



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 know of anyone who might need a card. Thanks.



Dear POP Guild Members,

We began the month of August with a Philanthropy Workday at Jill's Quilt Barn. Guild members arrived to find tables full of donated fabric. Some set up sewing machines, and others made quilt kits. A few quilts were finished that day, but many took the kits home to work on. Thank you to everyone who donated their time not just that day, but the coming days when they will be busy finishing the kits. A special thank you to Jill for opening up her Quilt Barn to the Guild. It was a great space to work on this project, with sew many tables for cutting and sewing. Can't wait to see Show & Tell at the Guild meetings!

Thank you to Lynn Vock for teaching us the Stripology method of making Flying Geese. Wow! When we started out I couldn't see how we were going to turn those fabric squares into Flying Geese, but Gudrun Erla figured out this method and I'm so grateful. These are the most uniform Flying Geese I have ever made! No skimpy seam allowances that I need to "make work".

At our September Guild meeting we will be treated to a lecture and trunk show by Jill Shaulis, owner and designer of Yellow Creek Quilts. You won't want to miss it.

Then in October we'll have a lecture and workshop by Monique Kleinhans. Her quilted landscapes are beautiful and so different from anything I have ever done. I decided to step out of my comfort zone and take the workshop. I have already ordered and received the kit for the workshop. The fabric is beautiful.

I love the variety of programs our Guild is having! A very dear friend sent me a card a few years ago which I have on a shelf in my sewing room. It says, "We're like polka dots and stripes. Totally cute on our own, but more fun and fabulous together!". I think that is true of our Guild. Some are polka dots and some are stripes, and we are fun and fabulous together!

Jennifer Henry
POP Co-President

Upcoming Events...

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 July/August 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

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.

Additional details and supply lists can be found on the guild's website (<https://prideofprairie.org/>) on the 'Activities' tab.

Please contact Vicky Pampe (vickyv11@yahoo.com) or Cathy Formanek (joecat319@att.net) if you have any questions or would like to sign up for a workshop.

2026 Pride of the Prairie Quilt Retreat

Retreat Details:

- Dates: Saturday, September 12 (9:00 AM) – Monday, September 14 (12:00 PM)
- Location: Carmelite Spiritual Center
- Address: 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561
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Pricing & Payment Details:

- Single Room: \$295
- Double Room: \$225
- Deposit: A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot.
- Balance: The remaining balance will be collected at our August guild meeting.
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Just remember...what happens at quilt retreat stays at quilt retreat! :)

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 75th Street, extending south to 103rd 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.

Philanthropy

Anyone needing kits to work on please contact Sandy or Anita.

Sandy Piatak
Anita Marsh



September/October Birthdays

Sept 1	Lynn Poulis
Sept 8	Karen Jameson
Sept 9	Pat Herman
Sept 9	Jane Stevens
Sept 21	Anita Marsh
Sept 26	Susan Janasik
Oct 5	Sandy Kolarik
Oct 10	Eileen Uchima
Oct 11	Diane Swaney-Smith
Oct 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 Article Submissions:

Newsletter

Nov/Dec 2026
Jan/Feb 2027
Mar/April 2027

Article Due Date

Oct 28, 2026
Dec 28, 2026
Feb 28, 2027

Publication Date

Nov 10, 2026
Jan 10, 2027
Mar 10, 2027

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 28th 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

2026-2027 Pride of the Prairie Officers

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