



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 Beitzl** (kbeitzel@att.net) know of anyone who might need a card.
Thanks.



As this year winds down, and where did it go, are you someone who makes a list of projects and/or UFOs to start or finish for 2024? Even if you don't write it down, it often hovers in the forefront of our thoughts.

I am a list maker. My list includes projects I've started years ago, not quite ready yet to pull the plug and admit that I won't get to it...at least this year. I am always hopeful for next year.

It feels good to complete a project from many years ago. This year, I finished a quilt that has been on my list since 2017. The top was completed. It only needed to be quilted and bound! It was amazing to be able to cross it off and add the completion date to my record.

With the holidays around the corner, and much to do, is there something on your list, either on paper or in your mind, that you could complete before the end of the year? The challenge from the programs committee is helping to keep those projects in the forefront so we can be ready to share them at the March guild meeting. If you need a refresher of those projects you had listed to have completed for that challenge, please see Lynn Scheimann. I am hoping for each of us much success!

With Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year around the corner, I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

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Upcoming Events:

11/1-11/2	Quilters Plus Holiday Boutique – held in Orland Park, IL *
11/1-11/3	Fine Art of Fiber at Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL *
11/4	POP Board Meeting 6 pm
11/4	POP Quilt Show Meeting 7 pm
11/21	POP Guild Meeting 7 pm NW Suburban Quilt Guild – Opportunity Quilt
11/22	Workshop – 60 Degrees of Inspiration Kelly Ashton 2 projects to choose from (Openings still available)
12/7 9am-12pm	Kids' Christmas Fun Fair & Christmas Cookie Walk Presented by Zion Lutheran Church
December	No Guild Meeting

2025:

2/20 - 2/23	QuiltCon – Phoenix, AZ
4/4 - 4/5	Hands All Around Quilt Guild's Show * Bloomington-Normal
4/5 - 4/6	Salt Creek Quilt Guild's Quilt Show * LaGrange, IL
5/17 - 5/18	Northwest Suburban Quilt Guild's Quilt Show * Judson University – Elgin

*Please check their websites for additional information.

If you know of any other quilt shows, please be sure to let Carol O'Dell know so that the information can be mentioned at the guild meetings and reported in the newsletter.



Important Notice:

At our November meeting, we need to put together a team (1 board member and 2 non-board members) who will make up the Nominating Committee. This year, I am pleased to say, we only have 4 positions that need to be filled. Diane Swaney-Smith is stepping back from her role as **secretary**, Melanie Hinds will be focusing on programs, so her position on the **membership** committee has an opening, and 2 people for the Contracts committee. The positions will be beginning in March 2025 – February 2026. Won't you consider filling one of those positions? Nominate yourself, nominate a friend!

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A Reminder:

Our opportunity quilt will be revealed at the November meeting!! You won't want to miss this grand event! We will hear more about this quilt and its construction at the meeting. Don't forget, our quilt show dates are March 14 & 15, 2026.

At Our Next Meeting:

We will be welcoming a few members of the **Northwest Suburban Quilt Guild** along with their opportunity quilt, "Color-Rings". Please come prepared to support their guild.

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.

In Case You Couldn't Make It:

This is a summary of both the September and October guild meetings:

Announcements:

1. September – the DeKalb County Quilters Guild brought their opportunity quilt for display and tickets sales.
2. Quilt retreat – July 25-27, 2025 Carmelite Retreat Center – will begin collecting monies after the first of the year. More details to follow.
3. Taste of Zion – Aug. 2024 – we served mini cheesecakes with strawberries.
4. Philanthropy dropped off many quilts to A) The Pearl nursing home, B) Another nursing home and C) Pregnancy Resource Center. Lolly Adolfson dropped off pillowcases and lap quilts to Delle Velle, a migrant center between Plainfield and Oswego.
5. The Lockport guild, Heritage Quilters asked if we would announce that Jill Shaulis from Yellow Creek Designs, will be at their guild Nov. 12.
Guest fee will be \$10.
6. Upcoming quilt shows announced, please see our newsletter for those events.
7. Name tag winners: Lynn Poulos, Ann Jordan, Cathy Formanek and Wendy Kolodzinski.
8. Two questions from the newsletter winners: Wendy Kolodzinski and Cheryl Parker.
9. Give-A-Way for the Quilt Folk magazine – winner Susan Janasik.
10. In Sept., there was a Fall All Star Sampler Platter via Zoom for our members.
11. Update given for the Mystery Quilt-Along by Eileen Uchima. Members who participated were asked to bring their projects to be shown at the October meeting. Many members did bring their projects and some even brought additional projects they made using the pattern Eileen designed.
12. Moda is having a 50th anniversary challenge with awards to be given. They have designed a special line of fabric for the anniversary that is to be used for the challenge. Please see www.modafabrics.com for more information.
13. October 22 – Another philanthropy kit-making day at Jill Stuck's barn.

Committee Reports:

Contracts and Programs highlighted the programs that are upcoming.

November – Kelly Ashton – 2 workshops to choose from. Spots still available.

December – No meeting

January – Plan A: Come to the church and we'll have our speaker via Zoom, the rest of the meeting as we normally would.

Plan B: bad weather, stay home and we'll do our whole meeting and presentation via zoom.

Handouts (Zoom directions) were available for those not comfortable with Zoom.



A garage sale is being planned for next year. Please keep this in mind when cleaning your sewing space as donations will be needed and appreciated.

It was mentioned by the committee that many speakers no longer wish to do their presentations in person, but rather by Zoom. Our October 2025 presentation will also be by Zoom.

Quilt Show and Committees:

Jen Henry: The last position to be filled is the Travel Coordinator. Jen is putting together a list of places to visit with our quilt. Next quilt show meeting: November 4 at 7 pm. The Opportunity Quilt will be revealed at the November guild meeting.

Melanie Hinds: Strip Search: is setting up a box that will be at each guild meeting where you can place your donations for this area. 2 ½" strips, FQ, yardage, etc. As you visit quilt shows, please make note of what they're selling and prices. Please let Melanie and the committee know.

Anita Marsh: Silent Auction: held up samples of things that can be donated. Please turn them in when items are completed.

Lynn Scheimann: Challenge Quilts: "Your Favorite Book" will be the theme. Please make a quilt inspired by your favorite book. Please include a picture of the book and quilt needs to be the same shape as the book. Please see Lynn for details of the challenge.

Show & Tell:

We're trying something new. While a quilt is being displayed and spoken about, someone will be recording the maker's name while Stephanie Ferrera is taking a picture. This information will then be added to the website. (Please check out the website as there are many beautiful pictures of our quilts.)

Programs:

September: Catherine Redford
October: Schoolhouse

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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

November 21, 2024 Kelly Ashton 60 Degrees of Inspiration,
Workshop on Friday the 22nd. Choose from 2 patterns. Tumbling Block or Inner City – pictures
at sign up table. Sign up soon!! Cost is \$55 plus templates.

December 2024 No meeting

January 16th 2025 Speaker Cathy Perlmutter will be speaking – Topic “Scrap Cities”.

February 20th 2025 Quilts of Valor. We will also be introducing a Block Lotto. More information coming

March 20th 2025 UFO Deadline. Remember, each finished item will get you a raffle ticket for prizes.

November Speaker and Workshop!! 60 Degrees of Inspiration
Speaker - Kelly Ashton

Sign up soon!!

Tumbling Block / Inner City TWO-FER! One full-day workshop where the process of both “value-driven” projects, *Tumbling Blocks* and *Inner City*, are taught in the same workshop. Each participant selects which of the two projects they wish to create. What a deal!!!! (Book purchase NOT required. Project set of acrylic templates mandatory for each participant.)



Tumbling Block



Inner City



QUILT SHOW 2026

The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.
A big reason we have these meetings is to share ideas.
ALL ideas are welcome and appreciated!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The OPPORTUNITY QUILT will be revealed at the November Guild Meeting!!
Be sure to be there!

We are asking for donations of the following –

Raffle Baskets – Contact Kathy MacKenzie 708-299-6610, kjmackenzie@sbcglobal.net or Jean Yates 630-271-0140, jmrej@prodigy.net for more information.

Silent Auction – Handmade items. Contact Anita Baranski 815-342-1188, ALJB1@sbcglobal.net or Anita Marsh 630-643-0001, anitamarsh@aol.com for more information.

Strip Search – 2 ½ in. strips and/or yardage of GOOD quality fabric. Contact Melanie Hinds at 630-995-6514, melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com

Magazines, Books, & Patterns – Bring these to the Quilt Show Set Up on Friday, March 13, 2026. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE GUILD MEETINGS.

Contact Teena Giliberto 815-238-5097, teenalp@outlook.com or Vicky Pampe 318-366-5720, vickyv11@yahoo.com for more information.

Your donations of items and your time are greatly appreciated! Thank you

Mark your calendars! The Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show is set for March 14th and 15th of 2026.

Philanthropy

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the quilts that have been received for philanthropy! We had another successful kit making day in October! A big round of applause to an awesome group of ladies who have been cutting and creating kits this year for our members to piece together. We bagged a total of 45 kits. Wow! We will have kits available for you to pick up at each guild meeting. We appreciate all of you for taking the time to help. If only we could capture the surprise and smiles of those groups that receive the quilts.....priceless! We anticipate having another kit making day in Spring 2025.

The latest donation was to Black Mountain, North Carolina – 12 quilts were sent to Lo & Behold Stitchery. This is a shop in the area of the hurricane / flooding devastation. Visit www.loandbeholdstitchery.com for more information and additional ways to help.

We are still collecting small lap, patriotic quilts that we will donate to the Angels Grace Hospice in Bolingbrook. These quilts will be presented to veterans during a pinning ceremony. They ask that they be red, white, and blue and the size they need can range from **36 / 40"** by **50 / 60"**.

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, etc. is fine.

Thank you for your generosity!!

We continue to need your help as there are ongoing needs in our communities. Please consider using up leftover scraps to make a quilt. Our website offers several patterns to follow. There are many free patterns online, offered by various fabric companies such as Moda, Robert Kaufman, Dear Stella, Riley Blake. In addition, many shops have patterns for you to use such as Fat Quarter Shop, Sweet Daisy, Quilt Expressions, Cluck Cluck Sew, etc. So pour yourself a cup of tea or coffee and let a computer search help you discover your next creation.....to donate, of course!!

According to Care.com and other sources, typical quilt sizes are as follows;

Receiving blanket	18 x 18" to 36 x 36"
Crib / baby	30 x 40, 40 x 40, 40 x 50, 48 x 57
Lap	56 x 74, 60 x 70, 64 x 76
Wheelchair	33 x 40, 36 x 40, 40 x 40

Our current needs; batting, yardage for backings, domestic and longarm quilters



A special *"thank you"* goes to Ann Jordan, who has been longarm quilting so many of these quilts! If you are looking for a longarmer, Ann is highly recommended and what a great way to thank her for her service to our guild!

Piecefully, Sandy and Jill

Batting Requested:

If you are a longarmer and have a particular type of batting that you use, would you consider donating those scraps to our Philanthropy committee? That would reduce the amount of batting we need to purchase. However, we **need to know what kind of batting it is** as we want to make sure we are putting together like pieces. However, we would like the pieces to be a bit bigger: at least 12" wide by 24"-30" long. Please do not donate smaller pieces.

If you have batting you'd be willing to donate, please let Sandy Piatak know and have it clearly labeled with what kind it is.

Newsletter Article Submissions:

Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2025
Mar/April 2025
May/June 2025

Article Due Date

December 29, 2024
February 28, 2025
April 28, 2025

Publication Date

January 10, 2025
March 10, 2025
May 10, 2025

November and December Birthdays

11/16 Kathy Mueller
11/22 Laura McCormack
11/30 Sandy Piatek
12/4 Denise Krusenoski
12/15 Sandy Fuehrmeyer
12/15 Melanie Hinds



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 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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Philanthropy – Sandy Piatek, Jill Stuck

Membership – Melanie Hinds, Anita Marsh, & Jane Stevens