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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 know of anyone who might need a card.
Thanks.



A Message from Jennifer Henry, President

Spring is on the way!

As I write this, it is 39° outside, the snow is melting, birds are chirping, and the sun is shining! I have lived in the Chicago area for many years though, and I know there is a good possibility of more snow, but for today the birds are chirping and the sun is shining.

I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for Pride of the Prairie now that some of the constraints of the pandemic are behind us. One of those opportunities is our Quilt Show which is tentatively scheduled for March 2023. I would love to see a quilt from each and every one of you in the Show!

I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful and talented group, and I look forward to your suggestions, and to serving you as President of Pride of the Prairie.

Jennifer Henry

Quilt Show Update

We are currently working on getting the initial planning steps completed for our 2023 quilt show. As these steps are firmed up, we will be sharing them with the guild.

We are encouraged by the fact that you've decided to be a part of the guild and look forward to working together on this endeavor. We will be seeking out people to head up many of our committees and would love to work together on behalf of the guild.

A little teaser...the opportunity quilt top has been completed, and is LOVELY!!! Shortly it should be going to the longarmer for completion and then we will present it at a guild meeting. We cannot wait to show you the beautiful work that you've done on this quilt.

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Upcoming meeting information

March 17 meeting –

Welcome to our newly elected board members!

Our speaker will be Amiee Merritt, the Director of the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center. See the list of items below that you may wish to bring as a donation to this wonderful organization who has been one of the recipients of our Philanthropy quilts.

- Diapers
- diaper wipes packages of 60 or more
- nursing pads
- crib sheets
- onesies any color sizes no larger than 6-9 months
- sleeper sac-size small, medium and large
- hooded baby towels
- wash cloths
- burp cloths
- baby toiletries
- pacifier
- teether
- rattle
- umbrella stroller
- children board books

Bring your favorite tool or notion that you may have received this holiday season. Also, as we move into a new year of quilting projects, please share your favorite/go-to quilt pattern. We would love to see a sample of the completed pattern.

April 21 meeting –

Sarah Nishiura will be our guest with a lecture/trunk show. She is a fantastic quilt artist who works with recycled/upcycled and vintage materials. Check her out at www.sarahnishiura.com.

Quilt Show Update Cont.

Thank you in advance for your help, in many different ways, to make this quilt show a success.

We can't do it without YOU!

By the way, if you'd like to contact one of us about helping, we'd love to hear from you.

Carol O'Dell
Sandy Piatak
Sharon Thomsen
Jennifer Henry

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

More exciting speakers scheduled for 2022!

May 19 – Vicki Hodge has been designing and piecing reproduction scrap quilts for over 40 years. An accumulation of unquilted tops naturally lead to pairing two tops into one quilt - equally interesting on front and back. Vicki teamed with Quiltmania Editions to publish 'Button Box Quilts' in September, 2018. The book includes 20 designs (10 quilts) inspired by 19th century patterns. She has exhibited quilts at the Pour l'Amour du Fil show in Nantes, France; the Paducah Quilt Week Show in Paducah, Kentucky; and 'In the American Tradition' exhibit at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. Her AQSG Civil War Quilt Study quilt was selected to travel to several locations over four years.

June 16 – Emily Parson is an award-winning quilter from St Charles II. Her quilts have been shown in exhibits and galleries around the world, including Quilt National 1997 & 1999 at the Dairy Barn Arts Center, "edge to edge: selections from SAQA" at the Museum of American Folk Art in NYC and Quiltcon 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2021.

March and April Birthdays

McHenney, Sandi	Mar 1
O'Dell, Carol	Mar 2
Williams, Christine	Mar 3
Murphy, Marianne	Mar 11
Burke, Patricia	Mar 13
Beitzel, Kathy	Mar 15
Pawlak, Sally	Mar 17
Orlowski, Glenis	Mar 21
Levin, Aniela	Mar 23
Maughan, Marcy	Mar 25
Salato, Elaine -	Mar 26
Hardt, Christie	Mar 31
Schiller, Valli	Mar 31
Madej, Lisa	Apr 15
Richter-Zeunik, Mary	Apr 20
Turnholt, Susan	Apr 20
Herman, Olive	Apr 21
Wirtz, Judy	Apr 23
Lucas, Catherine	Apr 26
Thomsen, Sharon	Apr 29

July 21 – Information coming soon

August 18 – Information coming soon

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

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.

September 16 – Workshop!

Five Great Zipper Bags with Carol Wilhoit

Are you missing classes and workshops? Do you have a bucket list of teachers that you are checking out? Pride of the Prairie has signed up for mini technique workshops. On Saturday and Sunday, March 19th and 20th, there will be 3 hours of demonstrations spotlighting 9 teachers each day. If you are unable to Zoom live, the program is recorded and available to watch for the following 24 hrs only.

Watch your email on March 18 for all access code information!!! For members in good standing only!



All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Saturday, March 19, 2022 2:00 – 3:00 pm (Central)

Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:00 – 3:00 pm (Central)

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 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.

Saturday March 19, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

(This list does not denote order of presentation)

Kim Brownell, Artful Memories

Ana Buzzalino, Acrylic Skins

Christina Cameli, Free Motion Blends

Kristin Echols, Two-Sided Binding

Dana Jones, Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing

Jenny K. Lyon, Make a statement with sheer fabrics

Carolina Moore, Cutting Machines - Learn the basics!

Linda Sullivan, Easy Wonky Piecing

Carol Wilhoit, English Paper Piecing by Machine

Sunday March 20, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

(This list does not denote order of presentation)

Vicki Conley, Code Breaker

Michele Crawford, Explore the World of English Paper Piecing

Beth Helfter, Consistency in the Chaos

MJ Kinman, Playing With Pixels

Scarlett Rose, Scarlett's Cultural Embroidery Journey

Lisa Shepard Stewart, Quilted Memo Pad Cover

Brenda Gael Smith, Improvise with ImproVines!

Margaret Willingham, Added Dimension

Valerie Wilson, The Eyes Have It

You'll be able to watch the events for 24 hours after they end!

GQC will make each day's event accessible to you to watch for 24 hours after each live event ends! We know that our viewers are located all across the globe and we want to make it easier for your guild members to watch. We don't want you to miss any of the great content that our presenters have for you.

POP 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.

The double occupancy rate is \$335 and the single rate is \$375. 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. The food is good, you can bring your own snacks and we are close to Jim's Sew 'N Save quilt store plus a lot of other great shopping opportunities.

I will take signups starting at the March 17th meeting 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, 815-953-6601.

For Sale: Juki 2200QVP. Like new condition, on a 10 foot Grace table, 36" depth. Machine has 18" throat. Stitch regulator, laser, built in scissors for cutting threads, independent bobbin winder. Original price \$9000, asking \$6200. Contact Bernie Niersbach at bernie61@wans.net for more info.



In Our Backyard!!!

Peoria Riverfront Museum

LIMITED TOUR! FINAL STOP!

Uncovered: The Ken Burns Collection

Explore American quilts like you've never seen before.

March 5 through June 5, 2022

Explore the extraordinary **private quilt collection** of award-winning documentary filmmaker **Ken Burns** for its first, limited public tour and final stop at Peoria Riverfront Museum, one of only three museums to debut this rare **once-in-a-lifetime exhibition**.

"Uncovered: The Ken Burns Collection" showcases 26 colorful historic American quilts, dating from the 1850s to the 1940s, on loan from the private collection of the legendary documentarian.

The exhibition was organized by the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which owns the world's largest publicly held quilt collection. Museum experts selected and interpreted key quilts from the Burns collection using stories that connect visitors to the history, beauty and science behind the art of quilting.

Each of these textiles represents a moment in time and American history - a nexus of individuals and geography and culture that can never be fully recovered, but which is nevertheless represented in these strikingly graphic compositions.

— Ken Burns

Cherrywood Challenge Bob Ross Final Stop

Minestra Museum and Gardens in Muncie, IN

Explore Bob Ross's legacy in a whole new way in Bob Ross Quilts, a new exhibit opening on March 12 in the upstairs gallery of the Oakhurst home.

This exhibit features hundreds of unique quilt squares created for the 2019 Cherrywood Challenge. Find mighty mountains, happy little clouds, and more brought to life not with paint but in an expertly applied, embroidered, pieced, and quilted fabric. To plan your visit, go to

<https://www.minnetrista.net/plan-your-visit>

Masks are required in all indoor spaces.

"Rainbows After The Storm"
Springfield IL quilt guild show
Friday 3/18 10am-6pm
Sat. 3/19 10am-4pm at the
Illinois State Fairgrounds For
more info visit
www.springfieldquilts.com

AQS Quilt Week Shows
Branson MO March 23-26
Paducah KY April 27-30
For more info, visit
americanquilter.com

The Quilters Hall of Fame
Marion IN.
Little Beauties: The
Art of Miniature Quilts
2/22 - 5/7/22
For more info visit
www.quiltershalloffame.net

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 no later than the last day of the previous month.

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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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