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NEW FISCAL YEAR & ICE CREAM

As a guild, we are in our new calendar year. Sometimes I think I am going to slow down in the summer. I will have time to garden, travel, read outside and enjoy family get togethers. Our PSQG is not slowing down, however! We are moving forward with fun and interesting meetings to keep us motivated. Despite not filling our Programs and Contracts positions thus far, we have had an amazing member (take a bow, Sue Ann R.) step up and provide us with really spectacular quilters in the coming months. We also have an engaging party scheduled for all of our members in July.

In June our speaker is Connie Martin, who will give a lecture about the Underground Railroad and the secret codes to freedom as depicted in quilts. What makes this lecture truly one-of-a-kind is that Connie's stories were passed down by the first hand experiences of her Great Grandmother Lizzie, and tell how her family survived the Antebellum Period.

Also in June, sign-ups for the September speaker, M. J. Kinman, will be open. Have you seen her Birthstone or Smithsonian series? If you have not seen her work,

do yourself a favor and look her up! She creates gorgeous, faceted giant gemstones out of fabric. Her workshop, called Bite-Size Gems, is one not to miss. You will be taught her single-foundation piecing techniques that she uses to create her diamond quilts. I have a feeling this workshop will fill quickly!

Come to the July meeting for an Ice Cream Social! Fun, friendship, and food! Bring no more than two Seasonal Quilts to show for a fun show & tell. I'm certain this will be an inspirational visual treat. And speaking of treats, how about cupcakes and ice cream? If this isn't enough, let's add in a Notions Bingo game where the winners will take home a new notion and the Grand Prize winner will receive a quilty gift card! There will be time to spend together sharing, eating, and laughing with each other. Don't forget to wear your name tag. Remember also that our July meeting is in the evening only.

Your new Board is working together to continue what you love about Prairie Star as well as to create new experiences and memories.

-Susan Egner, AM VP

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

June 26, 2023 at 7 pm

June 27, 2023 at 9:30 am

July 24, 2023 at 7 pm

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, August 3, 2023.

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.

Rita P. sends a huge thank you to all who “shopped” the fabric over the first weekend of June. She brags about the support that Quilts of Valor gets from the guild.

Rita’s friend is moving into a retirement home and has fabric and quilting supplies, which includes a couple of quilting frames. Contact Rita if interested.

Quilts of Valor is sewing! First Tuesdays at the Moose Lodge in St Charles starting at 9am. Third Tuesdays 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, longarming, or finishing up the binding! Requirements can be found on Quilt of Valor’s website at Qovf.org.

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

Linda received a letter from Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association in Addison:

“On behalf of the NEDSRA Board and staff, and the individuals with disabilities we serve, we wish to thank you for your donation of 17 Fidget Quilts & 13 Fleece Marble Mazes.” Many thanks to all for making those items!

Thank you to 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. Kits will be available at the June meeting. If you have batting for kid sized quilts, please feel free to contribute to the program. 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.

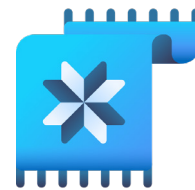
Port pillows – a NEW quick and easy sewing project thanks to Sandy A. Port pillows provide relief to chemotherapy patients. They are attached to the underside of a crossbody seatbelt and positioned over the patient’s infusion port. Port pillows will be given to Phil’s Friends, a local organization that supports those affected by cancer. Kits are available, although you can also use fabric, batting/stuffing and hook and loop tape 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.

QUILT SHOW 2024

The 2024 quilt show still needs committee heads for books/magazines, boutique, fabric scraps,

and the opportunity quilt. Contact Yvonne R, Liz F., or Diana S. when you’re ready to step in!



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 May 27 & 28. [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)

RETREAT CHOICES

or October (Hampton in Aurora); see all the details and the sign-up sheets on [our website](#).

[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.

DESIGN IT-MAKE IT-GIVE IT!

The name says it all; you'll 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.

Donations from the community have multiplied and we'd love for you to show us your creativity with the guild's stash of Orphan Blocks, UFOs and Scraps.

Come have fun with other PSQG members and design items during the event, take your creation(s) in progress home to sew, and return the completed items to the guild. Experienced quilters will be present to assist.

Bring your creativity, rotary cutter, cutting mat and favorite

ruler! Design aids, such as graph paper, rulers, pencils, sample quilt layouts, free patterns and more will be available.

Feel free to bring your own Orphan Blocks, UFOs and Scraps to add to your creations or share with others. No, you won't need to haul your sewing machine!

When:

July 25th

Session Times:

9a-12p,

1-4p,

or 5-9:30p

Where:

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

Due to the capacity limits of the 4H room each session is limited to 20 people.

Due to the room capacity, if you want to come with your friends, please be prepared to sign up at the June meetings. After the meetings you can email CommunityProjects@psqg.org or contact Sheila C. to register.

A reminder will be sent by email the weekend prior to the event.

Questions? Contact CommunityProjects@psqg.org

WORKSHOP CANCELLATION POLICY REMINDER

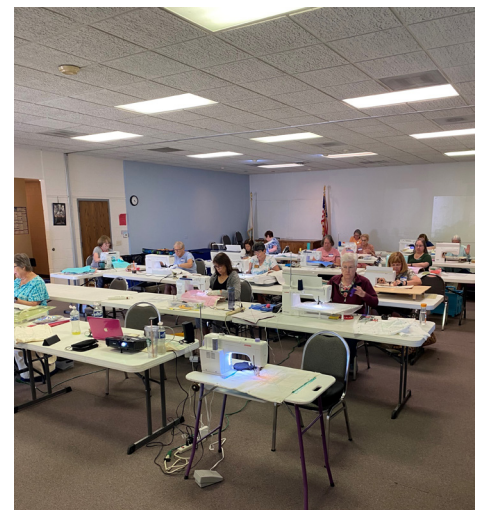
If you are unable to attend a workshop, please notify the Programs Vice President as soon as possible. If the notification is received at least 45 days prior to the workshop we will cancel your reservation and refund your payment. If less than 45 days until the workshop, no refund

will be issued and the registrant must find a replacement for their spot (and collect the funds from the replacement) or forfeit the cost of the workshop.

If the class is sold out and there is a waiting list, the list will be shared to aid in finding a replacement.

When you find the replacement, please advise Programs who will be attending so that they are properly registered and receive all the pertinent information as well as day-of notifications.

Nina Clotfelter enjoyed her visit with us. Here are a few pictures from her visit. She said: "Thank you SO much for having me and sharing your guild with me! I've truly enjoyed everything!"



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

June 2023

Connie Martin

July 2023

QoV awarding has been cancelled.
Watch out for something exciting!

August 2023

Janis Gorski

September 2023

M.J. Kinman

October 2023

Jane A. Sassaman

November 2023

Thread and Timber Quilts



Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

This lecture will be presented in person at both June meetings. Monday, June 26th, 2023 7pm & Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 9:30am.

Join Connie as she tells the stories passed down to her Great Grandmother Lizzie of how her family survived the Anti-bellum period through trials and tribulations, and how they used quilts that contain hidden codes and secret messages to assist abolitionists; white and black, to guide slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad to Canada.

Connie
Martin

During this presentation, Connie shares eighteen different quilt patterns in replica quilts and



refers to a book her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, wrote about their family called *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*.

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



We are still looking for a contracts/ programs chairperson! We will not have future speakers if someone does not step up.



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GAMES

SHOW & TELL

When:

July 24 at 7pm

Where:

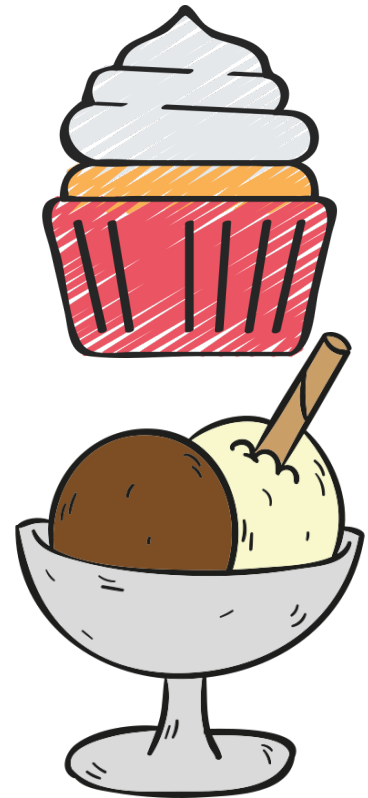
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Church of Christ

Bring:

Your dessert appetite and
no more than 2 Seasonal
Quilts to show

Enjoy:

Cupcakes, ice cream,
games, and prizes!



August



JANIS GORSKI OF BESPOKED QUILTS: A QUILT SHOW ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

This lecture will be presented in
person at both August meetings.

Monday, August 28th, 2023 7pm
& Tuesday, August 29th, 2023
9:30am.

Watch for more information in
future newsletters. There is also
more information on our website.



HELP NEEDED: 2024 QUILT SHOW CHAIRS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Quilt show provides the quilt guild with the funding to do the many programs and community service projects that we have all grown to love. We are thankful for those who have already volunteered to help, but we need YOUR help to have a successful show. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions below.

For more information or to volunteer contact Liz Fitzgerald, Yvonne Richter, or Diana Sharp.

Books/Magazines/Patterns

Collect and sort donations from members for about 12 months before the show. Regularly ask for and accept donations at quilt guild meetings. Transport materials, set up and oversee (with volunteers) sales area at the show. Appropriately dispose of unsold items at end of show.

Boutique

Collect, sort, and price donations from members for about 12 months before the show. Regularly ask for and accept donations at quilt guild meetings. Transport materials, set up and oversee (with volunteers) sales area at the show. Return unsold items at end of show.

Opportunity Quilt – Ticket Sales and Display

Arrange for quilt to be shown at various venues at which to sell tickets to “win” the quilt (quilt guilds, shop hops, bees, etc.). Manage volunteers to take quilt to venues and sell tickets and hand out bookmarks for quilt show admission discount. Print materials for tickets and bookmarks. At the quilt show, provide ballots, draw winning ticket, and arrange delivery of quilt to winner following identification.

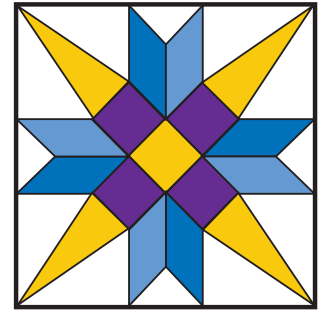
Scraps

Collect, sort, and organize quilting fabric from guild members. Hold work days, as needed, for organizing and marking fabric. Manage pre-sales (if any) at guild meetings. Plan Scraps venue display area and gather needed display items. Transport materials, set up and oversee (with volunteers) sales area at the show. Appropriately dispose of unsold materials at end of show.

Our guild member Leslie D. passed away on September 12, 2022. One of her final wishes was for someone in the guild to have her midarm. It's a Grace Q'Nique 15 on a 4 foot hoop frame. Please contact Melanie M. if you would like to learn more. Very reasonable price, perfect for someone with limited space who wants to finish their own small quilts or explore free motion quilting with a moveable machine.



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**JULY
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Positivity
 Dignity
 An open heart



2023-2024

BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

- President: Cindy Krelle
- Evening VP: Barb Tuman
- Daytime VP: Susan Egner
- Programs VP: OPEN POSITION
- Secretary: Ruthann Heidgerken
- Treasurer: Lori McMahon
- Membership: Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter: Melanie Murphy
- Education: Chris Schwarz
 & Foxy Bees beez
- Activities: OPEN POSITION
- Media Chair: Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
- Library: Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:
 Sheila Cisko
- Contracts 2022- 2023:
 Open position
- Nominations: Sandy Andrews



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 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Strength
 Generosity
 Integrity

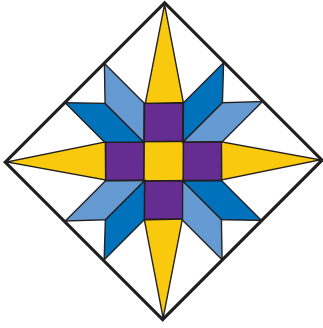
Happy Birthday to all our members who have their special day in July and August. Due to privacy concerns, I will no longer list the names here.



2024 Quilt Show Chairs*:
 Liz Fitzgerald, Yvonne Richter,
 and Diana Sharp.

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

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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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