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POSITION-HOP IN MARCH

It is with optimism that I am writing this cover letter today.

I had thought I would write about goals in our quilting. Achieving greater heights by making verbal and written goals for the day, the month, and the year. Once written, everything in your being will strive to make the dream goal a reality.

But there are other, more pressing, concerns that I am forced to write about today.

We have a number of positions in our guild that are open going into our new year. Secretary, Programs, Contracts, Technical Support, Nominations and Newsletter. Whew. That is a lot! Often these are filled by word of mouth. A member hears of an opening and contacts the current Committee leader and claims the position for themselves. If that doesn't happen, our current Nominees Committee Person works to contact individuals to ask them to think about taking a position that they might be good at and enjoy. After that, we begin mentioning these

openings at our meetings and people begin to consider it for themselves and populate the positions so that by our March meeting, 30 days prior to the April vote, we have a slate of nominees willing to shepherd us into the new year.

This year, however, we have not had many step up to fill a position. Why is that? I do not know. I truly enjoy our guild and feel it is a highlight of my month. I have enjoyed several positions in our guild, on the Board, for the Quilt Show, and around the meeting space. When I do not know how to do something in any of the positions I have held, there are people who have the knowledge that I can go to for help. I can bounce ideas off of others to shape plans that become part of a meeting. Yes, many members have held several positions in the past. Some others may be burned out from lots of volunteerism here in the Guild and elsewhere. Perhaps this is your "second guild" so you do not choose to volunteer here. All I do know is that if we do not

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

March 24, 2022 at 7 pm
 March 25, 2022 at 9:30 am

 April 28, 2022 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, April 10, 2025.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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fill the positions, we can not continue as we have for forty plus years. I am asking for each of you to examine your reason for not volunteering today and reconsider. We have nearly 300 members. This should not be difficult. If there is a reason that I am unaware of that makes members choose not to volunteer at this time, please email or call me. We need to know!

At our March meeting we

are going to try something new that we hope will help to educate our members as to the requirements of the open positions. We will have a position-hop, similar to a shop-hop. Participants will be given a file card 'Passport' and asked to visit the current but outgoing people who will talk briefly about their position. For each member you listen to, you will receive a stamp on your Passport. When you have

received the stamps for all outgoing Board members you can turn in your file card. A winner from each meeting will be chosen, who will receive an exciting quilt-related gift card! I hope you will be present to join us to learn more about your guild. And further, I am optimistic that six of you will sign on to be part of the Board!

— Susan E., Daytime VP

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our community and the guild's programs!

Check out [tutorials on the website](#) to see the guild's programs and the program leaders.

Rita P. says thank you to the people who attended the national QOV Sew-in Day on February 1st! Stop by the QOV sew-ins held monthly on the first Tuesday at the Moose Lodge in St. Charles, and the 3rd Tuesday at the VFW in Montgomery.

Kits will be available at the in-person meetings or you can check out the PSQG Community Projects [webpage](#) for videos and size requirements to make them from your own stash. NICU isolette blanket kits are also available. If you need a kit or

have questions, please contact Linda S.

Residential Hospice in Lisle asks for quilts and comforters for their patients. Pin a note to the item if it's been washed (unscented detergent, no softener is preferred). They will also accept fidget quilts and marble mazes. Contact Sheila C.

Thank you to the supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. **This is also a gentle reminder that the hospitals do not want kids quilts larger than 40" x 52"**. Batting donations are welcomed! Please contact Sandi W. if you have any questions.

Port pillows 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 & loop from your own stash. Contact Pam S. and Ann G.

Got scraps to fill a pet bed? We have pet bed kits 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.

— Sheila Cisco, Community Projects Coordinator




Tech Support Guru – PSQG (Not Rocket Surgery!)

Are you the go-to person when your family can't find the Wi-Fi button? Do you manage to download quilt patterns without summoning an IT exorcist? Do you know how to drag and drop things without breaking into a cold sweat? Congratulations, you might just be the perfect fit for **PSQG's Tech Support!**





What You'll Do (Besides Look Incredibly Smart)

-  Add speaker information – Just like downloading quilt patterns, but instead of stitching, you're clicking!
-  Create forms – Because someone's gotta make sure we have sign-up sheets that don't look like they were designed in 1998.
-  Download form submissions – If you can email a quilt pattern to a friend, you can do this.
-  Update plugins – Mostly automatic... unless one decides to be dramatic.
-  Add items to Square – If you can price your handcrafted goods, you can do this too!
-  Update Square software – It updates itself. Like magic.
-  Handle tech crises (a.k.a. "The Website Crashed!") – Your job: Poke it. If that doesn't work, call an actual tech person.




What You DON'T Have to Do

-  Be a coding wizard.
-  Understand the deep mysteries of the internet.
-  Sacrifice your sewing time to the tech gods.

Who You Are

-  You have a smartphone.
-  You have a computer.
-  You have successfully used both without causing catastrophic failure.
-  You like helping people and are open to learning new things.

Why You Should Say Yes

-  You'll be a hero without wearing a cape (unless you want to).
-  The skills you already use for quilting and crafting are basically all you need.
-  You'll get the undying appreciation of everyone at PSQG.

So, what do you say? Ready to take on the title of **Tech Support Wizard**? Apply today—no rocket surgery required!  

APRIL MEETING FUN

At April's meeting, we will have a fun activity. A pin cushion game will involve an exchange of either hand made or purchased pin cushions. Those that bring one, will take one. Then, members will vote for their 3 favorites and the makers of the top 3 will each receive a fabulous prize. Infuse your contribution with creativity or bring that terrific store-bought treasure.
- Nanci M.



UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

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

The next chat is February 22 & 23. [Sign up](#) to receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Registration is full for the in-person retreat at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aurora, scheduled for March 27-30, 2025. If you would like to be on the waiting list, please email activities@psqg.org. We also have retreats in August and October. Visit our website to learn more.

MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

ASSIST WITH SET UP BEFORE EVENING MEETINGS (5:30PM)
ASSIST WITH TAKE DOWN AFTER MORNING MEETINGS

**VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON
APRIL 5TH 1-4PM**

CLEAN UP AND INVENTORY IN THE GUILD'S STORAGE LOCKER.

CONTACT SUE ANN R.



**VINTAGE
QUILT
RAFFLE**

PSQG MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS

\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED BY
THE PSQG COMFORT QUILTERS COMMITTEE**

Winners will be drawn at the end of the business meeting.
You don't need to be present to win.

MAY BANQUET



Our annual banquet is **Tuesday, May 20th** at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm and there will be a cash bar. **Please note the change of weekday!** Our historical Monday date was pre-booked.

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. If you would like to sit as a group, select a contact person for your table and make sure your group chooses the same person. You can also sign up as a single and let us choose your table for you. 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, payment, menu selection, and seating selection are [on the PSQG website](#). There will also be an opportunity to sign up in person at the April meeting.

Entrees will be the same as previous years. There is a place to mark gluten free on the sign-up form.

Menu selections:

- Garlic Pesto Gnocchi with vegetables (vegetarian/ gluten free) - \$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.

Banquet speaker and fashion show

Our speaker is guild member Sara Hochhauser. Sara has over thirty years experience teaching sewing and quilting. She will showcase a trunk show with her lovely quilted and embellished garments.

In addition to Sara's trunk show, we will have a show and tell fashion show. It will be a fun event to share your talent and stories. Any wearable art is welcome for the fashion show.

Similar to our artist statements at the quilt show, we would like to prepare ahead for the fashion show. Please use the link to tell us about your wearable item and a brief story about it.

[Fashion show submission](#)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All programs subject to change. Additional details on our website.

March 2025

Chris Schulte,
Green Light Quilts

April 2025

Business meeting
and fun!

May 2025

Banquet: Sara
Hochhauser

June 2025

Sue Pawlowski,
Jack Squares Studio

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



Aunt Margaret's Scrap Basket Workshop

This design came to light when I asked myself, "if I were stuck on a deserted island with only one kind of quilt block, what would it be?" The quarter square triangle was on the top of the list. And then my thoughts roamed to Aunt Margaret's ability to weave a basket, which, consequentially, would be a handy item on a deserted island. The result of my musing is this versatile quilt. I made the sample out of my white and blue scraps, but the options are endless. And it wouldn't be complete without some scrappy and happy blooms.

During this workshop you will create 1 block with 3 options for that block.

From that 1 block you will make, you can choose to make one of the following

- 1 block for wall art
- 4 blocks for a table topper
- 20 blocks for the entire quilt

All directions will be included in the pattern you will receive at the start of the class.

[Sign up for a workshop](#)



Monday, March 24

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Members: \$40
(Includes Pattern)
Non-Members \$45
(Includes Pattern)





Frère Jacques or Jack's Chain

Monday, June 23rd, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Members: \$65

Good for the Gander

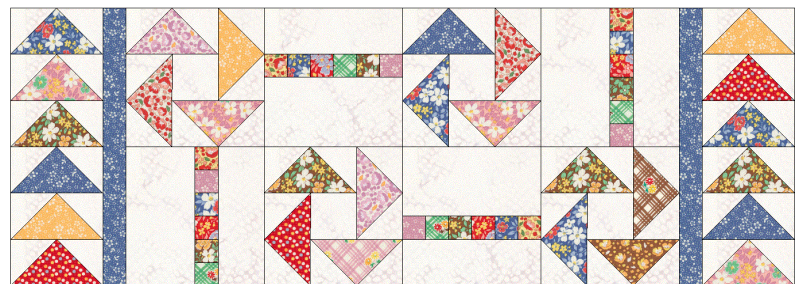
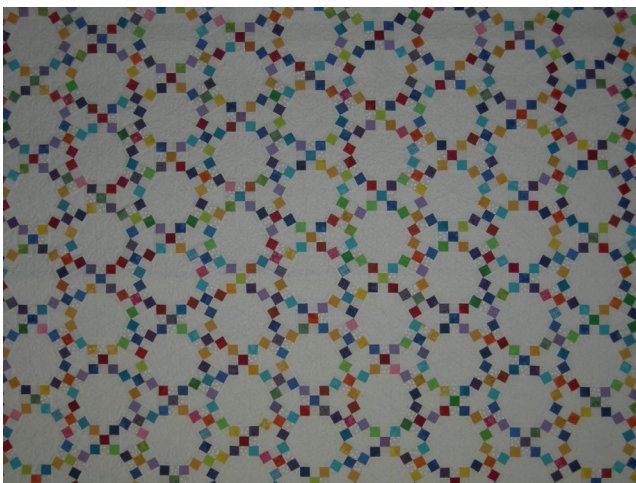
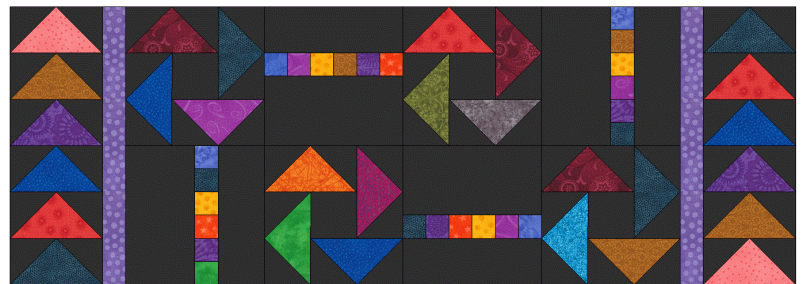
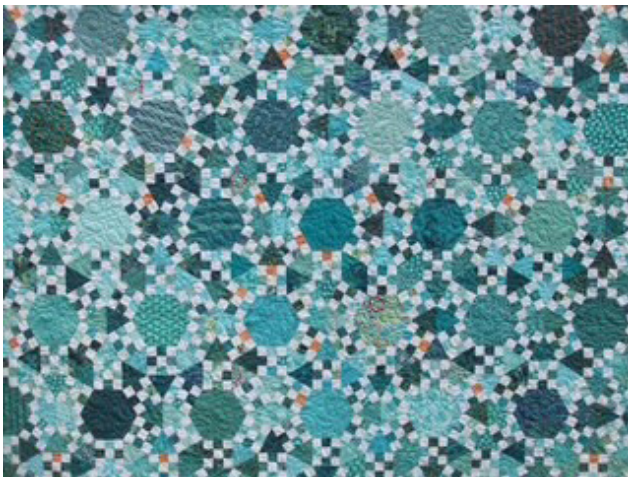
Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Members: \$40

[Sign up for a workshop](#)



Upcoming workshop at Pride of the Prairie

My name is Lynn Scheimann, and I'm part of the Programs team for the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild. I'd love for you to share this exciting opportunity with your guild!

On Thursday, May 15, we are thrilled to welcome Linda Lambert as our guest speaker. Then, on Saturday, May 17, she will be leading a hands-on workshop.

Linda Lambert is a certified Laura

Heine Collage Quilting instructor, teaching at quilt shops and guilds throughout Illinois and Indiana. She is passionate about collage quilting and eager to share her expertise with us. During her presentation, you'll gain insight into Laura Heine's unique collage quilting process, exploring fabric value, hues, and motifs to create layered, artistic quilt designs.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Lynn Scheimann at Lscheimann@comcast.net. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring quilting experience!

Workshop Details



Date: Saturday, May 17



Cost: \$65 per person for non-guild members (Kit and pattern sold separately)



Location: Zion Lutheran Church
11007 Book Rd, Naperville, IL 60564

All-Around-the-House Quilt Show

Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th

Fischer Farm farmhouse

16W680 Old Grand Ave

Bensenville, IL 60106

10am to 4pm both days

If you would be interested in displaying a quilt, please let us know as soon as you are able. Contact Katrina Frank at kfrank@bvilleparks.org or my supervisor, Christine Shiel, at cshiel@bvilleparks.org.

For more information about the quilt show visit the website: [Fischer Farm "All Around the House" Quilt Show 2025](#)



Lily of the Valley

**MAY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Humility
Purity
Sweetness

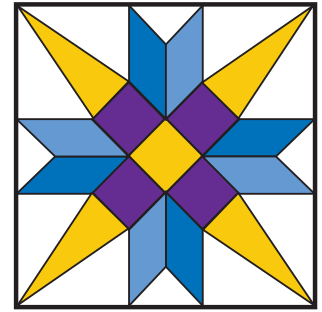


Rose

**JUNE
BIRTH FLOWER**

Love
Beauty
Honour

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



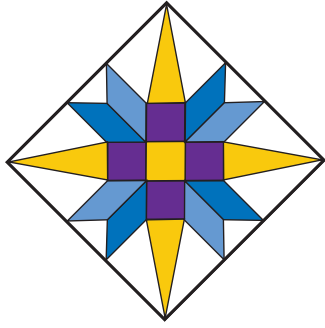
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BOARD
MEMBERS**

- President:** Cindy Krelle
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- Media:** Nancy Krasinski
- Tech support:** Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper:** Beth Koos
- Library:** Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:** Sheila Cisco
- Nominations:** Sue Plaster
- Contracts:** OPEN

NEW BOARD POSITIONS

Participate in the position-hop in March and learn more about our open positions. Complete your passport and be entered to win a gift card!

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