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THANKFUL & LOOKING AHEAD

I know it has been said a number of times already, but saying thank you is an important sentiment not to be limited. In case you haven't heard or read this any other place, I would like to offer one more huge THANK YOU! to the whole guild for the fantastic quilt show we just had. We had nearly full participation for all aspects of the production of the show and we are all grateful for the help, encouragement, and gorgeous quilts to show off the many talents of our guild.

As we leave our 2022 quilt show behind us, I am feeling so inspired to get busy! I recently pulled out my bin of patterns and looked at each one, trying to decide which will be the next one to be sewn. At this time of year I always want to make something that is seasonal. But, then again, there are those unfinished beauties that are calling out to me, just waiting to be completed.

I'm heading out for a glorious Wisconsin retreat this week. How to decide which pattern to begin? There is nothing like having five luxurious days to sew anything I want. I'm going with my bee, a small group of women who I did not know when we began together a decade or so ago. We just knew we wanted to sew with like-minded people. Now

we are friends. Friends who share sewing ideas, recipes, books and life's ups and downs. I know we are talking about bees at the guild meetings and trying to set up new and add to older longstanding ones. I urge you to consider joining a few and see how it goes. You might drop one and add another down the road that suits you better. But I think if you give them a try you will not regret the effort.

And thinking of giving things a try, we have several retreats getting set up for our guild to attend. Anyone who would like to can participate, no matter your skill level. You just need something to sew and a willingness to share. Share your abilities, maybe a snack, and your time with others who have a passion for the same pastime as you. Some retreats will be located closer by and you can sleep at home in your own bed while others will take you farther down the road to an overnight experience. Don't worry about forgetting something; chances are someone will have what you need and you will get to talking. Before you know it, you will be ten years down the road reminiscing about that first time you met. You just have to put yourself out there and sign up!

- Susan Egner

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

November 28, 2022 at 7 pm
November 29, 2022 at 9:30 am
NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

All meetings at Congregational United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

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

Meetings via Zoom will resume in January.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, January 5, 2022.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at
melaniemakeup@gmail.com.

BEEKEEPER BUZZ

The Bee Open House was a success! In order to get myself prepared for this event, I reached out to the contact person for each bee asking them to fill out a brief questionnaire. I now have a 3 ring binder with updated information about the bees that I can bring to the meetings. My hope is that this will help our members to connect with others with similar interests and

allow everyone to feel at home in our guild.

Three new bees have been started as a direct result of the Open House. I also have a list of suggestions submitted by members who are hoping to find other quilters with a similar interest. I will bring this list to each meeting. Members can put their name on the list.

It doesn't take much to start a new bee. Just a few people with similar interests, a contact person and a brief questionnaire is all it takes.

Feel free to contact me if you want to join a bee. I will give you the name of the contact person so you can find the information you need.

-Beth K, Beekeeper

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

NICU Isolette Covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need, stop by the Community Projects table at the November meeting for a kit or contact Linda S.

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.

We are not collecting dog beds or scraps for filling. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you. Click here for information: [Shelters & Fosters](#)

Land of Lincoln Quilts of Valor welcomes anyone who wants to join us in the mission of making quilts to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Moose Lodge in St Charles, and on the third Tuesdays at the VFW in Montgomery. Bring along your machine, and quilting tools (rotary cutter, ruler). We have kits and fabric.

QOV can't thank our guild enough for the chance to have a booth at the show. I see that Bonnie Hunter has released the colors for the Quiltville Mystery. We have

donated fabric that we do not use for our quilts that we offer for a reasonable donation. If you have your paint chips and want to see if we can make a match, contact Rita P.

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. We have freshly washed pillowcases in need of ironing in a pet/smoke free environment. Contact Sandi W.

Not sure who to contact? You can email Community Projects right on the PSQG website! Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate project leader.



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! 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 November 26 & 27. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

SEARCH PSQG LIBRARY ONLINE

Did you know our library catalog can be searched online? The November meeting will be the last opportunity to borrow books before our “winter break”. Our January and February meetings will be virtual, so the library will not be available. Load up on some favorites to get you through those winter months.

Prepare for what you'd like to select by searching our on-line catalog, any time and from anywhere.

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Library

Prairie Star members have free access to the guild library containing over 500 books, DVDs, and CDs. It is thought to be one of the largest collections in the Midwest. The library features topics for every level of ability and genre. New additions are made each year to accommodate the latest trends of interest to quilters. Recently, these include “modern quilting”, English paper piecing, applique and art quilt techniques. The collection also has many fiction books with quilting themes.

The library is open to members at the monthly daytime and evening guild meetings, with a couple of exceptions depending on the meeting schedule. Items may be checked out for one month. Suggestions for new titles is encouraged. Materials checked out can be renewed in person, by phone, or email.

The Book List can be viewed on the computer at home or at guild meetings. Library Thing, a web based service, allows author, title, and subject searches to be done.

Book List

Please read the “Search Tips” below, it will answer many questions you may have regarding finding a particular kind of book.

Library Search Tips

- The PSQG library booklist is displayed under the label “Your Books”. This is the place to begin a search.

Here’s a quick tutorial:

1. Go to the PSQG website.
2. Go to the Library tab.
3. Press the Book List button.
4. Which takes you to Library Thing, our on-line card catalog.
5. Use the “Search your library” search bar in the upper right corner of your screen. I searched for Quiltfolk, Issue 15.
6. Click on the title to read a few more details. This system only tells you if we own the book. You are not able to reserve the title.
7. Success, we own the book! At the next in-person meeting, stop by the library to borrow it.

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Primitive Christmas	Lisa Bonjean		Green, Christmas, Applique	★★★★★	2022-11-03
Bonnie's Garden	Bonnie Sullivan		Wool applique, Applique	★★★★★	2022-11-03
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 02: Iowa (2017)	Mary ed. Fons	2017	Orange, Iowa quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-03
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 13: Minnesota (2019)	Mary ed. Fons	2019	Orange, Minnesota quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 12: Kentucky (2019)	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Kentucky quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 11: Southern California (2019)	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Southern California quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 10: Vermont	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Vermont quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 15: Nevada (2020)	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Nevada Quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 14: South Carolina (2020)	Mary ed. Fons	2020	Orange, South Carolina quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 17	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Connecticut	★★★★★	2022-11-02

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Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Entry date
Quiltfolk Magazine Issue 15: Nevada (2020)	Mary ed. Fons		Orange, Nevada Quilts	★★★★★	2022-11-02

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QUILT SHOW 2022

It's a wrap!

Done and dusted, as they say across the pond. By all accounts, it was a very successful show and was well-received by all.

The last bit of business is the wrap-up meeting with our committee members. You all should have received an email with the information about the after party on November 16.

2024 Show

We have a date and another trio who will be chairpeople for 2024! Liz F., Yvonne R., and Dianna S. will be the new chairs. At this time, it will be at the DuPage Fairgrounds on October 18 & 19, 2024.

Thank you all; sew on, and sew forth!

-Melanie, Krista, and Mary

GET OUT OF TOWN

The details are coming together

Our Activities chair, Sue P., has been hard at work setting up several great retreats for 2023. Choose the time and location that works best for you and join us for one of these fun events. As Susan E. said on the front page, retreats are glorious! You will meet so many wonderful quilters, and there is no need to worry about forgetting something. Someone will have it, or there can be a little side trip to a quilt store.

Roommates, too, need not be a concern. Talk at the meetings about needing a roommate and one may pop

up. Or sign up and see who you get placed with. It just might be a new best friend!

The dates and locations are listed on the next page. Be sure to pay attention to the deposit amounts and deadlines. If you're interested in the Dekoven Center in September, there is a place on the form to indicate your interest and be added to the contact list when more details are available.

You may view and print the details and [sign up forms](#) from our website.



2023 RETREAT UPDATE!

May 25th thru 28th

Pilgrim Park Camp & Conference Center
26449 1340 N. Avenue, Princeton, IL

August 24TH thru August 27th

The Gathering Retreat Center (Primitive Gatherings)
8567 South Loop Road, Larsen, WI

Sept 28th thru October 1st

DeKoven Center
600 21st Street, Racine, WI

October 5th thru October 8th

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago/Aurora
2423 Bushwood Drive, Aurora, IL



MAY 2023 – PILGRIM PARK – Arrival time 4 pm – Departure time 10 am

Deposit of \$100 is required upon registration and final payment (balance owed) is due March 1, 2023
After March 1, 2023 all monies paid are nonrefundable – exception if we find a retreator to replace you
Cost is as follows and includes 3 meals and coffee service -
Single Occupancy \$275
Double Occupancy \$255
Triple Occupancy \$245

AUGUST 2024 – THE GATHERING – Arrival time 3 pm – Departure time 11 am

Deposit of \$200 plus tax (\$210) required upon registration – THIS IS A NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
Final balance is due June 24, 2023. Please read refund policy on The Gathering Registration form
Cost is as follows and includes 3 meals and coffee service
Double Occupancy \$600
Triple Occupancy \$550
Quad Occupancy \$550

SEPT 2023 – DEKOVEN CENTER – Waiting on contract

OCTOBER 2023 – HAMPTON INN Arrival time 9 am – Departure time 5 pm

Deposit of \$35 is required upon registration and final payment of \$40 is due by August 1, 2023
After August 1, 2023 all monies paid are nonrefundable – exception if we find a retreator to replace you.
Cost is as follows & includes soda, coffee, tea
Per Quilter - \$75 for the weekend
You may call the hotel and reserve a room, make sure you ask for the 'CRAFTERS RATE'

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

November 2022

[Carol Wilhoit](#)

December 2022

NO MEETINGS

January 2023, virtual

[Meg Cox](#)

February 2023 , virtual

[Lisa Ruble](#)

March 2023

[Lori Dickman](#)

May 2023

[Melody Crust](#)

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



CAROL WILHOIT



During 40 years of quilting, Carol has become interested in making small quilted projects as well as quilts.

As a retired physician, she enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She likes to find ways to make the construction process easier while producing better results. She has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a stash that makes it a joy to have and to use.

Carol will present two lectures and two workshops:

Monday lecture: AHA! Techniques and Tools for Perfecting Your Quilting

Tuesday lecture: Infinite

Opportunity: Quilts Hidden in Your Stash

Get Some Last-Minute Gifts Made for Christmas While Taking a Workshop

The classes are \$35 one class and \$65 if you take both classes. Please sign up for the classes on [PSQG website](#) or in person at the November guild meetings.



Little Gifts By the Dozen

Monday, November 28th

9am – 4pm

Members: \$35

Non-Members: \$40

Location:

Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL

Finishing the Edges of a Quilt Without Binding

Tuesday, November 29th

2pm – 5 pm

Members: \$35

Non-Members: \$40

Location:

Congregational United Church of Christ

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL



JANUARY

MEG COX



Ohio native Meg Cox has been earning her living as a writer since graduating from

Northwestern University. She was hired as a staff writer by the Wall Street Journal, and worked at the WSJ in Chicago and New York for 17 years. While at the Journal, Meg contributed hundreds of front-page stories and was lauded for her feature writing. Her beats included financial futures, agriculture, the business of the arts, and publishing.

Meg has written for many national magazines, lectured and taught all over the country and authored five books. She continues to contribute weekend arts features to the Wall Street Journal.

Her two main specialties are FAMILY TRADITIONS and QUILTING, two wildly misunderstood topics. Both are thought to be old-fashioned and unhip, which could not be farther from the truth.

The 21 million American quilters who have built this burgeoning craft into a \$3.6 billion industry are educated, computer-literate and fiercely creative.

Meg's writing and lecturing on FAMILY TRADITIONS is informed by her experience as a mother, stepmother and step-grandmother, as well as more than a decade of interviewing psychologists, religious leaders and hundreds of families about rituals.

Her expertise on QUILTING stems partly from the 25 years that she has been a passionate quilter. Additionally, Meg served on the board of the national nonprofit Quilt Alliance for 10 years and was president for 6 years. She writes a popular free monthly e-newsletter called Quilt Journalist Tells All. See her commentary on modern quilting in the hit 2011 documentary, *Stitched*.

What do all Meg's books have in common? They are so jam-packed with practical information & inspiration, that readers' well-thumbed copies are bristling with bookmarks and Post-It notes.

Meg will present two lectures.

Making Meaning: How Quilters Celebrate Life

This lecture will be presented on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

A fun, inspiring lecture that changes lives: perfect for keynotes and evening programs. An expert

on tradition who has written four books on ritual, Meg Cox shares examples of quilters' celebrations but also shows powerful ideas from her own life. She shares what she has learned in 20 years of research about what makes traditions unforgettable. Whether you're looking for a way to liven up your monthly quilt group or mark major life milestones, you'll come away with concrete ideas and inspiration

Take Better Quilt Photos Now

This lecture will be presented on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

More than ever, quilters need to know how to take clear, well-composed photographs of their quilts for blogs and social media, to enter contests, and to simply document their work. Many more people will see your quilts in a photo than in person, so why not take the trouble to show them at their best? Meg will explain the different requirements for formal quilt photos versus social media snapshots, sharing photos of celebrity quilters and their tips and tricks. She'll provide specifics about things like lighting and free software to resize digital photos. This lecture includes a slideshow and handouts, and a demonstration of how to create a professional quality photographer's set-up at an affordable price.

Read more about Meg and sign up any guests [on our website](#).

DONATION OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY



Compassionate
Souls
Caring & Sharing
with those in need

YOU matter. Your story matters. Your hopes,
dreams and fears matter. All that you are matters.

Compassionate Souls is a local group created and dedicated to assist in getting needed items to homeless (and struggling families in need). Their goal is to bring a little relief from the hard times by providing care bags with snacks and small foods along with toiletries to the homeless.

During this month of Thanksgiving let's give back! The following items are in need and I, for one, am happy to donate. Without leaving my bathroom I was able to fill up a reusable grocery bag of unused toiletries I just won't use! (see image) If you are able, please bring your donations to the November Guild Meeting and I will deliver on behalf of the Guild. Thank you for all you do for our Community!

Sue Ann R.

Hygiene Items (Travel size is ideal but larger packages accepted):

Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap (individually wrapped), Nail Clippers, Nail Files, Q-Tips, Combs, Baby Powder, Hand and Foot Warmers, Lip Balm, BandAids, Razers, Shaving Cream, Mouthwash, Laundry Pods, Dental Floss, Reading Glasses, Glass & Lens Wipes, Travel Sewing Kits (I used items in my sewing room to make my own!), Disposable Masks, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Hand Sanitizer, Cotton Balls.

Over the Counter Medications (Must not be expired or opened. No Liquid medicines):

Muscle Rub, Antibiotic Ointment, Oral Analgesic, Anti-Itch Cream, Anti-Diarrhea, Gas Relief, Tums, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Alka Seltzer, Nasal Spray, Allergy Meds, Cold & Flu Meds, Arthritis Rub, Athlete's Foot Cream, Vapor Chest Rub, Nasal Decongestant, Cough Drops, Denture Cream, Pregnancy Tests and other useful OTC Meds.

Clothing Basics (Clean, smoke & animal hair free please! New or like new condition):

Socks, Scarves, Beanie Hats & Gloves
Men & Women's Underwear (Must be NEW!)
Shoes & Boots for winter wear (No Heels or Dress Shoes)
Winter Coats

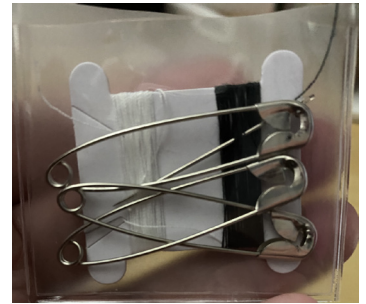
Food/Snacks (Must not be expired. Shelf Stable items in individual serving sizes) such as:

Applesauce or Pudding Cups, Oatmeal Packets, Poptarts, Cereal Bars, Mini Vienna Sausage, Tuna Snack Packs, Granola Bars, Protein Bars, Raisins, Fruit Snacks, Jerky, SlimJims, Cookies.

Other Items: (Clean, smoke & animal hair free please! New or like new condition):

Reusable Bags and Drawstring Bags
Ziplock Bags - Gallon, Quart & Sandwich size
Empty Travel Size Bottles 2-4oz

Travel Sewing Kits



Most of my Cleanout



NEWSLETTER NEWS

This newsletter will be refreshed in the new year. I will be publishing a biweekly blog on the PSQG website instead of this monthly format.

The blog will contain all the information you see here about the

Guild, just more frequently (every 2 weeks vs monthly), in smaller highlights.

When the blog launches, we will eventually provide a subscription option so you can be notified via

email when there is a new post. It will be an evolving process, so we will adjust as necessary when we get your feedback.



Holly
**DECEMBER
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Fertility
 Good fortune
 Merriment

Carole Bates..... 12/05
 Beverley Rose Enright..... 12/05
 Susan Egner..... 12/06
 Rita Pennington..... 12/06
 Lori McNally..... 12/07
 Merna Cunningham..... 12/08
 Sandy Dayton 12/13
 Ella Mae Goshen 12/13
 Linda LoBianco 12/19

Diana Sharp 12/19
 Dawn Schultz 12/22
 Beth Hoffman 12/23
 Christa Chocker..... 12/26
 Carol Crow..... 12/26
 Nancy Cleckner..... 12/30
 Ann Stoa..... 12/30
 Mary Jane Cross 12/31

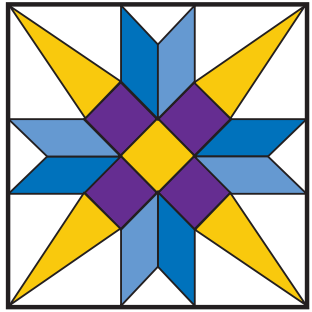


Carnation
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 Devotion
 Loyalty
 Love

Jane Phillips..... 01/01
 Debbie Konopka 01/04
 Barbara Nagengast (Lies)..... 01/07
 Mindy Bosso 01/08
 Denise Luper 01/09
 Karen Schroyer..... 01/12
 Marcia Cameron 01/20
 Anastasia O'Donnell 01/21
 Chris Schwarz 01/23

Angelika Brinkmann-Busi ... 01/24
 Diane Evinger..... 01/24
 Joyce Jensen 01/24
 Marion Schindwein 01/24
 Nancy Gambrel..... 01/27
 Jill Seaworth 01/29
 Barbara Stewart 01/29
 Bonnie Prokop 01/31

*Happy Birthday to anyone I inadvertently missed this past year,
 and to those who chose not to provide their birthday.*



2022-2023

BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

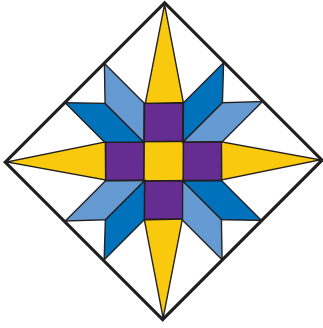
- President: Barb Gillespie
- Evening VP: Sandi White
- Daytime VP: Susan Egner
- Programs VP: Diane Moore
- Secretary: Yvonne Richter
- Treasurer: Diane Hubberts
- Membership: Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter: Melanie Murphy
- Education: Chris Schwarz
& Foxy Bees beez
- Activities: Sue Plaster
- Media Chair: Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
- Library: Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:

Sue Ann Reiner
 Contracts 2022- 2023:
 Diane Moore
Nominations: OPEN

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

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

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ADVERTISING RATES

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1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

Above rates apply to a single issue. A purchase of the same-size ad for a year (10 issues) earns a 10% discount. Ads accepted only for quilting or quilt-related subjects and must be prepaid.

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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