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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

If April showers bring May flowers, let the April showers be our inspiration for new projects, and let the finished projects be your May flowers. Save time to prep your outside for the beautiful May flowers.

In keeping with the theme, the April meeting is the rain and seeds of our quilt guild. The flowers are the results of all the hard work from the board and members. Now is the time to find out all that has happened, and all that is to come, at our April meeting. We will have show & tell, treats, and games in addition to the business meeting.

You will be amazed at all the work that has gone into making the guild so successful. Sign up for a workshop and come away with a new project idea. Attending workshops will help you to be able to continue having great speakers who teach the workshops. No where else can you get to hear and learn at the cost of the lesson.

Be sure to attend the May banquet at St Andrews Golf Club in West Chicago on May 20th. Make your reservation today. Enjoy a meal, speaker, and sign up for a workshop.

In keeping with the flower theme, let's make the October quilt show the biggest garden show of quilts ever. Be a rain drop or seed and sign up to help grow our show to be a show place of quilts. Show your quilt, volunteer to work at the show, and encourage all your friends to attend.

Just an important reminder, there will only be an evening meeting in April 22nd, at 7 o'clock. See you then.

It was so good to see all of you in person at the March meeting. It was a long time since November. So happy for Zoom.

— Barb Tuman Evening VP

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

April 22, 2024 at 7 pm
NO MORNING MEETING

May 20, 2024 Annual banquet
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 9, 2024.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeups@gmail.com.



UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

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

The next chat is April 27 & 28. [Email activities to sign up](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Since this is a quilt show year, we aren't having a Fall

retreat, but we are having a two-day sew-in—Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10—at the U of I extension building on Randall Road. The cost will be \$26 by credit card. You will get a \$1 discount (\$25 fee) if you pay by cash or check. Contact Nanci M or visit the website to sign up.

MAY BANQUET



Our annual banquet is May 20th at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Arrive at 5:30; dinner will be served promptly at 6 pm. A cash bar will be available.

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 ups and payment are on the PSQG website.](#) You can also sign up in person at the April business meeting.

Entrees will be the same as previous years. Let Nanci M. know if you need a gluten free option:

- Garlic Pesto Gnocchi with vegetables (vegetarian) - \$41.00
- Champagne Chicken - \$42.00
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with maple bourbon glaze - \$44.00

The entrees also include Italian Minestrone soup, St. Andrews garden salad, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, chocolate cake, water, tea, and coffee.

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.

[Online renewal](#) is open, or you can renew in person at the April or May meetings.

Please consider updating your information and paying your dues online; updating is easier for us.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our community and the guild's programs! Our program leaders are very appreciative of all the beautiful items that were made throughout the winter and for your generous donations of fabric and sewing supplies. Make sure to check out tutorials on the website or stop by the Community Projects tables at the meetings to ask questions, see project samples, or pick up a kit or two.

Thanks to Rita P. and the Quilts of Valor crews. They are always busy making stunning quilts for service members. When you submit a QOV quilt, please attach a slip with your name and city to be added to the label. Recommended quilt sizes are on the PSQG website. Contact Rita if you have questions or would like to stop by to help at the monthly events at the Moose Lodge in St. Charles on the 1st Tuesdays or at the VFW in Montgomery on the 3rd Tuesdays.

NICU isolette covers, and fidget quilts are always in need! Kits are available or you can check out the PSQG Community Projects webpage for videos and size requirements to make them from your own stash.

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital is delighted with and appreciative of the fidget quilts and marble mazes that you've made. They are asking for forty marble mazes, so please pick up a kit or two at the Community Projects tables and check out the video on the website about how to make them from your own scraps. Contact Linda S. with questions.

We have a new program! Residential Hospice in Lisle is asking for quilts and comforters of any size (please no fleece) for their patients. Please do not pass along items that are stained or torn. Remember that these should be gently loved items! Pin a note to the item if it's been washed (unscented detergent, no softener is preferred) before putting it in a bag to drop off at the Community Project tables. They will also accept fidget quilts. Contact Sheila C.

Thank you to all the incredible supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. We have lots of kits available and quilts in various stages for you to work on. Contact Sandi W. if you have questions.

Finished 3' x 6' mats for the homeless are still being collected! If you don't crochet,

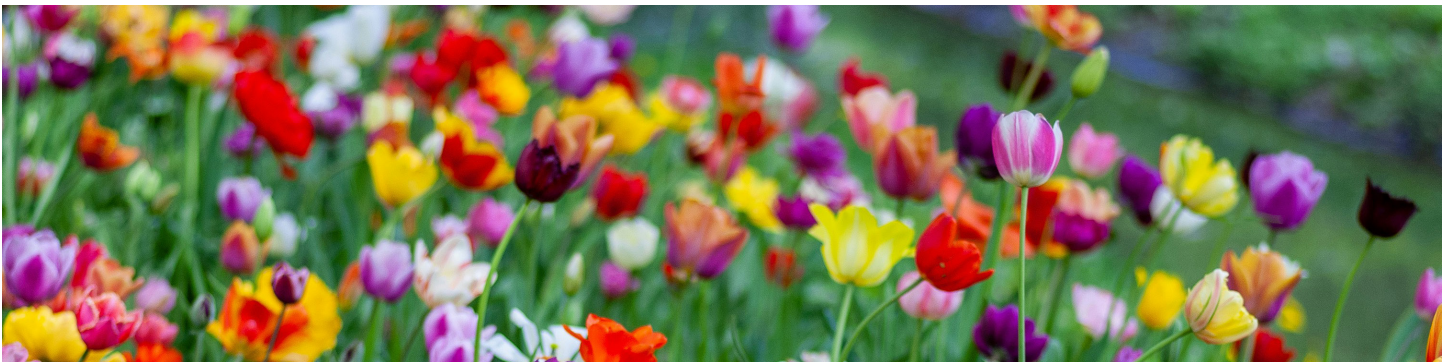
how about doing some recycling and making balls of Plarn for those who do? Contact Joyce J.

Got scraps to fill a pet bed? We have pet bed kits for you! Please note that we've been informed that Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin is no longer accepting pet beds. We are not collecting dog beds. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you. The list has been updated with the recent change.

Port pillows provide relief to chemotherapy patients. They are attached to the underside of a crossbody seatbelt and positioned over the patient's infusion port. The pillows are given to Phil's Friends, a local organization that supports those affected by cancer. Kits are available, although you can use fabric, stuffing, and hook and loop from your own stash. Contact Pam S. and Ann G.

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.

— Sheila C.



QUILT SHOW 2024

The next quilt show meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact Liz or Yvonne if you don't see an invitation soon.

The entry forms for the [show quilts](#) and for [judged quilts](#) are available. You can also turn them in at a meeting or mail them in. (Address will be provided on the form.) The tops don't have to be finished to enter, but need to be finished with a hanging sleeve for the show.

— Liz F. & Yvonne R.

Boutique

Make some items for the Instant Gratification Boutique while you're keeping warm during these cold snaps or on a rainy day. Think of items that you would love to get from a friend; that is what we are seeking. Any questions, feel free to contact me. Thanks in advance for your creativity, help, and contributions. Contact Sheryl A, Boutique Chair.

Books, etc.

Time to clean your sewing room! Now is the time to start donating your old books, magazines and patterns to the Quilt Show for us to sell and for others to enjoy.

From past Quilt Shows, we have learned that not all books and magazines will sell. We are limiting donations to newer books, which are books with copyrights from 2000 through 2023. We have found that the premium quilting, art quilting, and foreign quilting magazines will sell.

We are limiting donations of magazines to include ones like *Quiltmania*, *Simply Moderne*, *Simply Vintage*, *Quilting Arts*, *Piecework*, and magazines from other countries like *Today's Quilter*, *Love Patchwork and Quilting*, *Quilter's Companion*, and *Make Modern*. We will accept any patterns, but they must be complete.

There are a few exceptions to these rules. Please ask if you have any questions.

We are accepting donations at all in-person Guild meetings through September. Bring donations to the Opportunity Quilt table or let us know and we will get them from your car. Any questions? Contact Liz F.

Quilty Items

It is time to start gathering quilty items to donate for the 2024 quilt show. Items should be gently used. Rulers, sewing supplies, and quilt-related gift items are all welcome. We will have open trunks at the in-person meetings. Start gathering your trinkets to be sold at the quilt show. Contact Barb T and Heidi C.

Fabric Resale

Thank you for the donations you brought in at the March meetings. Our Fabric Resale, along with the Books, Patterns, Magazines, etc. allows PSQG to continuously offer incredible speakers.

We will be collecting Fabric Donations at the April Business Meeting. Please prep your donation as directed in the donation instructions here. <https://psqg.org/wp-content/uploads/PSQG-Fabric-Resale.pdf> Remember that, at this time, we are collecting quilt shop quality cotton woven fabric, flannel precut bundles and wool scraps for resale in the groups listed on the donation instructions.

If you have any questions, concerns, would you like to donate fabric but can not prep it yourself, if you would like to help another member organize their donation, if you love to cut squares and can help, or if you have a time sensitive need to donate fabric prior to the April meeting, contact Sue Ann R., Fabric Resale Chair.



BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

At the April business meeting, we will vote in the new board members, enjoy show & tell, have some treats, and play some fun games. Last month we announced the slate of new board members, as per our by-laws, but here it is again in case you missed it.

2024/2025 SLATE:

President: Cindy Krelle*

Evening VP: Barb Tuman

Daytime VP: Susan Egner

Secretary: Ruthan Heidgerken

Treasurer: Lori McMahan*

Membership: Aileen Vogel

Newsletter: Melanie Murphy

Education: Chris Schwarz

Community projects: Sheila Cisko

Activities: Nanci McAtee

Social Media: Nanci Krasinski & Sue Ann Reiner

Tech Support: Chris Macenski & **OPEN** for co-chair

Beekeeper: Beth Koos

Library: Liz Fitzgerald

Contracts (June -December 2024) / Programs VP January-May 2025: **OPEN**

Programs VP: Terri Martin & Susie Shaddle (June-Nov 2024)

Nominations: **OPEN**

Open positions need to be filled. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Sandra Andrews or any other current board member.

*President and Treasurer are not up for election at this time.
Both ladies will continue their terms.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

April 2024
Business Meeting

May 2024, Banquet
Cheryl Sleboda

June 2024
Maday Delgado

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Our workshops are ready for sign-ups! Find what appeals to you and register ASAP. Don't hesitate to sign up online today or stop by the table at a meeting.

May 2024

Cheryl Sleboda will have two workshops. See the website for details.



What in Carnation?

May 21, 2024
9 am - 12 pm
\$30

U of I Extension
535 S Randall Rd
St. Charles, IL



Artist Trading Card

May 21, 2024
6 pm - 9 pm
\$30 + \$20 kit fee

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June 2024

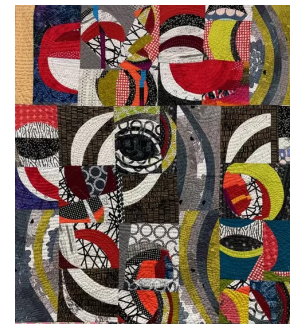
Maday Delgado will have two workshops. See the website for details.



The Chaos of Perfection

June 25, 2024
6 pm - 9 pm
\$55 + \$20 Kit Fee = \$75 total

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535 S Randall Rd
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Improv Curve Piecing without templates

May 26, 2024
9 am - 4 pm
\$75

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St. Charles, IL

ANNA MARIA HORNER



As mentioned at the March meetings, Anna Maria Horner will be at PSQG in September. Her last visit was cancelled by Covid at short notice. Our Programs team will be emailing all current PSQG members who were registered for that previously-scheduled visit to give you first dibs at signing up for September. Please respond to the email promptly, as open registration begins at the April business meeting.



JAPAN TOURS WITH PATRICIA BELYEA

Quilter and teacher Patricia Belyea is co-leading four tours to Japan in late Fall 2024 and early Spring 2025. The tours focus on quilting and textiles with insider visits, hands-on workshops, celebrity meet-ups, special meals, and more.

The NOV 2024 tour will be co-led by Jane Sassaman and features the Yokohama Quilt Show. The MAR 2025 tour will be based in Kyoto during Cherry Blossom season!

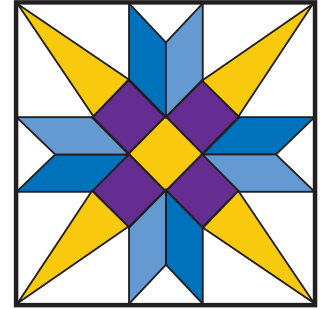
Each tour is limited to 16 participants. All places are Single Occupancy in 4-star hotels.

For the trip of a lifetime, check out itineraries and pricing at <https://okanarts.com/pages/tours>





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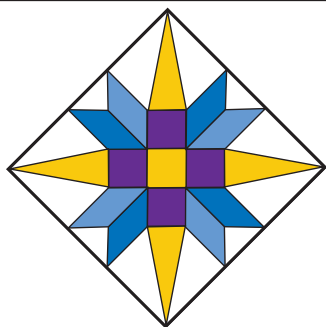
*Happy Birthday to all our members who have
 their special day in July and August.
 For privacy, I will no longer list the names here.*

YOU'RE INVITED!

Did you know our board meetings are open for any member to attend? The meetings are held every month we have a guild meeting, on the first Tuesday of the month. To attend, drop the President an email so she can send you the Zoom invitation.

2024 Quilt Show Chairs:
 Liz Fitzgerald & Yvonne Richter

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