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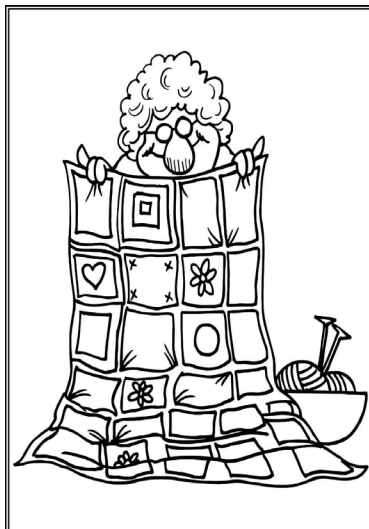
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## THOUGHTS FROM CINDY

Welcome to Spring! This time of year reminds us we are coming up on the end of our 45th. year of our guild. We are having our QUILTea to celebrate this exciting milestone. You can register for the Tea until April 15. After that, membership will be open online (or in person) for those of you not attending the Tea.

As our year ends we will wrap up things at the annual business meeting later this month. Monday evening meeting only! A new slate of officers will be voted in, as well as approving the budget. Also, we will reveal the speakers for the coming year. I am delighted to say one of our own, Carole Bates, will be the speaker this month. She is an expert in appliqué, winning many ribbons at larger shows. Her quilts are spectacular and you will get to see them after our business meeting.

Our big event is our quilt show this October 16-17. Donations are being accepted at the meetings now! Books, patterns, fabric, boutique items, etc. please bring them into the gym and not leave



them on the free table. Get your quilts done and ready to show!

Please be on the lookout for ways you can help the guild. With 273 members we know you can volunteer for something ... especially with the quilt show coming up!

For future meetings (June and beyond), doors open at 6:30 Monday evening and 9:00 Tuesday morning.

Hope to see you April 27 for our next membership meeting!

—Cindy Krelle, President

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### Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 4/27/26, at 7 pm  
No morning meeting

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, May 7, 2026.

Send info to Diane Collins at  
[diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).

# MEET THE CELEBRITIES AND LEARN NEW SKILLS

**Are you interested in connecting with quilt instructors, discovering new techniques, and gathering with fellow guild members? Do you enjoy supporting others as they develop their quilting skills?**

The Programs (Vice President) and Contracts (Chair) play a key role in making these experiences possible for our guild. Each position focuses on a specific aspect, but together they form

a highly effective team.

Alternatively, a Bee can also take on these responsibilities collectively. These positions are one-year commitments.

Both the Programs (Vice President) and Contracts (Chair) are essential to the guild's activities. Each position is required to attend the monthly Board Meeting, which takes place via Zoom, ensuring consistent communication and coordination. To streamline the work, we have developed

templates and instructions, as well as compiling a list of potential instructors for future events.

Those interested in learning more or preparing to take on these roles are encouraged to collaborate with Barb G and Sheila C throughout the upcoming guild year. This mentorship will help you become fully prepared for the 2027-2028 guild calendar year.

## 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 our meetings in April, June, July & August 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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

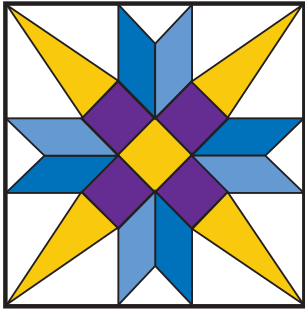
### **April 27th Business Meeting and Member Spotlight Carole Bates**



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



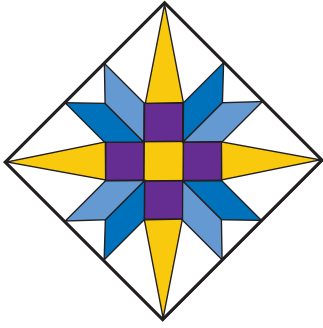
**New programs and workshop sign-ups  
will be revealed at the meeting!**



**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
- Activities:** OPEN
- 2026 Quilt Show:** Sue Ann Reiner

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