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## THOUGHTS FROM SUSAN

As we turn the calendar toward the holidays, there is so much to think of and do. Are you stitching any gifts for the people in your life? Once it is November I usually give up on the ideas that floated lazily in my head throughout the year. Maybe there is actually something about the 'Christmas in July' idea that I need to take heed of. Last time I wrote the article for this space I was learning about English Paper Piecing. EPP has been so much fun that I enthusiastically decided to embark on four tabletopper gifts to commemorate my family's beach vacation this past July.

I went through my stash pulling out every beachy themed fabric - who knew I had so many? I realized that I had enough so that I could make each project in its' own coloration and style. While looking at my fabric choices I decided I could embroider on three of the hexagons for each grouping. This way I could add in the name of the town and date as well as a picture of a seashell, beach umbrella or the

like. For that to work, I used larger hexies for all. Nineteen to be exact. That didn't sound like too many, did it?

In my home life, I am working on downsizing and repairs with a moving date in January. I'm sorting, boxing, donating and making decisions about every item I set my eyes on. I am, of course, mostly avoiding my craft room to put off the downsizing activity in that department.

I am also working on other quilt projects and hand painting cute little Christmas wooden projects from Michaels with my daughter-in-laws.

But now it's November. Halloween passed quickly by and my neighbors quickly removed the pumpkins and ghosts to replace them with the Christmas lights and greenery. All of a sudden I am thinking of baking gingerbread houses for the grandkids to decorate, planning thanksgiving meals, small repairs for listing my house to sell, and decorating my home for the last time for the holidays.

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### Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 11/24/25, 2025 at 7 pm  
Tues 11/25/25 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, Jan 8, 2026.  
Send info to Diane Collins at  
[diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).

*thoughts from susan (page 1 continued)*

Two of the four tabletops for my adult children are ready to be quilted. One more is ready to be stitched together. The fourth? Well, it is sitting near the beginning stages.

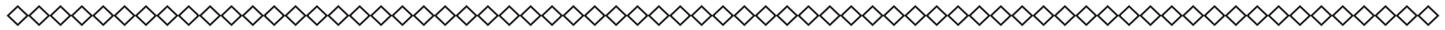
Another Christmas without handmade gifts.

I guess there is always Valentine's Day!

Come join us at the November meeting for a look

at other project ideas that you can probably whip up in time for your holiday celebrations!

—Susan E., AM VP



## NOVEMBER MEETINGS!

Our November meetings are during the week of Thanksgiving. We will not have a speaker, and we'll do something fun instead! There will be demonstration tables and charity projects for you to work on.

Come join the fun at both meetings!

- Stuffing Bears—Sue Ann R.
- Card making for ALS—Cecilia S.
- Stamping and stenciling on fabric—Sheila C.
- Needle Keeper—Edith H.
- “Zip-zap square in a square” blocks— Jane M.
- Christmas Ball Ornaments—Christina C. (PM only)



The place will be buzzing with the sound of quilters socializing. Come and relax a little before the hectic Holiday season starts.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK



At the November 24/25 meetings not only will we be having fun learning from creative members of the Guild we will also be taking CASH DONATIONS to be given to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. These donations will help support those in need in our area during these trying times.

**The Guilds Board has generously agreed to match the funds up to \$500.**

Every contribution helps no matter how small. So, let's make the generous \$500 matching donation count.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**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

**March 23 & 24, 2026**

Eileen Uchima

### **NOW HIRING 26-27 BOARD MEMBERS**

Positions needed are:

*Morning Vice President*

*Secretary*

*Activities*

*Community Projects*

*Beekeeper*

Contact Melissa O'Brien  
for more information.  
Or see here for more information.

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

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](#)



March

## Eileen Uchima Workshop

Monday, March 23rd  
12-4pm

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

### Sashiko Coasters

Participants will be introduced to four distinct  
Sashiko techniques.

All required materials for this class  
will be provided in a kit.

**\$35 registration fee**

[Members Only Registration](#)

**\$25 Kit Fee (Required)**

Payable cash or check to Eileen on day of workshop



## 3 Book Carts for Sale

Move books, reference materials and catalogs around  
offices.

- Slanted shelves on both sides hold items in place.
- Sturdy, welded steel construction stands up to heavy use.
- 6 1/4" deep shelves are 10 1/4" apart.
- 4" non-marking rubber swivel casters:  
2 locking.

**\$200 each**

Contact Guild Librarian Liz F.



37" x 18" x 42"

# 2026 QUILT SHOW

2026 Quilt Show is already on the move. All leader positions have been filled. Thank you to those who have committed to making our show great. Donation collection will begin

at the March Meeting. If you bring your items in a reusable bag we will use those bags for our shoppers. We are providing the information now so as the cold days send you to

your sewing room you know what kinds of donations we would love to obtain. Thank you, Sue Ann Reiner & Susan Steiner

## Books, Patterns & Magazines

Quilt Books: Publication date should be 2000 or later.  
All Quilt related novels are welcomed.

Magazines: Quiltfolk & Foreign publications only

Patterns: Quilting related only but no clothing patterns except for Quilt Jackets.

Any Questions? Contact Liz Fitzgerald

## Boutique

Think of things you would make for another crafter! We'd like a nicely balanced selection of unique items. Some suggestions: Hand Bags, Tote Bags, Small Zippered Bags (Cosmetic or Pencil sized), Sewing case, table toppers, Table Runner, Placemats, Fabric Baskets.

If you do machine embroider would you be willing to add a little extra on basic items? If so, let us know!

Any Questions? Ask Deede Krage

## Quilty Things!

Sewing & Quilting Items Such As:

Rulers, Thread, Embroidery Floss, Hoops, Needles, Pins, Buttons, Scissors, Rotary Cutters, Quilt Racks, Cutting Mats, Zippers, Trims, Lace, Ric-Rac Gadgets, Themed Gift Items, Organizers, Machines, Quilting Frames, Accuquilt Dies, Sewing Baskets

Not limited to just these items!

Any Questions? Ask Barb Tuman or Heidi Clayton

## Fabric Resale Collection

We are asking members to organize your donations but if you need help, just ask!

[Click here to see the full details.](#)

Any Questions? Contact Peggy Benzin

**When your Holiday Gift Baskets are empty,  
Please think of the Quilt Show!  
We can use large baskets for our Raffle Basket Offerings.**

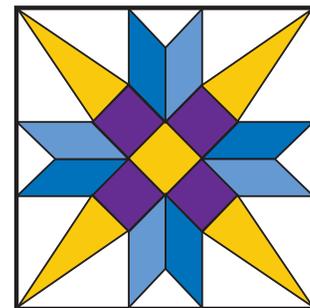
Any questions ? Contact Brenda Brewer



# 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.



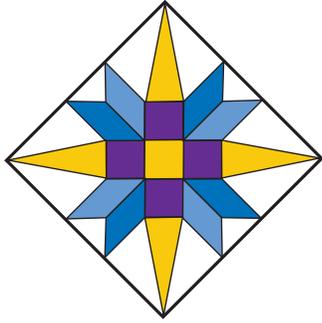
## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

- President:** Cindy Krelle
- Evening Vice President:** Barb Tuman
- Daytime Vice President:** Susan Egner
- Programs Vice President:** Sheila Cisko
- Secretary:** Sue Omi
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- Membership:** Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter:** Diane Collins
- Education:** Chris Schwarz
- 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

*Save the date!*

SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

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## ADVERTISING RATES

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Above rates apply to a single issue. A purchase of the same-size ad for a year (10 issues) earns a 10% discount. Ads accepted only for quilting or quilt-related subjects and must be prepaid. Refer to our website for details.

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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