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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

As we begin 2024, let's think about what we can do to help our guild. Some suggestions are:

- Join the Zoom meetings in January and February. Evening meetings and morning meetings are easy to attend right from your home. Let's see how many members can attend. Let's see the total for each time.
- Sign up for a workshop. It is a great way to learn a new skill or improve on sewing skills you already have. It is a way of letting the board know we want to support the effort that goes into having speakers and scheduling workshops.
- Think ahead to the spring retreat at the Hampton Inn in Aurora. Great way to spend quality sewing time with friends you already know and meet a few new ones.

- Join the "Design It, Make It, Take It" on March 2nd at the Kane County Extension Building. More information to follow.
- Keep your eyes open for the National Quilts of Valor Sew-In on February 3rd. Spend the day sewing at the Moose Lodge in Geneva.

Prairie Star Quilt Guild will be hosting our Quilt show in October. It takes many willing and working hands to have this show. It is our only fundraiser. Sign up for a few spots to help when the volunteer sheet is posted, if there is a committee that sounds interesting to you, ask to join.

Let's all work together to have a great 2024 year for the guild.

Barb Tuman
Evening VP

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

January 22, 2024 at 7 pm
January 23, 2024 at 9:30 am

February 26, 2024 at 7 pm
February 27, 2024 at 9:30 am

January and February meetings are held via Zoom. Check your email for the link.

Meetings will resume at
Congregational United
Church of Christ,
St. Charles, in March.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at 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 or stop by the Community Projects tables at the meetings to ask questions, see project samples, or pick up a kit or two.

Mark your calendars and contact Rita P. if you would like to attend the Quilts of Valor Foundation Sew-In Day, Saturday, February 3rd at the St. Charles Moose Lodge # 1368, 9a-3p. 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, fidget quilts, and marble mazes are always in need! Kits are available or you can check out the PSQG Community Projects webpage for videos and size requirements. Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital is delighted with and

appreciative of the fidget quilts and marble mazes that you've made. Thank you to all who've submitted your finished projects. Contact Linda S.

Thank you to all the incredible supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. A lot of completed quilts and flimsies came in during December and January. We're off to a great start in 2024! Batting donations are always welcome, and there is a need to make neutral quilts for older kiddos. 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 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: We are grateful for your continued support in making port pillows. We are looking for a replacement program leader for this program. You, and perhaps a friend, will need to start at the March meetings. We have kits and supplies to get you started. Leading the effort involves providing kits and supplies at the a.m. and p.m. meetings, collecting, and distributing the completed port pillows.

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. Port pillows will be given to Phil's Friends, a local organization that supports those affected by cancer. Kits are available, although you can also use fabric, stuffing, and hook and loop from your own stash. Contact Sandy A.

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.



UPCOMING RETREATS

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

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

PSQG'S 3RD DESIGN IT-MAKE IT-GIVE IT EVENT!

**Saturday, March 2nd
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**University of Illinois Extension
535 S Randall Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174**

The name says it all; you can design or plan out an item,
take it home, complete it, and then give it
to the guild for distribution to charities
or for the Quilt Show Boutique.

Beat the winter doldrums! Sort and play with precuts
to make kits for others to sew or help us cut fabrics for kits.

Bring your creativity, rotary cutter, and your favorite cutting mat and ruler.
Fabrics, simple quilt kits, design aids, sample quilt layouts,
free patterns, Accuquilt cutters, and more will be available.

The guild will also provide cutting and ironing stations, but you can bring your own.
A reminder will be sent by email the weekend prior to the event.

Questions?

Contact CommunityProjects@psqg.org

QUILT SHOW 2024

The first quilt show meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 17, at 7pm. Check your email for the invitation.

During January and February, take the time to keep warm and prep some things for the show. Make some items for the boutique, declutter your sewing room and gather some items for resale, or get your fabric ready for resale.

Boutique

Make some items for the Instant Gratification Boutique while you're keeping warm this winter. 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 magazines, art quilting magazines, and foreign 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 will accept donations starting in March, as well as all in-person Guild meetings in 2024, 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. Collections will re-start in March. Start collecting your trinkets to be sold at the quilt show.

Contact Barb T and Heidi C.

Fabric Resale

Quilty Resale is looking for volunteers to oversee Orphan Blocks & UFOs.

A HUGE Thank you to those who are leading up a division of Quilty Resale!

- Quilty Things – Barb T
- Books, Magazines & Patterns – Liz F
- Fat Quarters – Susan S
- Precuts & Wool – Barb G and Barbara C
- Under 18" WOF – Andrea F
- Half Yards – Eileen N.
- 1 Yards – Pam S
- Panels – Diane S
- Quilt Kits – Carolyn M

A reminder about prepping your donation

<https://psqg.org/wp-content/uploads/PSQG-Fabric-Resale.pdf>

If you have any questions, concerns, would like to donate fabric but can not prep it all on your own, if you would like to help another member organize their donation, if you have a time sensitive need to donate fabric prior to the March meeting please contact me.

Thank you for helping our Guild keep being incredible –

Sue Ann R
Fabric Resale Chair



BEE KEEPER BUZZ

I plan to get ahold of the contact person of each bee in the next few months to update my information.

Please feel free to email me if you want to update the information personally.

We have a new member who is interested in starting

a new bee. She would like to meet in or near Huntley on an evening or weekend schedule. If you are interested in joining, please contact DeeDee Krage or me, Beth Koos.

One of our newer bees, The Stash Buster Bee, has openings for a few more members.

The contact person is Eileen Thurston. Although Eileen plans to head to warmer weather this winter, the other bee members are welcome to continue meeting throughout the winter months.

-- Beth Koos, Beekeeper

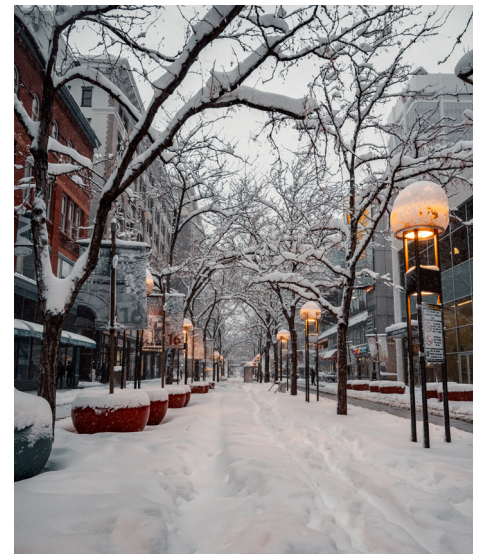
ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

As we start our Winter on-line meetings, please keep a few things in mind when you're on Zoom:

- Start Zoom well before the meeting to check for updates and allow them time to install.
- Familiarize yourself with Zoom and where the mute and video buttons are for your set-up.
- Join the meeting on time.

- Mute yourself when you're not participating in a conversation.
- Turn off background noise like radios and televisions before the meeting.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone virtually, and we're glad we don't have to worry about going out in the ice and snow!



WEBSITE UPDATES

Take some time to visit our website. Chris M. made some updates and added some new fun things. Look for new buttons to quickly access the sign-up for the Hampton retreat, submitting your show and tell pictures, a fun Happy New Year poll, and a new page about upcoming events in the area. Check it out!

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Virtual Meeting Visitor Registration

Welcome to our January Speaker!

Katie Pasquini Masopust

For nearly 30 years Katie Pasquini Masopust has produced high quality contemporary art quilts that have been coveted and collected by a broad range of admirers. From her early beginnings as a painter dabbling in traditional quilt making, her work has evolved from structured Mandala and mind-blowing dimensional pieces to very painterly landscapes and abstracts executed with the finest fabrics and most creative stitching techniques. [Read more...](#)

Katie will present two virtual lectures in January, Quilts and Quilt Trips, and Art Quilts.

Members will receive the Zoom link via email.

Guests can register for the lectures [here](#). Cost is \$10 per lecture.

Upcoming Speakers: Kathy Doughty, Scott Furlanoff, Mary Alice Hart, Cheryl Baboda.

Registration is open for all virtual lectures and all workshops. Visit the [Programs & Workshops](#) page for more information!

Submit photos for January and February Show & Tell | Join us at the Hampton Inn Retreat in March!

What are you making for the Quilt Show? | See the Opportunity Quilt!!!

Volunteer Opportunities | Longarm Quilters

Can't get away from home but want to go on a retreat anyway? Join us via Zoom on the fourth weekend every month for a virtual retreat. You get to quilt in your own space but have lots of companions! Click on the registration button above to get the link! | Virtual Retreat Registration

Quick Links: Member Login, Renew Membership, Join PSQG, Programs, Show & Tell, Upcoming Events, Happy New Year Poll

Next Meeting Dates: VIRTUAL: Monday, January 22nd 7:00 pm & Tuesday, January 23rd 9:30am

Location: Virtual via Zoom. Members and registered Visitors will receive an email prior to the meeting with a link.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

January 2024 (V)*

Katie Pasquini Masopust

February 2024 (V)*

Kathy Doughty, PM meeting
Scott Fortunoff AM meeting

March 2024

Mary Alice Hart

April 2024

Business Meeting

May 2024, Banquet

Cheryl Sleboda

* (V) = virtual meetings

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

JANUARY



KATIE PASQUINI MASOPUST

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Katie's easy, energetic manner has made her a very popular teacher and lecturer. When not in residence at her studio in Fortuna, CA she travels the world presenting

her contemporary quilting theories and techniques to classes; not only in North America, but in Europe, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. Awards and accolades have been numerous for Katie, culminating with her 2005 induction into a very select group of art quilt professionals who have earned the Silver Star Award presented by Houston Quilt Festival.

As busy as she is, her love of the art and support of her family give her tireless energy.

Katie will present two different lectures:

- Quilts and Quilts Trips at the evening meeting.
- Art Quilts at the morning meeting.

NEW CONTRACTS CHAIRS!

Terri Martin and Susie Shaddle stepped up and will be the new Contracts co-chairs! The board is very excited to

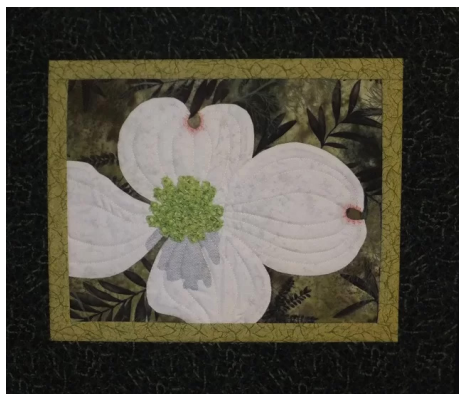
welcome them and I'm sure we all look forward to the new speakers and programs they will find!

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Our workshops are ready for sign-ups! Find what appeals to you and register ASAP. Remember, if workshops haven't met their minimum number of attendees 30 days in advance, we have to cancel. Don't hesitate to sign up online today or stop by the table at a meeting.

March 2024

Mary Alice Hart will have two workshops. See the website for details.



From Photo to Fabric Dogwood

March 25, 2024

10 am – 4 pm

\$40 + \$5 Kit
Kit payable in class

Congregational United
Church of Christ

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

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

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



Scrappy Play

March 26, 2024

1 – 4 pm

\$25

Congregational United
Church of Christ



Artist Trading Card

May 21, 2024

6 pm – 9 pm

\$30 + \$20 kit fee

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Improv Curve Piecing without templates

May 26, 2024

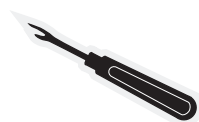
9 am – 4 pm

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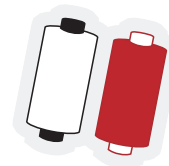
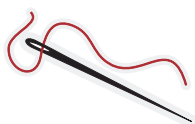
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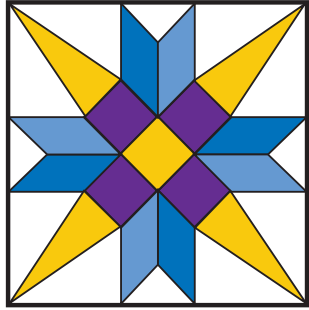
This is a word search puzzle designed just for quilters! Words go right, left, up, down, and diagonally, but cannot bend at right angles. Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces).

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**JANUARY
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Devotion
 Loyalty
 Love



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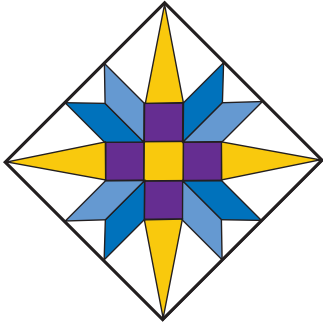
Happy Birthday to all our members who have their special day in January and February. For privacy, I will no longer list the names here.

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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