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## MEMBER INFO

Our Guild tries to send notes of encouragement or sympathy to our members who are ill, have had an accident or lost a loved one.

Because we are a large group, I need your help to do this. Please let Lynn Poulos [lpoulo1@gmail.com](mailto:lpoulo1@gmail.com) know of anyone who might need a card.  
Thanks.



## A Message from Jennifer Henry, President

What kind of quilter are you?

Are you a beginner? An expert? Or somewhere in-between?

Do you love traditional quilts? Or are you a “Thoroughly Modern Millie”? Do you prefer machine piecing or piecing by hand? Or are you passionate about applique? Maybe you’re a technology whiz. Do you EQ?

Then there’s English Paper Piecing, Foundation Paper Piecing and Freezer Paper Piecing. Some of us like to use quilt kits because they don’t like the stress of choosing the fabrics. For some, that’s their favorite part of making a quilt.

There are some quilters who must finish a project before they start a new one. Then there are those quilters (me included) who have a “few” UFOs.

I could go on and on. My point is this: The next time we meet, look around the room. All of these quilters are right here in our Guild. Your Guild. This Guild is a treasure chest full of gold, and the friendships we have formed are the jewels.

I am so thankful for this Guild, and for every one of you.

Jennifer Henry

## Upcoming meeting information

### July 21 – It's Picnic Time with a Twist!!!!

This is a wonderful social event for us to chat and share and eat with each other. With Covid concerns for group meals, we will be asking all members to **bring you own dinner**. We will be providing bottled water and a dessert treat. This is the perfect time to treat yourself to a sandwich or takeout meal that will be easy and enjoyable. There are many options on Rte 59 not far from the church or bring something from home.



As at all meetings we will start with a short business meeting followed by a time for eating and then a Show and Tell interlude before some fun games and prizes. We will still have our Freebies Table so feel free to share your treasures and take home a few new ones. We will also have Opportunity tickets available for purchase so bring your checkbook or exact change to help facilitate the efforts of Diane Swaney-Smith.

**July 30 & July 31 – Virtual Sampler Platter Online!!** Check for more info on next page

**August 18 – Judi Arand** – Yes, our very own Judi Arand will be presenting ways to decrease discomfort while sewing for an extended period of time. Judi is a Licensed Physical Therapist having treated patients clinically across the lifespan and taught at Northwestern, Loyola University and Governors State University.

**September 15 – Carol Wilhoit** will be presenting a lecture “Infinite Opportunity: Quilts in Your Stash”.

### September 16 – Workshop! Five Great Zipper Bags with Carol Wilhoit

Carol has been teaching quilting classes for more than ten years. She loves sharing her knowledge and ideas with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. One of her favorite aspects of teaching is seeing students succeed at completing a challenging project. Another is seeing students have “Aha!” moments during which they see how simple changes in technique can help them create projects that look better while taking less effort!

Sign-up has been brisk for this workshop with only 7 spots remaining! Don't delay and regret not getting your name on the list!



This event is generously paid for by Pride of The Prairie and is for Members Only!

Watch your email on July 29 for all access code information!!!



## All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Saturday July 30, 2022 - 3:00-6:00 pm (eastern)  
Sunday July 31, 2022 - 3:00-6:00 pm (eastern)



Come enjoy a fantastic zoom classroom experience! Learn lots of quilting techniques from some of the best teachers around! Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like!

Experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer in this live zoom event offered by the Global Quilt Connection. An All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. You'll see everything from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques. You'll also receive a PDF that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration.

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience a live zoom class, this is your perfect risk-free opportunity to check it out. Each teacher will demonstrate her Zoomin'-awesome teaching style so you can get a good feel of how wonderful virtual classes can be.

### **Saturday July 30, 3 - 6pm eastern**

April Sproule: Japanese Boro Stitch Sampler  
Bridget O'Flaherty: Thread Painting a Chickadee  
Jane Hauprich: Not Your Grandma's Hankies  
Elizabeth DeCroos: Stained Glass Patchwork  
Gunnel Hag: Create Your Own Fabric  
Kelly Ashton: Y-Seams? Why Not!  
Rachel Derstine: Artful Couching  
Sarah Goer: Sewing Smooth Improv Curves  
Troi McElwain: Classic Color Palettes

### **Sunday July 31, 3 - 6pm eastern**

Becky Campbell: Innovative trapunto  
Diane Harris: Beef Up your Backgrounds  
Jennifer Houlden: Wild & Spectacular Flowers  
Julia Graves: String Pieced Curves  
Kathryn Pellman: Word Salad  
Nanette Zeller: The Art of Using Placement Guides for Fusible Appliqué  
Patricia Belyea: Designing Unique Hand Stitch Patterns  
Tammy Silvers: Improvisational Piecing with a Touch of Structure  
Trudy Cleveland: Shoot Your Quilt

Please note that presenter lists are subject to last minute changes

**New: you'll be able to watch the events for 48 hours after they end!**



## A QUILT GUILD CHOOSES HOPE

A day before our March 2020 quilt show, Pride of the Prairie Quilters made the agonizing decision to cancel the show. We were in the early stages of a worldwide pandemic and so much was uncertain. As the year went by, we all were facing many challenges, but decided to begin our next opportunity quilt. After selecting a pattern and cutting kits, a “drive-by” parking lot pick up was arranged to distribute kits so that all interested members could participate in making the blocks. Even being masked you could see the smiles on everyone’s faces. Thirty-one members picked up kits and a number more did the distribution. Later even more members gathered to put the quilt together and add the binding, sleeve, and label. It has truly been a guild project. We hope you enjoy it.



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We're making progress....

As quilt show committee members, we're making progress towards our goal, which is **THE QUILT SHOW OF 2023!!!**

Our opportunity quilt was displayed to our membership at our last guild meeting. It is a *lovely* quilt!! Thank you to so many of you who helped piece the blocks and sew the blocks together. A huge **THANK YOU** to Jane Stevens and her team for a job well done!

The opportunity quilt has been scheduled to travel to some guilds and quilt shops. Please come to our next guild meeting prepared to sign up, represent our guild and tell the story of our quilt. It is an amazing time to be with a friend or forge a new friendship. Melanie Hinds will have the information you need.

As a member of the guild, we are required to sell at least \$30 in opportunity quilt tickets. Please bring your checkbooks or cash as this time we're requiring that the monies be paid when the tickets are picked up. Don't forget there are gifts for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of ticket sales. As we begin to visit quilt shows, please consider speaking with the vendors about possibly vending at our show. It would be most appreciated by Sharon Thomsen if you find someone that you especially liked and pass that information on to her.

As you may know, our membership isn't as numerous as we once were. Any and all help, whether it is visiting a guild with our opportunity quilt, speaking with a potential vendor, selling opportunity quilt tickets, it all helps to strengthen our guild.

Please consider how you can help to make this show a success. We cannot do it without YOU!!

Carol O'Dell, Jennifer Henry,  
Sandy Piatak and Sharon Thomsen

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## !!!RAFFLE QUILT CHAPERONES NEEDED!!!



I have been hard at work scheduling display opportunities for our 2023 raffle quilt "*It's a Quilt, Not a Blanket!*" but scheduling them is only ½ the job. We need volunteers to act as chaperones with the quilt on its tour and help sell raffle tickets.

Our first scheduled stop on the tour will be on July 12 at the Riverwalk Quilt Guild in Naperville. THANKS to Julie Guise and Carol O'Dell for stepping up!!

As many guilds are on vacation during the summer I am trying to schedule quilt store visits in July and August and will provide updates. Please check the P.O.P. Virtual Bee group page on Facebook where I will post updates

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/POPBee> .

I have scheduled showings on the following dates and am looking for two (2) volunteers for each shift:

### **Saturday, Aug 13 - Roberts Sewing Center, Crest Hill, IL - open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

We have two (2) shifts planned - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Diane Swaney-Smith has volunteered to be part of a 1:00 - 3:00 pm shift and a partner to assist her is needed.

### **Saturday, Aug 27 - Thimbles Quilts, Lockport, IL - open 9:30 am - 4:00 pm**

No specific times for shifts has been scheduled but ideally having two (2) shifts of 2-hours would be preferred.

If you are available for these dates, or are interested in volunteering please email me at [melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com) .

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## **Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets**

**Reminder:** Be sure to stop by the table at the next guild meeting to pick up your Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets. We have an envelope with your name on it and enclosed is a photo of the Opportunity Quilt and 36 raffle tickets (6 bundles of 6 tickets). We 're having members prepay these when you pick them up, so please bring \$30.00 in cash or check. **Make checks payable to Pride of the Prairie.** Tickets are still \$1.00 each, or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. If you'd like more tickets, we'll have more bundles of 6 available. We only need a name and phone number on each stub to turn in. Don't forget to return all the stubs to get them submitted to win. Prizes will be given to the members who sell the most tickets. The Opportunity Quilt is really beautiful and king-sized so these tickets are easy to sell. And this is a major fundraising event for our guild. I look forward to seeing you at the guild meeting.

Diane Swaney-Smith

## 2023 Quilt Show Quilt Challenge

Pick a significant moment or event in your life that has stood out to you. It can be anything! The birth of a child, your first kiss, first date, learning to drive, your wedding day, a marriage proposal, a memorable 4th of July or Holiday, etc.

Now take that moment and get creative.

- Dimensions – no larger than 36” x 48”, but it can be smaller
- Colors – Any!!
- The quilt can be pieced, applique, or wool appliqué. It can have embroidery or hand work.
- Quilt must be made entirely by the member (pieced, appliqued, quilted and bound with a label on the back.)

See the website for further information. Any questions, contact Lynn Scheimann at [lscheimann@comcast.net](mailto:lscheimann@comcast.net)

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## Pride of the Prairie Fall Retreat

Our Fall Retreat will be at The DeKoven Center in Racine on Monday, October 2, 2022 through Friday, October 7, 2022. The DeKoven Center is just south of downtown Racine and is across the street from Lake Michigan. You can check out their website at [www.dekovencenter.org](http://www.dekovencenter.org).

The double occupancy rate is \$345 and the single rate is \$385. This includes Monday dinner, 3 meals on Tuesday-Thursday and Friday breakfast. We will be quilting in Assembly Hall and eating and sleeping in the Retreat Center.

The Assembly Hall is quite large and everyone will have their own 6 foot table and enough room to bring their own Sew Easy table/side table if they wish. We are close to Jim's Sew 'N Save quilt store plus a lot of other great shopping opportunities.

I am taking sign-ups now with a \$25 deposit. Complete payment will be due by September 15th. Space is limited but do invite past members, friends, etc. if you wish.

Any questions or to sign up by phone, contact Kathy Mueller, [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com), 815-953-6601.

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# Thank You!!!!

Thank you to all who have donated quilt tops, pillowcases, and completed quilts to Philanthropy. Your amazing generosity is truly appreciated by all of the organizations that we donate to!

In May, we were able to donate a total of 58 quilts to Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Del Valle Migrant Headstart, and the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center. In June, a total of 54 quilts and 29 pillowcases were donated to Edward Hospital's Camp Hope, Edward Hospital Cancer Center, the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center, Angel Grace Hospice, and Guardian Angel Community Services.

> Please keep the quilts coming! We will take all size quilts, but are particularly in need of more of the smaller quilts. These include wheelchair and lap quilts, baby and crib quilts, and throw and twin size quilts. Thank you again for all of your help!

Lynn Bogue, Sandi McHenney, and Diane Swaney-Smith

## July and August Birthdays

Jill Stuck	July 1
Judy Raclawski	July 4
Marlene Vanderplow	July 10
Jean Black	July 11
Shirley Contreras	July 18
Lolly Adolfson	July 20
Laura Blanchard	July 30
Jan Mueller	Aug 22



## Open Board Positions:

Please remember that we are actively seeking members for the positions of Publicity and Contracts.

Our current Programs chairs are filling the role of both Contracts and Programs as we move into In-Person meetings but will need to be replaced in March of 2023. If you join the Contracts position, you will be able to assist in securing speakers and workshops for the 2023-2024 season and then work as the Programs chair for those speakers! Grab a friend or two and come join the Board!

# Out and About and In Our Backyard

Check out this press release  
from The Great Wisconsin Quilt  
show!



We're excited to announce this year's  
featured quilt exhibit,  
Uncovered: The Ken Burns Collection!

America's storyteller, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns has collected handmade quilts since the 1970s. On loan from his private collection, this exhibit showcases 26 historic American quilts, dating from the 1850s to the 1940s. These delicate artifacts not only tell stories from our history, but share the spirit of people who lived it. Don't miss your chance to explore this beautiful exhibit, which celebrates quilting as part of our identity. Advance tickets to the 2022 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show will go on sale July 11 at [quiltshow.com](http://quiltshow.com).

**Mark your calendars for  
September!**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS SHOP HOP!**



## Three Month Quilt Shop Hop

June 1 – August 31, 2022

Once again, this three month hop will take place from June-August and we are almost at the half-way point but it's never too late to start! There are over 30 shops this year in three regions and CASH prizes!

Grab a quilting buddy or two and check out our local shops (we are in Region 3) or venture out to other shops! Be sure to print out your passport or get one at your first shop stop!

**New this year!**

**GREAT SEWING ADVENTURES™**

**ACROSS ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

The **All Illinois Shop Hop** brings together sewing and quilting enthusiasts from across Illinois and neighboring states. The event will run August 1 through September 30 in 2022. The **All Illinois Shop Hop Magazine** is your guide to all things about the event, participating stores and sponsors. The Magazine also includes valuable patterns, projects and articles along with the official passport and map. Each participating store offers the exclusive Shop Hop fabric, along with other give-aways, raffles and prizes. Participants have their passport stamped at each store they visit to qualify for additional prizes.



**Newsletter Information:** The Guild newsletter is published six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November. Articles should be sent to the editor, Sharon Thomsen at [sharonkthomsen@aol.com](mailto:sharonkthomsen@aol.com) no later than the last day of the previous month.

Advertising rates are as follows:

Ad Size	Yearly (6 issues)	Single Issue
Business card	\$50	\$10
Quarter Page	\$60	\$15
Half Page	\$80	\$20
Full Page	\$160	\$40

Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor before the 1st of the month to appear in the next newsletter.




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 Like us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PrideofthePrairieQuilters?ref=hl>

## 2022-2023 Pride of the Prairie Officers

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