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OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Are you enjoying the beautiful fall weather? I love the cooler weather and fall colors. But the beauty of fall pales in comparison to our upcoming Quilt Show. I would like to thank the entire Quilt Show Committee for their hard work the last two years in putting together our Quilt Show. It will be spectacular! I would also like to thank the all the volunteers who will be working at the show. We could not have a successful show without you. Thank you, Yvonne, Liz and Diana, for volunteering to be our Quilt Show Chairs for the 2024 Quilt Show!

I hope the spirit of volunteering continues going forward. With the upcoming elections next spring, we need a Nominations Committee to create the 2023 slate.

For the year of 2023-24 there are several positions to be filled:

- President. A two-year term and must be a previous board member.
- Treasurer. A two-year term and bookkeeping or QuickBooks experience is preferred.
- Evening VP. Facilitates evening meetings.
- Contracts/Programs. This person or group decides on our upcoming speakers.

- Activities Chair. Arranges May Banquet, Retreats, QOV event and other activities.
- Community Service Coordinator. Acts as a liaison between the heads of various Community Project groups and the guild.
- Nominations. Prepares a slate of nominated officers to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to publication in the Guild's newsletter in March.
- Newsletter. Melanie would like a partner to share these duties. InDesign experience helpful.
- Media. Chris M. would like a partner for Media. (keeping website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. current.)

None of these committees are a one-person job, in fact, it is easier and more fun to have a group working together. There just needs to be one person as the main contact. One Committee member needs to attend the Board Meeting, which is held each month via Zoom. A different member can represent the Committee each month, if that is what works for your group.

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

October 24, 2022 at 7 pm
October 25, 2022 at 9:30 am
November 28, 2022 at 7 pm
November 29, 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, November 3, 2022.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

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Technically all Board Positions are open. If there is a position you are interested in, the responsibilities are listed on the website under the Job Descriptions tab. Please do not hesitate to contact us to ask questions,

express interest, have your name on the ballot, or nominate someone to be put on the ballot. Send email to psqgboard@pspgboard.org. or call a board member. A nomination is not binding, it allows the board

to contact someone and discuss a position in more detail.

Hope to see you at our Beautiful Quilt Show,
Barb Gillespie, President

BEEKEEPER BUZZ

Barb Gillespie and Beth Koos will be hosting an Open House for anyone who is interested in joining a bee, starting a bee or just looking for more information about some of the bees that are connected with the guild. We encourage each bee to have a member attending to share information with other guild members.

Open House
Bisbee Conference Room
St Charles Library
Saturday, Oct 29
10:00am to 12:00pm.

The Stripology Bee is meeting in person on Saturdays at Blue Willow Mercantile 271 Town Square Wheaton, IL 60189. Next meeting is October 22 at 1pm.

The Second Tuesday Bee has a new meeting place starting Sept 13, 10-1:00PM. Stitching on State 290 South State St. Hampshire IL 60140.

There is interest in a Crazy Quilt Bee. Please contact me (Beth Koos) if you are interested.

Other interests have been for starting a Scrappy Bee (using only fabrics in your own stash) and a Quilt Study Bee with an emphasis on learning more about quilts with a social message (not political). These can be either historical issues or current issues. Find out more at the open house or contact me if you are interested in any of these Bees.

Beth Koos, Beekeeper

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

Stop by the Quilts of Valor booth at the quilt show. Rita P will accept bound quilts and she will have bundles for quilting available for pick up.

Quilts of Valor is sewing! Help us recognize those who served our country by piecing 58" x 68" quilt tops, doing longarming or finishing up the binding! Contact Rita P. if you have availability to help this is a great way to support the veterans.

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. We made a donation of 16 finished quilts to Shriners and numerous quilts to CDH Pediatrics. Contact Sandi W.

NICU Isolette Covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need. 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: [Pet-Bed-Shelters-and-Fosters](#)

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.



QUILT SHOW 2022 FINAL REMINDERS

shifts start at 9:30a. We could use extra hands here as well.

Want to be one of the first to pick up your quilt? We have spots open for runners starting at 4pm on Saturday.

White Glove needs extra hands from 2:30 - 5 on Friday and has numerous shifts on Saturday.

During the show we still have other various shifts that we'd love help with in the quilty things, scraps, and our info booth.

Finally, on Saturday after 4pm, if you have a larger vehicle and are willing to drive items to the guild storage unit it would be very much welcome. Lots of smaller vehicles are welcome, too, as we can pack them tight if we have to!

Please email psqg@psqg.org or call/text Sue Ann R. for anything volunteer-related for the show.

For any volunteer shift, be sure to **remember and wear your name tag** and dress for the weather. It's usually a cold day when we set up and with all the doors open, we get lots of fresh air.

Be courteous in parking! When possible, leave the best spots for our attendees. (Don't you hate it when you go to a store right at opening and ALL the good spots are filled already when you are the only customer).

Check-in at the volunteer table, located by the main admissions door. Free entry is also at the volunteer check in.

Tell all your friends, family, and social media followers about our show!

Challenge Quilts

Thank you to everyone who turned in a Challenge quilt. We have an amazing group of quilters. The quality and variety of quilts is going to make a great display and a very stiff competition.

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, Mary,
and the committee

Let the flurry of activity begin!

Here we go! By the time you read this, it will be quilt week!!

Volunteers

Thank you so much for signing up to help with the show. We really appreciate all the help we receive when we have this giant event every other year.

We could use more hands on Wednesday from 4-6pm to help with unloading vehicles at the fairgrounds. If you have a wagon or cart, that would be helpful to bring as well.

If you're helping on Thursday with hanging quilts, please remember to bring a sturdy step stool. These



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 October 22 & 23. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

November

[Carol Wilhoit](#)

January 2023, virtual

[Meg Cox](#)

February 2023, virtual

[Lisa Ruble](#)

March 2023

[Lori Dickman](#)

May 2023

[Melody Crust](#)



In October we will not have a program. We will have a quilt show and a meeting of show and tell!

If you win a ribbon at the show and can bring your quilt to the meeting(s) so we can all see it in person, that would be great! We will

have a slide show of all the ribbon winners, but it's so nice when we can see them in person.

We will also hear about all the financials and numbers from the show. Who won the opportunity quilt? How many attendees? Who won viewer's choice? All the info.

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



November




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 has been teaching quilting classes for about 10 years. She loves sharing her tips and tricks with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. 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

You can have fun making little items to give to others or for socking stuffers at our November workshops. Carol Wilhoit will share some of her sewing crafts at her "Little Gifts by the Dozen" workshop on Monday, November 28th from 9am-4pm. You can also learn some techniques of how to bind your quilts in different manners.

Little Gifts By the Dozen

Monday, November 28th

9am – 4pm

Members: \$35

Non-Members: \$40

Supply Options:

- 1) \$10 for the workshop handout, or
- 2) Kit Fee \$35-includes instructions (really recommended) (really really recommended, there are about 30 things on the supply list – I am totally signing up to get the kit.. I know I will forget something...) (really, get the kit) (really, it's not even a choice...)

Location:

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

CAROL WILHOIT

Carol will show you how to finish your quilt binding in a quicker manner on Tuesday, November 29th from 2pm-5pm. **The classes are \$35 one class and \$65 if you take both classes.** Please sign up for the classes on [PSQG website](http://www.psqg.org), in person at the Quilt Show, or at the October guild meetings.

SPECIAL PRICE

Finishing the Edges of a Quilt Without Binding

Tuesday, November 29th

2pm – 5 pm

Members: \$35

Non-Members: \$40

Kit Fee \$20 (Optional)

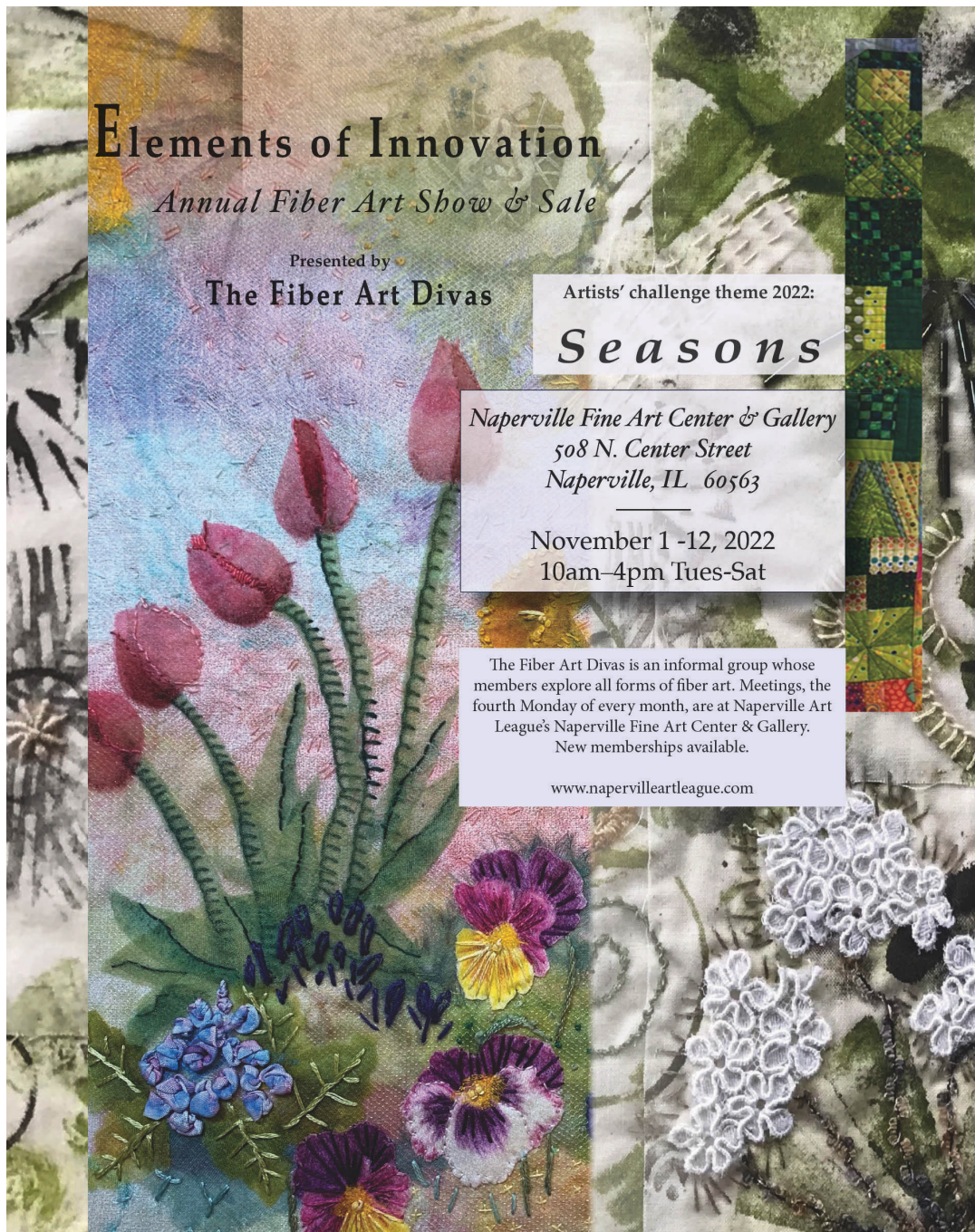
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SIGN UP



Our guild member Leslie D. passed away on September 12. One of her final wishes was for someone in the guild to have her longarm. It's a Grace Q'Nique 15 on a 4 foot hoop frame. Please contact Melanie M. if you would like to learn more. Super reasonable price, perfect for someone who wants to finish their own small quilts or explore free motion quilting with a moveable machine.



Elements of Innovation
Annual Fiber Art Show & Sale

Presented by
The Fiber Art Divas

Artists' challenge theme 2022:
Seasons

Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery
508 N. Center Street
Naperville, IL 60563

November 1 -12, 2022
10am-4pm Tues-Sat

The Fiber Art Divas is an informal group whose members explore all forms of fiber art. Meetings, the fourth Monday of every month, are at Naperville Art League's Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery. New memberships available.

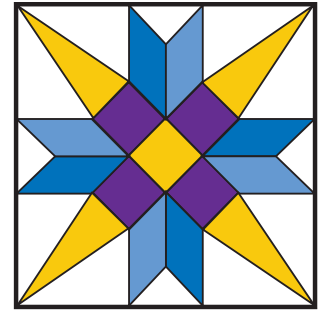
www.napervilleartleague.com



Chrysanthemum

NOVEMBER BIRTH FLOWER

Friendship
Joy
Happiness



2022-2023

BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

Sheryl Appleberry.....II/02	Mary Weinschneider..... II/16
Sandee Drake II/04	Jean Stanish II/19
Lois Bushman-SpognardiII/05	Diane HubbertsII/20
Shirley DickenscheidtII/05	Patricia RiegerII/20
Barbara Vlack.....II/07	Marilyn Kelly II/21
Kathy SteereII/08	Gretchen Nolle II/23
Erica BarrettII/09	Judith White.....II/24
Kathy Elvin.....II/09	Carol Andermann II/27
Ann Johnson II/10	Eva Thorn II/28
Shirley Appller II/11	Patti Carrington..... II/29
Karen Christensen II/12	Denita Jackman.....II/29
Kathleen Shearon..... II/13	Cheryl Burdine.....II/30
Pam Sullivan II/14	Heidi Clayton.....II/30
Carol Wilhoit II/15	

- 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

2022 Quilt Show Directors*:
Mary Clemens, Krista Katzen,
and Melanie Murphy.

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



NEWSLETTER NEWS

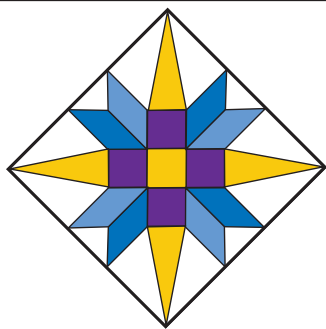
Effective in January 2023, this newsletter will be a biweekly blog on the PSQG website instead of a monthly newsletter.

You will still be able to read all the great information you see here about the Guild, just more frequently (every 2 weeks vs monthly), in smaller highlights, and we'll be able to feature something interesting about the speaker or what's happening in the quilting world.

When the blog launches, we will 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.

Starting in June 2023, our new fiscal year, we will no longer offer an option to pay an extra fee with your membership to have the newsletter mailed to you. Those who receive a copy in the mail now have received extra information regarding this service.

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1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

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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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