



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 school gets underway for our children and grandchildren, does it trigger a need to "start afresh"? I always loved a new school year when my kiddos were young because it seemed to "reset" the schedule...maybe another chance to get organized.

As we are at the beginning of September, we can look back and see what we've accomplished so far this year and look forward to what we need to do before the end of the year. Do we have gifts on our to-do list? Do we have goals to do some personal quilts, table runners, bags, etc?

I know many of us have PLENTY of patterns for those projects we wish to create. Some of us may also have plenty of fabric that are waiting for projects!

One avenue for inspiration are the many quilt shows in our area. Some of those are listed in this newsletter.

But also, have you ever considered looking at the various fabric company websites for free patterns? When a designer creates a new fabric line, often a free pattern is available using that particular line of fabric. But you could use any fabric you'd like to make that item. It is quite fun to view those fabric company websites for upcoming fabric lines, challenges and the like.

Here are a few if you'd like to take a look:

1. www.modafabrics.com* inspiration & resources
2. www.artgalleryfabrics.com projects
3. www.rileyblakedesigns.com free patterns
4. www.robertkaufman.com patterns

*Moda used to have a separate site for Moda Bake Shop, which was a website specifically designed using precuts such as jelly rolls, honey buns, layer cakes, etc. These free patterns are now included within www.modafabrics.com. A LOT of great free project ideas!

We just had our finishing workshop for our mystery quilt-a-long through our guild. We had a great turn out and it was fun to see the projects as we worked to put them together. Remember, October is the month to bring your finished table runner or quilt to show the guild.

We have inspiration within and from outside our guild. Where do you get your creativity?
We'd love to see it!

Carol O'Dell

Upcoming Events:

Now: Online sign-ups for Houston Quilt Show classes (dates below)

9/5-9/7/2024 The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show – Madison

9/9 POP Board Meeting 6 pm
POP Quilt Show Committee Meeting 7 pm

9/19 POP Guild Meeting 7 pm
DeKalb Quilt Guild – Opportunity Quilt

9/21-9/22 Heritage Quilters Guild Quilt Show– Lockport, IL

10/11 – 10/12 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Show (Morris guild)

10/16 POP Guild Meeting 7 pm

10/18-10/19 Prairie Star Quilt Guild Quilt Show – St. Charles, IL

10/25-10/26 DeKalb County Quilt Guild Quilt Show- IL

10/31-11/3 The International Quilt Show – Houston, TX

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

11/21 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

2/20/2025-2/23/2025 QuiltCon – Phoenix, AZ
Online entry for quilts: 9/1/2024-10/31/2024

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.



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.

THANK YOU...

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who helped at the Taste of Zion. **Jane Stevens** made the delicious mini-cheesecakes, **Jen Henry** brought strawberries and worked at our booth. The rest of the workers were: **Sally Pawlak, Karen Shibley, Teena Giliberto, Sandy Piatak and Carol O'Dell**. We had a great time visiting the different "booths" throughout the church, getting to meet a few of the trustees, board members and different volunteers that help support the church's mission. We were thankful for the invitation and their thoughtfulness to include us as a part of their event.

Guest Opportunity Quilt

At our September guild meeting, the DeKalb County quilt guild will be visiting and displaying their opportunity quilt. Please be prepared to purchase tickets if you're so inclined. Also, don't forget those address labels!

Welcome

We'd like to offer a warm welcome to our 2 newest members, Cheryl Bendele and Donna Boroweic. We're glad you're here!

The List

Out of sight, out of mind...not quite. Dealing with a stack of unfinished quilt projects can leave us with many concerns and questions. Like, how much money was invested in "must-have" tools and beautiful fabric? The emotional attachment to unfinished quilt projects goes beyond just the monetary investment. Each unfinished project represents time, effort, and creative energy. It can be a source of guilt, regret, and even self-doubt as we question our ability to see things through to completion. You may ask, was it realistic to take on a new project before others were completed? The idea was brilliant until something came along that was more inviting. As the pile builds, we realize we continually sing the same song.

Reflecting on the reasons behind starting new projects before finishing old ones, we may find that our enthusiasm and passion for quilting sometimes gets the better of us. The allure of new designs and fabrics can be irresistible, causing us to temporarily forget about the UFOs neatly (or not so neatly) hidden away. Still, we need to practice self-compassion and remind ourselves that it's okay to have

unfinished projects - it doesn't diminish our skills or passion for quilting. Fear not fellow quilters, there is no need to get overwhelmed or disappointed. There are strategies that solve this common dilemma.

One idea is to write a letter to yourself and include a list of UFOs. Share your letter with another quilter and challenge them to do the same. Pay attention to your list and remember the initial inspiration that pushed you to buy that beautiful fabric or crazy cool pattern. Your completed masterpiece may be given, donated, or added to a wall. Fulfillment comes from completing the project; a reward worth sharing. Whatever you choose, post your list on the fridge or by your sewing machine. Don't hide from yourself, get back to where you started. Learning new and refining old skills often inspires us to refocus, resulting in less UFO projects. Remember, when projects are difficult or impossible to ignore, the chances of completing them are greater. And acknowledge that personal accountability is a "must-have" tool.

Submitted by Stephanie Ferrara

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We have a new Vice President, Kathy Beitzel. I am thankful, as is the rest of the board, to have her fill this position. Thank you, Kathy! If you know of someone who needs a card of encouragement or in case of illness, please notify her.

Get well cards were sent to Lolly Adolfson and Shirley Contreras.

We continue to update the membership regarding the Taste of Zion on August 24th from 3pm-7pm. Jane Stevens will supply mini-cheesecakes and a paper was sent around for those who wanted to help work our booth.

We're looking into having a guild retreat. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, please let me know.

Upcoming quilt shows were mentioned. (The list is in the newsletter.)

Those winning a gift for being able to answer questions from their newsletter reading were Eileen Diercks and Cathy Lucas. Nametag winners for the 2 months, winning \$10 gift certificates to a local quilt shop, were Glenis Orlowski, Eileen Diercks, Sandy Piatak and Pat Herman.

Jean Yates gave a report about the new quilt bee formed and meeting at Robert's Sewing Center.



Eileen Uchima mentioned details regarding the Mystery Quilt Along and the finishing workshop to be held on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Lynn Scheimann reminded us about the workshop in November. Cost is \$55.

Philanthropy has thanked us for the many donations. Sandy read a thank you letter received from the children at Camp Hope. They are looking for red, white and blue quilts for Angel Grace Hospice. Please see Philanthropy note for sizes and any donation information.

Through the end of the August meeting, all positions for the Quilt Show have been filled with the exception of: TRAVEL COORDINATOR. If interested, grab a friend and let Jen Henry know. Please begin collecting for Strip Search, Books, Magazine and Patterns, Raffle Baskets and think about what you might donate to Silent Auction.

We had Show and Tell followed by the scheduled programs for each month. We had a great time!

Carol O'Dell

Did You Know??

The **2022 Quilters' Survey from Premier Needles Arts** (presented in 2023) show:

- In the United States and Canada 85 million creatives account for \$35 billion in sales.
- The quilting industry anticipates approaching \$5 billion by 2026-2027, indicating stable and solid growth.
- The average quilter started her first quilt in her 50s when there was time, space and income to quilt.
- The average quilter is still driven by women in their 60s.
- There are an estimated 30 million active sewists (a slight decrease from the peak of the pandemic).
- Digital learning is in high demand through both YouTube and other digital media.
- Quilters utilize social media daily for connecting but still prefer being in-person.

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

September 19th 2024 Catherine Redford, will be sharing with us the Language of Flowers

October 17th 2024 School House. Very excited....

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



2026 Quilt Show Challenge

The new Quilt Challenge for the 2026 Quilt show has been thought about, discussed, debated, and cried over... It has been a pressure cooker, and I am so exhausted!!

But the decision is in!!!! Are you ready to find out what it is???

Well, you are going to have to wait till the September POP Guild meeting to find out what it is!! Sorry!!!

FALL ALL STAR SAMPLER PLATTER

Global Quilt Connections is hosting the All Star Sampler Platter on September 28 and 29, 2024 and Pride of the Prairie Quilters is registered !!! This means that all Guild members will be able to participate.

What is Global Quilt Connections? They are an organization that connects quilters and Guilds with teachers around the globe. They provide live Meet the Teacher webinars, teacher listings, and contact links. They also provide All Star Sample Platters. They are live virtual programs for Guild members. It is 6 hours (over 2 days) of 15 minute demonstrations.

This wonderful learning opportunity will be held on September 28 and 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm central time. It is FREE to all Guild members.

Information on how to participate will be discussed at the September meeting, on the Website, and distributed by e-mail. ENJOY.

QUILT SHOW 2026

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

**The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.
A big reason we have these meetings is to share ideas.
ALL ideas are welcome and appreciated!**

The 2026 Quilt Show still needs volunteers to be the Travel Coordinators for the Opportunity Quilt. This is a very important position. Please! Grab a friend (or friends) & volunteer! Call Jennifer Henry at 630-234-4218 or email Jenhenry@aol.com.
TRAVEL COORDINATORS – Coordinate the schedule for the Opportunity Quilt to travel to various quilt guilds, quilt shops & other locations or special events. Obtain volunteers to take the quilt to these locations, & to make sure that those volunteers have sufficient tickets & cash to take with them.

We are also asking for donations of the following –

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.

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

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





Thanks to all who joined us last month to “solve” the mystery! A fun and productive time was had by all! If you were unable to make the finishing date, see Lynn S. at meeting for the finishing instructions.

After much thought, the decision was made that it would be unfair to provide the finishing instructions free of charge for those who were did not attend the workshop. Please understand that the \$25 fee covers costs for developing the program, copying materials, use of the room, and Eileen’s time.

If you need any additional help with solving the Mystery, please contact Eileen at meeting or via email (in membership directory).

Philanthropy

September newsletter

Heartfelt thanks for all the quilts that have been received for philanthropy!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Meade

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have delivered 23 quilts and 5 receiving blankets to the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center. The 22 wheelchair / lap quilts have been delivered with half taken to Renwick Nursing & Rehab and the other half taken to The Pearl of Joliet.

We are still collecting small lap, patriotic quilts that we will donate to the Angels Grace Hospice in Bolingbrook. You have generously made 8 so far and we hope to receive a few more in the next month before we visit them. 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....or simply let your creative juices flow!

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

"Kindness in words creates confidence.

Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.

Kindness in giving creates love."

Lao Tzu

Lastly, we are in short supply of batting – all sizes. We have many tops needing to be quilted. A few of our members are quilting some of the tops but we could really use more help with this. Our goal is for the quilts to be donated, used, and loved!

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

Nov/Dec 2024
Jan/Feb 2025
Mar/April 2025

Article Due Date

October 29, 2024
December 29, 2024
February 28, 2025

Publication Date

November 10, 2024
January 10, 2025
March 10, 2025

July and August Birthdays

9/1 Lynn Poulos
9/8 Karen Jameson
9/9 Pat Herman
9/9 Jane Stevens
9/21 Anita Marsh
9/26 Susan Janasik
10/5 Sandy Kolarik
10/10 Eileen Uchima
10/13 Sharon Read
10/31 Eileen Diercks



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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