



A Message from Kathy and Jen

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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 **Diane Swaney Smith** msddsewnsew@aol.com know of anyone who might need a card. Thanks.



Summer is in full swing. A time for vacations and fun in the sun. For me, that means family reunion, gardening and raising monarch butterflies. And time to work on my paper piecing project on road trips. I hope you have some time to work on a special project this summer.

Our treasurers have completed the review of the quilt show finances. Thank you, Mary Winegar, Kathy Mueller, and Barb Snyder, for completing this review in a timely manner.

Volunteer opportunities to serve your guild:
Tech Team: we are still in need of a few people to step up and help with technology. Currently we have a zoom meeting and workshop scheduled for October. In order for this to happen, we need people to assist with the technology.

Quilt Show 2028 Chair: March 11-12, 2028 is the date for our next quilt show. I heard that work on the opportunity quilt has already begun. I am sure that there will be opportunities to sew blocks together in the future, but our more immediate need is a Chair for the Quilt Show. We need someone to step up and fill Jennifer Henry's shoes, who did a fantastic job with the 2026 Quilt Show.

Philanthropy Workday: The Philanthropy Committee will have a work day, August 8. But it can be a fun day also if everyone participates. Please plan to attend for part or all of the time and help make this a fun and productive work day.

Please step up for these wonderful opportunities. This is your guild, please help it run smoothly.

The All Illinois Shop Hop starts August 1 and runs through September. There is a website and a magazine available with all the information you need including maps of all the participating quilt shops. How many are you going to visit?

I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

Kathy Beitzel
Co-President

Upcoming Events...

- July 23-25 The Quilter's Hall of Fame Celebration
Featuring Judy Martin
www.quiltershalloffame.net
- August 19 – 22 AQS Grand Rapids
- September 10-12 The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show
<https://quiltshow.com/planyourvisit/>

In Case You Couldn't Make It:

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

Membership

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

Our membership form has been updated and can be found on the guild's website.



PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS

2026-2027 Lectures & Workshops

July 16, 2026 - "Beyond Basic Bindings"

Lecture by Kathleen Herbach

Kathleen Herbach will help us explore ways to make finishing your quilts with pizzazz. Accurate super skinny border, scalloped inserts, facing and several multicolor and decorated binding options will be discussed.

August 20, 2026 - "Intro to Stripology Rulers"

Lecture by Lynn Vock

Learn to save time and effort by using the Stripology approach. Lynn Vock will explain the functionality and proper usage of the full line of Stripology rulers.

August 22, 2026 - "Master Your Stripology Ruler - Back Home Table Topper"

Workshop by Lynn Vock

Join Lynn Vock to explore the functionality and proper usage of the full line of Stripology rulers. In this workshop, we will create the 'Back Home' table topper while mastering the Stripology method for making flying geese.

September 17, 2026 - "Yellow Creek Quilt Designs Through the Years"

Lecture and Trunk Show by Jill Shaulis

Join us as Jill Shaulis shares her journey through the years of being a shop owner, pattern designer, and fabric designer, all shown through her quilts.

October 15, 2026 - "Creative Backgrounds: Creating a Radiant Landscape Quilt"

Lecture by Monique Kleinhans

The perfect background can turn a beautiful focus art piece into a stunning art piece. In this class, Monique Kleinhans, will explore Gloria Loughman's applique tiling technique and discuss how to use different fabrics and colors to create a "light source", giving your work the look of glowing from within.

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November 19, 2026 - Holiday Party!!

December 2026 - No Meeting This Month

January 21, 2027 - "400 Years at the Click of a Mouse"

Lecture by Meg Cox

Meg Cox's lecture on hidden online quilt archives is a breezy and practical look at surprising resources to inspire quilters. This isn't just a list of links, but a travelogue of sorts, sharing secrets to navigating the very best online collections and interactive resources. Did you know you can browse the entire quilt collection in the Metropolitan Museum of Art? Or check out dozens of state documentation projects whose amazing quilts were long ago swept back into attics? Meg will also give you solid advice on copyright law, so you know how to adapt the eye-popping designs you spy online into your own quilts – legally.

February 18, 2027 - "How to Make Rugs from Fabric - Weaving, Twining, and Locker Hooking"

Lecture by Ann Jordan

In this lecture, Ann Jordan will describe three methods of rug making, using fabric. The first method, locker hooking, uses a tool called a locker hook to weave fabric strips through rug making canvas. Locker hooking is fun and easy, and she has made quite a few rugs this way. Next Ann will discuss weaving rugs on a floor loom. Finally, she will describe rug twining. After doing some research, Ann discovered this old technique, which is based on braiding. She read some books and watched some videos, and made her first rug. Since then Ann has made several more. Rug twining can really make a dent in your stash!

February 20, 2027 - "Rug Twining"

Workshop by Ann Jordan

In this hands-on-workshop, Ann Jordan will teach us rug twining. We will learn to warp a twining loom and to weave fabric strips (the weft) through the warp. Ann will show us how to connect fabric strips, make straight edges, finish the rug, and take it off the loom. Participants will have time to weave a portion of a rug on their looms, then take it home to finish.

Information about Programs and Workshops can be found on the [Pride of the Prairie website](#), under "Activities." There is an area for Presentations and a separate area for Workshops.

Please contact Vicky Pampe (vickyv11@yahoo.com) or Cathy Formanek (joeat319@att.net) if you have any questions.

2026 Pride of the Prairie Quilt Retreat

Retreat Details:

- Dates: Saturday, September 12 (9:00 AM) – Monday, September 14 (12:00 PM)
- Location: Carmelite Spiritual Center
- Address: 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561
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Pricing & Payment Details:

- Single Room: \$295
- Double Room: \$225
- Deposit: A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot.
- Balance: The remaining balance will be collected at our August guild meeting.
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Just remember...what happens at quilt retreat stays at quilt retreat! :)



Some Important Information For Those of You Coming From the North...

Sharon Thomsen has brought the following to our attention:

“The DuPage Water Commission (DWC) is expanding its water infrastructure to provide Lake Michigan drinking water to the suburban communities of Montgomery, Oswego and Yorkville (WaterLink Communities)”. The “WaterLink” project is a partnership between DWC and the WaterLink Communities that includes the design and construction of a 30-mile-long water main extension beginning in Naperville and extending west to several connection points throughout the three WaterLink communities.

The first phase of construction is anticipated to begin in early December 2025 and will include full road closures along Book Road from just north of 75th Street, extending south to 103rd Street. This entire alignment will not be closed all at once, but rather one “section” at a time. During these closures crews will be making the connection into DWC’s existing infrastructure and installing a 54” water main beneath the roadway. The total construction duration along Book Road is anticipated to last into early 2027.

Please make note of this should it affect you and consider alternate routes or additional drive times once construction has begun.

Philanthropy

Our next guild day for Philanthropy will be Saturday August 8, beginning at 9am ending 4pm. This is going to be a fun event - come when you can and leave when you need to. We're not going to serve food, but there is a McDonald's just down the road, and also Culvers, Panera, and a great Mexican restaurant, and a bunch of other places on the north side of Yorkville.

Anyway, you can make kits for distribution to guild members using the free patterns on guild website or that we have printed for the workshop. If you have a favorite pattern you like to use for gift giving bring it and create your kit with philanthropy fabric. If you'd like to assemble coordinating fabric selections from the very unorganized philanthropy fabric stash - that's a help also. Bring your sewing machine if you'd like to sew one of the already put together quilt kits. We also need people to quilt our quilts - simple quilting is all that is needed - top, batting, and backing supplied. In other words, there's plenty to do, and lots of quilting fun with others.

Sign ups for the sew day will be at the July Guild meeting with directions to Jill's Quilt Barn in Oswego.

And, in case you are wondering where all these quilts are going - just in this year, the guild has donated 17 quilts for children to Edward Hospital's Camp Hope, 18 quilts and pillowcases to Lightway's Hospice Grief Camp in Joliet, and 37 quilts to St. Joseph Hospital Oncology wing. It is a joy and blessing to be able to share our time, talent, and gift of quilting with others.

Sandy Piatak
Anita Marsh

July and August Birthdays

July 1	Jill Stuck
July 7	Donna Boroweic
July 11	Jean Black
Aug 10	Jean Yates



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 Article Submissions:

Newsletter

Sept/Oct 2026
Nov/Dec 2026
Jan/Feb 2027

Article Due Date

Aug 28, 2026
Oct 28, 2026
Dec 28, 2026

Publication Date

Sept. 10, 2026
Nov 10, 2026
Jan 10, 2027

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 no later than the 28th 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

2026-2027 Pride of the Prairie Officers

Co-President – Kathy Beitzel and Jennifer Henry

Vice President – Diane Swaney Smith

Secretary – Marjorie McNichols

Treasurer – Barb Snyder

Program Facilitators – Cathy Formanek & Vicky Pampe

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Newsletter Chair – Jane Stevens

Philanthropy Co-Chairs – Sandy Piatak & Anita Marsh

Membership Chair – Donna Borowiec