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COME FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING AND STAY FOR THE FUN!

Why attend the Business Meeting? If we do not have a quorum (20% of our membership), we cannot have elections. Without elections we cannot have a guild. In addition to voting in the new board members, we will also vote on the budget for the new fiscal year. It's an interesting peek behind the curtain to see what is involved to keep the guild running.

There are still openings on the Board for Activities and Contracts/Programs. The Activities Team will arrange treats for the QOV meeting in July, the May Banquet, and various retreats (virtual and in person). The Contracts/Program team will have the fun opportunity to select speakers and workshops for the 24/25 year (the first year). The second year you would present those speakers and host workshops. Programs 23/24 team will host speakers and workshops for the current year. For more information or to volunteer for one of these positions please contact me, Barbara Gillespie.

Would you like to volunteer to help with one of the Board positions but not be on the Board? There will

be a volunteer signup sheet at the April and May meetings. There are options to help once or occasionally. Your help is always needed and greatly appreciated.

And now for the FUN part of the meeting!

- Who will win the UFO raffles? Will you be the one that pulls the ticket for the lucky winner or be the lucky winner?
- Show-n-Tell. Yes, there will be Show-n-Tell! There is a limit of 2 per person. Please keep your descriptions brief.
- Preview of the upcoming years programs. You won't want to miss a preview of the upcoming speakers.

OH, AND DID I MENTION DOOR PRIZES?

April is also the time of year for to renew your Membership and register for the May Banquet; both can be done [on our website](http://our website) or at the meeting. Membership dues are due by the June meeting. The last date to sign up for the Banquet is the April meeting. This is a fun event, and you won't want to miss it. All forms of payment will be accepted at the meeting.

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

April 24, 2023 at 7 pm

NO MORNING MEETING

May 22, 2023 at 6 pm. Banquet

NO MORNING MEETING

*April meeting, usual location:
Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL*

*May banquet location:
St. Andrew's Golf Course
2241 Route 59
West Chicago, IL*

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, May 11, 2023.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeup@gmail.com.

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Due to an illness, I was not able to attend last month's meeting. I am so impressed by the donations that were made to the strip collection and

Cleta's Stay and Sew. You are such a generous group that never ceases to amaze me.

Looking forward to seeing you at

the Business Meeting and meeting the new Board of Officers.

- Barb Gillespie, President

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community! Make sure to check out all our projects and tutorials on the website at: <https://psqg.org/community-projects/>. Kits & Supplies are available!

Thank you to all who donated miles of strips and basic sewing supplies for Cleta's Stay and Sew. You've earned chances to win at our GIANT UFO GIVEAWAY at the April business Meeting.

In July we are planning a PSQG Quilts of Valor award ceremony. Have you selected a veteran and started your quilt? Requirements can be found on Quilt of Valor's website at QOVF.org.

Not sure who to contact? You can email Community Projects via email right on the PSQG website! Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate project leader.



Items donated to Cleta's Stay and Sew

What is Cleta's Stay and Sew?

Cleta is a woman in Rockford who is giving a free space to sew as well as free sewing classes for those who want to learn.

Sue Ann has made several deliveries of items our community

projects groups can't use, and she has much, much more to deliver.

While those deliveries and fabric are appreciated, the greatest need are the most basic sewing items.

That is why we collected extra sewing tools, such as measuring

tapes, tracing wheels, seam rippers, marking pencils, tailors chalk, scissors, snips, etc. If you find yourself with extras, bring them to the Community Projects table.

Here is [a video](#) and a [great article about Cleta](#) and her shop.



The Virtual Zoom Retreats continue on the 4th weekend of every month, Saturday and Sunday.

Come for one day, both days, or even a few hours. Admission is free and you don't have to pack up your

machine, projects, or supplies! You can also get a little peek at what other sewers rooms look like, and we can relate if it's a mess!

The next chat is April 22 & 23. [Email activities to sign up](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Alternatively, choose to attend one of our in-person retreats. Sign up for August (Primitive Gathering) or October (Hampton in Aurora); see all the details and the sign-up sheets on [our website](#).

[Update on The Gathering](#)

RETREAT CHOICES

Retreat – Laurie at The Gathering stated they are filling up and our guild has a good turnout. If you have not yet sent your registration you need to do it soon. The Gathering will release the rooms we are holding on APRIL 15th. In addition, balance is due directly to The Gathering, 30 days prior to the retreat.

Update on Hampton Retreat in October – We have received deposits and some full payments for this retreat in October. This is a great local retreat venue! Please register soon to hold your spot.

APRIL MEETING EXTRAS

The Land of Lincoln Quilts of Valor will have their opportunity quilt on display. You may purchase tickets to win this beautiful quilt. Rita will also have her fabric “extras” available to claim when you make a donation.



Quilts of Valor®
Quilts = Healing!

MAY BANQUET

Our annual banquet is May 22nd at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm and there will be a cash bar.

For those who haven't attended a banquet before, this is a social event with a keynote speaker, and it's a great opportunity to meet other quilters and make new friends, or reconnect with friends you haven't seen in awhile. Typically we have tables seating 8, and groups can sign up to sit together. We encourage you to sign up as a single and let us choose your table for you, much like our Zoom breakout rooms. Meeting new quilting friends can be fun, and you know with this group we all have one topic of conversation to break the ice with -- quilting!

[Sign up and pay](#) on the PSQG website. There will also be an opportunity to sign up in person at the April meeting.

Entrees are:

- Garlic Pesto Gnocchi with vegetables (vegetarian) - \$41.00
- Champagne Chicken - \$41.00
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with maple bourbon glaze - \$43.00

The entrees also include Minestrone soup, St. Andrews garden salad, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, chocolate cake, water, tea, and coffee. A cash bar will be open.

We will have someone at the April meeting to collect banquet and retreat registrations.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to think about membership renewal. For those who are new to the guild, our guild fiscal year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

You may [renew online](#) or in person at the April meeting or May banquet.

If you are not going to attend either of the meetings in April or May, please consider updating your information and paying your dues online.



BALLOT SEASON

At the April meetings, we hold our elections. Typically, we just vote on and formally elect the new slate of board members for the coming fiscal year. Our by-laws require we announce the new slate at least 30 days before the election. You will find the slate on page 7.

When we have a proposed change to the by-laws, that must also be announced 30 days prior to the election, and voted on by the general membership.

We have a proposal on the table to change the contracts/programs position to a 1 year commitment instead of a 2 year commitment. We also have an info graphic to better explain how we envision this position performing going forward.

Current by-laws

President, **Contracts/Program Vice-President** and Treasurer shall serve two-year terms and shall not be elected to a third consecutive term. All remaining elected Board members shall serve one year terms.

The **Contracts Chair** shall be elected to a two-year term. The first year shall be served as Contracts Chair and the second year as Programs Vice-President.

The **Programs Vice-President** has completed a year as Contracts Chair and shall have the primary responsibility for producing the monthly meeting programs and workshops, when offered.

Proposed by-laws

By-Law change proposal: Change Contract/Program Vice-President to a one year term.

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The Programs Vice-President has completed (a year) change to (6 months) as Contracts Chair and shall have the primary responsibility for producing the monthly meeting programs and workshops, when offered.

When we discussed this as a board, the general feelings was breaking the position down into smaller chunks would allow more members to be involved. It would also be less of a time commitment, and allow for extended collaboration and teamwork between those involved.

Here is an info graphic explaining how the position would be implemented and where it would overlap.

Programs on a 12 month cycle vs a 2 year cycle.



Late would be responsible for booking Speakers/Workshops for the July, August, September, October & November starting no later than January and be completed by the April business meeting. They would then be the point of contact for the guests they booked, make sure the guests are taken care of during their visit and be the hostess for the workshops.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All programs subject to change.
More info on our website.

May 2023
[Nina Clotfelter](#)



Be our new contracts/programs chairperson and choose our upcoming speakers! Great job to do with a friend or two.

OUR WEB STORE IS OPEN



Place your order and select pick-up instead of shipping. Susan E. will pick up your order and contact you to make arrangements for delivery. We also have the white travel mugs available. Contact Susan E. if you'd like one.

psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com



April is our business meeting and during that meeting we will vote in/confirm our new board members who will start their term in June 2023. There are several open positions. If you are interested, please contact any member of the board. We especially need contracts and programs filled if we want to have speakers and workshops going forward.

Some social time and fun is planned. No refreshments will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own drink (with a cover, please). We will have show and tell; please keep the limit of 2 items per person, and we ask you to keep your presentation short and sweet.

Inside, there will be a couple of tables for check-in and membership renewal, the UFO raffle, and receipt of finished community projects. The library will be there for returns only, and community projects is also just for returns.

Slate of 2023-2024 board positions

President: Cindy Krelle

Secretary: Ruthann Heidgerken

Treasurer: Lori McMahon

AM VP: Susan Egner

PM VP: Barb Tuman

Programs 23/24 VP: OPEN

Contracts/Programs 24-26: OPEN

Activities: OPEN

BeeKeeper: Beth Koos

Community Projects: Sheila Cisko

Education: Chris Schwarz

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

Membership: Aileen Vogel

Media: Chris Macenski

Social Media: Nancy Krasinski

Newsletter: Melanie Murphy

Nominations: Sandy Andrews



Nina Clotfelder

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

NINA CLOTFELDER

Here are a few fun things to know about me:

I have a passion for free motion quilting! There is SO much freedom to do anything you wish and ability to express your creativity. Free motion quilting does NOT have to be an expensive endeavor! NO long arm is necessary! You can use your DOMESTIC sewing machine! ALL the quilts on my website have been sewn and quilted on my domestic sewing machine! Come on! Play with me!

There is nothing more fun and satisfying than to share what you love with others who then become successful!

Traveling and teaching are two of my favorite things. My most favorite thing in life is meeting new wonderful quilters! Quilters are the most caring, sharing, loving, generous people of any "group" known!

I look forward to meeting you!

Read more on Nina's website [Nina Clotfelder Quilts!](#)



Beginning RULER Work on YOUR Sewing Machine! (Or sit down long arm)

Tuesday May, 23rd 9:30am – 4pm

University of Illinois Kane County Extension Building
535 S. Randall Road St. Charles IL 60714

Sold out, but waiting list available

[Follow this link to get on waiting list.](#)

Paper Piecing for Anyone (Virtual)

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: [Zoom virtual link](#)



Members \$40

Pattern is included in workshop cost!

Non-members: Registration opens May 1

Supply List: Coming Soon!

Nina is offering a second workshop. Find more details and the [sign up form](#) on our website.

Salt Creek Quilters Present
A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS
April 21, 2023 3pm-7pm
April 22, 2023 9am-5pm
Union Church 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL
Over 200 quilts on display
Two special exhibits
Bake Sale, Quilters Mall, Raffle Baskets

LIVE QUILT AUCTION
April 22nd 1pm - 3pm
Bed, baby, wall, holiday
and quilted items
a portion of Auction proceeds will be donated
to the **Wellness House in Hinsdale**



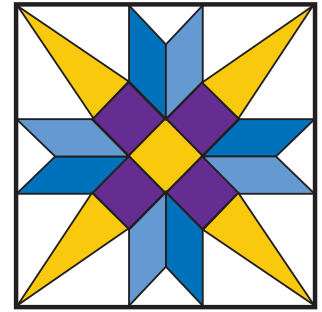
Antique sewing desk and swing-out chair in search of a forever home. Delivery possible in the Fox Valley area. Contact Susan Strasser for details.





Daisy
**APRIL
BIRTH FLOWER**

Purity
Innocence
Loyal love



2022-2023

BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

- President: Barb Gillespie
- Evening VP: Sandi White
- Daytime VP: Susan Egner
- Programs VP: Open position
- Secretary: Yvonne Richter
- Treasurer: Diane Hubberts
- Membership: Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter: Melanie Murphy
- Education: Chris Schwarz
& Foxy Bees beez
- Activities: Sue Plaster
- Media Chair: Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
- Library: Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:
Sue Ann Reiner
- Contracts 2022- 2023:
Open position
- Nominations: Open position
- 2024 Quilt Show Chairs*:
Liz Fitzgerald, Yvonne Richter,
and Diana Sharp.



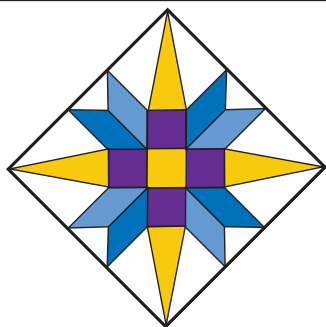
Lily of the Valley
**MAY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Humility
Purity
Sweetness

*Happy Birthday to all our members who have
their special day in April and May.
Due to privacy concerns, I will no
longer list the names here.*



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ADVERTISING RATES

1/8 page \$10/issue (business card size)

1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

Above rates apply to a single issue. A purchase of the same-size ad for a year (10 issues) earns a 10% discount. Ads accepted only for quilting or quilt-related subjects and must be prepaid.

Deadline for ads (getting copy or camera-ready artwork to the Editor) is the first of the month in which you wish the ad to appear. Call or email the Editor if you have any questions.

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