

# Prairie Star Press

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## ONLY 38 DAYS UNTIL SPRING!

Spring is in the air, and I am excited about that! We have May banquet coming before you know it, and at that end of May, a changing of the guard, so to speak, where the outgoing board members help transition our new incoming board members! A very special thank you to those who have stepped up and filled some of our open positions. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the board meetings!

After 4 years of serving you on the board, I will be stepping down to take a break for a little while. We are encouraging new people to come forward and participate. We also encourage people to consider sharing a position with a friend. It makes the commitment easier when you share a board position with a friend. Or we can pair you up with someone you may not know well.

As a guild, we can not function without our members stepping up to help steer our guild. Have you ever felt that you would run things differently? Every one of us possesses skills and talents that other members would love to learn from. Step up

and show us what you've got! If you love our guild, (and I think most of you do) we need your ideas, your talent and your willingness to learn leadership skills! We have a place for anyone who may be a bit trepidatious but interested in learning. We will teach you what to do to be successful. We have several open board positions that must be filled if we are going to continue Prairie Star Quilt Guild! Contact any board member with questions you may have about serving.

Sue Ann Reiner has an exciting announcement coming soon. Watch for an email announcement from her in the next few weeks!

Community Projects has a lot of kits to piece or quilt. I have personally been working on some new fun quilts targeted specifically for Shriner's. I will be showing what they look like at the February Monday night meeting. They are colorful and beautiful and there will be plenty to do for those who want to piece something or quilt something really cool!

-Sandi White, evening VP

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## Upcoming Guild Meetings:

February 27, 2023 at 7 pm  
 February 28, 2023 at 9:30 am  
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 March 27, 2023 at 7 pm  
 March 28, 2023 at 9:30 am

The February meetings are held over Zoom.

*Please watch your email for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.*

The March meetings will be in-person at Congregational United Church of Christ.

*Congregational United Church of Christ  
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.  
St. Charles, IL*

**Next Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Send info to Melanie Murphy at [melaniemakeups@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemakeups@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community! Make sure to check out [tutorials on the website](#).

Rita would like to send a great big THANK YOU to those of you who attended the QoV National Sew Day! This July we will have the QOV presentation event at our July meeting. It's never too early to start thinking of a veteran or two to nominate and to start working on their quilts. Requirements can be found on Quilt of Valor's website at [Qovf.org](#).

Quilts of Valor is sewing! First Tuesdays we're at the Moose Lodge in St Charles starting at 9am.

Third Tuesdays we're at the VFW, Montgomery on River St starting at 9am. Help us recognize those who served our country by piecing 58" x 68" quilt tops, doing longarming or finishing up the binding!

NICU Isolette Covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need! Contact Linda S.

Thank all the amazing supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. Let us know if you need projects to work on or need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Contact Sandi W.

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 make a pet bed? We are not collecting, but we have fabric available to sew your own case or, if you ask Sue Ann R., she will be happy to sew a case up for you to pick up or she'll drop it off for you.

We are not collecting dog beds. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a [shelter or foster near you](#).

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.

## GET OUT OF TOWN

Our Activities chair, Sue P., has been hard at work setting up several great retreats for 2023. Choose the time and location that works best for you and join us for one of these fun events. Retreats are glorious! You will meet so many wonderful quilters, and there is no need to worry about forgetting something. Someone will have it, or there can be a little side trip to a quilt store.

Roommates, too, need not be a concern. Talk at the meetings about

needing a roommate and one may pop up. Or sign up and see who you get placed with. It just might be a new best friend!

The May retreat to Pilgrim Park has been cancelled. Sign up for August (Primitive Gathering) or October (Hampton in Aurora); see all the details and the sign-up sheets on [our website](#).



## VIRTUAL RETREATS CONTINUE

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 February 25 & 26. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!



# UFO RAFFLE

This Spring, we will have a UFO raffle to help clean out our closet and your fabric stash!

## UFO Raffle

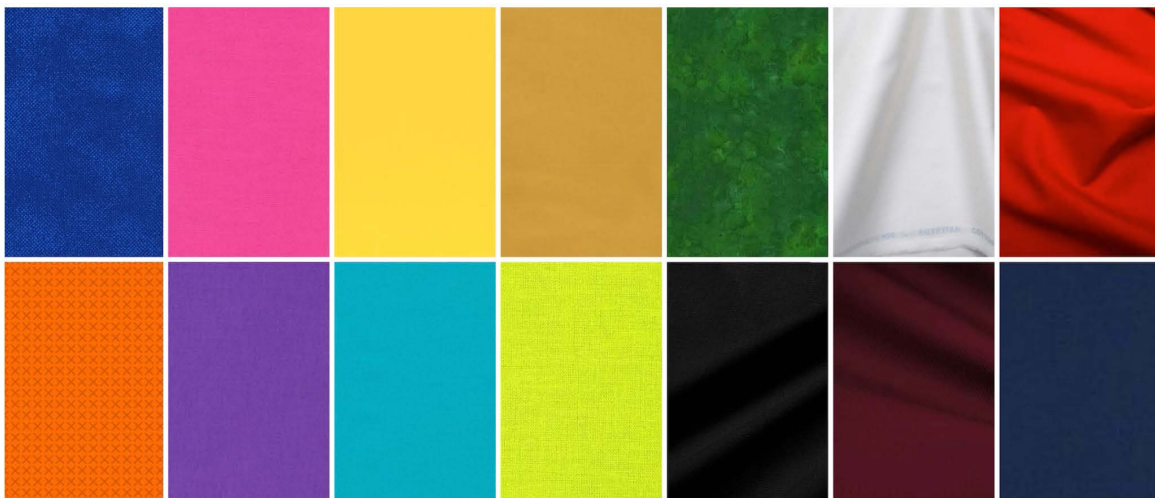
- **Fun Fact #1:** The UFO closet is overflowing with beautiful unfinished projects. We would love for these UFOs to find a new home with a quilter who will bring each project to completion.
- **Fun Fact #2:** Community Projects quilts are frequently made with pre-cut fabrics. Most donated fabric comes in yardage and volunteer quilters spend time cutting strips.
- **Fun Fact #3:** Most quilters have extra fabric, pretty as it was on the day of purchase, but maybe no longer needed or suits our taste.

### What do these facts have in common?

At first glance, not much. But, our Spring UFO Raffle will allow our members to declutter their stash, contribute to the Community Project Quilts, assist in the fabric cutting process and get a chance to win!

### Here's how it works!

Bring strips measuring 2 ½" by WOF to the March meeting. Each strip equals a raffle ticket. The number of tickets will be recorded with your name and you'll pick up your tickets at the April meeting. Strips should be quilting cotton solids, tonals, small non-floral prints and batiks in the colorways below:



At the April 2023 meeting you'll pick up your earned raffle tickets at the Community Projects Table.

Head over to the UFO Raffle Tables and see all the goodies available to win.

Put ½ of the ticket in the entry bucket for the items you'd like to try to win. Retain the other ½ of the ticket.

We'll use the numbers as identifiers. No need to write your name!

At the end of the business meeting the winning tickets will be drawn and announced.

This is an opportunity to contribute to our Community Projects, put your unused fabric to good use and possibly win. There is no money involved. Just a fun and easy chance to participate!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**February 2023 , virtual**

[Lisa Ruble](#)

**March 2023**

[Lori Dickman](#)

**May 2023**

[Melody Crust](#)



Be our new contracts/programs chairperson and choose our upcoming speakers!

## 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](http://psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com)



## LISA RUBLE



Lisa blogs under the name Ellie Q (Ellie = L.E. = Lisa Erin and "Q" for Quilter) at Quilty Zest (Formerly Color My World). In her dreams of being a writer, she always wanted a pen name, so she figured why not try it out here?!

In addition to freelancing as a "day" job (which often reaches into the wee hours of the morning!), she spends her time hanging with her husband and three little boys, (who add a whole different type of color to her world—they're 13 and 11, and 8!), scheming to paint every room in her house, and finding time to spend in her sewing studio, playing with fabric.

Lisa will present two virtual lectures and two virtual workshops:

**Hooked on Improv Quilting Trunk Show**

**Confessions of a Quilt Magazine Editor**



These workshops are in jeopardy!  
Sign up now before the opportunity is gone.

### Workshops

**Intro to Improv Piecing**

Monday, February 27, 2023

1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Members \$30, Non-members \$35

*Supply list available on PSQG website*

Wonky piecing can seem intimidating, but I'll make the blocks along with you, and you'll leave the workshop with confidence in your improv abilities! I'll also share quilts I've made using these techniques for added inspiration.

### ZuZu Squares

Tuesday, February 28th

1:30 pm-4:30 pm

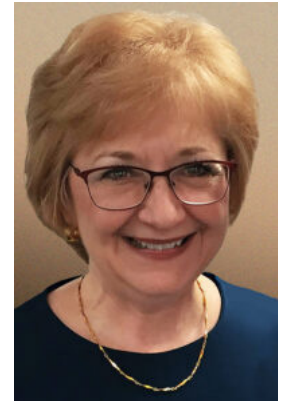
Location: Virtual

Members: \$30, Non-Members: \$35

*Supply list available on PSQG website*

Take wonky piecing to the next level with this whimsical design! ZuZu Squares combines wonky log cabin techniques with pieced skinny strips for a quilt packed with wonkiness!

# March



## LORI DICKMAN

### Sunny Dresdens

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

10 am – 5 pm

Location: Congregational United  
Church of Christ, 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.  
St. Charles, IL

Members \$45

Non-members \$50

Templates \$11 – Required – available for  
purchase at the start of the workshop.

Playing with fabric and color has been Lori's passion for over 50 years. And teaching others to join in on this sewer's/quilter's love affair is near and dear to her heart! The art of "Making" has been a wonderful journey for her!

Lori is an educator, an author, and a pattern designer with numerous books and patterns available on her website. Her very popular "Speedy Solutions" books offer step-by-step techniques and patterns to turn your scrap stash into fantastic quilts!

Lori's desire is to inspire others to learn to love the art of quilt-making! Join in on the passion and fun of creating!

Lori will present two in-person lectures and one workshop: Speedy Solutions to Cut & Organize your Scrap Stash on Monday night. My Favorite 3Ds: Dresdens, Diamonds and Drunken Path on Tuesday morning.

You can read more about Lori and sign up for her workshop on our website: <https://psqg.org/lori-dickman/>

In this workshop the student will piece 4 different shaped Dresden blocks! This 37" x 37" quilt goes together so quickly it will amaze the student! The 6" blocks feature machine applique.

The student will have fun choosing fabrics that follow a theme or their favorite color! How fun to make this quilt with a Christmas theme, or for a little girl's room, or maybe use your favorite 30's fabrics, or use up some of your scraps! There are endless possibilities!



# Quilt Show March 11 & 12



*Pride of the Prairie Quilters Presents*

## It's a Quilt, Not a Blanket!

More than 300 Quilts on Display

Quilt Challenge

Merchant Mall

Opportunity Baskets

Silent Auction

Scrap Sale

Book, Pattern & Magazine Sale

For Further Information

[prideofprairie.org](http://prideofprairie.org)

## 2023 Show

Saturday, 9am to 5pm

Sunday, 10am to 4pm

## Admission

Adults \$7

Children under 12 – FREE

## Location

Richland Grade School

1919 Caton Farm Rd

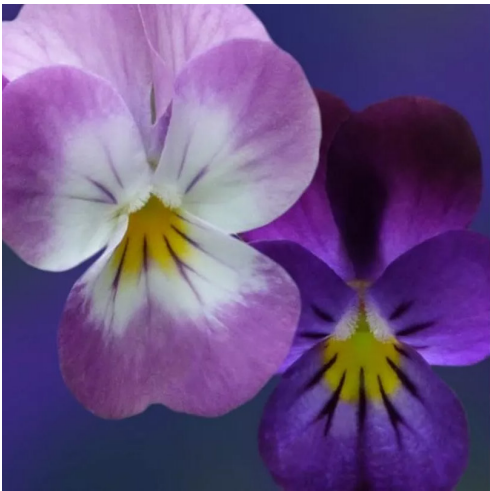
Crest Hill, IL

Special Silent Auction Item!  
from *Seamless Getaways*

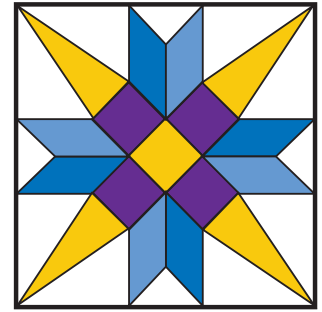
- 3 full days & 2 nights
- Retreat sleeps 7-9

Package Value \$1200!!!

Grab your friends and bid  
on this fun retreat opportunity



*Violet*  
**FEBRUARY  
 BIRTH FLOWER**  
 Virtue  
 Modesty  
 Humility



**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  
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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.

\*Quilt show is not an elected  
 board position, but listed here  
 for convenience.

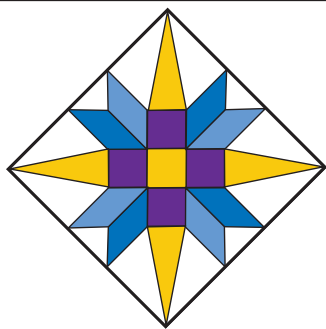


*Narcissus*  
**MARCH  
 BIRTH FLOWER**  
 Rebirth  
 Faithfulness  
 Prosperity

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



## FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE



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**St. Charles, IL 60174-1460**

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**Dated Material**

### ADVERTISING RATES

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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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