



## 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](mailto:msddsewnsew@aol.com) know of anyone who might need a card. Thanks.



We did it! We had a great quilt show! The “Stars” of the show were the quilts, of course! The variety was amazing! We have such a talented group of quilters. In this newsletter, we have included the list of quilts that were awarded ribbons.

I'd like to thank everyone for all their hard work, from setting up the show on Friday night, to volunteering during the show, to helping with the cleanup. It comes down more quickly than it goes up! Thank you to those who donated items for the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets, fabric for Strip Search, and books and magazines.

Also, a great big thank you to Carol O'Dell's daughter, Beth and “her Crew” for manning the concession stand! They took care of the menu, shopping for all the supplies, the cooking and the cleanup! Everything was delicious and it was all served with a smile!

Last, but definitely not least, thank you for the beautiful wall hanging! Whenever I look at it I will remember this quilt show.

We can now look forward to the 2028 Quilt Show. Be sure to keep the dates March 10 – 12, 2028 open on your calendar. Have you been thinking about the quilts you want to make? You'd better get started! We have some great speakers and workshops coming up. At our May Guild meeting, we will hear a lecture titled “Back Talk”, which will be all about quilt backs. Then in June, Maday Delgado will give a lecture titled “Trash Talk: Sustainability in Focus”. Sounds interesting! Her workshop is titled “The Art of Concentric Circles”. Circles are definitely outside of my comfort zone, but I'm going to go for it. It will be fun to learn something new! Then in July, Kathleen Herbach will be talking to us about binding in “Beyond Basic Binding”.

Happy quilting!

Kathy Beitzel and Jennifer Henry  
Co-Presidents

## Upcoming Events...

- July 23-25      The Quilter's Hall of Fame Celebration  
Featuring Judy Martin  
[www.quiltershalloffame.net](http://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 March/April 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

### May 21, 2026 - "Back Talk"

Lecture by Colleen Carlson

Every quilt has a back. Listen as a seasoned quilter and certified quilt judge, Colleen Carlson, shares insights on aspects of quilt backs. Durability is key and Colleen has surveyed experienced long arm quilters for their insights as backing experts. Also hear about easy hanger options and labels for your quilt backs.

### June 18, 2026 - "Trash Talk: Sustainability in Focus"

Lecture by Maday Delgado

Maday Delgado can't imagine a more expressive, comforting and connecting medium, than textiles. The stories they carry are a powerful reminder that a sustainable future is important to responsibly move our craft forward, for future generations. Maday will discuss how she reuses, repairs and up-cycles textiles in her creative practice as a way to mend our relationship with "waste" in the textile industry.

### June 20, 2026 - "The Art of Concentric Circles"

Workshop by Maday Delgado

Maday Delgado has taught curvy sewing for many years in workshops and to guilds throughout the US. This workshop will demonstrate her passion for concentric or nested circles. Maday will share tips, tricks, and favorite tools for sewing these circles with ease and accuracy, to add dynamism and flair to any of your future projects.

### 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.

Please contact Vicky Pampe ([vickyv11@yahoo.com](mailto:vickyv11@yahoo.com)) or Cathy Formanek ([joecat319@att.net](mailto:joecat319@att.net)) if you have any questions.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Pride of the Prairie Quilt Retreat  
Carmelite Spiritual Center - 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561  
Saturday, September 12 (9:00 am) - Monday, September 14 (12:00 pm)

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.

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**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 75<sup>th</sup> Street, extending south to 103<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Quilt Show 2026**

**Pride of the Prairie Quilters  
2026 Quilting with the Stars Quilt Show  
Show Winners**

Category	Quilt #	Quilt Name	Quiltmaker
Viewers' Choice	177	Garden Party Down Under	Catherine Lucas
Best in Show	3	Granny Squares Reimagined	Eileen Diercks
Category #1 - Pieced, Bed-Sized - 29 entries			
1st Place	3	Granny Squares Reimagined	Eileen Diercks

2nd Place	10	Cold Days, Warm Scraps	Catherine Lucas
3rd Place	27	Tulip Fields	Sandy Fuehrmeyer

**Category #2 - Pieced,  
Large - 88 entries**

1st Place	77	Star Flowers	Lynn Poulos
2nd Place	99	Batik Star Medallion	Eileen Diercks
3rd Place	84	My Birthday Quilt	Judy Raclawski

**Category #3 - Pieced,  
Medium - 29 entries**

1st Place	146	Storm at Sea Cross Quilt	Cheryl Parker
2nd Place	136	Cathedral Windows	Jean Yates
3rd Place	140	Our Flag Stands for Freedom	Carol O'Dell

**Category #4 - Pieced,  
Small - 5 entries**

1st Place	150	Blue Stars Wall Hanging	Jennifer Henry
2nd Place	151	I've Got a Notion	Eileen Uchima
3rd Place	152	Table Graces	Jean Yates

**Category #5 -  
Applique,  
Any Size - 11 entries**

1st Place	177	Garden Party Down Under	Catherine Lucas
2nd Place	178	Striped Circle Shadows	Cheryl Parker
3rd Place	182	Dance of the Dragonflies	Eileen Diercks

**Category #6 - Mixed,  
Large - 13 entries**

1st Place	157	Cosette	Lynn Bogue
2nd Place	154	Color Splash	Judi Arand
3rd Place	160	Modern Poinsettias	Sharon Thomsen

**Category #7 - Mixed,  
Small/Med. - 11  
entries**

1st Place	168	Japanese Fans	Carole Naughton
2nd Place	169	Building a Colorful Foundation	Sharon Thomsen



3rd Place	170	Buttons & Buds	Lynn Poulos
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**Category #8 - Wool,  
Any**

**Size - 1 entry**

1st Place	176	Autumn Splendor Wooly	Jean Yates
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**Category #9 - Machine  
Quilted by Registrant -  
19 entries**

1st Place	201	Vintage Christmas	Ann Jordan
2nd Place	193	Winter Skies	Ann Jordan
3rd Place	189	4H Memories	Sharon Thomsen

**Category #10 - Hand  
Quilted by Registrant -  
3 entries**

1st Place	208	Burrows and Boughs and a Bit More	Sharon Thomsen
2nd Place	207	Waterfall Memories	Sharon Thomsen
3rd Place	209	Kaleidoscope	Sharon Thomsen

**Category #11 -  
Modern/  
Art, Large - 8 entries**

1st Place	212	Scrappy Triangles	Anita Marsh
2nd Place	215	Modern Mystery Quilt	Elaine Salato
3rd Place	217	Blue Maze	Kathy Beitzel

**Category #12 -  
Modern/  
Art, Small/Medium -  
4 entries**

1st Place	280	Dogwood Blossom	Sharon Thomsen
2nd Place	231	Cushion Collage	Karen Shibley
3rd Place	220	Circles	Anita Marsh

**Category #13 - Misc. -  
14 entries**

1st Place	262	Quilted Jacket	Sharon Thomsen
2nd Place	261	Spring Jacket	Eileen Diercks
3rd Place	268	Duffle Bag	Cheryl Parker

**Category #15 -  
Challenge**

**Quilt 2026 - 4 entries**

1st Place	237	Challenge - The Snowstorm	Cheryl Parker
2nd Place	239	Gift From the Sea	Catherine Lucas
3rd Place	238	The Hidden Staircase	Carol Gruchala

**Category #16 - First-  
time**

**Entrant - 4 entries**

1st Place	270	Minnie Mystery	Cathy Formanek
2nd Place	272	Christmas Star	Teena Giliberto
3rd Place (tie)	269	Verdant Pathways	Vicky Pampe
3rd Place (tie)	271	Log Cabin	Kathy MacKenzie

## Philanthropy

Pregnancy Resource thanked us for our generosity to their new program “Drive Through” of baby diapers and wipes. This occurred at our March meeting.

Lightways Hospice has just opened their registration for Children’s Grief Camp which will be held June 29 until July 2. Gender neutral quilts are easier to distribute since they are never sure of how many boys versus girls signup. They usually have around 20 plus children. This will be our second year giving them quilts. Also, during June, Camp Hope which is for children who have cancer in their family, treasure our quilts. We have been giving them quilts for over 10 years.

Recently, I spent some time at St. Joe’s Hospital in Joliet and made many acquaintances of the staff. The Clinical Nurse knowing I am involved with the quilting community asked if we donated quilts and naturally responded with Yes. Chatted about their needs and would like lap size for their cancer patients. The lap size should be between 48” x 75”. There are many sizes within this measurement that would fit nicely on hospital bed.

There are still pieced tops that need to be quilted and a great way to enhance your quilting skills. Yes, there are quilt kits calling your name.

Piecefully, Sandy and Anita

PS: During my hospital stay I met a young nurse who was on her second week of nursing and thought she would be perfect for my grandson Joe. Perks to being on the philanthropy team!

Our guild deserves a round of applause!!  
Piecefully, Sandy Piatak & Anita Marsh



## May and June Birthdays

May 17 Cathy Formanek  
May 19 Lynn Bogue  
June 2 Ann Jordan  
June 9 Lynn Scheimann



## 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

July/Aug 2026  
Sept/Oct 2026  
Nov/Dec 2026

### Article Due Date

June 28, 2026  
Aug 28, 2026  
Oct 28, 2026

### Publication Date

July 10, 2026  
Sept. 10, 2026  
Nov 10, 2026

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month.

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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**

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