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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we enter the second half of our 45th. anniversary year, and celebrating our nation's 250th. anniversary, we as a guild are just humming along! We have so many things lined up for 2026. I invite you to attend, learn, be with friends, and keep your interest in quilting at its peak. Articles in this newsletter include our first scholarship recipient, upcoming retreats and sew-ins, a "bravo" for our donation towards the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and our new spring banquet agenda. Read all about it!

Remember our January/February meetings are virtual

(Zoom) and we will have two different speakers for each month!

Finally, it's that time of year that we need some of you to step up and fill 5 board positions. Needed are: Secretary, Bee Keeper, Activities, Community Projects, and Nominations. So please, when a board member asks for your help, please consider and say yes! We are a fine tuned machine and I sincerely thank the members that stepped up last year. It really is an easy group to work with!

Cindy Krelle, President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 1/26/26, 2025 at 7 pm
Tues 1/27/26 at 9:30 am

January and February meetings are held via Zoom. Check your email for the link.

Meetings will resume at Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles, in March.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026.
Send info to Diane Collins at diane6304@me.com.



QUILTEA

In celebration of our guild's 45th anniversary, the Prairie Star Quilt Guild Board is excited to announce that we will be hosting an Afternoon Tea this year instead of an Evening Banquet.

We are calling this celebration "The Prairie Star Quilt Guild's 45th Anniversary QUILTea". Please join us for this celebratory lunch on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 12:30PM to 3:00PM at Elburn Lions Park in Elburn. Tickets will go on sale March 1, 2026 and can be purchased online at PSQG.org or at the March 2026 in person guild meetings on Monday night and Tuesday morning.

The cost of the QUILTea is \$35.00 and we have a surprise for you. When you check in at the QUILTea you will receive a coupon for a FREE ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP. You must be present at the QUILTea to receive and redeem your coupon.

The committee is looking for quilted 2 feet x 2 feet (24")

table toppers to be donated to help us decorate our tables. The toppers will be a table gift to a lucky guild member. Please bring your donations to

the March and April in person guild meetings. Thanking you in advance.

— Lori & Barb – QUILTea Co-Chairs

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

I am so excited to announce that at our in person guild meetings in November, we raised, in cash donations, for the Northern Illinois Food Bank \$585. At the November board meeting, prior to the guild meeting, the board had unanimously voted to match up to \$500 in cash donations so we were able to write a

check to the Northern Illinois Food Bank for \$1085.

BUT WAIT! There is more exciting news. At the time the check was being sent in, a special donor at the Northern Illinois food bank had offered to match all donations given that week so our \$1085 became \$2,170.

The food bank calculates that \$1 provides 8 meals. That means that for our \$2,170 provided 17,360 meals thanks to the generosity of our guild.

— Lori McMahan, PSQG Treasurer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

February 23, 2026
Kena Tangi Dorsey,
Kena Quilt Studio

March 23 & 24, 2026
Eileen Uchima

February 24, 2026
Miriam Galadima Benson,
Quilt Africa Fabrics

January 26, 7pm Virtual Meeting Helen Godden



Lecture

“My Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques”

which will include her talking
about her 22 foot **My Australia** quilt



January 27, 9:30am Virtual Meeting
Ellen Lindner
Lecture
“Color It Beautiful”



Ellen Lindner is a talented quilt artist and teacher, who is passionate about making fabric into art.

“I consider making art to be an adventure: one filled with challenges, joys, frustrations, and surges of adrenalin.” – **Ellen Lindner.**

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

2 openings available!

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.

This workshop is sold out!



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



HandiQuilter Avante 18 on 12' frame with lots of extras including ruler base with many rulers, bobbin winder & bobbins, and more.

Asking \$7,000 negotiable
Contact Yvonne
630-450-0037 or
YRichter9951@gmail.com



PSQG Retreat



Hampton Inn & Suites North Aurora
Thursday, March 26th 9am -
Sunday, March 29th, 2026 5pm
Come & Go or Stay overnight!



PSQG MEMBERS! COMMUNITY PROJECTS KID'S QUILT DAYS!



**9AM-9PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH &
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**

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

PSQG MEMBERS! LET'S SEW TOGETHER



**9AM-9PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH &
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

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NOW HIRING 26-27 BOARD MEMBERS

Positions needed are:

Secretary

Responsible for recording meeting minutes and handling correspondence for the Guild.

Activities

Responsible for coordinating the following activities:

- Monthly virtual Zoom retreats.
- An annual retreat which is held after the first of the year and prior to joint meeting in April.
- May Banquet.
- Summer gathering (currently scheduled in July).
- A fall retreat to be scheduled in alternate (non-quilt show) years.

Community Projects

Liaison between program leaders that serve the community and the Board of Directors. Coordinates the receipt and distribution of donations of quilts or quilt-related materials from both membership and the community.

Beekeeper

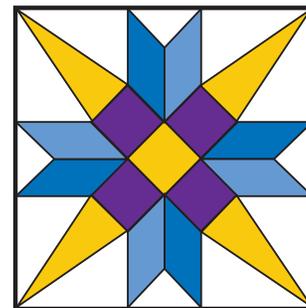
Responsible for facilitating the formation of new Bees and helping to place members into existing Bees that have openings.

Nominations

Responsible for preparing a slate for election to the PSQG Board of Directors.

Contact Melissa O'Brien for more information.

Or see here for more information.



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

Media: Christina Conway

Tech support: Christine "Tine" Wyllie

Bee Keeper: Beth Koos

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

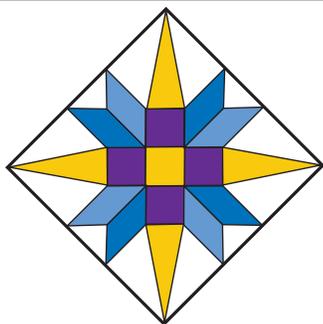
Community Projects: Chelsea St. Germain

Nominations: Melissa O'Brien

Contracts: Barb Gillespie

2026 Quilt Show: Sue Ann Reiner & Susan Crement

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1/2 page \$40/issue

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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