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WELCOME FALL

Welcome to fall, my favorite time of year, starting with pumpkin spice lattes (with decaf coffee, oat milk and NO whipped cream!), pumpkin muffins, changing leaves, cooler days, and fewer bugs.

For some show & tell fun, I am challenging all of you to finish a fall/Halloween UFO project and bring it to the September or October meeting. Nothing like putting a little pressure on myself! If I look hard enough I might even find two UFO's.

The September quilt meeting will feature M.J. Kinman as our guest speaker. She will present two lectures: Gems & Joy on Monday night and National Treasures on Tuesday morning. Both lectures look to be filled with education on a topic you may not know much about.

M.J. Kinman will present her Bite Sized Gem Workshop on Monday, September 25th, at the University of Illinois Extension Office on Randall Road. It will be exciting to see the projects that come out of this workshop.

On Saturday, September 30th, the guild is hosting our first ever Tag Sale! We will have a variety of sellers offering all types of crafting and quilting items. The sale will be open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the University of Illinois Extension Office, 535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174. Cash or checks are preferred; some vendors may take credit. Help us spread the word, invite your crafting friends to shop, and enjoy breakfast or lunch at a local restaurant.

Think about joining your quilt friends at the October retreat at the Hampton Inn in North Aurora. Retreats are a great time to recharge. Nine Guild members enjoyed four days of quilting at Primitive Gatherings Retreat Center in Larson Wisconsin. We can attest to how nice it is to spend focused time with quilting friends.

Lastly, we're almost a year away from the quilt show! The 2024 Quilt Show committee is looking for volunteers to chair committees. Grab a friend and become involved.

-- Barb Tuman

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

September 25, 2023 at 7 pm
September 26, 2023 at 9:30 am

October 23, 2023 at 7 pm
October 24, 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, October 5, 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](#).

Land of Lincoln Quilts of Valor is an organization making quilts for our Veterans as a healing/thank you for their service. We meet at the Moose Lodge in St. Charles on the 1st Tuesdays and at the VFW in Montgomery on the 3rd Tuesdays. We have kits, and a nice stash available. Some people like to make blocks; I have strips! You can make us 16 patches (idea). If you want to come and don't want to bring your sewing machine, I'll find something for you. (Actually, drop me a line so I know to bring along something... cutting/pressing). Contact Rita P.

NICU Isolette Covers & Fidget Quilts are always in need! Kits are available or check out the website for videos and size requirements. Fidget quilts are now given to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. They appreciate your donations.

Thank you to all who've submitted your finished projects. Marionjoy is also in need of more marble mazes. Contact Linda S.

Thank you to all the amazing supporters of our Quilts for Kids Program. There have been many wonderful quilt and boutique donations from the Design it, Make it, Give it (DiMiGi) event that was held in July. Let us know if you need projects to work on or need a pickup/drop off of completed quilts. Kits will be available at the September meeting. The program needs sport fabric from any pro or college team, 7 1/2" size fabric or larger. Backing and batting contributions are always welcomed. 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 drop off your completed dog beds at a shelter or foster near you.

Port pillows – they keep rolling in! Thank you! 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. 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.

ALOHA QUILTS

This is a picture of hundreds of quilts donated by The Maui Quilt Shop to help wildfire survivors.

After many lost everything they've had to the Lahaina wildfires, Marilyn Sameshima, owner of The Maui Quilt Shop, wanted to do something to help out her community. Source: KITV.com

Blue Willow Mercantile is collecting quilts for the Aloha Quilts Donation Drive. The store will collect unused quilts and send them to the Maui Quilt Shop. Blue Willow is now located at 3755 E Main St, Unit 120, St Charles. (630) 868-3833



UPCOMING RETREATS

Hello quilters!

Our Fall retreat is coming up October 5-8 at Hampton Inn & Suites, Aurora.

If you decide to stay at the hotel, remember to call (630-907-2600) and ask for the Crafter's Rate. You are free to come and go over the 4 days, of course, but sometimes it's nice to stay for a night or two.

Hope to see you there!

-- Nanci McAtee, activities chair

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

The next chat is September 22 & 23. [Email activities to sign up](#) and receive your zoom invitation. Come join in on the fun!



QUILT SHOW 2024

Greetings fellow Quilters-

We are now slightly more than a year out from our 2024 Quilt Show.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the following who have volunteered to help:

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

Vendors: Melanie Murphy

Volunteers: Ann Garvey

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

Scraps

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 you're willing to help, please reach out to us.

- The 2024 quilt show team

Liz Fitzgerald, Diana Sharp,

Yvonne Richter

PSQGboard@gmail.com

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.

September 2023

M.J. Kinman

October 2023

Jane A. Sassaman

November 2023

Canceled due to health concerns



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



M.J. KINMAN

MJ Kinman's passion is creating
quilts inspired by beautiful gems.
The key is freezer paper and MJ is
delighted to share her technique
with students.

MJ's popular Birthstone
Series patterns feature traditional
birthstone gems, and her Diamond
Divas Series offer large, artistic
quilts easily customizable by makers.
Her first book, Gemstone Quilts,
was released by C&T Publishing in
2020.

MJ will present two different
lectures for us:

**Monday, September 25th;
Gems & Joy Lecture/Trunk
Show**

**Tuesday, September 26th;
National Treasures Trunk
Show**



Bite Sized Gem Workshop!

Monday, September 25th, 2023

9am - 4pm

Members: \$65

University of Illinois
Extension Office
535 S. Randall Road
St. Charles, IL 60174

HELP !

We are in need of a Workshop Angel for M.J. Kinman's Workshop on
Monday September 25th. 8am until 5pm.

What does an Angel do ?

The Angel assists with both the set up and take down for a workshop
by laying out the extension cords and ironing stations. Assists with
various needs during the workshop including ordering lunch, taking
pictures, holding up samples, and running to the store. While you are
not participating in the workshop, you can listen in and watch. PSQG
Programs will buy your lunch as a thank you.

Lecture Helpers are needed for both meetings to assist Sue Ann R.
with the set up of items needed for MJ (Projector, Screen, Quilt Racks,
etc.) as well as assisting MJ with her sample quilts during her lecture.

Helpers get to pick an item from our PSQG Gift Basket!

Please email Programs@PSQG.org if you can assist.

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”.

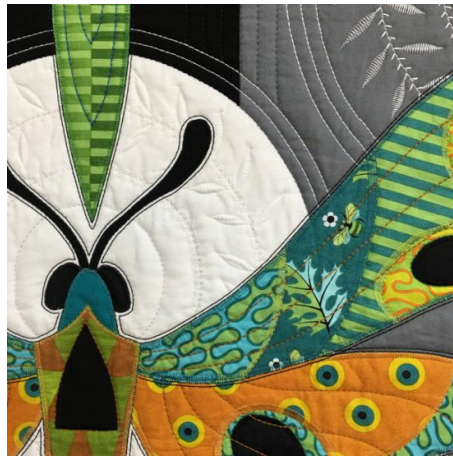
JANE A. SASSAMAN

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.



15th Harvest of Quilts QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

Friday and Saturday
September 15 & 16, 2023
9 AM to 5 PM

OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA EXHIBIT HALL B

715 Locust St., Evansville, IN 47708

\$10 Admission • Under 12 Free • Free Parking • Handicap Accessible
(Ask a guild member for a \$1.00 off admission coupon while they last)
Food and beverages are available for purchase.

EXHIBITIONS:

- Over 200 Quilts on Display With Judged and Non-Judged Entries
- 2023 Raintree Quilters Guild Raffle Quilt
- 2022 Birthstone and Birth Flower Challenge
- 2023 Chickens Having Fun Challenge

QUILTER SHOPPING:

- Boutique of Handcrafted Items for Christmas & Other Occasion Shopping
- Merchant Mall
- Silent Auction of Handcrafted Items
- Another Chance for Animals Charity Benefit & Adoptions
(Sale of pet blankets and beds made by guild members and raffle quilt chances to benefit pet care. Donations also accepted.)
- Mystery Gift Card Drawing
- 20 Raffle Baskets of Varying Size and Value
- Quilt Appraisals by Appointment

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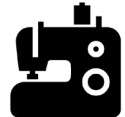


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Prairie Star Quilt Guild

Tag Sale

Saturday, September 30th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



12 individual sellers with
a variety of diverse sewing
related items.



Kane County
Extension Building
535 South Randall Road
St. Charles

Cash preferred, Checks welcomed.

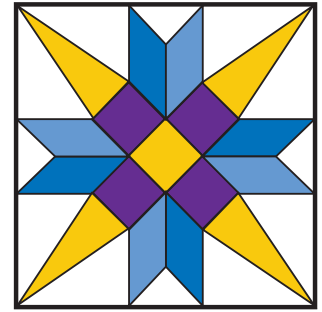
Each seller will be collecting their own funds and some might accept alternative payment methods.



Aster

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Wisdom
Faith
Valour



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 Heiderken
- 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



Marigold

**OCTOBER
BIRTH FLOWER**

Passionate
Creative
Driven

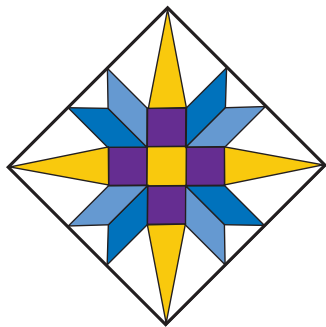
- 2024 Quilt Show Chairs*:
Liz Fitzgerald, Yvonne Richter,
and Diana Sharp.

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

Happy Birthday to all our members who have their special day in September and October. 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.

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