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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

Sandy Johnson

(sandyjohnson747@yahoo.com) know of anyone who might need a card.

Thanks.



A Message from Carol O'Dell, President

Last Saturday, I heard the latest COVID guidelines put out by the CDC. We no longer need to isolate for 5 days IF we've been fever free for 24 hours and feeling better. (Please look up the guidelines as I am paraphrasing.) We have come so far since March 2020!

Why I bring attention to this, is because a few things have changed since then. Thank goodness we are moving forward!!

WORKSHOPS! I am excited and look forward to some in-person workshops during the next year. I believe we've missed getting together for those, learning a new technique, getting hints and tips during the class, and getting to know those who sit around us and those who attend. These are wonderful opportunities and we'll have a project, be it large or small, to remember that class.

OUR BOARD! Please know that these members have stepped forward to help in a variety of ways. I am thankful for their input and willingness to serve.

OUR MYSTERY QUILT- A-LONG! Eileen Uchima spoke last month and unveiled the fabric requirements for our first mystery quilt along. She has designed this just for our group. Her presentation gave us a peek into her life and quilting journey. Won't you join us in this QAL?

Thank you, Eileen, for sharing with us, both through your presentation and the quilt-a-long.

OUR ANNIVERSARY is right around the corner. At our June 20th guild meeting, we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary. The Programs committee has offered a challenge to us: The Red and White Challenge. Please visit our website for more information, or you can contact either Lynn Poulos or Lynn Scheimann. It will not be a large project, so please consider participating. It will be so fun to see the creativity of our members!

We have so many opportunities presented to us for the upcoming year. Won't you participate in some or many of those offered?

I'm looking forward to looking in the rearview mirror and seeing some of the changes from COVID left in the dust. I am excited about what lies ahead for us as a group!

Carol O'Dell

Quilting with Confidence Tour by Gammill:

Gammill is holding 3 day workshops during 2024 throughout the U.S. I will be attending one in Indiana in June.

You do not need a Gammill; you don't even need a longarm. It is my understanding that they provide the supplies needed, and there will be 2 people per longarm.

If you are interested, please google "Quilting with Confidence", or visit the Gammill website. You could also check with me about this.

This is an incredible opportunity to learn under some wonderful and skilled instructors.

Carol O'Dell

Quiltfolk Magazine

Quiltfolk is a lovely magazine highlighting various quilters from a particular state. Each magazine is state specific and advertisement free.

In the past, our guild has participated with Quiltfold in their list of quilt guilds by states. Quiltfolk has a guild locator tool, which is where we can be found.

They have graciously sent us 2 copies of their Issue 29. This particular issue highlights some of the quilters from New Jersey.

At our next guild meeting, we will be offering these 2 magazine as specials gifts to 2 lucky people! I am hoping you'll be there and maybe even take one home!

The Quilters Hall of Fame – Marion, Indiana

We've received a postcard from The Quilters Hall of Fame showcasing some of their events for the 2024. Two of the four events highlight speakers we've had here at our guild meetings in the past.

The first is Bonnie Hunter, "Got Scraps? The Creative and Visionary Journey of Bonnie Hunter". Her story will be presented from May 7th – July 27th.

The second is Katie Pasquini Masoust. Her quilts will be displayed between July 30th and October 5th.

If you find yourself on a road trip passing by, or possibly this might be your destination, have a wonderful time seeing the works of these 2 women who've had an impact on the quilting world.



Save the Date



In 2022 I attended my first Shipshewana Quilt Festival. I had the time of my life. The classes and presentations were phenomenal. Of course a fun time shopping was had by all. Unfortunately my first quilt festival was the last one held. Then a rumor started that a group in Elkhart was planning a Quilt and Fiber Expo for June of 2023. If that was the case, they had a lot to accomplish in a ten month period.

Well the brochure came out and it certainly looked interesting. A quilt and fiber show, vendors, classes, demonstrations promised. A friend of mine and I decided to check this out. We booked a room in Elkhart and registered. We were not disappointed. The quilt show had everything from traditional hand pieced and quilted to modern designs. Great vendors and wonderful classes. Of course the first time around had it's bumps. Many from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana planned a day trip. I was so happy I preregistered !! The line for those who did not was lengthy. However, the next day they had plenty of volunteers to handle the crowd. There were a variety of food truck options for lunch and snacks

The 2024 the Elkhart Quilt and Fiber Expo will be held June 6-8. You can go to the website and register with Gracie (a sweet little sheep) the event Mascot and Logo to receive additional information.

New for 2024:

Presentations in the theatre are free with event registration.

Demonstrations in the hall are free with event registration.

Two workshops for young people have been added.

Additional food truck options for lunch included salads (ice cream?)

Jane Stevens

Important Membership Reminder!

It is time to renew your membership for 2024.
The updated membership form is on the website.
Annual dues continue to be \$30 and are due February 29!

Please make checks out to Pride of the Prairie Quilters

Checks and membership forms can be turned in at the March meeting. Forms can be found on the website and will be 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 information

March 21, 2024 Sarah Hochheiser, Quilted clothing

April 18, 2024 Sue Pawlowski - Trunk show and April 20, 2024 Workshop Dancing with the Squares Sue Pawlowski is the quilter behind Jack Squares Studio. She has been quilting for about 23 years and hasn't gotten tired of it yet. Guess that means she is hooked. A few years ago, she decided to try her hand at writing quilting patterns. It has been an interesting journey with a huge learning curve. Her goal is to create patterns that make you really happy. After all, isn't that why we do this thing called quilting?!! Jacksquaresstudio.com

May 16, 2024 Open

June 20, 2024 40th (Ruby) Anniversary Red and White Party, Ruby Challenge

July 18, 2024 - UFO

August 15, 2024 First Quilt/Last Quilt, Workshop Eileen Uchima Mystery Tour Quilt finishing

September 19, 2024 Catherine Redford Language of Flowers

October 17, 2024 Open

November 21, 2024 Kelly Ashton 60 Degrees of Inspiration, Workshop 11/22/24

December 2024 No meeting



2024 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild!

We plan to Celebrate this milestone during the June 2024 Meeting.

Mark your calendars for the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild during the June 20th meeting.

We will be displaying our Red and White challenge! **(Details in last newsletter)**

There will be cake!

And other activities in the works as well.

We are also asking everyone to bring a Fat Quarter. Read below.

If your last name begins with the letters A-M bring in your ugliest or less appealing fat quarter.

If your last name begins with the letters N-Z bring in your prettiest or most appealing fat quarter.

If you have any questions please reach out to Lynn Poulos or Lynn Scheimann.

Quilt Show 2026 Needs You!!!!

Several positions have already been filled, but we need to fill all of the positions listed below so that work and planning can begin right away. Our guild needs you to sustain itself moving forward.

- Co- chairs (2)
 - Quilt Layout
 - Travel Quilt Team (2)
 - Vendors
 - Quilt Labels
 - Quilt Registration
 - Quilt Flyer
 - Silent Auction (2)
 - Strip Search (2)
 - Raffle Baskets (3)
 - Exterior Signage
 - Publicity (2)
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Are you ready for the mystery tour? Last month we learned what fabrics we will need to make either a table runner or lap-sized mystery quilt. If you missed the February meeting, Eileen will have a few copies of the fabric requirements on hand in March so it isn't too late to join us! Make sure that you stop by the mystery quilt table at the March meeting to pick up your first clue, because this month the cutting AND sewing will begin! Each month a new clue will be revealed until we get to the final reveal in August. There may be a trick or tip or two along the way, so be sure to stop by the table each month. See you at the meeting!

Philanthropy

Philanthropy

Thanks to all who turned in quilts and pillow cases to Philanthropy in the last several months. As a result of your efforts, we were able to donate 31 quilts and 47 pillowcases to Angel Grace Hospice. Your donations were immensely appreciated!

It is that time of the year when we need to start looking ahead to this year's session of Edward Hospital's Camp Hope. Camp Hope is a week-long summer camp, usually held in June and July, sponsored by Edward Hospital Cancer Center. It is specifically for children from age 6 - 12 whose parent or close family member is living with cancer. For many years, Pride of the Prairie has donated a quilt to each of the children who attend, and we hope to continue to do so again this summer. We are asking for quilts that are anywhere in size from 36" square up to throw size, preferably gender neutral. Please consider donating a quilt. We will be collecting quilts from now through the May guild meeting.

Lynn Bogue



March and April Birthdays

Sandi McHenney	Mar 1
Carol O'Dell	Mar 2
Kathy Beitzel	Mar 15
Sally Pawlak	Mar 17
Glenis Orłowski	Mar 21
Ruth Cicha	Mar 24
Elaine Salato	Mar 26
Teena Gilberto	Mar 29
Valli Schiller	Mar 31
Cathy Lucas	Apr 26
Camille Ellsworth	Apr 28
Sharon Thomsen	Apr 29



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 Raffle Tickets, Workshop fees and any traveling quilt tickets that might be attending our meeting



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, Jane Stevens at jmssampler@earthlink.net 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

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2024-2025 Pride of the Prairie Officers

- President – Carol O'Dell
- Vice President – Sandy Johnson
- Secretary – Diane Swaney-Smith
- Treasurer – Pat Herman
- Contracts /Programs –Lynn Poulos, Melaine Hinds, Lynn Scheimann & Eileen Uchima
- Publicity and Website – Stephanie Ferrara
- Newsletter – Jane Stevens
- Philanthropy – Lynn Bogue, Sandi McHenney & Diane Swaney-Smith
- Membership – Melanie Hinds, Anita Marsh, & Jane Stevens

