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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

Just as the flowers and trees are blooming, so is the quilting world!

April brought the first Paducah Quilt Show since the pandemic began. There was the Sinnissippi Quilters Quilt Show near Rockford, and the Country Crossroads Quilt Guild had their show in Oregon, IL. We had our first in-person speakers, and it has been SO good to see our own Show and Tell!

In March we had the Director of the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center. We heard first-hand about the wonderful work they do, the services they offer and how much the quilts we donate are appreciated. It's good to know that our philanthropy work is making a difference in the lives of others.

In April we had Sarah Nishiura speak. My favorite slide was of the quilt someone made long ago that included a British Redcoat! She shared her beautiful quilts with us, as well as some of her creative process. They were so interesting!

In June there will be the Shippshewana Quilt Fest in Indiana. Later this year is the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. Also, the Heritage Quilters Guild, the DeKalb County Quilters' Guild and the Prairie Star Quilt Guild will be having their quilt shows.

Our quilt show committee has been hard at work on our own quilt show, which will be held in March 2023. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. I know we are all looking forward to the show, and personally I can't wait!

Jennifer Henry

Upcoming meeting information

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 Il. 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.

July 21 – Information coming soon

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 will begin at the May meeting!

October 20 – Information coming soon

November 17 – Information coming soon



2023 Quilt Show:

Well, we're off and running...and I mean running!

The name of our quilt show and quilt is **"It's A Quilt, Not A Blanket!"**. It will be held at Richland Center School in Crest Hill on **Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12, 2023, with set-up on Friday night, March 10th**. Please save those dates on your calendars.

We as co-chairs have been meeting and we had our first meeting with the committees on Wednesday, May 4. All committee members as well as any member who wanted to know more about the quilt show was invited to attend.

Our Opportunity Quilt is about ready for its label and binding. We anticipate we'll have the big reveal at our next quilt meeting, May 19th. It is lovely! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Jane Stevens and her team members for planning, preparing and putting together the many pieces of the quilt. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to you, our many members who helped sew all of the many log cabin blocks and flying geese to make this quilt. We couldn't have done it without each of you!

By the time we get together for our next guild meeting, May 19th, we'll have more quilt show information to provide you.

Since COVID, we've seen our membership drop to about half of what it was previously. One of our concerns going into the quilt show, was how many of our members were going to help with the many positions needed in order to make this show a success. We're very excited about what is happening with our quilt show plans and the many who've stepped up to fill the gaps on behalf of the guild.

With that being said, we are still looking to fill a number of positions on the quilt show committees. At this point, those committees are: Publicity and Exterior Signage. If anyone is interested in filling one of these committees, we would appreciate it if you'd contact one of us.

We hope you're all thinking about what you want to do for our quilt show challenge, and that you're also working on quilts that you'll be entering in the show.

At any time, if you have questions about anything quilt show related, please don't hesitate to ask one of us. We're here for you.

Carol O'Dell
Jennifer Henry
Sandy Piatak
Sharon Thomsen



... to help share the news about P.O.P.'s 2023 Raffle Quilt!

I'm coordinating all the travel opportunities for the 2023 Raffle Quilt. I'm looking for volunteers to help show the quilt at other guild meetings they plan to attend and sell raffle tickets.

Please consider being part of this year's "Raffle Quilt Road Show!"

Melanie Hinds
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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

Thank You!

I want to once again offer my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Guild for the lovely custom glass piece depicting the Pride of the Prairie logo. What a dear and thoughtful gift. With a water leak having destroyed some of my studio space, it may not be until June for me to get back into the refurbished space and start some redecorating. Please know that it will reside in a place of honor and I will always be reminded of the kindness of the members and all the memories we have shared!

Sharon Thomsen



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.

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. 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 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, 815-953-6601.

May and June Birthdays

Judy Gould	May 11
Sharon Smith	May 17
Lynn Bogue	May 19
Ann Jordan	June 2
Lynn Scheimann	June 9
Chris Bast	June 26



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!

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
March 12 through September 18, 2022

Explore Bob Ross's legacy in a whole new way in Bob Ross Quilts, a new exhibit opened 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/events/bob-ross-quilts?rq=cherrywood%20challenge>

One of Our Previous Members Has a Show!

Garden Art Center, Miller Beach in Gary, IN
May 6 through Jun 10, 2022

Chris Sass, a longtime member of Pride of the Prairie, reports that she has been honored with a show of her own work at the local arts center in Miller Beach in Gary, IN. The curators have picked about 50 of what they think will show the best. There will be other available for viewing but will not be hung. Artist's Talk is scheduled for May 15.

This show will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 11 am – 2 pm, as well on the weekend, just to encourage you to come take a look. Chris will be there every day and reports the traffic is not bad in the middle of the day during the week.

Plan a road trip with your quilting peeps and check it out!!!!

Congratulations Chris!

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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