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THERE'S A BANQUET IN OUR FUTURE!

The month of May always had good things in store for us. Milder weather, beautiful flowers and our annual banquet, which is always a great time! Don't forget, our banquet is at St. Andrew's Golf and Country Club in West Chicago on Monday May 22nd at 6pm. Our fabulous guest speaker will be Nina Clotfelter and we look forward to seeing you there!

Our guest speaker for June is Connie Martin with a delightfully interesting presentation on Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad. You surely don't want to miss this one!

In July, we will be holding an Ice Cream Social along with a special show and tell on Monday, July 25th. There will be no Tuesday meeting in July. But, rumor has it that Sheila Cisko is planning something really fun for Tuesday, July 25th. Be sure to watch your email and newsletters for an announcement with the details soon!

Lastly, we are still needing to fill two more board positions. The first is

an Activities Chairperson to plan our retreats and banquet and other small events during the year. Secondly, in order to continue offering lectures and workshops we need someone to step up and take over Programs and Contracts. This was previously a 2 year commitment where you would set up speakers during the first year, and run the programs you contracted during the second year. We have now shortened this cycle to be a one year commitment where each of those steps is reduced to 6 months. (See diagram on page 2)

If you sign up with a friend, you could share the responsibility. Without a volunteer or two, we will not be able to continue offering these wonderful programs! Contact any board member for details on either position!

This is my final newsletter to all of you; I am turning over the reins of the Evening VP to Barb Tuman. It has been my pleasure serving all of you and I look forward to seeing you all at the banquet very soon!

-Sandi White

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**May 22, 2023 at 6 pm. Banquet
NO MORNING MEETING**

June 26, 2022 at 7 pm

June 27, 2022 at 9:30 am

May banquet location:

*St. Andrew's Golf Course
2241 Route 59
West Chicago, IL*

June meetings, usual location:

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

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, June 8, 2023.

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

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When we discussed this as a board, the general feelings was breaking the position down into smaller chunks would allow more members to be involved. It would also be less of a time commitment, and allow for extended collaboration and teamwork between those involved.

Here is an info graphic explaining how the position would be implemented and where it would overlap.

Programs on a 12 month cycle vs a 2 year cycle.



Late would be responsible for booking Speakers/Workshops for the July, August, September, October & November starting no later than January and be completed by the April business meeting. They would then be the point of contact for the guests they booked, make sure the guests are taken care of during their visit and be the hostess for the workshops.

Early would be responsible for booking Speakers/Workshops for the January, February, March, May & June starting no later than July and be completed by the September meeting. They would then be the point of contact for the guests they booked, make sure the guests are taken care of during their visit and be the hostess for the workshops.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Sheila C. has been voted in as the new Community Project Committee Chair and has started on her duties. Keep an eye out for new opportunities as she will be launching some new ways for you to give back to others.

Sue Ann R. will continue to support DuPage Care Center,

deliver items to Cleta's Stay & Sew in Rockford, and assist in other endeavors.

Make sure to check out all our projects and tutorials on the website at: <https://psqg.org/community-projects/>. Kits & Supplies are available!

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.

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



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.



MAY BANQUET

Our annual banquet is May 22nd at St. Andrew's Golf Course in West Chicago. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm and there will be a cash bar.

Entrees are:

- Garlic Pesto Gnocchi with vegetables (vegetarian)
- Champagne Chicken
- Grilled Bone-in Pork Loin with maple bourbon glaze

The entrees also include Minestrone soup, St. Andrews garden salad, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, chocolate cake, water, tea, and coffee. A cash bar will be open.

If you don't recall what you ordered, it will be indicated on your placecard. We look forward to socializing with you!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to think about membership renewal. For those who are new to the guild, our guild fiscal year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

You may [renew online](#) or in person at the banquet.

If you are not going to attend the banquet, please consider updating your information and paying your dues online.



BEEKEEPER BUZZ

The new study group "Quilts as Art and Expression" enjoyed a beautiful Spring day for their first field trip to The Art Institute to view the Gio Swaby exhibit. They met at Ogilvie Station, proceeded to lunch, then walked to The Art Institute. Following the exhibit they walked over to Millennium Park to watch people enjoying the warm weather, before heading back to the train station.

The Prairie Star Fiber Artists Bee is open to 2 new members. The contact person is Sue Fishbein.

The Foxy Ladies Bee is open to 2 new members. The contact person is Darlene Musur.



HAVE DINNER WITH NINA

Our May Banquet Guest, Nina Clotfelter, has never been to Chicago and, because we've all seen how crazy air travel has been, she decided to fly in a little early.

With a planned flight arrival time at 12:30pm on Sunday, it only seemed right to introduce her to Chicago Pizza!

Sue Ann R. has made arrangements for a pizza party!

Pizza Party
Sunday, May 21st, 6pm
Giordano's
3641 E Main St
St. Charles, IL 60174

Sue Ann reserved a big table in the back corner. Nina is excited to meet some of you on a personal

level! This event is **limited to 14 registrants**.

For \$15, you will receive 2 slices of large deep dish pizza, salad, and endless soft drinks or iced tea.

Payment will be made direct to Sue Ann R. at the restaurant (exact cash, check, Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle are acceptable).

Please email Sue Ann R. at Programs@PSQG.org with your choice of:

- Chopped salad or Caesar salad
- One deep dish pizza choice. The pizza choices are:
 - Cheese
 - Sausage
 - Chicago Classic (Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Green Peppers & Onions).

Add your name and phone number to make your reservation.

Once your email is received, Sue Ann will respond to confirm your spot.



WE NEED YOU!!!!!!



Here are some opportunities to help your guild!

There are places where you could help! And they're not board positions. They're not time consuming, and many are either "one-time-only" or just a few minutes a month! When you help, there are benefits for everyone:

- The more you help, the more people you'll meet.
- Our programs and activities will be even better.
- Our entire guild will become stronger.

Please, please, please take a look at this list and help your Guild out!

General Guild Meetings:

- Setup and cleanup of room for meetings.
- Table sitters fill in at tables when needed. For example, at membership, community projects, programs, library, etc.
- Car pool buddies- this is a new program to help people who may need a ride to Guild meetings and/or workshops.
- Help with free table cleanup.
- Collect cardboard boxes at end of meeting from free table to be recycled.

Membership:

- New member buddy: Someone who would show a new member the Guild benefits (during their first meeting) i.e., take them around the meeting: introduce them to our Library, Community Projects, Workshops, etc
- Answer questions or direct them to someone who can answer their question.

Community Projects:

- Kit Makers: help with making kits for the Guild meetings.
- Assist at meetings with distribution and intake of items.

Programs

- Speaker hostess: Assist at meetings, dinner company for speaker, and entertain if speaker is arriving early.
- Workshop Angel: Assist with set-up & clean up. Assist teacher and possibly pick-up lunch. May not be a workshop attendee.

Activities:

- Banquet: plan location & menu, assign tables, manage banquet room setup, keep track of reservations, etc.
- In-person retreat: Secure retreat location, promote retreat, manage reservations.
- Special events: for example, QOV and other events room setup, treats and entertainment as needed.

Education

- Suggestions or requests.
- Volunteer to do an educational demonstration.

Contact Barb Gillespie to volunteer or to answer any questions!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

May 2023

Nina Clotfelter

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

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



Nina Clotfelter

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

NINA CLOTFELDER

Here are a few fun things to know about me:

I have a passion for free motion quilting! There is SO much freedom to do anything you wish and ability to express your creativity. Free motion quilting does NOT have to be an expensive endeavor! NO long arm is necessary! You can use your DOMESTIC sewing machine! ALL the quilts on my website have been sewn and quilted on my domestic

sewing machine!

Come on! Play with me!

There is nothing more fun and satisfying than to share what you love with others who then become successful!

I look forward to meeting you!

Read more on Nina's website [Nina Clotfelter Quilts!](#)



Beginning RULER Work on YOUR Sewing Machine! (Or sit down long arm)

Tuesday May, 23rd 9:30am – 4pm

University of Illinois
Kane County Extension Building
535 S. Randall Road
St. Charles IL 60714

Sold out, but waiting list available

[Follow this link to get on waiting list.](#)

Paper Piecing for Anyone (Virtual)

Saturday,
June 10th,
2023

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Zoom virtual link

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45

PDF pattern is included in workshop cost! If you're not local, this is a great workshop to attend!

Supply List: Coming Soon!

Find more details and the [sign up form](#) on our website.





Connie Martin



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.

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*.

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



HELP NEEDED: 2024 QUILT SHOW CHAIRS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Quilt show provides the quilt guild with the funding to do the many program 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.

Admissions

Oversee admission to quilt show including cash management for selling tickets at show entrance. Responsible for ballots and awarding of Viewer's Choice and Challenge Quilt ribbons (print ballots, tally, award ribbons). Volunteers are available to assist with these duties.

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.

Information Booth

Oversee Information Booth volunteers, related materials, and operations during quilt show including quilt guild membership materials and sales.

Judging Quilts

Procure judge and manage judge related contract process and payments through guild. Identify, procure, and manage payments (if needed) for site for quilt judging the Monday prior to the quilt show. Identify drop off site for judged quilts and transportation of quilts to the judging site. Arrange for transportation of these quilts throughout week concluding at the show venue on Thursday. Manage related judging materials and processes for announcing winners, awarding ribbons, and assuring that all labels for awards are matched to quilts at 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.

Publicity

Collaborate with guild media person to produce and disperse bookmarks and small posters for the show. Coordinate printing of all tickets and ballots. Regularly provide updated information to the public via print media, email, social media.

Quilt Display – Entry Forms and Reports

Provide updated quilt entry forms, deadlines, and related information to guild, including website access to information. Manage table at both guild meetings to encourage and sign-up participants. Complete related follow up with members as needed. Create master list of quilts, owners, show information about each quilt, and the quilt's number that will be used for various display and judging activities. Provide lists to committees as needed.

Quilt Display – Quilt Display Plan Set Up and Take Down

In collaboration with Quilt Show Committee members, determine location for quilts to be hung in the show and oversee hanging as well as take down of quilts. Be present at set up and take down of quilt showcase areas. Determine quilt return process at end of show and communicate to guild membership. Oversee quilt return process.

Quilty Things

Collect and sort donations from members for about 12 months before the show. Regularly ask for and accept donations at quilt guild meetings. With team, price items for show. Plan Quilty Things 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 items at end of show.

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.

Signage

Organize and install all indoor and outdoor signs for the show. Create signs for vendors. At end of show, remove signage and return reusable signage to guild storage.

Transportation of Quilt Guild Materials

Organize two or three larger vehicles (vans, trucks) and work with volunteers to move quilt show materials from the storage unit to quilt show venue. Includes pipes for hanging quilts as well as other equipment or boxes of supplies. At end of show Saturday, organize vehicles and volunteers to return materials to storage unit.

Vendors

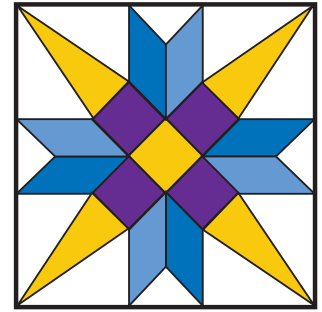
Contact and procure vendors through contracting process for upcoming show. Communicate information about show and venue. Hostess vendors at show and, after show, thank them on behalf of the guild.



Lily of the Valley

**MAY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Humility
Purity
Sweetness



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.



Rose

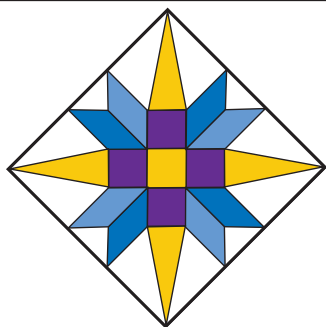
**JUNE
BIRTH FLOWER**

Love
Beauty
Honour

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



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