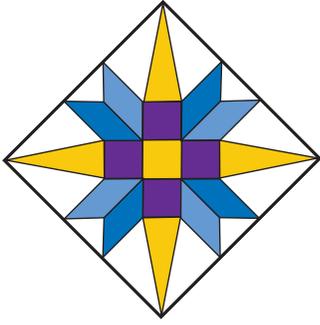
**Nominations:** Melissa O'Brien

**Contracts:** Barb Gillespie

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



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1/2 page \$40/issue

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Deadline for ads (getting copy or camera-ready artwork to the Editor) is the first of the month in which you wish the ad to appear. Call or email the Editor if you have any questions.

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