



A Message from Carol O'Dell, President

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Last month we had our first post-COVID retreat as a guild. It was held at The Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien and we had a great time!!

We got there Friday and most of us were set up to sew by mid-morning. Of course, we had to say hello and check out everyone's projects. We had a great deal of space in the sewing room with plenty of cutting and pressing areas, in addition to the snacks we brought to share.

Over the weekend, there was sewing, unsewing, pressing and even some finishes. No matter if we finished or not, we did get a great deal accomplished on our projects!

We are looking forward to going back and have asked for a contract to be sent for next year. I should be able to announce the date soon!

Some of those at the retreat were working on their quilts for the quilt show in March. So many lovelies in varying degrees of completion. Thank goodness our quilt show is about 6 months away, but that time will go quickly.

Even if you didn't make it to the retreat, are you focusing on what you can enter in the show? If you want to check out the categories for our 2026 show, please refer to our website as they are listed under the Quilt Show tab. Remember, our largest categories tend to be pieced large and pieced bed sized. Stretch your wings and try entering something into one or more of the other categories. Do you like applique? Modern/Art quilts? We have 2 categories for those. We have our usual categories for Mixed, Wool and Miscellaneous and we even have 2 new options, which are First Time Entrant and Found and Finished. I hope you'll check out the descriptions for all of those categories so that you can make the best choice for your beautiful creation!

As always, should you have any questions, please be sure to contact Jennifer Henry. I know she's always happy to help with anything quilt show related.

I do have a first for you related to the quilt show, at least as far as I can remember. In 2026, our quilt show falls on the weekend after the time change. Usually, it falls on the Saturday night of our quilt show so this will be something new.

Happy sewing on your projects!

Carol O'Dell

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



Upcoming Events...

9/8	POP Board Meeting/Quilt Show Meeting 5:45 pm/7:15pm Zion Lutheran Church
9/18	POP Guild Meeting 7pm at Zion Lutheran Church
9/20-9/21	Faithful Circle Quilt Guild's Quilt Show Jefferson Jr. High School, Woodridge Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 10am – 4 pm
9/27-9/28	Quilter's Connection Sampler Platter for POP Members
9/27-9/28	Kankakee Quiltmaker's Quilt Show First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee Friday 9am - 5pm; Saturday 9am – 3pm
10/4-10/5	Heritage Quilters of Crown Point, IN Quilt Show Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm

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:

Please refer to the attached minutes from the July and August guild meetings for happenings at those meetings.

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

If you have any questions about the presentations or workshops, please contact Melanie Hinds (melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com) or Eileen Uchima (Eileen.uchima@gmail.com) – Programs Committee.

Information can also be found at the [Pride of the Prairie website](#), under “Activities.” There is an area for Presentations and a separate area for Workshops.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 13, 2025

Quilt Show 2026 Stash & Slash Open House Come out and help the Strip Search Committee cut, fold and bag fabric that will be sold at our 2026 Quilt Show! We'll meet at Zion Lutheran Church, from 9:30 am-2:00 pm. We'll provide the fabric, cutting mats, rotary cutters and ironing boards & irons, and bags. You supply the enthusiasm! No need to sign up – just drop in when you can, leave when you want! Come and hang with your “sew sisters” (to borrow a phrase from Karen Brown of *Just Get It Done Quilts*).

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Garage Sale and Auction Our last garage sale and auction was so successful we are going to do it again! Perhaps you are downsizing. Perhaps you got a sewing gift that just isn't “you.” Perhaps you found a kit or a notion in your closet and wondered “*I don't remember buying this, What is this for?*” If you no longer want/need it, someone else might. Consider donating your items to help raise funds for the guild. If you have any questions about a donation, please contact Lynn Schiemann (lschiemann@comcast.net) who is helping on this event.

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 16, 2025 ****ZOOM Presentation****

Shannon Leigh Roudhán and Jason Bowlsby are the dynamic DIY duo from California whose award-winning crochet, knit, quilting, and sewing designs have been published in books and magazines around the globe.

Shannon and Jason will present two beloved textile arts, quilting and Sashiko, that have been around for centuries. This presentation will be a great way to learn more about Sashiko and prepare us for our October workshop by Eileen Uchima!

October 18, 2025

Sashiko Workshop

Our very own Eileen Uchima will present a workshop on Sashiko, at Zion Lutheran Church, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The cost of the workshop is \$30 per person. A kit containing the design, fabric, Sashiko threads, needles and instructions will be required. The kit is \$40 and can be purchased from Eileen on the day of the workshop (cash or check only, please). Please plan to bring a lunch or snack and something to drink..

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 20, 2025

Let's plan one last get together in 2025 to connect with each other before the holidays! We'll plan to have some snacks, and a game or two (with prizes) and just enjoy each other's company with some great conversations!

DECEMBER EVENTS

No meeting! – Enjoy the holiday with family!!!

JANUARY EVENTS

January 15, 2026

Quilt Show School House Our first meeting of 2026 will help us get ready for our Quilt Show in March. We'll plan to have demonstrations on how to add sleeves and labels to our quilts and how to make our bindings more attractive. Whether you plan to submit a quilt for judging or just want to display a quilt; whether you're a first-timer or an experienced quilter, we hope these demonstrations will help you get excited about our show!

QUILT SHOW 2026 **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Saturday, September 13th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stash Slash Bash! We will be ironing fabric, cutting 2 ½" strips, sorting and bagging. Come for an hour, 3 hours or stay all day. Bring a drink and maybe a snack. We have 2 ironing boards and irons, and 2 cutting mats at the church. But we will need rotary cutters and rulers. Contact Melanie Hinds 630-995-6514 with any questions.

Thursday, September 18th

At our Guild Meeting, Ann Jordan will review the Quilt Show Registration form. We have a couple of new categories this year. She will also DEMO THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM. (I promise, it is SO easy!!)

Thursday, October 16th

At our Guild Meeting, Ann Jordan will be available to review the Quilt Registration form and DEMO THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM. (It's really, really easy!)

Thursday, November 20th



Holiday Party! Time to celebrate!

We will also have time for a QUILT SHOW Q. & A. Bring your list of questions! (Remember there are NO stupid questions!)

Thursday, January 15th

At our Guild Meeting –

THIS IS THE DEADLINE FOR HANDING IN QUILT REGISTRATION FORMS!

Quilt Show Schoolhouse: We will DEMO Quilt Labels, Pillowcases, Hanging Sleeves, and the Quilt Show Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures.

AND SIGN UP SHEETS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE QUILT SHOW! WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

Thursday, February 19th

At our Guild Meeting, we will have a QUILT SHOW Q. & A. We'll answer any of those last minute questions.

AND SIGN UP SHEETS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE QUILT SHOW! WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

Have you been working on your Challenge Quilt?

Create a quilt inspired by your favorite book – one that has impacted your life, whether from your childhood, one you have read to a child or simply a book that holds special meaning to you.

Size: No larger than 36" x 48"

Techniques: Any, as long as it is made entirely by you, the member. Including the quilting & binding.

Questions??? Contact Lynn Scheimann lscheimann@comcast.net

Start saving your \$\$\$ - We have great Vendors!

They are Alice Ridge Quilts, Andrea's Creative Expressions – jewelry from vintage tableware, Carol Ann's Candies, Dyeing for a New Career, Kentuckiana Country Quilts, Mary Winegar, Old Master Pen Shoppe, Roberts Sewing Center, Robin Ruth Barn Quilts, Warman Cozy, and Yellow Creek Quilts.

Silent Auction needs your Quilty Items!

We will have a silent auction with our POP quilt show in 2026, and need quilty items to auction, with all proceeds going to the guild for programs in 2026 and 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact –

Anita Marsh 630-643-0001 anitamarsh@aol.com or Anita Baranski 815-342-1188

ALJB1@sbcglobal.net

Strip Search needs your unwanted fabric!!

Please remember to save all your clean, good quality quilting fabric that is at least 2.5" wide so we can sell it at our Quilt Show. In addition to bags of strips that will be packaged for sale, we will also consider the following types of fabrics: panels, selvages, strips less than 2.5". novelty and holiday fabrics.

If you have any questions about fabric donations, please contact anyone from the Strip Search Committee.

Jean Black jeancblack@att.net

Melanie Hinds melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com

Karen Shibley kms50@aol.com

Don't throw out those unwanted Books, Magazines and Patterns!!!

Please start collecting books, magazines and patterns. Bring them to the Quilt Show the night of set up.

If you have any questions, please contact –

Teena Giliberto 815-258-5097 teenalp@outlook.com or

Vicky Pampe 318-366-5720 vickyv11@yahoo.com

Raffle Baskets still needs donations!

Donation items, including baskets, have been coming in and we would like to say a big "thank you" to those of you who have donated so far. We are hoping that everyone will donate at least one fat quarter and one new spool of thread, both of the quality that you would use. If you might need a little guidance on other donations, please contact either of us.

We will continue to set out a large plastic tub at the guild meeting to collect any donations. Feel free to contact us or find either of us at a meeting with any comments or questions. Again thank you so much for your generosity and support!

The Raffle Basket Committee

Kathy MacKenzie 708/299-6610 kjmackenzie@sbcglobal.net

Jean Yates 630/271-0140 jmrej@prodigy.net



Philanthropy

We appreciate your time and talent in making quilts & pillowcases! As our stockpiles increase, we will be able to make more deliveries.

"When you get involved, you feel the sense of hope & accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."
Pauline R. Kezer

We have many kits, available at each monthly meeting, that need to be pieced & finished. To achieve that goal, we are having a contest.....***Empty the Kit Bin in 2025***!!

For each kit that is returned – pieced, quilted & bound, by the end of this year – your name will be entered into a drawing to be held in January 2026. Two winners will receive a gift card to a quilt shop! Please help us empty the bin!

Our current needs; baby quilts & pillowcases

Kids quilts – boy, girl or gender neutral, approximate size 45/50" by 60"

A list of quilt sizes and several easy patterns can be found on our website, prideofprairie.org. Drop down from the "community service" heading to "ideas and resources".

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.

Our supply needs; batting, yardage for backs, domestic & longarm quilters

Thank you for your generosity!!

Peace by piece, Sandy and Jill

Newsletter Article Submissions:

<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Article Due Date</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Nov/December 2025	October 29,2025	Nov. 10 ,2025
Jan/Feb 2026	December 29, 2025	Jan. 10, 2026
March/April 2026	February 28,2026	March 10,2026

September and October Birthdays

9/1 Lynn Poulos
9/8 Karen Jamison
9/9 Pat Herman
9/9 Jane Stevens
9/21 Anita Marsh
9/26 Susan Janisak
10/5 Sandy Kolarik
10/10 Eileen Euchima
10/11 Diane Swaney Smith
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

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