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Greetings!

Between the time change and leaves turning, we are truly in our Fall season.....so get out your quilts and keep warm!

First off, I want to congratulate all of you for putting on a fabulous quilt show! I've heard nothing but positive feedback all around. Thank you members for volunteering, the committee heads who worked so diligently, and Sue Ann for directing this "award winning" event! As I walked through the show I saw gorgeous quilts, beautiful displays, so many things to add to our quilting supplies, interesting challenges, really nice vendors, and delicious food. It was such a happy place to be. Everyone was cheerful, helpful, and delighted to be there. That's the kind of atmosphere that is so great to see in our guild. I feel that since our tea last spring the morale of our members has become even more outgoing and friendly to each other, wanting to help in classes, retreats and sew-ins. We have the reputation for being the best local quilt show around!

With all those good things comes the need to continue our work by finding some members who will be on the next board. We have quite a few openings for you to fit in somewhere. Most importantly we need Contracts and Programs. This job could be done with your bee or a few friends. It needs to begin immediately. Some other positions for you to consider are Treasurer, Newsletter, and Membership. Please ask Melissa O. or any other board member if you have interest. Hate to sound like a broken record, but we really need your help! Check out the job descriptions on our website.

We will meet in November for a charity project, and we don't meet in December. Library books checked out in November won't be due until March as we have Zoom only meetings in January and February. So gather some titles that you can hang onto for 3 months.

Keep working on those projects. This quilt may be the one you enter into our next quilt show. See you in November at our membership meeting!

—Cindy, PSQG President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

Mon 11/23/26, 2025 at 7 pm
Tues 11/24/26 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, January 7, 2027.
Send info to Diane Collins at diane6304@me.com.

2026 Quilt Show!

See the Gallery

2026 PSQG Quilt Show Award Winners			
Applique cotton	**Quilt Number**	**Name**	**Special Recognition to PSQG Quilter**
1st	J412	Carole Bates	
2nd	J414	Carole Bates	
3rd	J413	Brenda Brewer	
Honorable Mention	J402	Elvira Illig	
Applique wool			
1st	J405	Jean Campbell	Edith Hubbard
2nd	J404	Jeanette Hudepohl	
3rd	J409	Jody Schoneck	
Honorable Mention	J407	Angelika Brinkmann-Busi	
Mixed applique/pieced/etc 50/50			
1st	J410	Diane Swaney-Smith	
2nd	J403	Brenda Brewer	
3rd	J411	Christie Hardt	
Honorable Mention			
Other technique/Art			
1st	J529	Nancy Shiner	
2nd	J531	Angelika Brinkmann-Busi	
3rd	J528	Linda LoBianco	
Honorable Mention	J532	Kathy Steere	
Pieced - I			
1st	J508	Nancy Lilly	
2nd	J505	Karen Luebbers	Betsy Stoughton
3rd	J522	Melinda VanDril-Beer	Erica Barrett
Honorable Mention	J516	Aniela Levin	
Pieced - II			
1st	J512	Barbara Gillespie	
2nd	J510	Barbara Gillespie	
3rd	J504	Carolyn Mack	
Honorable Mention	J514	Carol Lauer	
Pieced - III			
1st	J506	Edith Hubbard	
2nd	J501	Debbie Baker	Miranda Garcia
3rd	J515	Elizabeth Fitzgerald	
Honorable Mention	J509	Linda LoBianco	

Best of Show	J506	Edith Hubbard	
Judge's Choice	J410	Diane Swaney-Smith	
Up to 3 by judge: special recognition best...			
Exemplary Piecing	J504	Carolyn Mack	
Interpretation of a Theme	J531	Angelika Brinkmann-Busi	
Hand Workmanship	J414	Carole Bates	

President's Choice	J506	Edith Hubbard	

Viewers' Choice	J501	Debbie Baker	Miranda Garcia
Favorite Holiday/seasonal	201	Carolyn Mack	Betsy Stoughton
Quilt that makes me smile	540	Carolyn Mack	

NACQJ - Award of Merit			
(award from Quilt Judge)	J529	Nancy Shiner	

Challenge Quilts			
1st	33	Betsy Stoughton	
2nd	14	Rhonda Anderson	
3rd	8	Judith White	
Honorable Mention			

A Special Thank You to the PSQG Quilt Show Team Leaders!

Stefanie Combs - Admissions
Mary Markee - Beautification
Liz Fitzgerald - Books/Magazines/Patterns
Deede Krage - Boutique
Chris Macenski - Cashier Lead
Rhonda Anderson - Cashier Co-Lead
Jan Sharpless - Café Chief Cook
Chris Schwarz - The Heart of the Café
Carolyn Mack - Challenge Quilts
Beth Koos - Youth Quilts
Peggy Benzin - Fabric Resale
Bonnie Prokop - Hostess Houses
Miranda Garcia - Information Booth
Vicki Evans - Information Booth
Sheila Cisko - Judged Quilts
Aileen Vogel - Opportunity Quilt
Nancy Krasinski - Photographer
Sue Ann Reiner - Pipe and Drape/Venue
Bonnie Prokop - Publicity Co-Lead
Rita Gilbert - Publicity Co-Lead
Mary Clemens - Quilt Entry Forms and Reports

Diana Rash - Quilt Labels
Kathy Steere - Quilt Display Plan
Susan LLorens - Quilt Set Up
Tine Wyllie - Quilt Take Down & Pick up
Barb Tuman - Quilty Things Co-Lead
Heidi Clayton - Quilty Things Co-Lead
Brenda Brewer - Raffle Baskets
Aileen Vogel - Raffle License
Edith Hubbard - Ribbons
Melanie Murphy - Signage
Barb Gillespie - Transportation items from Storage
Lori McMahon - Treasurer
Nancy Krasinski - Assistant to the Treasurer
Christie Hardt - Vendors
Ann Garvey - Volunteers
Judith White - White Glove

I couldn't have done it without you!
Love & Hugs - Sue Ann Reiner

Upcoming Programs

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

January: *Virtual* Lorelei Kuecker and Julia McLeod

February: *Virtual* Kelly Ashton

March: Sarah Nishiura

November Meetings

Come craft and make a card or two!



Socialize with members as we make cards for ALS, nursing homes, veterans and Honor Flight veterans.

This month's meetings fall during the week of Thanksgiving, so skip some cooking and come craft with us. There will be supplies provided for this event. If you have any supplies you would like to donate, please contact Miranda G., Sheila C., or Barb G.

Feel free to BYOB (bring your own beverage).

If you did not attend this event last year, it was a lot of fun!

Prairie Star Quilt Guild Quilty Resale

You-Pick-It Scrap bins

Gallon Bags $5 Quart Bags $2

All Proceeds will be donated to

Northern Illinois Food Bank

cash only, please !

Upcoming Workshops



For illustrative purposes only

Seats are available!

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?

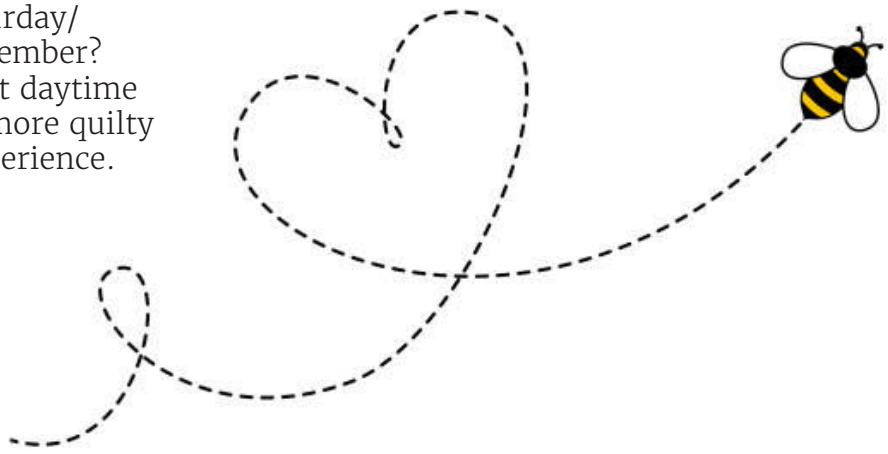
Joining a bee can enhance your Guild experience! The small group meetings are a wonderful way to share ideas about your specific quilting interests or introduce you to other areas that you may not have tried yet.

A number of members from the Geneva/ Saint Charles area have expressed an interest in forming a general bee! Would you like to be added to that list?

Are there any general interest bees that meet in the evening or during the day Saturday/ Sunday with an opening for a new member? There is a new Guild member without daytime availability that would like to make more quilty friends and expand their quilting experience.

Are you interested in a longarm bee? LAMBee will be meeting on the second Monday of the month beginning January 11. This bee meets at a member's home in Geneva. If you would like to attend (even just to see what it's all about), please contact Ann Muenster or Diane Moore.

Stop by the Beekeeper table at either of the November meetings, or email Kathy Secor (beekeeper@psqg.org).



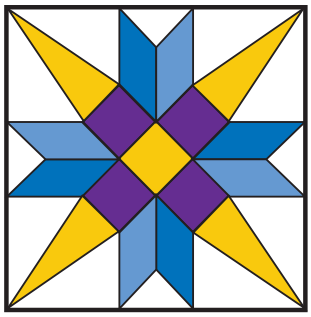
Community Projects Updates

Thank you to everyone for helping with our community projects. Make sure to stop by the tables at the November meetings to stock up on projects for the winter months!

From Pam Sullivan:

Between Duly and Northwestern we will be donating another 150 port pillows. I will have plenty of kits at the next meeting. If anyone wants more before then or during our zoom months, they can contact me directly and I will be happy to deliver them and/or pick up completed ones.

As always, I appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping us stocked with port pillows so we have them when they are requested.





2026-2027 Board Members

President: Cindy Krelle

Evening Vice President: Barb Tuman

Daytime Vice President: Edith Hubbard

Programs Vice President: Sheila Cisko

Secretary: Diana Rash

Treasurer: Lori McMahon

Membership: Aileen Vogel

Newsletter: Diane Collins

Education: Chris Schwarz

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Tech support: Christine "Tine" Wyllie

Bee Keeper: Kathy Secor

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

Community Projects: Stefanie Combs

Nominations: Melissa O'Brien

Contracts: Barb Gillespie

Activities: Miranda Garcia

2026 Quilt Show: Sue Ann Reiner

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