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June Guild Meeting Location

The day has finally come! After more than two years our we are having our first in-person Guild meeting this month. Because June 28 is election day (and the church is a polling place), the June meeting will NOT be at the church as usual. We have rented the **Hickory Knolls Discovery Center** in St. Charles. 3795 Campton Hills Dr., St. Charles, IL 60175. It is located near the intersection of Peck Rd. and Campton Hills Dr. next to the aquatic center. You will turn onto Lynn Dr from Campton Hills Drive, continue to the stop sign, turn right, and you're in the parking lot. Due to the limited parking on the circle drive near the door, please refrain from parking there so that those with mobility issues can be closer to the door. There is a parking lot next to the tennis courts. See the maps on pages 2 and 3.

Because this is a public park, **we will not be collecting items for the quilt show at this meeting.** Next month (July) we will be meeting at our regular location, the Congregational United Church of Christ in St Charles, and we will resume business as usual.

Our speaker for June is Lynn Koolish. She will be presenting 2 lectures and a workshop. Monday's lecture is "Confessions of an Electric Quilter" and Tuesday's lecture is "Make Design Principles Work for You". Her workshop "Inspired Stitches" is on Monday from 1-4 at the St Charles Library. This is an easy, relaxed, hand stitching class (no machines are needed). In this class, you will start a small quilt that you can hang on the wall, frame, use on a table, or make into a pillow or tote bag. This is a great way to use up assorted scraps. The hand stitching in this class is big, fun, and easy — you can be as precise (or not) as you choose. There are minimal supplies required for this class: fabric scraps, a large eye needle, pearl cotton or embroidery thread, batting and a backing approximately 20 x 26.

In July Diane Murtha will be joining us for two lectures and two workshops. Monday night's lecture is: "Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize" and Tuesday morning's lecture is: "Peaceful Stitching". She will also be teaching two workshops. In Monday's workshop is "Quilt As You Go Hexi's". She will be teaching

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

June 27, 2022 at 7 pm

June 28, 2022 at 9:30 am

NOTE THE SPECIAL LOCATION FOR JUNE:

*Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
795 Campton Hills Road
St. Charles, IL 60175*

July 25, 2022 at 7 pm

July 26, 2022 at 9:30 am

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 4, 2022.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeup@gmail.com.

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how to do English Paper Piecing by machine. You will have a finished quilt all in one step with this process. If you prefer you can also do this by hand. Tuesday's workshop is about traditional EPP. English Paper Piecing is great for relaxing; something to do while traveling, while watching ball games or at meetings. EPP is a very traditional technique of hand piecing. She will

demonstrate some new tips and tricks on working with hexies, but she will also show you many other optional shapes and designs.

Interested in one of these workshops? There are still openings. I encourage you to go to the website and sign-up.

Have you renewed your membership? June is the beginning of the new year for our guild,

which means your membership is due. If you haven't renewed your membership yet it is easily done on our website. You don't want to miss out on the exciting things happening at the guild this year.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Guild Meetings!

-Barb Gillespie, President

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St. Charles, IL 60175





**This special meeting location is just for June 2022.
In July we will be back at the usual church.**

Community Service Programs

Thank you so much for all you do for our Community!

We will be in person at the June meeting.

NICU Isolette covers, marble mazes & Fidget Quilts are always in need. Kits available! Contact Linda S.

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! (58" x 68") Help us recognize those who served our country. Rita P. has quilts ready for binding! If you have availability to help, this is a great way

to support the veterans.

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.

Thanks 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. Contact Sandi W.

We do have dog bed kits available but we are not collecting dog beds at meetings. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you. Click here for information: [Pet bed shelters](#).

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.

Beekeeper Buzz

The Second Tuesday Bee is ready to start meeting in person. They had only 3 meetings before the shutdown, but are now ready to reconnect. This is a daytime general bee. They are still working on a new location since their previous one is no longer available. A date and time are still being decided also. Possibly as soon as June 14, but otherwise July 12, 2022. The contact person is Beth Koos

A new bee is forming that will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom from 6:30-8:30. They may meet outside in the afternoon or on a weekend, weather permitting. The contact person is Sue Plaster.



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!

The next couple of chats are June 25 & 26 and again on July 23 & 24. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Membership Renewal Time

This is the last reminder for this year about membership (I know, breathe a sigh of relief).

Please [renew online](#) if you haven't had a chance yet. Membership renewal is still \$35.

Also, this is a quilt show year. If you would like to display a quilt in the show, you must be a member in good standing.



Quilt Show 2022 Updates

5 months to go!

Each month we get closer to our quilt show, scheduled for October 14 & 15, 2022 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars and start selling those opportunity quilt tickets! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Open positions:

- Quilt show director(s) for 2024
- Quilt Display (Set-up/Take-down)
- Scraps team (2024 show)
- Signage

Our next **committee meeting** is coming up on **July 13 at 9am** at the fairgrounds. This is a great chance to see the venue and talk about the layout of everything.

You can reach the 3 show directors at our personal emails, found in the directory, or by emailing psqgquiltshow@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, we will not have open trunks to collect items at the June meeting. We will have open trunks in July. If you can't wait that long, please contact the appropriate people to drop off your items between meetings.

Opp. Quilt Ticket Sales

Did you hear Jamie Wallen's compliment at the banquet? He said our quilt was beautiful, and the quilting was the perfect choice to enhance this beautiful top we all made together. With that stamp of approval, our ticket sales should go through the roof, right?

Our ticket sales committee is looking for some help. Would you like to visit a quilt shop sidewalk sale and bring the quilt along?

Aileen would like volunteers to assist at Material Girl in Crystal Lake, IL at their Sidewalk Sale.

Time slots are for about 2 hours.

Dates are:

- Thursday July 14,
12:30 pm to 3 pm and
3 pm to 5 pm
- Friday July 15
12:30 pm to 3 pm and
3 pm to 5 pm
- Saturday July 16
Noon - 2 pm and
2 pm to 4 pm

Additionally, now that guilds are starting to hold in-person meetings and events once again, if you hear about a good place for us to show off our beautiful quilt, please share!

Challenge Quilt

Don't forget to sign up for the Little Quilt on the Prairie Quilt Challenge. Your quilt must represent the prairie and use a piece of mystery fabric that will be supplied with registration. [Details and the registration form](#) are on the website.

Scraps

We are still looking to build a committee to take over for the 2024 show. Now would be a good time to shadow us so you can learn what it takes to organize scraps for a successful show.

We will not be collecting at the June meeting, but Yvonne has a drop off location outside her garage that you can use any time.

Scraps will be collected in July.

Boutique

We would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to the Boutique already and for helping to make our show a success. We have received some beautifully crafted items and look forward to collecting more.

See you all very soon.
Diana S. & Louette B.

Quilty Things

You can make arrangements to drop off those books, patterns, magazines, etc. you no longer need. Contact Susan E. or Barb T.

New! Youth Challenge

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild is excited to announce a new category for our 2022 Quilt Show!

A guild member can sponsor and help one or more youth(s) create a block for this new and exciting category in the show. This is an unquilted piece, just a flimsy block. The block will be displayed at the 2022 quilt show in October.

There will be three age groups: K through 4th grade, 5th grade through 8th grade, 9th through 12th grade. The 12" block (unquilted) can be an original design or based on an existing pattern. Adhesive may be used, but the block must include either hand or machine stitching. There will be a \$5 entry fee, paid by the sponsoring guild member. A sign up form will be on the website soon.

The finished 12" block can be submitted to either Beth Koos or Susan Plaster at the September guild meeting with the entry form pinned to the quilt block. An admission ticket to one day of the show will be given to the contestant.

Additional information will follow as this new category develops. In the meantime, plant the seed with your grandchildren and other young people in your life.

Thank you all; sew on, and sew forth!

-Melanie, Krista, Mary, and the committee

Upcoming Programs

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

June

[Lynn Koolish](#)

July

[Diane Murtha](#)

August

[Barbara Eckmeier](#)

September

Kathy Steere

November

Carol Wilhoit

January 2023, virtual

Meg Cox

February 2023 , virtual

Lisa Ruble

March 2023

Lori Dickman

May 2023

Melody Crust

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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.

psqstore.logofactoryusa.com



[Lynn Koolish](#) is a fiber artist, teacher, and author. She is most known for her bright colors and hand-dyed fabric. She also creates mixed-media fiber art. She teaches locally in the San Francisco Bay Area and nationally at venues including the International Quilt Festival in Houston and Quilters Affair in Sisters, Oregon.

Lynn will present two lectures* and a workshop :

Monday lecture: Confessions of an Electric Quilter

Tuesday lecture: Make Design Principles Work for You

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Inspired Stitches Workshop with Lynn Koolish

St. Charles Library
Monday, June 27
1pm - 4pm

Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$55

This is an easy, relaxed class. We'll talk about the various traditions of these types of quilts and you can relax knowing that the hand stitching in this class is big, fun, and easy — you can be as precise (or not) as you choose.

[Sign up for Inspired Stitches here!](#)





Diane Murtha

“My quilting adventure has been long and varied, including delusions of grandeur, some epic fails, a few triumphs, many “good enoughs” and most importantly, increasingly satisfying results. The stories that go along with my quilts are equal to the warmth and smiles they bring. If only I could just follow a pattern without making changes, it would be so much easier. But where is the adventure in that? Challenge yourself!”

Diane will present two different lectures and two workshops. Monday night’s lecture is: “Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize” and Tuesday morning’s lecture is: “Peaceful Stitching”. She will also be teaching two workshops: Quilt As You Go Hexi’s on Monday. English Paper Piecing (EPP) Hexies & Beyond on Tuesday. [Sign up now on the PSQG website.](#)

August



Barbara Eckmeier

Barbara learned to sew in 4-H and made her first quilt while in high school but didn’t start quilting seriously until after her marriage in 1984. She has been teaching quilting since 1990 and her favorite technique is applique.

Married to a military man, quilting became her portable career as they moved around the country and to South Korea for military assignments.

She is the mother of two, grandmother of one, and author of four quilting books. Barbara is a fabric designer for Paintbrush Studio Fabrics, a pattern designer, a Craftsy instructor, and she presents programs and workshops to guilds around the country.

Barbara lives in Lansing, Kansas with her husband and two dogs. In addition to quilting she enjoys flower gardening, baking pies, writing, and sailing on their vintage sailboat at nearby Perry Lake.

Find out more [on her website.](#)



Barbara will present one lecture and two workshops.

Her lecture is entitled, “Big block, small block”. Her workshops are “Charming Baskets” and “It’s all in the Sashings”.

More information and signups are available on [our website.](#)



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Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
Library: Liz Fitzgerald
Community Projects: Sue Ann Reiner
Contracts 2022- 2023: Diane Moore
Nominations: OPEN
2022 Quilt Show Directors*:
Mary Clemens, Krista Katzen,
and Melanie Murphy

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



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

July

- Kim Waldeck 07.01
- Linda Cox 07.03
- Susan Bresnahan 07.04
- Sandy Warzin 07.05
- Barbara Cerwinske..... 07.07
- Nancy Dorn 07.07
- Ellyn Romoser 07.10
- Susan Wauer 07.12
- Jean Campbell 07.12
- Sara Imthurn 07.13
- Mary Markee 07.16
- Sue Omi 07.18

- Dale Coon 07.21
- Lynne Curran 07.21
- Donna Boyd 07.22
- Ann Kowalyszyn 07.23
- Nancy Garrison 07.26
- Mary Stewart 07.26
- Ellen Stevenson 07.26
- Chris Macenski 07.28
- Peggy (Margaret) Martinek... 07.29
- Laura Blanchard 07.30
- Sherena Titus 07.31

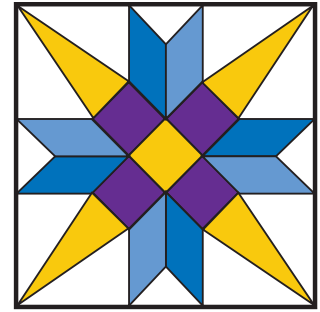


Gladiolus
**AUGUST
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Strength
 Generosity
 Integrity

August

- Darlene Musur 08.02
- Peggy McNulty 08.08
- Susan M Carr 08.09
- Cindy LeTourneau..... 08.10
- Constance Thullen 08.10
- Sheila Bell 08.12
- Sue Ann Reiner 08.13

- Connie Pomeroy 08.14
- Darlene Allen 08.14
- Cindy Krelle 08.16
- Sandra White 08.18
- Edith Hubbard 08.21
- Peggy Benzin 08.22
- Eileen Thurston..... 08.24
- Zohra Arastu 08.29



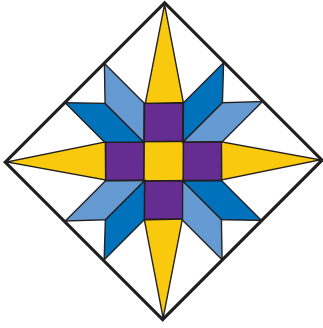
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Board Members

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 their term in July.*

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- Programs VP: Diane Moore
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- Membership: Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter: Melanie Murphy
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 & Foxy Bees beez
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