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## THOUGHTS FROM SUSAN

As our guild calendar year begins to wind down, I am stunned to see how quickly a year passes. Didn't we just have our last banquet? This year has brought so many really inspirational speakers, workshops and show and tell projects from all of you! Month after month has been fantastic.

And there is so much more to come!

March is typically a time where we talk about and practice 'Spring Cleaning'. Your guild is asking you to do a bit of spring cleaning in your quilting space with the hope that you will donate some of your items that you no longer need to the Quilt Show Committee. If you are new around here, you need to know that we have a quilt show every other October. This is the Show year! If you have not been to one of our shows, let me tell you, you are in for a treat. So many beautiful, amazing quilts on display! Vendors selling all the things we love! A challenge quilt contest that I am sure will be exceptional. Delicious food. A

boutique of hand made items, and so much more!

Another aspect of our show takes me back to the spring cleaning idea. We also sell our own fabric, books, patterns, international magazines, and quilt related items such as notions, stencils and the like. Now is the time to begin gathering those items from your work space and bringing them to the guild meetings for collection. Starting in March we are all back to in-person meetings and the various committees look forward to your donations.

If you are newer, you may not know that our Quilt Show proceeds provide the necessary funds to hire the amazing speakers and pay for their lodging, meals, travel, etc. for the next two years. So we all pitch in and do what we can to make each show the biggest and best ever. There are some guidelines, particularly for the scrap fabric, so check the website for details.

Our calendar year ends soon, as I said above. In April we will hold our election of officers who help run the guild. It has  
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### Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 3/23/26, 2025 at 7 pm  
Tues 3/24/26 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, April 9, 2026.  
Send info to Diane Collins at [diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).

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been my pleasure to hold the position of Vice President/AM Chapter these last few years. I looked forward to Board meetings (which are held on Zoom) to hear about where the guild is headed and what the future plans are. This year we have most of our nominations filled. Only

two remain. Both are active, fun, 'doing' sort of roles. We are in need of someone to lead the Community Projects committee and someone to lead the Activities committee. Under each are various categories that are mostly running themselves with guild members who enjoy their role.

Are you feeling a butterfly in your stomach? Maybe it is time for you to dip a toe into being part of the leadership of the guild? There are so many women to help guide you as you take on this new role. Please consider stepping up this year!

—Susan E., AM VP

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## IT'S TIME FOR QUILTEA

To Celebrate the Guild's 45th Birthday  
Join us for tea on Sunday May 17th 2026

Invitations were mailed to all members. If you did not receive one please notify Lori McMahon or Barb Tuman and we will send you an invite. We have been planning a fun filled afternoon filled with activities.

Reservations can be made from March 15th to April 15th. Tables will accommodate 8 ladies. Fill a table with friends, or make new friends. Be sure to identify a person in charge of the table so we can be sure you are all together.

The price is \$35.00 for the meal. Best of all, if you attend the QUILTea, you will also have your 2026-27 PSQG dues paid for. You must pay for a ticket and be in attendance at the QUILTea to receive the free membership. If you are not able to attend, you can pay for your PSQG membership online or in person at any meeting. The deadline for renewal is April 15th.

When you register for the QUILTea, gluten free options will be available on the menu.

Be sure to indicate if you want this option.

Lori and I hope you will join us on May 17th.

More information about the

registration and the event will be provided to everyone before March 15th.

— Lori & Barb – QUILTea Co-Chairs



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 23 & 24 In-person Meetings

**Eileen Uchima  
Lectures**

**“Asian Inspirations for Modern Makers”**



Eileen is recognized for creating award-winning quilts and for inspiring others by teaching quilting techniques and creative projects, thereby fostering a commitment to learning and craftsmanship.



# April 27th Business Meeting and Member Spotlight Carole Bates



Carole with her award-winning quilt, “My Affair with Applique”. She is sure to impress us with a trunk show featuring her stunning quilts.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

### 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!**

March



# **SLATE OF 2026-2027 BOARD POSITIONS**

PM VP - Barb Tuman  
AM VP - Edith Hubbard  
Programs VP - Sheila Cisko  
Secretary - Diana Rash  
Beekeeper - Kathy Secor  
Contracts - Barb Gillespie  
Education - Chris Schwarz  
Library - Liz Fitzgerald  
Media - Christine Conway  
Membership - Aileen Vogel  
Newsletter - Diane Collins  
Nominations - Melissa O'Brien

The following positions are not on the slate:

President (2 year term) - Cindy Krelle  
Treasurer (2 year term) - Lori McMahan  
Quilt Show Chair (Non-Elected) - Sue Ann Reiner

Tech Support (Non-Elected/Non-Voting) - Christine "Tine" Wyllie

# 2026 QUILT SHOW

The 2026 Quilt Show is on the move! All leader positions are filled but Peggy Benzin, the fabric czar, is seeking a precut princess and a quilt kit queen. If you are able to help please contact her directly.

Get your Spring Cleaning done now! Quilty Resale Donations will be accepted at the March meeting following the guidelines below. The drop off point for your donations will be inside the meeting room to the right of the entrance.

## 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

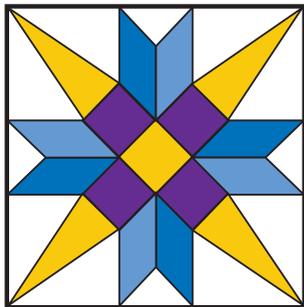


Hampton Inn & Suites North Aurora  
Thursday, March 26th 9am -  
Sunday, March 29th, 2026 5pm  
Come & Go or Stay overnight!





**Paducah Quilt Show**  
 April 22-25 4 beds available in a farmhouse.  
 Contact [Yvonne](#)



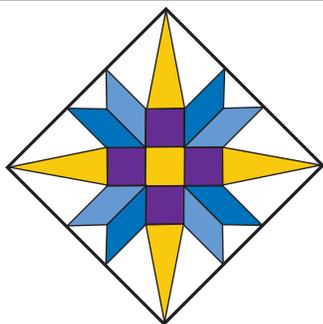
## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

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**Bee Keeper:** Beth Koos  
**Library:** Liz Fitzgerald

**Community Projects:**  
 Chelsea St. Germain  
**Nominations:** Melissa O'Brien  
**Contracts:** Barb Gillespie  
**Activities:** OPEN  
**2026 Quilt Show:** Sue Ann  
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