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EVERY DAY IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

Thank you so much to all of the people who came to our April business meeting! You are to be congratulated because you came out at night for a meeting without a quilt-related speaker, to help take care of the backbone of our guild. We heard from our faithful president, Cindy K., about all that had been accomplished throughout the past year. We heard from our treasurer, Lori M., who grew our monies in a new way this past year by putting it into a CD to earn interest. We voted on an annual budget, thinking ahead to our Quilt Show to keep us growing and continuing on with informed speakers, workshops, a beautiful 'home' for our meetings and more. We heard from Chris S., who took time with a small group to analyze our by-laws and keep us current. We voted on a new slate of officers who are willing to commit a small portion of their life to volunteering for our guild. As a matter of fact, for the first time in a long time, we voted on a complete slate of nominees, thanks to two brave

women volunteering on the spot to fill our final openings. Thanks to Barb T., also, for baking up a storm to answer our call for a delicious snack. I hope that those who attended had some fun with our games, catching up with old friends and meeting some new ones. That is part of what being in a guild is about.

That meeting could have been dry and boring - and I have often heard the April meeting called those things. But I never think it really is. I am grateful as we hear of the successes of the past year of speakers and events. I am always encouraged by the sight of so many people giving of their time to benefit the group. I enjoyed seeing our members play the silly games that were meant to encourage conversation. And so many smiles! I was so pleased to see so many that gave up an evening to be part of what others have thought of as boring; to vote and be part of our future. For that is what the April meeting is about - determining the path

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

May 20, 2024 Annual banquet
NO MORNING MEETING

June 24, 2024 at 7 pm
June 25, 2024 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, June 6, 2024.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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of our future. I do want to add, however, that we totally understand that some cannot participate in the evening any longer. We know you are with us in spirit!

I have been thinking lately about the idea that every day is what you make it. Sounds so cliché, but it is true whether we embrace it or not. For me, being present to help the

guild is part of making my day or year better. Perhaps you too? We can choose how we eat, what we sew, who we talk to. We can choose to get up late and start a day in a slow manner. Not much may happen, and we will not have made much of the day, which is perfectly ok. However, lately I am trying to choose to do more. I am looking down the road to think about what I want my remaining years on

this earth to look like. I have complained enough about cutting out 1,200 squares to attach to 400 other squares that I have finally realized I do not want to ever again cut out thousands of anything, and that is ok. I hope that today you take the time to think about what and how and who will make your day, month or year a more fulfilled life. And then make it happen!

— Susan Egner, Morning VP



UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

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

The next chat is May 25 & 26. [Email activities to sign up](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

We are having a two-day sew-in—Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10—at the U of I extension building on Randall Road. The cost will be \$26 by credit card. You will get a \$1 discount (\$25 fee) if you pay by cash or check. Contact Nanci M. or visit the website to sign up.

BEE KEEPER BUZZ

Our bees are all going well. One member is interested in starting an evening or weekend bee in the Huntley area.

I have a beautiful selection of sewing-themed fabric that was donated to the guild. Over

the next few months I will be promoting this fabric for members to use to make items for the boutique. If you use the fabric to make something, but have extra left over, please bring it back to the next meeting. Hopefully another

member will have a different idea for its use. As we get closer to our show, whatever fabric is still left will be donated to the fabric treasures sale.

— Beth Koos, Bee keeper

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.

[Online renewal](#) is open, or you can renew in person at the April or May meetings.

Please consider updating your information and paying your dues online; updating is easier for us that way.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our community and the guild's programs! Our program leaders are very appreciative of all the beautiful items that were made throughout the winter months and for your generous donations of fabric and sewing supplies.

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.

Thanks to Rita P. and the Quilts of Valor crew. They are always busy making stunning quilts for service members. 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. Later this month there will be a lot of quilts that will need quilting. Contact Rita if you would like to help with the quilting, 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, marble mazes, and fidget quilts are always in need! Kits are available or you can check out the PSQG Community Projects webpage for videos and size requirements to make them from your own stash. Contact Linda S.

Thank you to all the incredible supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. We have lots of kits available and quilts in various stages for you

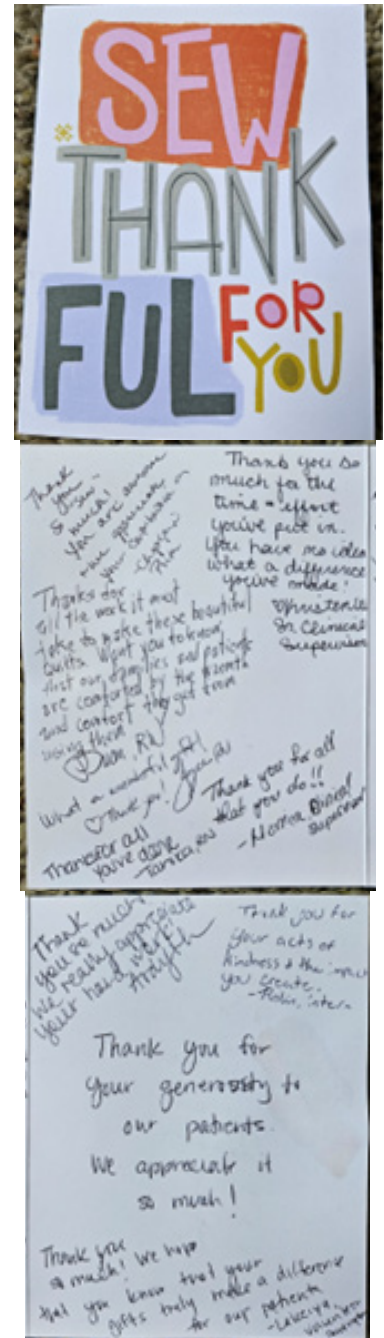
to work on. Contact Sandi W. if you have questions. Finished 3' x 6' mats for the homeless are still being collected! If you don't crochet, how about doing some recycling and making balls of Plarn for those who do? Contact Joyce J.

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 provide relief to chemotherapy patients. They 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 and loop from your own stash. Contact Pam S. and Ann G.

Residential Hospice in Lisle is asking for quilts and comforters of any size (please no fleece) for their patients. Please do not pass along items that are stained or torn. Remember that these should be gently loved items! Pin a note to the item if it's been washed (unscented detergent, no softener is preferred) before putting it in a bag to drop off at the Community Project tables. They will also accept fidget quilts and marble mazes. Contact Sheila C.

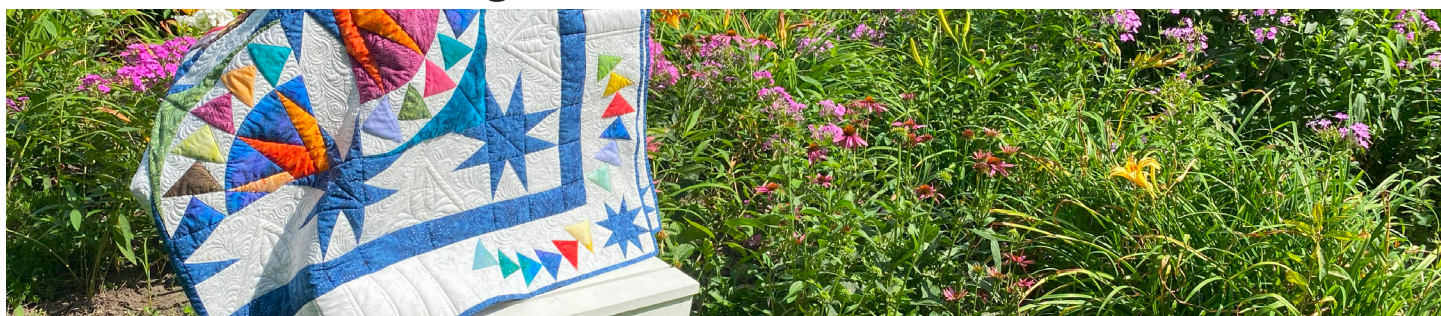
The thank you card sent to the guild from Residential Hospice



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 C.

QUILT SHOW 2024



The next quilt show meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact Liz or Yvonne if you need an invitation.

The entry forms for the [show quilts](#) and for [judged quilts](#) are available. You can also turn them in at a meeting or mail them in. (Address will be provided on the form.) The tops don't have to be finished to enter, but need to be finished with a hanging sleeve for the show.

— Liz F. & Yvonne R.

Books, etc.

Time to clean your sewing room! Donate your old books, magazines and patterns to the Quilt Show for us to sell and for others to enjoy.

We are limiting donations to newer books, which are books with copyrights from 2000 through 2023. We have found that the premium quilting, art quilting, and foreign quilting 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 are accepting donations at all in-person Guild meetings 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.

Boutique

Make some items for the Instant Gratification Boutique. 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.

— Sheryl A, Boutique Chair.

Challenge Quilts

Keep working on your challenge quilts. We will start collecting them at the August meeting.

We have distributed all but six cards, so it should be a really complete and fun display. If you are interested in one of the remaining cards, contact Ruthann H., or Barb V.

Fabric Treasures

Thank you for the donations you brought in at the meetings. Our Fabric Resale, along with the Books, Patterns, Magazines, etc.

allows PSQG to continuously offer incredible speakers.

We will be collecting Fabric Donations at the meetings. Please prep your donation as directed in the donation instructions here. <https://psqg.org/wp-content/uploads/PSQG-Fabric-Resale.pdf> Remember that, at this time, we are collecting quilt shop quality cotton woven fabric, flannel precut bundles and wool scraps for resale in the groups listed on the donation instructions.

If you have any questions, concerns, would you like to donate fabric but can not prep it yourself, if you would like to help another member organize their donation, if you love to cut squares and can help, or if you have a time sensitive need to donate fabric prior to the June meeting, contact Sue Ann R., Fabric Resale Chair.

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.

We will have open trunks at the in-person meetings. Start gathering your trinkets to be sold at the quilt show.

Contact Barb T and Heidi C.

MAY WORKSHOP OPENINGS

Cheryl Sleboda will have two workshops. Visit the website for more details and to sign up.



What in Carnation?

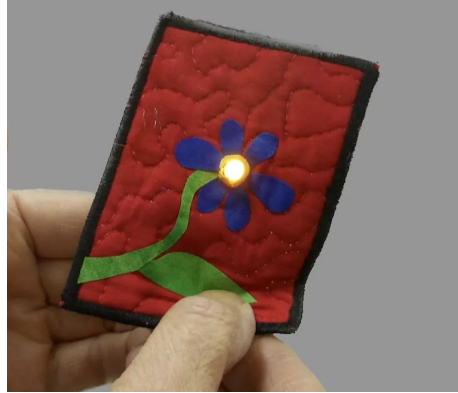
Make a gorgeous dimensional flower quilt all by machine! You'll learn how to create the quilted background and the gathered flowers and leaves in class. Everyone will ask you where you learned how to make such pretty flowers. Uses the gathering foot for your machine, and a couple stitches by hand to attach them.

May 21, 2024

9 am – 12 pm

\$30

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Artist Trading Card

Take the technology leap and put LED lights into an Artist Trading Card! Make an Artist Trading Card in class, and then light up with a LED! Learn a basic circuit, and a few more tricks to make your small art quilt shine. Kit includes nearly everything for the class, including electronics, just bring scissors!

May 21, 2024

6 pm – 9 pm

\$30 + \$20 kit fee

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

May 2024, Banquet

Cheryl Sleboda

June 2024

Maday Delgado

July 2024

Catherine Redford

August 2024 (PM)

Ilene Bartos

August 2024 (AM)

Laura Hartrich

September 2024

Anna Maria



Our June speaker is Maday Delgado, a prolific art educator, published artist, Janome America Artisan and speaker based in the Midwest, committed to bringing innovation and artistry to the forefront of the work she creates. Her mission is to nurture artistic platforms across cultures and generations to foster creative work, while finding ways to minimize our environmental footprint.

She loves the art of collaging and storytelling with new and pre-loved textiles. She favors working with up-cycled materials and scraps as a way to honor the environment.

She was also a guest at the Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, which aired in April 2024.

Maday will present two lectures: *The Art of Curves* in the evening, and *The Memory of Stitches* in the morning.

Maday Delgado will have two workshops. Visit the website to sign up and for more details.

Remember to order in advance if you'd like a kit for the Chaos workshop. <https://www.sustainabletextiledesign.com/shop/prairie-star-guild-curved-piecing-kit-choose-local-pickup-at-checkout>

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



The Chaos of Perfection

June 25, 2024

6 pm - 9 pm

\$55 + \$20 Kit Fee = \$75 total

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Improv Curve Piecing without templates

June 26, 2024

9 am - 4 pm

\$75

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SIGN UP FOR THESE FUTURE WORKSHOPS



As mentioned at the March meetings, Anna Maria Horner will be at PSQG in September 2024. Her last visit was cancelled by Covid at short notice.

If you were a 2020 participant, **your spot is reserved until June 1st**. You can submit your payment via the website, at the banquet, or mail it in.

Our 2024 workshops are ready for sign-ups! Find what appeals to you and register ASAP. Sign up online today or stop by the table at the banquet or a meeting.



Catherine Redford, July 2024



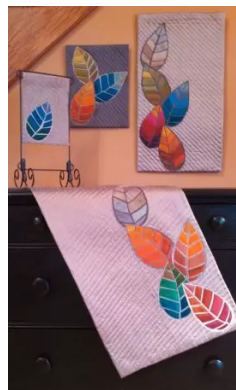
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Ilene Bartos, August 2024



Laura Hartrich, August 2024



Anna Maria, September 2024



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Country Quilters of McHenry
invites you to a
Jane Sassaman workshop
June 8, 2024

Algonquin Township facility
Cost for non-members is \$60
and does not include the pattern.

We will be working on Moths and Moons.

Interested quilters should
contact kraftykc@comcast.net

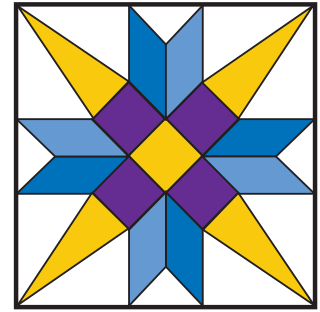


Rose
**JUNE
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Love
 Beauty
 Honour



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

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



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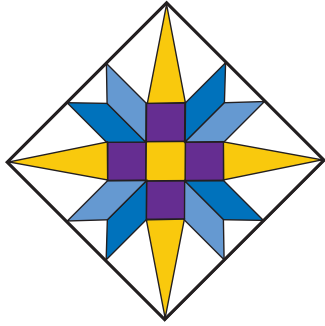
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2024 Quilt Show Chairs:
 Liz Fitzgerald & Yvonne Richter

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.

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