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GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Come one come all! We've been waiting, planning and preparing for two years and the time has finally come! We are days away from our quilt show. The committees have done their jobs. Quilts will be turned in at various homes on October 13, and set up will begin October 17 at DuPage County Fairgrounds. There are actually still a few openings for workers at the show....yes, even some sitting down positions. Please call Ann G. to sign up. One of the requirements for being a member is to volunteer at our show. So please make yourself available!

Our September speaker, Anna Marie, was a huge success, with our workshops at 100% capacity. As a big name quilter, she came with a pretty

hefty price tag. Our quilt show determines what our budget will be for the next two years. So tell your friends, post on social media, and come to support our vendors, boutique, raffle baskets, book and pattern sales, and of course our beautiful raffle quilt.

The October meeting will be a recap of our quilt show and November brings us together to give back to the community with card making for seniors in assisted living. We will also have members selling quilt supplies at a limited tag sale. Oh, and snacks will be provided.

Enjoy the beauty of Fall and come join us in October for both our quilt show and to applaud our guild on their efforts.

— Cindy K., President

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

October 28, 2024 at 7 pm
October 29, 2024 at 9:30 am

November 25, 2024 at 7 pm
November 26, 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, November 7, 2024.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all you do for our community and the guild's programs!

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 or three.

Thank you for supporting the local Quilts Of Valor. All the quilts that needed binding are spoken for, thanks again! Anyone wanting to be a part of wrapping veterans for upcoming Veterans "week/month", get in touch Rita P. as she has a few dates open. If you know of a veteran that you would like to nominate for a quilt, you may do so by opening a web browser to [QOVF.org](#). Under the heading "Nominations and Awards" you can fill out a [Nomination Form](#). In the notes please add that it is from PSQG, so Rita is aware that the nomination is from our guild.

QOV's National Sew Day is February 1st, 2025 and will be held locally at the St Charles Moose Lodge, 9am-2pm. Bring your machine, sewing and quilting gadgets (ruler, rotary cutter, etc.). There will be a potluck meal and prizes! A pressing station or two will

be provided so no need to bring your iron. For those who register through the website ([QOVF.org](#)) to sew that day, the Foundation will have drawings for prizes. One of the prizes is usually a sewing machine! Rita also receives donations for a "prize bag" for those who attend. Contact Rita P for more information.

Thank you for the cute and clever fidget quilts that were dropped off at the September meeting! NICU isolette blankets, 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. Fidget quilts and marble mazes are being donated to Living Well with Cancer, Marianjoy, and Residential Hospice. If you have questions, please contact Linda S.

Residential Hospice in Lisle asks for quilts and comforters (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.

Thank you to all the incredible supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. There are lots of kits available and quilts in various stages for you to work on. Contact Sandi W. if you have questions.

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.

Got scraps to fill a pet bed? We have pet bed kits for you! We are not collecting dog beds. Please drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you.

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

It's time!! Check the website for the schedule and be sure to invite everyone you know to attend.

Here are some reminders about who to contact with questions.

Chairwomen

Liz F. and Yvonee R.

Volunteers

Ann G.

Hostess Houses

Mary C.

Books, etc.

Liz F.

Boutique

Sheryl A.

Challenge Quilts

Ruthann H. or Barb V.

Fabric Treasures

Sue Ann R.

Quilty Items

Barb T and Heidi C.



UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS

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

The next chat is October 27 & 28. [Sign up](#) to receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

Registration is now open for the in-person retreat at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aurora. Scheduled for March 27-30, 2025, the location can accommodate 18 quilters. Cost is \$47 and you can attend as many days as you'd like. More details and the [sign up form](#) are on the website.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

October 2024

Quilt show review

November 2024

Fun and fellowship

December 2024

NO MEETINGS.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

January 2025

Virtual meeting via Zoom

February 2025

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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



In October we will have a quilt show review! How fun to have a whole meeting of show and tell!



November

SOCIAL MEETING

Our November meetings are during the week of Thanksgiving. We will not have a speaker and we'll do something fun instead!

There will be tables set up for a tag sale where members will sell their gently-used items. We will also have an area to make greeting cards and lots of time to be social.

I'm sure the place will be buzzing with the sound of quilters socializing. Come and relax a little before the hectic Holiday season starts.





Heritage Quilters Guild
VFW Post 5788
1026 E. 9th St.
Lockport, IL 60441

Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Quilts is coming to Heritage Quilters Guild

November 12, 2024

For trunk show information contact

Dianna Douglas

diannadouglas152@yahoo.com

Trunk Show – (\$10)

6pm – 7pm

Ruth French Marsh, 97, of Geneva, IL, passed away peacefully in her home on September 22, 2024.

She was born in Bedford, MA, and lived a life rich in love and kindness.

After retiring, she found fulfillment in her hobbies, particularly as an award-winning quilt artist and volunteer at Prairie Star Quilt Guild events.

Ruth leaves behind her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and countless dear friends who will miss her warmth and wisdom.

Memorial service information is available on Conleycare.com



Dear Quilting Friends,

Quilters Plus Guild in Glenwood, IL will host our annual Boutique this November 1-2. Won't you help us spread the word?

Our members and vendors have been busy making things for all seasons and all reasons! Whether it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter or a birthday for that special someone, you'll have plenty of choices to consider. Our Boutique offers quality handmade items you won't find anywhere else. And the prices are so reasonable. Please join us.

We begin on Friday, November 1 from 3:30 to 6:30. Can't make it on Friday? No worries. We'll be here on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 until 3:00. We'll be replenishing with items that we didn't have room to display on Friday. And here's a bonus: our hosts, Faith United Methodist Church (15101 South 80th Ave., Orland Park) will be conducting a bake sale at the same time.

[Click here](#) for more details. Hope to see you there!



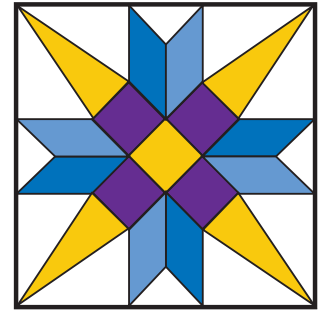


Carnation
**JANUARY
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Devotion
 Loyalty
 Love



Violet
**FEBRUARY
 BIRTH FLOWER**
 Virtue
 Modesty
 Humility

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



**2023-2024
 BOARD
 MEMBERS**

- President:** Cindy Krelle
- Evening VP:** Barb Tuman
- Daytime VP:** Susan Egner
- Programs VP:** OPEN
- Secretary:** Ruthann Heidgerken
- Treasurer:** Lori McMahan
- Membership:** Aileen Vogel
- Newsletter:** Melanie Murphy
- Education:** Chris Schwarz & Foxy Beez
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- Media Co-Chairs:** Nancy Krasinski & Sue Ann Reiner
- Tech support:** Chris Macenski
- Bee Keeper:** Beth Koos
- Library:** Liz Fitzgerald
- Community Projects:** Sheila Cisco
- Nominations:** Sue Plaster
- Contracts 2024:** Zohra Arastu

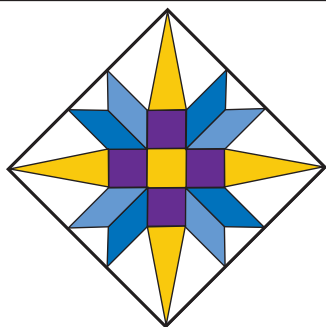
- 2024 Quilt Show Chairs:** Liz Fitzgerald & Yvonne Richter

NEWSLETTER NEWS!

It's the time to start searching for the new board members who will take over in June 2025.

I am stepping down as newsletter chair after 8 years as editor of this wonderful newsletter. Please talk to a board member if you are interested in this or any position.

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