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## WELCOME ABOARD

A big welcome to our new board members for the 2026-2027 club year.

Edith Hubbard—AM Vice President  
Diana Rash—Secretary  
Stephanie Combs—Community Projects  
Kathy Secor—Bee Keeper

Thank you for volunteering to help guide our guild in the 45th year. A big thank you to the exiting Board Members

Susan Egner—AM Vice President  
Sue Omi—Secretary  
Chelsea St. Germain—Community Projects  
Beth Koos—Bee Keeper

Thank you for your years of volunteering for the guild and helping us to get to our 46th Anniversary.

Be sure to check out all the great new speakers, programs and workshops for the coming year. Thanks to Sheila Cisko and Barb Gillespie for all

the arrangements for this to happen. Be sure to sign up before the workshops fill up. You do not want to be disappointed.

A huge thank you to all 152 of you who have signed up to come to the Tea on Sunday May 17th. Lori and I have been busy planning a great afternoon for everyone.

A big thank you for all who made table toppers and Tea favors for all the guests. Check out the Quilt Show & Community Project articles to see what their departments what they'll be up to at the QuilTea.

Use the warmer weather to spend an afternoon sitting outside doing some hand stitching. Your machine might like being outside too for making some projects.

My goal this summer is to get one large and one small project done each month. What are your goals?

—Barb T., PM VP

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Sunday May 17, 2026  
at 12:30 am, QUILTea at  
Elburn Lions Park

June 22, 2026 at 7 pm  
June 23, 2026 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, June 4, 2026.  
Send info to Diane Collins at  
[diane6304@me.com](mailto:diane6304@me.com).



# 2026 QUILT SHOW

The Quilt Show 2026  
countdown is on!  
Registration will begin  
on June 1st, are you ready?  
Boutique Donations will

Get all your up to date information on our  
website on the [Quilt Show Page](#).

be accepted at the QuilTea, all other collections  
will continue at the June meetings.

Please contact the team lead(s) if you need to  
make special arrangements for other drop offs.

Fabric: Peggy B.

Books, Patterns & Magazines: Liz F

Quilty Things: Barb T. or Heidi C.

## 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

## Prairie Star Quilt Guild 2026 Quilt Show

Friday, October 16th, 2026 9am – 5pm

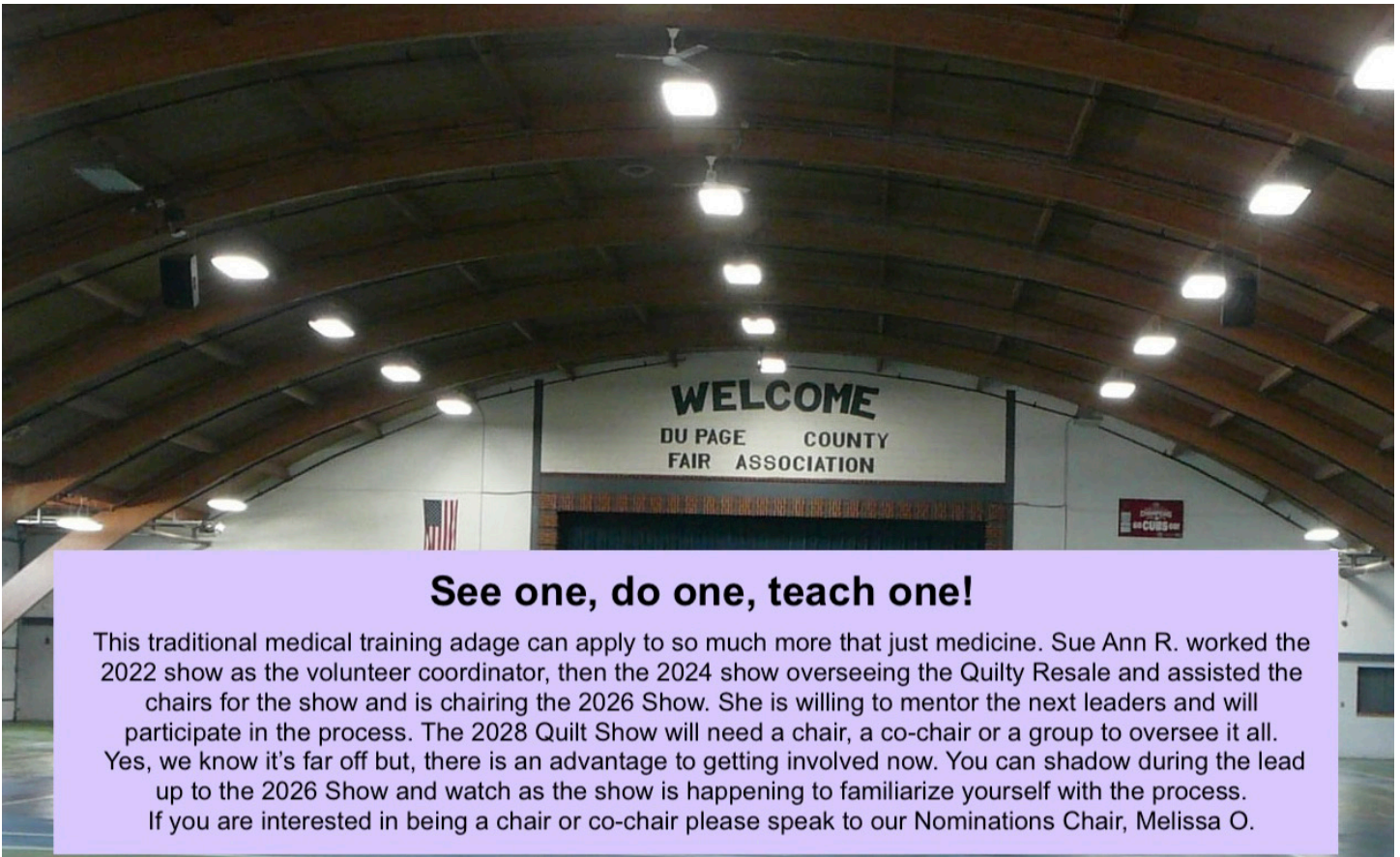
Saturday, October 17th, 2026 9am – 4pm



DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds 2015 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL 60187

**Admissions \$10 Details at [PSQG.ORG](http://PSQG.ORG)**

200+ Quilts on Display, Vendors, Raffle Baskets, Quilter's Boutique,  
Challenge Quilts, Quilty Resale, Quilter's Cafe & More!



### See one, do one, teach one!

This traditional medical training adage can apply to so much more than just medicine. Sue Ann R. worked the 2022 show as the volunteer coordinator, then the 2024 show overseeing the Quilty Resale and assisted the chairs for the show and is chairing the 2026 Show. She is willing to mentor the next leaders and will participate in the process. The 2028 Quilt Show will need a chair, a co-chair or a group to oversee it all. Yes, we know it's far off but, there is an advantage to getting involved now. You can shadow during the lead up to the 2026 Show and watch as the show is happening to familiarize yourself with the process. If you are interested in being a chair or co-chair please speak to our Nominations Chair, Melissa O.

## GIRL SCOUT SEW DAY

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild Comfort Quilters Committee, which was created to provide scholarship opportunities to the next generation of quilters, is excited to share with the guild that on Saturday, May 2, 2026 a group of six guild volunteers hosted a Sew Day for six Girl Scouts of the Trailblazers Service Unit at the Elburn Town and Country Library.

The Comfort Quilters Committee made sewing kits for each scout to use at the Sew Day and then at the end of the class they could take them home. The kits contained pins, needles, a needle threader, thread, scissors, a sewing slide ruler, the fabric for their

project and stickers to decorate their sewing kits.

The scouts learned how to sew by sewing on a piece of paper with hand guides printed on the sides. This helped to teach the girls where to place their hands as they learned to sew straight and curvy lines.

The project was to complete a drawstring backpack, and the scouts accomplished their goal. The scouts were sent home with markers and embellishments including buttons and patches so they could personalize their finished backpacks.



Thanks go out to Krista, not only is she a guild member but is also the coordinating Girls Scout Leader, Nancy, Mary, Deede, Christina, Lori and Beth for a successful Sew Day.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

All programs subject to change. Additional details and registrations are on the website.

**August:** Tina Craig  
*Workshop:* EPP Design Party  
Aug. 24 10a-4p \$54

**September:** Eileen Daniels  
*Workshop:* Here Is My Vintage  
Linen- Where Do I Start?  
Sep. 28, 1-4p \$25

**January:** *Virtual* Lorelei Kuecker and Julia McLeod

**February:** *Virtual* Kelly Ashton

**March:** Sarah Nishiura  
*Workshop:* Consider Curves  
March 23, 1-4p \$37

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### JUNE

#### CANDY GRISHAM

Candy of ICandy Quilts is a quilt artist, quilt teacher, author, maker of contemporary quilts & Modern Dresden patterns.

**June 22 Lecture:** Creativity

**June 23 Lecture:** The Dresden Reimagined



### JULY

#### AMY STRUCKMEYER

While Amy values craft and tradition in design, she is energized by modern interpretations and creative remixes. Her recent work is rooted in an investigation of geometry and color.

**July 27**

**Lecture & Trunk Show:  
How to Break the Rules**

**July 28**

**Reframe Your Color Story**



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



### Candy Grisham Workshop Reimagined Dresden

In this workshop you will create your own unique small wall hanging from your vintage linens.

**Sunday, June 21**

**10am-4pm**

University Of Illinois Extension Kane County  
535 S Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

**\$57**

Register [here](#)



### Amy Struckmeyer Workshop

#### Wild Geese FPP

In this class, participants will learn the basics of FPP to make more-than-basic blocks. Amy will share tips for precise foundation paper piecing and discuss ways to strategically use color and geometry to create sophisticated designs with these unique blocks.

**Sunday, July 28**

**10am-3pm**

University Of Illinois Extension Kane County  
535 S Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

**\$47**

Register [here](#)



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# PSQG MEMBERS! LET'S SEW TOGETHER



**THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH  
& FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

This past month we have donated 25 port pillows to Duly Health and an additional 25 to Northwestern. Both groups love the donations and said their cancer patients are so grateful to have them. Thank you to everyone for the great work!

Kids Quilts will be having a drop off for tops and finished quilts at the Tea Party. Due to space constraints this drop off will be held outside near the entrance. Look for Sandi outside the entrance 30 to 60 minutes before the event starts, her vehicle will be pulled up and ready to load.

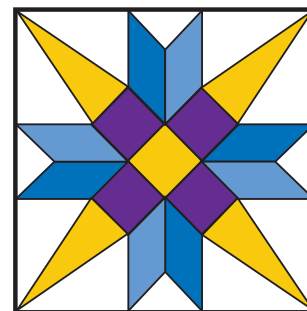
Kits for tops and kits for long arming will also be available upon request to pick up. Please note any kits picked up that day will need to be taken to your vehicle. Please

do not bring kits into the Tea as the room is full.

A reminder post will be on Facebook ahead of the Tea Party, you can comment there if you want kits brought to the event and how many you would like. Or feel free to call or text Sandi that information.

We have been doing amazing work in kids and hospice quilts. We are currently averaging around 50 to 60 quilts per month. My humble thanks to all our volunteers who have made this possible! We will have some new fun and exciting kits available for making tops at the June meeting! Be sure to stop by and see us!

Thank you again for all your efforts and generosity in supporting our guild and the community!



## 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

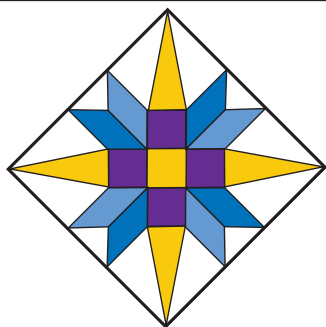
**Contracts:** Barb Gillespie

**Activities:** OPEN

**2026 Quilt Show:** Sue Ann Reiner



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