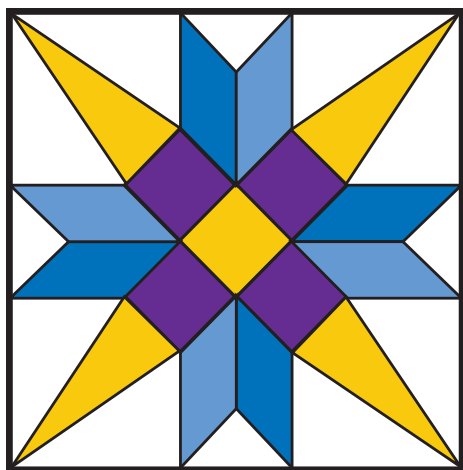




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow quilters! Well we made it through summer, at least on the calendar...definitely not the way it feels outside. Our big push right now is our quilt show. One month from now we'll be hard at work putting on our fabulous show. Sue Ann has been putting the final touches on every detail. It will be beautiful! It is so important for the next chair to be able to see all the prep and workings of this, our major event. We are still looking for that person(s) to fill those shoes. Bring yourself, your friends or your bee to step in and get our next show, 2028, rolling! And don't forget to sign up to volunteer at this show...many openings still available!

We just finished our summer retreat at the "Hamptons" and it was a lot of fun. We had

some newer members that I was able to meet and I got some serious sewing done as well. Next one is in Racine, Wisconsin on March 18-21. Watch for that signup on our website. It's a lovely facility right on Lake Michigan.

Also, and I know we sound like a broken record, but we really need your help filling some board positions for next year. The Contracts person needs to start ASAP as we are booked through June, and most speakers like a year's notice. So that is critical at this point. Others slots to be filled are Programs, Newsletter, and of course the Quilt Show. Seriously make that move and dive in to support your guild!

See you at our September meetings and then at the Quilt Show!! Can't wait!

Cindy

LEFT BEHIND

This loving embroidered item was mixed in with fabric donations received at the August meeting. If it was donated in error please contact Peggy Benzin to retrieve.



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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 9/28/26, 2025 at 7 pm

Tues 9/29/26 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, October 8, 2026.

Send info to Diane Collins at

diane6304@me.com.

THE 2026 PSQG QUILT SHOW IS COMING!

Make sure you have Quilt Week Events on your calendar

Sunday, October 11th—Hostess House Drop off

Monday, October 12th—Judging Day

Tuesday, October 13th—What did we forget?

Wednesday, October 14th—Pipe & Drape install & Supply drop off at the Fairground

Thursday, October 15th—Set up

Friday, October 16th—Show Open 9am–5pm

Saturday, October 17th—Show Open 9am–4pm

Take down & Clean up! Quilt pick up 5:30–6pm

Challenge Quilts

We need to hear from you if you are one of the 13 participants who haven't done one of the following:

- Turned in your quilt
- Told us that you won't be completing it
- You've already spoken to Carolyn Mack

We know if and when you will be turning it in.

Quiltquick38@gmail.com or 630-400-9113.



**MANY HANDS MAKE
FOR LIGHT WORK!**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY,
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR
VOLUNTEER SHIFT FOR THE
QUILT SHOW!**

**CONTACT ANN GARVEY VIA TEXT
(HER # IS IN THE DIRECTORY) OR
EMAIL PSQGQUILTSHOW@GMAIL.COM**

Quilt Show Checklist

- Turn in your Challenge Quilt.
- Turn in your Youth Quilts & Pick up entry tickets.
- Submit your payment for Judged Quilts.
- Sign up for your Volunteer Shift.
- Attend September Meeting for Packet Pickup. If you know you will not be in attendance please coordinate with a guildmate to pick up yours or connect with Mary Clemens for alternatives.
- Finish your quilt, make sure to include a label & sleeve!
- Add Sunday, October 11th 1–4pm (for most hostesses, check the times for the one nearest you) on your calendar for Quilt Drop off. If you know you will not be available please coordinate with a hostess for early drop off or plan on someone to do it for you.
- Bring your CASH or your checkbook! (Every credit card swipe cuts into profits for both the guild and our vendors.)

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THANK YOU

for your quilt show donations!

PSQG QUILT SHOW
QUILTY RESALE
& BOUTIQUE TEAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All programs subject to change. Additional details and registrations are on the [website](#).

January: Virtual Lorelei Kuecker and Julia McLeod

March: Sarah Nishiura

February: Virtual Kelly Ashton



SEPTEMBER 28: 7 PM

Eileen Daniels

Vintage Textiles with a Creative Twist



SEPTEMBER 29: 9:30 AM

Using Orphan Blocks with
Sentimental Endings



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Eileen Daniels Workshop

Here is My Vintage Linen-
How Do I Start?

Monday, September 28

1pm-4pm

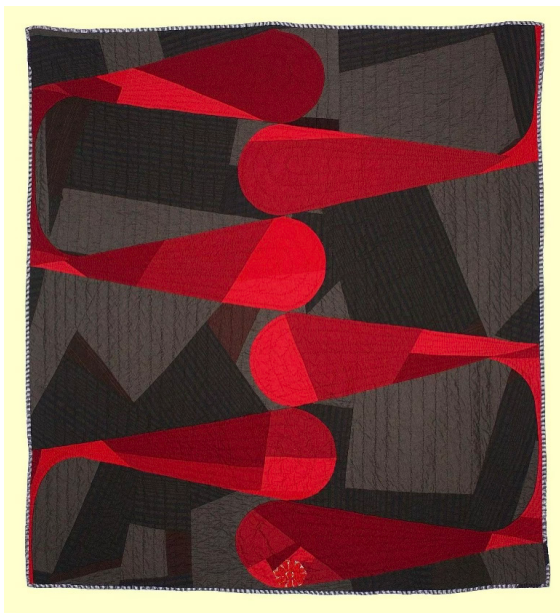
Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd, St. Charles, IL

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\$25

Register [here](#)



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Sarah Nishiura Workshop

Consider Curves

March 22

1pm-4pm

University Of Illinois Extension Kane County

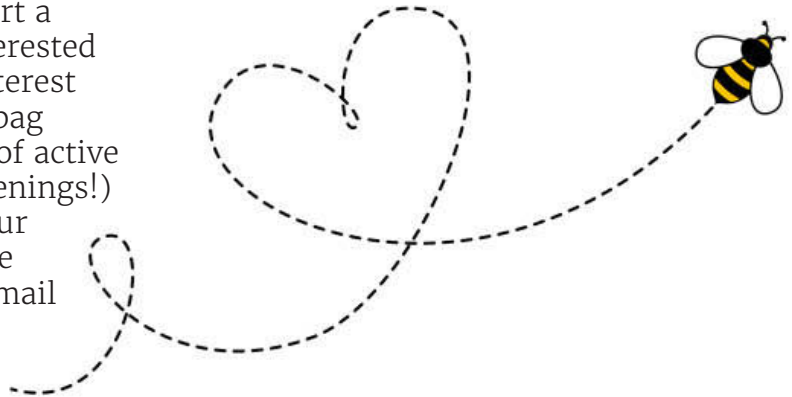
535 S Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

\$37

Register [here](#)

WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES?

After Tina Craig's lecture at the Monday evening meeting in August, there has been some interest in block swapping. If that appeals to enough members, we can start a bee! I'm also still looking for those interested in a hand quilting bee, and a general interest bee in the Elgin area. The Bag-ettes (a bag making bee) has been added to our list of active bees. A full list of bees (several with openings!) can be found on the Members page of our website. For more information, visit the Beekeeper table at a Guild meeting or email [Kathy Secor](#).



NEW DOOR POLICY

I am sure you have noticed that the front doors have been locked at meeting time. We are unable to unlock them because of Church security policy. If there is not a representative of the Church present the doors are locked, alarmed, and monitored. They cannot be propped open. For an example if you need to go out to your car for something you need to be sure someone is near by to let you back in.

A wireless doorbell has been purchased to alert a volunteer to open the door. It will temporarily mounted to the south doors for access to the meeting. For the Monday evening meeting the

volunteer will open the door from 6:30P to 7:30p. For the Monday morning meeting the volunteer will open the door from 9:00A to 10:00A. The doors will not be opened after 7:30P or 10:00A respectively so that the volunteers can attend the meetings. If you see someone inside before 6:30P or 9:00A respectively that is board members getting things ready for the meetings. Don't ring the doorbell or bang on the door or windows. They have things to do. The doorbell will not be answered during a speaker's presentation for respect to the speaker. Please keep in mind that the volunteers will be getting to

the meetings half an hour before the meeting to let you in so your punctuality would be greatly appreciated.

If you know you will be later than the times stated above and you have a friend that will leave the meeting to let you in you can arrange that as long as the person you contact does not disrupt the meeting to do so. Keep in mind that cell phones are to be silenced during the meeting.

Remember we are guests of the Church and must abide by their regulations.

PSQG Board

QUILTS OF VALOR

Quilts of Valor wants to extend a sincere thank you for all your help in getting our Veterans wrapped. It has been a very busy year, largely due to the 250th celebrations, but our guild stepped up and showed incredible

teamwork. I am deeply grateful for this support, as many state coordinators do not receive this level of involvement from their guilds.

KIDS QUILTS AND HOSPICE QUILTS PROGRAM

Volunteers will be focusing on stocking up for having significantly extra kits available for both making tops and long arming during October and November since November will be our last in person meeting until March of 2027. So if you are a snowbird and plan to take kits with you be ready to snag them at those

meetings. Even if you aren't heading away for the winter, you can take kits and bring them back in March.

Sandi W is also looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to drop off finished Quilts to Shriner's Office in Addison off of Army Trail and Swift Road and another person to drop Quilts to Central

DuPage Children's Hospital in Winfield. The process literally takes a few minutes where you walk in and drop them off and you are done. Sandi will go with the person who volunteers the first time to show them exactly what to do. Let her know if you are interested!

PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION

During our September meetings, we will be collecting plastic bags to create "plarn" for homeless mats. Please start saving your plastic bags so they can be repurposed to help those in need!



PSQG Retreat



Get away to Racine, Wisconsin at the
Sienna Retreat Center

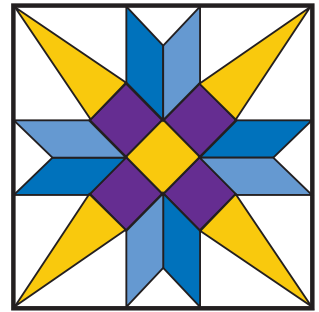
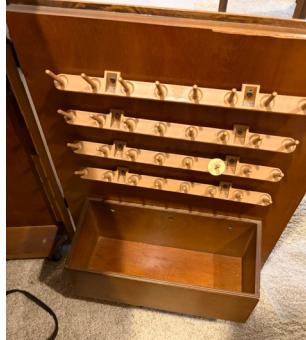
Retreat & Single Room \$365

Retreat, Single Room & Board \$480

Thursday, March 18th 3pm to
Sunday, March 21st 1pm

Electronic Singer Sewing Machine

Cabinet, machine parts, history, family owned, more pictures available. Asking \$400.00; for contact email me at ginny.wright@comcast.net.



2026-2027 BOARD MEMBERS

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Nominations: Melissa O'Brien

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Activities: Miranda Garcia

2026 Quilt Show: Sue Ann Reiner

A large, colorful quilted flower design with multiple layers of petals in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The flower is the central focus of the poster.

Fiber Art Divas
present ...

Elements of Innovation
annual fiber art show & sale

October 13-30, 2026
Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery
508 North Center St, Naperville, IL 60563

Show Hours:
Tuesdays-Fridays 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Free Admission

The Fiber Art Divas is an informal group whose members explore all forms of fiber art. Meetings, the fourth Monday of each month from 1-3pm, are held at the Naperville Art League Fine Art Center & Gallery. New Members are welcome.

Opening Reception
Sunday October 18, 2026 2-4pm
With Demonstrations, Meet and Greet, Refreshments and Gift Shop

Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery
508 North Center Street
Naperville Illinois 60563

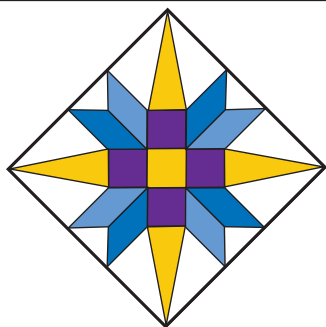
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