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CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT

By the time you read this, it will be full-on Fall. Gorgeous leaves, chilly evenings, and pumpkins. The smell of woodsmoke, cinnamon, and soup on the stove. Sewing projects whirling through our heads as in: what to make next? What to stitch for a holiday table or a gift for someone you love?

Our first ever Tag Sale happened a few weeks ago. I am so happy for the amazing turnout for an event where our own members could clean out a corner of their sewing room to try to sell. We had a nice turnout and a lot of fun sharing the day. Many thanks to those that gave up weekend time to support our members. The overwhelming feeling is that we will do this again—but maybe at the Moose Lodge so that we can fit more sellers on the floor and have an easier time getting on and off the major road. Start sorting!

Books are a part of my day no matter what time of the year. I love libraries, book stores and even websites that talk about books. Are you missing our Guild Library? We have not seen it since March because the church needed the storage space that usually housed our library carts. Since then, the books have been

stored offsite. Your Board members have been discussing the library and possibly moving our meetings to another location that would have storage space for the books.

We are considering a move to be able to house our extensive collection. With the continual development of resources online, many quilters find they do not require a physical book to create their next masterpiece. Other quilters still enjoy the feel of a physical book. What is your thought on this topic? At our October meeting we will have a short and sweet survey for you to add your opinion to the discussion.

A move may allow for the library to have a home, but there may be drawbacks. Every location certainly has its list of pros and cons, and we will need to set up a committee to investigate locations if that's our path.

How important is our library to you? Would you rather stay at our present location without a library or move someplace else and have the library? Come to our October meeting and make your opinion count!

-Susan E, Daytime VP

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

October 23, 2023 at 7 pm
October 24, 2023 at 9:30 am

November 27, 2023 at 7 pm
November 28, 2023 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 9, 2023.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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

Mark your calendars for the Quilts of Valor's National Sew Day at the St Charles Moose Lodge on Saturday, February 3, 2024. More details will be announced closer to the event.

Rita P. would like to thank those who picked up QoV quilts to bind and a HUGE thank you for the recent fabric donations. Contact Rita if you have questions or would like to stop by to help at the Moose Lodge in St. Charles on the 1st Tuesdays or at the VFW in Montgomery on the 3rd Tuesdays.

NICU Isolette Covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need! Kits are available or you can check out

the website for videos and size requirements. Fidget quilts are given to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and they are in need of more. Thank you to all who've submitted your finished projects. Contact Linda S.

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. Stay tuned for an upcoming sewing event to focus on making sport-themed quilts for kids. The location and date are yet to be determined. Contact Sandi W.

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 make a pet bed? We are not collecting, but we have fabric available to sew your own case or, if

you ask Sue Ann R., she will be happy to sew a case up for you to pick up or she'll drop it off for you. We are not collecting dog beds. PLEASE note that we've been informed, thanks to Diane H., that **Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin is no longer accepting pet beds.**

Please drop off your completed dog beds at a [shelter or foster near you](#). The list of shelters has been updated with this recent change.

Port pillows – They keep rolling in! Thank you! Port pillows will be given to Phil's Friends, a local organization that supports those affected by cancer. Kits are available, although you can also use fabric, stuffing, and hook and loop from your own stash. Contact Sandy A.

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.



UPCOMING RETREATS

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

The next chat is October 28 & 29. [Email activities to sign up](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

QUILT SHOW 2024

Greetings fellow Quilters-

October finds us a year out from our 2024 Quilt Show!

The big reveal for the Challenge Quilts is happening at the October meeting. Watch for it!

We are still looking for volunteers to be in charge of:

Admissions

Books & Magazines

Information Booth

Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales

Quilt display, set up & take down

Raffle Baskets

Signage

Transportation of guild materials

Some of these positions need to be filled ASAP as there is work to do now, and other positions aren't critical until we are closer to the Show date. If a position appeals to you, please reach out to us.

This is who is on-board so far:

Beautification: Mary Markee

Boutique: Sheryl Appleberry

Café: Jan Sharpless/Chris Schwarz

Challenge quilts: Ruthann

Heidgerken

Children's Quilts: Beth Koos

Hostess Houses: Cindy Crooks

Judged Quilts: Sheila Cisko

Labels, Entry forms, Data entry:

Ruthann Heidgerken

Publicity: Nancy Krasinski & Chris Macenski

Quilty Things: Heidi Clayton & Barb Tuman

Ribbons: Edith Hubbard

Scraps: SueAnn Reiner

Vendors: Melanie Murphy

Volunteers: Ann Garvey

- The 2024 quilt show team

Liz Fitzgerald, Diana Sharp,

Yvonne Richter

PSQGboard@gmail.com

OUR STORED ITEMS HAVE A NEW HOME

The Quilt Show Committee has moved to a bigger storage unit. We are in the process of getting things organized so they are easily accessible as we need them. As part of that

process, we are also consolidating all the stored items into one place. There are some items that members have graciously stored in their homes over the years. We haven't done a full

inventory yet, but if you have items that belong to PSQG that should be in our storage unit, please let Sue Ann R. know and she'll coordinate to get everything in it's place. Thanks!

FREE TABLE REMINDERS

The Free Table at the guild meetings is a way to share craft items you no longer use, have too much of, or just plain want to get rid of. It is open to all guild members to bring and take items. There are a few guidelines for items you bring for the table.

Please consider donating appropriate items to the PSQG Quilt Show for resale or to our Community Projects rather than

leaving it on the table.

Non-quilting craft magazines, patterns, and other craft items such as ribbon, yarn, glue guns, knitting needles, embroidery floss, plastic canvas, etc. are welcome to be left on the table. We do ask that you do not leave cookbooks, cooking or baking items, clothing or linens.

If you bring items in a cardboard box, please take the empty box home with you at the end of the meeting to

include in your home recycling.

Please check that the items are usable. Please do not place materials there that should have been put in the trash.

Unclaimed materials left after the end of the Tuesday morning meeting will be gathered for distribution to appropriate end users, recycled, or disposed of depending on their quality.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

October 2023

Jane A. Sassaman

November 2023

Marisa Márquez Cortezón



We are still looking for a contracts/
programs chairperson! We will not
have future speakers if someone
does not step up.

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

OCTOBER



After a varied career in the design world, Jane began to quilt in 1980. She found that these “soft paintings” satisfied the draftsman, the craftsman, and the artist in her. Consequently, she is now a dedicated (some say “obsessed”) quilt artist and fabric designer.

Her art quilts have been shown in many national and international exhibits, including Quilt National 1989 through 2005 and Contemporary American Quilts, the first major exhibit of American art quilts in England. Her quilt “Willow” was named as One of the One Hundred Best American Quilts of the Century. Jane is also the author of “The Quilted Garden”. The book includes twenty years of her work and exercises for making nature-inspired quilts.

Jane’s love for historic decorative arts can be seen in all facets of her work, but it is especially evident in the exuberant fabric she is currently designing for FreeSpirit. Her designs are oversized and colorful and have been coined as “William Morris on anti-depressants”. They are created for quilts, wearables and home decorating. Her latest book, Patchwork Sassaman Style, beautifully illustrates her fabric “in action”.

JANE A. SASSAMAN

Jane will present two different in person lectures!

Quilting Against the Odds

Monday, October 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

This visual lecture is about accomplishing your work in spite of obstacles – family life, space limitations, etc. It is a pep talk and slide show which covers Jane’s inspirations and obstacles. Jane encourages people to do “what you have to do” by using herself and other artists as examples.

Under the Influence

Tuesday, October 24th 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Under the Influence is a lecture of the visual and philosophical ideas that have influenced me and my work. There is an extraordinary range of wonderful images. This is a very colorful lecture. I hope to excite and inspire the audience by exposing them to an unusual combination of fantastic images.



November



MARISA MÁRQUEZ CORTEZÓN: ART QUILTER

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Monday,
November
27th 7pm
& Tuesday,

November 28th 9:30am.

Marisa has been quilting since 2000 but she did not make her first art quilt until 2014.

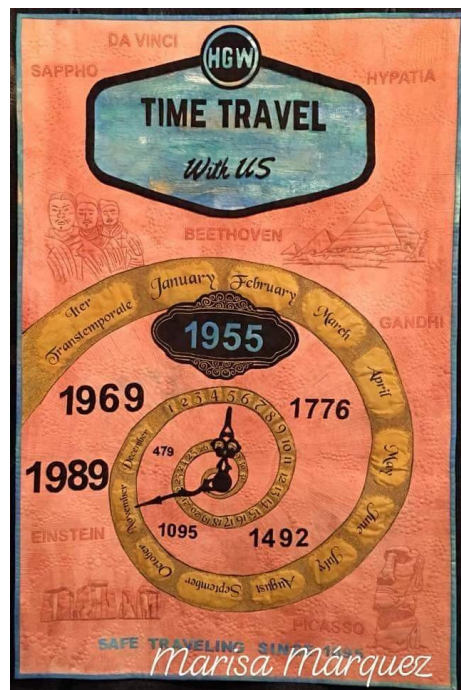
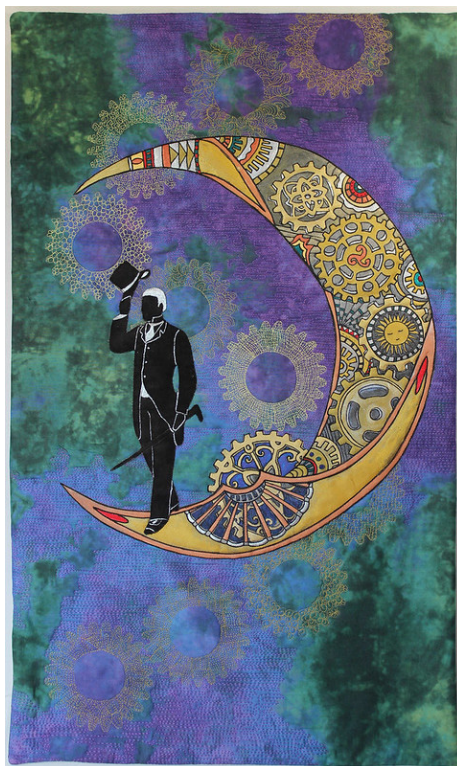
After living in the United States for 7 years, Marisa and her husband moved back to Spain to help her parents with their sewing machine business and a way to modernize the business and they introduced quilting. Her base is self-taught, traditional quilting but, always by machine.

Marisa started experimenting with ideas, forms and textures and decided to create a wall quilt from one of her drawings and she discovered that she loved creating art quilts.

"I like surreal and symbolic compositions. I find out that I like to create something with hidden objects with a hidden meaning," Marisa cometed.

Lately she likes to use words to express an idea and she is inclined more often towards the abstract. It gives her more freedom to create.

Her quilts have been published in multiple books and magazines.





Fall Silent Auction and Garage Sale

Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild Cordially invites
you to a Silent Auction and Garage Sale!

Date: Thursday, October 19th, 2023 7:00 PM

Location: Zion Lutheran Church
11007 Bood Road, Naperville, IL

The Guild guest fee will be waived for you
and your friends! Get some quilters together and
make a night of it!! We will take cash or check.

Here are a some of the items we have collected:

- Featherweight Sewing Machine
- A few hand made items
- Brand New Kits
- Notions Sewing Bag
- Fabric - Various pre cuts, and sizes.
- Quilting tools - Rotary cutter and blades (New)
- Patterns
- Various size Rulers
- Too much to list and we continue to receive more items...



Marigold
**OCTOBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Passionate
Creative
Driven

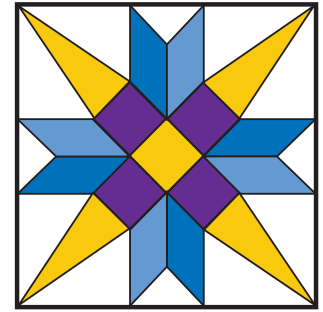


Chrysanthemum
**NOVEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Friendship
Joy
Happiness

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

Do you like rules, proofing, and editing? Do you want to help set the rules for the Guild? It's time to review our By-laws and we are setting up a small committee to recommend changes. If you would like to be involved, contact Chris S.



2023-2024

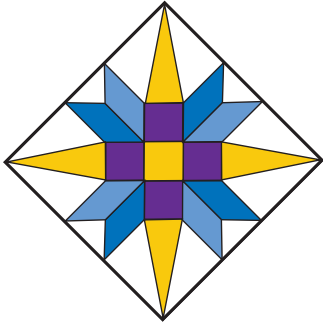
BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

- President: Cindy Krelle
- Evening VP: Barb Tuman
- Daytime VP: Susan Egner
- Programs VP: Sue Ann Reiner
- Secretary: Ruthann Heidgerken
- Treasurer: Lori McMahan
- Membership: Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter: Melanie Murphy
- Education: Chris Schwarz
& Foxy Beez bee
- Activities: Nanci McAtee
- Media Chair: Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper: Beth Koos
- Library: Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:
Sheila Cisko
- Contracts 2023- 2024:
Open position
- Nominations: Sandy Andrews
- 2024 Quilt Show Chairs*:
Liz Fitzgerald, Yvonne Richter,
and Diana Sharp.

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

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