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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

We all love the skills stitching offers us. Everything from the first cut of fabric to the last stitch of the binding. It gives me a great feeling of success when I have completed the process myself, or with help along the way.

As I am a bit of an Olympic junkie, when I see the Olympians wrapping a flag around their shoulders it makes me feel proud of the work they have put into the process. It makes me feel the same when Veterans are presented a quilt. We should all have the same feeling when we gift a quilt to someone we care about, or when we make a quilt for ourselves and wrap it around us.

Think of all the people who receive our community quilts and how warm we make them feel knowing that someone they do not know has given them love in a quilt. Sometimes we forget about rewarding ourselves or a fellow quilters with a gift from the heart.

Our guild is celebrating a big year in 2026, our 45th Anniversary. Lori McMahan and Barb Tuman are planning a celebration event for you.

Join us at Elburn Lions Park on May 17th for a Tea to celebrate the event. Watch your mail box after March 1st for all the information and how to reserve a chair for yourself. Gather your friends to fill a table, or make a few new friends. As a special gift to you, when you make a Tea reservation **and attend the event**, your 2026-27 will be marked as paid. You must purchase and attend to get this great gift. If this is not in your plan you can still buy your membership.

We will see everyone on Zoom for both February meetings. In March, we will meet in person. Great time to turn in your Community Projects — finished projects, those ready for the next step or that you honestly just won't ever finish. (yes, we know that those are out there too!) Lets have a great Show and Tell.

Several members entered the Scrappy Quilt show at Primitive Gatherings in December. If you are one of these ladies, bring your quilt to show.

See everyone in a few weeks.
—Barb Tuman,
PM Vice President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 2/23/26, 2025 at 7 pm
Tues 2/24/26 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, March 9, 2026.
Send info to Diane Collins at diane6304@me.com.

QUILTEA

Plans are underway for “The Prairie Star Quilt Guild 45th Anniversary QUILTea”. Online reservations to purchase a ticket for \$35 will be open on the PSQG.org website beginning Sunday, March 15, 2026 and will be open until Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Reservations can also be made at the in-person guild meetings on Monday evening, March 23rd and Tuesday morning, March 24th. Tables seat 8 guests and you will have the option to sit as a group or be assigned to a table and meet someone new.

As a final reminder, we are looking for quilted 24”x24” (round, square hexagon etc.) table toppers to be donated to help us decorate our tables. The table toppers that are donated will be used as give-aways and will not be returned. Thanks to those of you who have already let us know you plan to donate one.

Donations can be dropped off at the “QUILTea” table at the in-person meetings in March and April.

— Lori & Barb – QUILTea
Co-Chairs

NOTE FROM TECH SUPPORT February Virtual Meetings Feb 23 & 24

The Zoom meeting information will be sent to PSQG Members on Sunday, February 22, at 6am. If you have not received the email by Sunday night, please let Tech Support know at webmaster@psqg.org. Don't forget to check your spam/junk folder.

Or, log on to psqg.org/members and the Zoom information will be posted there.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

March 23 & 24, 2026
Eileen Uchima Lecture:
Asian Inspirations for Modern Makers

February 23 Evening Meeting

Kena Tangi Dorsey

Kena is a quilt artist, teacher, speaker, mentor, pattern designer.

Lecture and Trunk Show
**“The Big, Bold, & Beautiful:
Using African Prints in Quilts”**



February 24
Morning Meeting

Miriam Galadima Benson

She is the visionary behind Quilt Africa Fabrics.

Lecture

“Journey Through African Textiles: From Culture to Quilt”



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

One opening 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!



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 26-27 BOARD

Positions needed are:

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.

Contact [Melissa O'Brien](#) for more information.

Or see here for more information.

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

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

GIRL SCOUT SEW DAY | MAY 2, 2026

PSQG is excited to be partnering with the Girl Scouts in May to teach them how to use a sewing machine. We will be making drawstring backpacks. To help the girls personalize their backpacks, we have begun to collect items to embellish the backpacks with.

We would like to ask for your help collecting youthful embellishments. For example, we are looking for fun larger size buttons, patches that either iron on or can be sewn on and pins or clips that can easily be attached. We have a limited time so at this time we are not looking

for items like ribbon or rickrack. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary at psqg@psqg.org and in the subject write "Girl Scout Sew Day".

Donations will be accepted at the March PM & AM in person meetings. Thanking you in advance for rummaging through your stash to help us make our Girl Scout Sew Day a success.

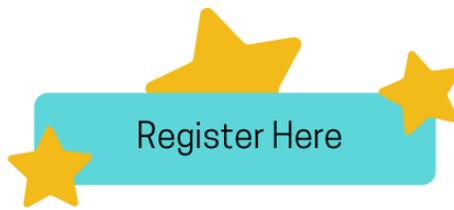
The Comfort Quilter Committee
—Lori McMahan, PSQG Treasurer



PSQG Retreat



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



Show & Tell Submission
February Meeting
Deadline Friday, 9pm
February 20th, 2026

Click on the graphics
to go to the website

PSQG MEMBERS!
**LET'S SEW
TOGETHER**

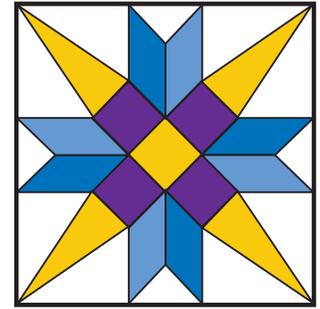
9AM - 9PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST
MARCH 6TH & 7TH
SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

The Pride of the Prairie Quilters
would like to invite you to our quilt show,
Quilting with the Stars,
on March 14-15, 2026.

It is being held at
Richland Grade School, 1919 Caton Farm Rd., Crest Hill, IL.

The hours of the show are
Saturday 9:00-5:00 and Sunday 10:00-4:00.
Admission is \$10.00.

There will be 300 quilts on display, Vendors, Opportunity
Quilt, Silent Auction, Strip Search, Raffle Baskets, Books
and Magazines, and a display of Vintage Sewing Machines.



2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

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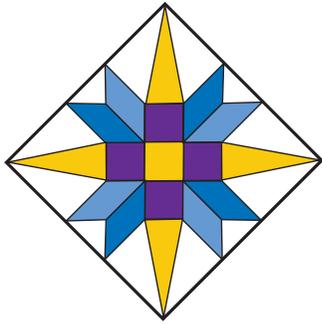
Contracts: Barb Gillespie

2026 Quilt Show:
Sue Ann Reiner

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