



## A Message from Carol O'Dell, President

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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, we need your help to do this. Please let **Kathy Beitzel** (kbeitzel@att.net) know of anyone who might need a card.  
Thanks.



Wow, this week has been warm!! I can imagine that some of our members appreciate the cool (cold, too?) and the warm (hot, too?) but my goodness, it has been crazy warm! Often, when the weather is extreme it gives us an opportunity to stay inside and get some extra quilting time in.

As Jill and Sandy (philanthropy) had another opportunity to gift our quilts to children in the Lightways program (previously Joliet Hospice), I started looking at the many quilts, pillowcases, etc. they gave out. **THIS IS BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, AND THEIRS!**

Prior to their latest delivery of quilts to Lightways, here are some numbers for you to consider. \*

Quilts	43
Lap Quilts	80
Receiving Blankets	8
Pillowcases	32
Burp Cloths	36
North Carolina Hurricane	12
Los Angeles fires	10
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That is an impressive list and count! If you've participated in this endeavor, thank you for your contribution!

Later in July, we have our first post-COVID retreat as a guild. I am happy to say we have 17 members who are attending. It will be great fun to visit, check out the projects everyone is working on and see how much we finish during that time period. We have a few who've never been to a retreat before, and we have others who've not been to one of our retreats before. That is exciting!

Just in case you finish your projects before the end of the weekend, or you run into a problem with a particular project, we will have philanthropy kits available for you to grab and assemble. Thank you, Susan Janasik, for that great suggestion!

I very much appreciate the sacrifices that many of you make to help with our philanthropy. These quilts, pillowcases, etc. are donated to people who find themselves in tough life situations and Sandy and Jill are there to pass our gifts to them and make their days a bit brighter.

Thank you everyone.

Carol O'Dell

## Upcoming Events...

<b>7/7</b>	<b>POP Board Meeting/Quilt Show Meeting 6pm/7:15pm Zion Lutheran Church</b>
<b>7/17</b>	<b>POP Guild Meeting                      7pm at Zion Lutheran Church</b>
<b>7/17-19</b>	Morris Quilt Guild Fabric Sale   Channahon Methodist Church, 24751 W. Eames St. (Rt. 6), Channahon 9am – 4pm
<b>7/19</b>	<b>POP Workshop with Bobbie Butler &amp; Debbie Wesenberg 10am – 3pm   Zion Lutheran Church doors open at 9:30</b>
<b>7/25-7/27</b>	<b>POP Quilt Retreat at Carmelite Retreat Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien, IL</b>
<b>8/1-9/30</b>	IL Shop Hop
<b>8/8</b>	Bloomington Quilt Guild Annual Stash Sale 10am-2pm Mennonite Church, 805 S. Cottage Ave., Normal
<b>8/20-23</b>	Grand Rapids, MI   AQS Quilt Show
<b>8/21</b>	<b>POP Guild Meeting                      7pm at Zion Lutheran Church</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>
<b>9/8</b>	<b>POP Board Meeting/Quilt Show Meeting 6pm/7:15pm Zion Lutheran Church</b>

## ***Just a Reminder...***

Don't forget to check out our website. Stephanie Ferrara has done a great job of loading pictures from our guild meetings onto the website, in addition to a wealth of information regarding our guild programs, workshops, Policies and Procedures, By-Laws and similar items of interest.



## ***Later This Month....***

Our quilt retreat is just a few weeks away. Yeah!!!

I know it is getting close and if you find that you're able to go and haven't yet signed up, here are a few details:

**What:** A wonderful weekend of sewing, sharing and getting to know one another in a setting that eliminates our daily responsibilities. They are providing Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.

**Where:** The Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien

**When:** July 25 – July 27. It starts at 9am Friday and ends at 2pm Sunday.

**Accommodations:** Your choices are: 1) to commute each day for \$170; 2) a single room for \$295; or 3) a double room you share with a friend for \$225.

**What to Bring:** Your projects, rulers, sewing machine, all things needed for your creativity to shine. We will have a few ironing stations and cutting stations for your use, should you choose.

Lastly, don't forget your clothes and toothbrush. 😊

We will have an area for snacks (in our sewing room) and a refrigerator and microwave that we share with the other people there on retreat.

***If this is you, please contact Vicky Pampe, Sandy Piatak or Carol O'Dell for details. Full payment will now be required in order to attend.***

***Please remember, if you bring your personal iron, you must have a stand-alone ironing surface. The tables at the retreat center are plastic and we do not want to damage their tables.***

***We will also bring a vacuum for your use when cleaning your sewing space. (Their requirement in the contract.)***

## ***In Case You Couldn't Make It:***

Please refer to the attached minutes from the May and June guild meetings for happenings at those meetings.

## **Membership**

The updated membership form is on the website.

Annual dues continue to be \$30.

Please make checks out to Pride of the Prairie Quilters

Forms can be found on the website and are available at the meeting

Checks and forms can also be mailed to:

Pride of the Prairie Quilters

Po Box 501

Plainfield, IL 60544

## Upcoming meeting/program information

If you have any questions about the presentations or workshops, please contact Melanie Hinds ([melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com)) or Eileen Uchima ([Eileen.uchima@gmail.com](mailto:Eileen.uchima@gmail.com)) – Programs Committee.

Information can also be found at the [Pride of the Prairie website](#), under “Activities.” There is an area for Presentations and a separate area for Workshops.

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### JULY EVENTS

#### **July 17, 2025**

Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg present: “Rulerwork for the Home Machine – How It Works – Is It for Me?” Quilting with rulers is the latest trend in free motion quilting. Learn about this new technique that will “up your quilting game.” It’s a great introduction to their July 19 workshop.

#### **July 19, 2025**

Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg Workshop  
“A Day with Rulers – From Practice to Perfect”

Quilting with rulers is the latest in free motion quilting skills that everyone wants to try, and many worry will be too difficult. DK Studios has created a line of rulers and templates that allow you to create stunning designs and use them effectively in your quilts. Using the proper tools and techniques allows quilting with rulers to be fun and creative.

In this workshop Bobbie and Debbie will show us how rulers can help make our quilts more visually pleasing and attractive. Join us for a hands-on class with a pair of instructors who have been free motion quilting for years and love ruler work.

There will be stitched samples of all the rulers & templates for you to review. Our instructors will have marking templates, marking utensils and lots of templates for you to try out...and an instructional handout will be provided for workshop attendees to take home.

#### **Supply List**

Students will need a ruler foot for the class. Additional supplies can be found at the supply list located at the [P.O.P. website](#). Bobbie & Debbie will also have rulers and other supplies available for purchase on the day of the workshop. They do not accept credit cards so plan to bring a check or cash.

Plan to bring a lunch and something to drink.



## **AUGUST EVENTS**

**August 21, 2025**

**What Quilt Judges Look For** Julie Mooberry will offer a behind-the-scenes look at how quilts are evaluated in competitions. Julie will describe the certification process she is going through to become qualified as a quilt judge. Learn what judges assess, including design, technique, workmanship, and overall impact. Whether you're a competitor or simply curious, this program provides valuable insights to help you improve your quilting skills and presentation.

You can learn about Julie and her background at [www.juliessewingroom.com](http://www.juliessewingroom.com)

## **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**September 13, 2025**

**Quilt Show 2026 Stash & Slash Open House** Come out and help the Strip Search Committee cut, fold and bag fabric that will be sold at our 2026 Quilt Show! We'll meet at Zion Lutheran Church, from 9:30 am-2:00 pm. We'll provide the fabric, cutting mats, rotary cutters and ironing boards & irons, and bags. You supply the enthusiasm! No need to sign up – just drop in when you can, leave when you want! Come and hang with your “sew sisters” (to borrow a phrase from Karen Brown of *Just Get It Done Quilts*).

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Garage Sale and Auction** Our last garage sale and auction was so successful we are going to do it again! Perhaps you are downsizing. Perhaps you got a sewing gift that just isn't “you.” Perhaps you found a kit or a notion in your closet and wondered “*I don't remember buying this, What is this for?*” If you no longer want/need it, someone else might. Consider donating your items to help raise funds for the guild. If you have any questions about a donation, please contact Lynn Schiemann ([lscheymann@comcast.net](mailto:lscheymann@comcast.net)) who is helping on this event.

## **OCTOBER EVENTS**

**October 16, 2025 \*\*ZOOM Presentation\*\***

Shannon Leigh Roudhán and Jason Bowlsby are the dynamic DIY duo from California whose award-winning crochet, knit, quilting, and sewing designs have been published in books and magazines around the globe.

Shannon and Jason will present two beloved textile arts, quilting and Sashiko, that have been around for centuries. This presentation will be a great way to learn more about Sashiko and prepare us for our October workshop by Eileen Uchima!

**October 18, 2025**

**Sashiko Workshop**

Our very own Eileen Uchima will present a workshop on Sashiko, at Zion Lutheran Church, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The cost of the workshop is \$30 per person. A kit containing the design, fabric, Sashiko threads, needles and instructions will be required. The kit is \$40 and can be purchased from Eileen on the day of the workshop (cash or check only, please). Please plan to bring a lunch or snack and something to drink.

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**November 20, 2025**

Let's plan one last get together in 2025 to connect with each other before the holidays! We'll plan to have some snacks, and a game or two (with prizes) and just enjoy each other's company with some great conversations!

## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

No meeting! – Enjoy the holiday with family!!!

## **JANUARY EVENTS**

**January 15, 2026**

**Quilt Show School House** Our first meeting of 2026 will help us get ready for our Quilt Show in March. We'll plan to have demonstrations on how to add sleeves and labels to our quilts and how to make our bindings more attractive. Whether you plan to submit a quilt for judging or just want to display a quilt; whether you're a first-timer or an experienced quilter, we hope these demonstrations will help you get excited about our show!

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## **QUILT SHOW 2026**

**Quilt Show meeting dates are the following Mondays at 7:15 p.m. -  
July 7th, September 8th, November 3rd, January 5th, February 2nd,  
and March 2nd**

**Plus, a Field Trip to Richland Elementary School!**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Stash Slash Bash!

We will be ironing fabric, cutting 2 ½" strips, sorting and bagging. Come for an hour, 3 hours or stay all day. Bring a drink and maybe a snack. We have 2 ironing boards and irons, and 2 cutting mats at the church. But we will need rotary cutters and rulers. Contact Melanie Hinds 630-995-6514 with any questions.

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**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

At our Guild Meeting, Ann Jordan will review the Quilt Registration form. There are a couple of new categories. She will also DEMO THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.

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**Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

At our Guild Meeting, we will have our Holiday Party and there will be some time for a QUILT SHOW Q. & A.

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**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

At our Guild Meeting -

**THIS GUILD MEETING IS THE DEADLINE FOR HANDING IN YOUR QUILT  
REGISTRATION FORMS!**

Quilt Show Schoolhouse. We will DEMO Quilt Labels, Pillowcases, Hanging Sleeves, and the Quilt Show Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures.

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## Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

At our Guild Meeting, we will have a QUILT SHOW Q. & A.

### **Challenge Quilt**

Create a quilt inspired by your favorite book – one that has impacted your life, whether from your childhood, one you have read to a child or simply a book that holds special meaning to you.

**Size:** No larger than 36" x 48"

**Techniques:** Any, as long as it is made entirely by you, the member. Including the quilting & binding.

**Questions???** Contact Lynn Scheimann [lscheimann@comcast.net](mailto:lscheimann@comcast.net)

### **Vendors**

We have great vendors! They are Alice Ridge Quilts, Carol Ann's Candies, Dyeing for a New Career, Kentuckiana Country Quilts, Linda Lambert – Patterns, Old Master Pen Shoppe, Roberts Sewing Center, Warman Cozy, and Yellow Creek Quilts.

### **Silent Auction**

We will have a silent auction with our POP quilt show in 2026, and need quilty items to auction, with all proceeds going to the guild for programs in 2026 and 2027. The obvious - quilts and wall hangings of any size, table runners. Other quilty items could be: quilted coasters, pin cushions, mug rugs, bowl cozies, drawstring jewelry bags, potholders, small zippered pouches for sewing odds and ends, small purses or fanny packs, wallets, pencil or crochet hook holders, laptop computer bags, sashiko boxes. And, of course, any wool items would be wonderful also - handstitched, applique, whatever.

Please contact –

Anita Marsh 630-643-0001 [anitamarsh@aol.com](mailto:anitamarsh@aol.com) or Anita Baranski 815-342-1188 [ALJB1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ALJB1@sbcglobal.net)

### **Strip Search Committee**

Please remember to save all your clean, good quality quilting fabric that is at least 2.5" wide so that we can sell at our Quilt Show. They can be from commercial jelly rolls that you have, or strips left over from your projects. In addition to bags of strips that will be packaged for sale, we will also consider the following types of fabrics:

- panels
- yardage
- selvages
- strips less than 2.5" (1"-2.25)
- novelty/holiday fabrics

We'll continue to have a plastic bin at all guild meetings in which all donations can be placed. Please tell your quilting buddies and friends in other guilds as they may wish to contribute their fabric to help our show.

If you have any questions about fabric donations, please feel free to contact anyone from the Strip Search Committee.

Thank you for any donations!!

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Melanie Hinds [melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com)

Karen Shibley [kms50@aol.com](mailto:kms50@aol.com)

## **Opportunity Quilt**

The Opportunity Quilt has been traveling to quilt guilds and quilt shops. Susan Janasik has a list of locations, dates and times, and volunteers are needed to escort it. Please see Susan to volunteer!

Contact Susan Janasik 630-546-4927 [sjanasik0926@gmail.com](mailto:sjanasik0926@gmail.com)

## **Books, Magazines and Patterns**

Please start collecting books, magazines and patterns. Bring them to the Quilt Show the night of set up.

If you have any questions, please contact –

Teena Giliberto 815-258-5097 [teenalp@outlook.com](mailto:teenalp@outlook.com) or

Vicky Pampe 318-366-5720 [vickyv11@yahoo.com](mailto:vickyv11@yahoo.com)

## **Raffle Baskets**

Just a reminder that we are collecting donations for the raffle baskets. Donation items have been coming in, and we would like to say thank you to those of you who have donated so far. Our committee is looking forward to putting together some fun baskets for the 2026 Quilt Show.

We have many ideas for baskets in case you might need a little guidance on what to donate. But all donations are wanted and greatly appreciated. We hope everyone will donate at least one fat quarter and one new spool of thread. It should be the quality that you would use. Feel free to donate any new and usable items to fill up the raffle baskets or even put together a basket individually or with a group.

Listed are some of our basket ideas so far:

Embroidery	Wools	Batik	Needle Work
Scrapbooking	Wine	Holidays/Seasons	Gardening
Patriotic	Leisure/Games	Spa/Relaxation	Children's Basket
Men's Basket	Sports	Civil War Reproduction	

We will set out a large plastic tub at the guild meeting to collect any donations. Find either of us at a meeting or feel free to call, text or email us with any comments or questions. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

The Raffle Basket Committee

Kathy MacKenzie 708/299-6610 [kjmackenzie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjmackenzie@sbcglobal.net)

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# Philanthropy

Many **thanks** for all the quilts and pillowcases you have been making and donating!! You are bringing smiles to so many recipients!

*"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."* Pablo Picasso

The same is true of the quilts we create - their colors, fabrics & patterns simply bring "happy" to so many.

Our recent deliveries;

Camp Hope, Edward Hospital

- 12 children's quilts and 12 pillowcases for kids ages 6 - 12

Lightways.org, "Peace of the Heart" kids camp

- 16 children's quilts for kids ages 7 - 13

**Our current quilt needs;** baby quilts, pillowcases, kids quilts – boy, girl or gender neutral, approx.. size 45/50" – 60".

A list of quilt sizes and several easy patterns can be found on our website, [prideofprairie.org](http://prideofprairie.org). Drop down from the "community service" heading to "ideas and resources".

We prefer finished quilts – pieced, quilted, bound, and washed. We will add the labels that say *Made by Pride of Prairie Quilters, Plainfield, Illinois*.

The quilting does not need to be intricate – simple cross-hatching, wavy lines, straight lines, in the ditch.

**Our supply needs;** batting, yardage for backs, domestic & longarm quilters

*"The best portion of a good man's life;  
his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."* William Wordsworth

Thank you for your generosity!!

Peace by piece, Sandy and Jill

## Newsletter Article Submissions:

### Newsletter

Sept/October 2025  
Nov/December 2025  
Jan/Feb 2026

### Article Due Date

August 29, 2025  
October 29, 2025  
December 29, 2025

### Publication Date

Sept. 10, 2025  
Nov. 10, 2025  
Jan. 10, 2026

### May and June Birthdays

July 1	Jill Stuck
July 4	Judy Raclawski
July 7	Donna Borowiec
July 11	Jean Black
July 18	Shirley Contreras
Aug 10	Jean Yates
Aug 22	Jan Mueller



### Monthly Guild Meeting Checklist

- **Name Tag** (you are eligible for a prize ONLY if you are wearing yours!)
- **Show and Tell Items**
- **Items for the Freebies Table** (remember that this is not for junk but rather items or bagged scraps in good condition)
- **Your checkbook** in order to pay for your, Workshop fees and any traveling quilt tickets that might be attending our meeting



## NEWSLETTER AD 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, Jane Stevens at [jmssampler@earthlink.net](mailto:jmssampler@earthlink.net) 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

### **2024-2025 Pride of the Prairie Officers**

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