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FALL MEANS QUILT SHOW 2022 IS ALMOST HERE!

Can you believe we are two weeks from the first day of fall? The summer has flown by, and I am looking forward to a much-needed vacation to the Caribbean in a couple weeks. When I get back it will be full speed ahead for Quilt Show 2022!

I have spent all week finishing up my quilts for the show. Are you almost done with your quilts? I am really looking forward to seeing your beautiful quilts next month! We have 233 entries! The dates for Quilt Show are October 14-15th. We still need volunteers to help with the show. Those of you who have not signed up to help yet, please plan to sign up at the September meetings or Contact Sue Ann R. to find out what positions we most need help with.

Our September meetings and workshops will be featuring Kathy Steere. There are three workshops available and do not forget, we have a special where you can take all three classes for \$99.00! [Log in to the website](#) to see more details and register for the classes.

Now is the time to plan your winter projects! I have started planning out my artwork for two new art quilts that I plan to do over the winter months. What projects do you have planned out? I cleaned up my studio this week and plan to get started on two portrait quilts as soon as the quilt show is over. I look forward to seeing your projects in show and tell over the fall and winter months!

Sandi White
Evening Vice-President



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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

- September 26, 2022 at 7 pm
- September 27, 2022 at 9:30 am
- October 24, 2022 at 7 pm
- October 25, 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, October 6, 2022.
Send info to Melanie Murphy at melaniemakeups@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

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.

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.

Quilts of Valor® is sewing! First Tuesdays we're at the Moose Lodge in St Charles starting at 9am. Third Tuesdays we're at the VFW, Montgomery on River St starting at 9am. Help us recognize those who served our country by piecing 58" x 68" quilt tops, doing longarming or finishing up the binding! Thank you to those of you who picked up quilts

for binding. Contact Rita P. if you have availability to help this is a great way to support the veterans.

Thank 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. Contact Sandi W.

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.

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 has a new meeting place starting Sept 19 at 1:00PM at: Blue Willow Mercantile 271 Town Square Wheaton, IL 60189.

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. Contact me if you are interested in either of these Bees.

Beth Koos, Beekeeper



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 September 24 & 25. [Email activities to signup](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!

QUILT SHOW 2022 DETAILS

Let the flurry of activity begin!

Here we go! Now we're down to just weeks until the quilt show. Are you ready? Get those quilts back from the longarmer, attach sleeves and labels, and gather or make your pillowcase to hold it.

We have our **final committee meeting on September 14 at 7pm via Zoom**. We will go over all the committee areas and ensure we're all squared away, so please make every effort to be there if you're on the committee.

The [quilt show member web page](#) has been updated with videos about hanging sleeves and information about what quilt week will look like. The education table at the September meetings will also feature hanging sleeves.

September Meetings

If you have quilts in the show, pick up your envelope at the September meetings. Inside you will find your number labels for your quilts and information about the hostess house locations. If you miss the meetings, you may ask a friend to pick up your envelope. If there are leftovers after the meetings, we will make arrangements to get your information to you.

We are finalizing the volunteer list, so please stop by the table at the meetings and sign up for a shift to earn free admission to the show, or talk to S. Reiner. We still need helpers in a few areas.

Open positions

- Quilt show director(s) for 2024
- Scraps team for 2024

We would really like people to speak up before the show so you can shadow the current team and learn what each of these positions entail. Questions? You can reach the 3



show directors at our personal emails, found in the directory, or by emailing psqgquiltshow@gmail.com.

Opp. Quilt Ticket Sales

Tickets are still available for our beautiful opportunity quilt and we will sell tickets at the show. The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 15, at 3pm. The winner does not need to be present, but it's fun when they are!

Challenge Quilt

Time to submit your beautiful challenge quilts: Bring quilts to the September guild meetings. You can retrieve them following the show or at the October meeting. Quilts should have a hanging sleeve and a label with your name.

Scraps

We will be selling small pieces of fabric (less than 1/4 yard) at the quilt show by the pound. Please save your clean and dry plastic grocery store type bags for us to use.

Boutique

Last Call for Quilt Show Boutique Items: We need all items for the Quilt Show Boutique by

September 15 in order to get them organized, priced, and ready for the show. Items can be brought to the homes of Diana S. or Louette B. We are delighted with the wide variety of items that have been made for the boutique and look forward to everyone shopping the show for unique items.

Diana S. & Louette B.

Quilty Things

You can make arrangements to drop off those books, patterns, magazines, etc. you no longer need. Contact Susan E. or Barb T.

Youth Challenge Quilts

The finished 12" block can be submitted to either Beth K. or Susan P. at the September guild meetings with the entry form pinned to the quilt block. An admission ticket to one day of the show will be given to the contestant. We look forward to seeing what the next generation of quilters is working on!

Thank you all; sew on, and sew forth!

-Melanie, Krista, Mary, and the committee

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

September

[Kathy Steere](#)

November

[Carol Wilhoit](#)

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



Kathy Steere

Kathy Steere is an award-winning artist who enjoys sharing her knowledge with others and genuinely wants her students to feel successful.

She tripped into quilting in 2007. It did not take long for her to realize matching points and accurate ¼" seams were not in her future. Free-motion quilting, though, was drawing using a needle and a power tool.

Kathy will present two lectures and three workshops!

The evening lecture will be "Colored Wholecloth and More". This trunk show/power point presentation will "go behind the curtain" and show the process of making select art quilts. You'll see how several different techniques come together to make the final piece – and how sometimes the best results come from messing up!

What is "colored wholecloth"? There are three basic steps: 1) Find/make a line drawing and transfer it to a single piece of cloth (taught in "The Illusion of Drawing" workshop). 2) "Poof" out selected areas using machine trapunto (see "Cookie Cutter Faux Trapunto" workshop). 3) Then pull out your inner child



and color! ("Color Blending Basics" workshop)

The morning lecture will be "Life is a River - one artist's tale".

No, I did not grow up quilting at my grandmother's side. Nor did I paint at my grandfather's knee. You'll hear about some of the twists and turns that brought me to the point now of being an artist who quilts.

Kathy's 3 workshops will be:

- The Illusion of Drawing
- Cookie Cutter Faux Trapunto
- Color Blending Basics

[Visit our website](#) for more details and to sign up. We have a special price when you sign up for all 3.



OCTOBER

In October we will not have a program. We will have a quilt show review! How fun to have a whole meeting of show and tell!



FEATURED BOARD POSITIONS

Over the next few months, we will be presenting (here and at the meetings) a short summary of what the board positions entail in hopes that you will, if asked, consider accepting a position on the board. Our nominations position is open for this new year.

Our fiscal year starts in June each year, with elections held in April.

Contracts/Programs:

The incumbent serves a two-year term, the first as Contracts Chair, and the second as Program Vice-President. The purpose of this position is during the first year to contract for meeting speakers and workshop teachers, then during the second year oversee the execution of all programs and workshops.

Quilt Show Chair(s):

This position is responsible for the overall planning and execution of the biennial quilt show. It is not a board position, but one that is appointed by the President.

Krista and I were chairs for the 2020 quilt show, which went virtual, and Mary joined us for 2022. Krista and I volunteered separately, each saying we would do it but not alone. We didn't know one another before this started, but we've become friends through the process. Mary was a great helper in 2020, and Krista was pregnant, so we asked if Mary would help cover during "maternity leave" and she stayed with us.

I would describe this as an overall management position, with a fantastic team taking care of the 25

committees that make up the quilt show. You run the meetings, and make sure everyone has what they need to do their part.

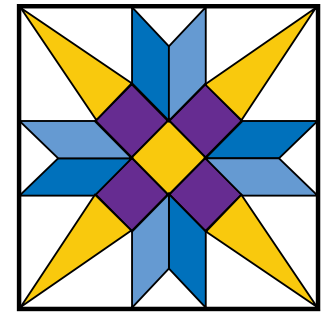
Having 1 or 2 partners in this position is really great. We each have our specialty, and communication between us makes it all run smoothly.

I would encourage anyone who is interested to talk to us and shadow us at the quilt show to see what it's all about.

Planning for the 2024 show will start right away. In January 2023, you should get the next opportunity quilt selected and started. That's a real highlight of this position, getting to decide what the next quilt will look like and how the guild can be involved.



Our guild member Leslie D. is at home on hospice care. To make room for the equipment she needs, her longarm has to go. Her wish is for someone in the guild to have it. It's a Grace Q'Nique 15 on a small frame. Please contact Melanie M. if you would like to learn more.



2022-2023

BOARD MEMBERS

These board members start their term in July.

October

Mary Clemens	10.02	Jody Schoneck	10.24
Diane Swaney-Smith	10.11	Dawn LaBarre	10.24
Cheri Stack.....	10.13	Erma Gibson.....	10.25
Madonna Wempe.....	10.16	Jan Sharpless.....	10.25
Ida Kelsey.....	10.20	Betty Gibbons	10.27
Eileen Nolan	10.21	Lisbeth Reuter.....	10.28
Debby Giasson.....	10.21	Lois Wilhelm.....	10.31
Chris Berry.....	10.22	Bonnie Holtz	10.31

- 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 changing. Starting with our January issue, it 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 articles, and we'll be able to feature something interesting about the speaker or what's happening in the quilting world.

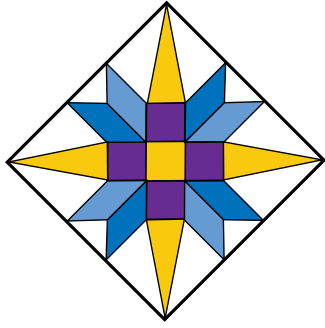
With news changing so rapidly these days, I feel it's time to move to this format. The hope is we can cut back on the number of guild-

wide emails we have to send.

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. Also, our plans are still developing, so I will keep you up-to-date in the coming months.

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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