



A Message from Carol O'Dell, President

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I know we're getting close to the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We're also getting closer to our quilt show in March. How are you coming with your quilts and projects that become Christmas gifts? How about those for yourself? All finished? Almost finished? Or, "Oh no, I haven't started?"

I have the same questions about those quilts and projects that you want to display at our quilt show. For those who are newer to our guild, we tend to be very heavy in the larger pieced category. That is why the quilt committee decided to break it down into 2 sizes of larger quilts, both large and bed sized. So, for pieced quilts, there are actually 4 categories based on the perimeter of each quilt.

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.

Have you downloaded and reviewed the categories for our upcoming quilt show? If not, you may want to do that. I challenge you to review that form and even plan to make a quilt or project that may be outside your comfort zone. Would you consider something you've not tried before, or a particular skill you would like to improve? The goal of our quilt show is to showcase the talent of our members.

It is also an opportunity to show our guests quilts from easy to challenging, in addition to highlighting the many projects that our guild members make that aren't quilts. Some of those types of projects might be bag making, table runners, wall hangings, rugs, and the like. Would you consider entering something you've not done before? Take a look at the Quilt Show Entry Categories form and see the many options available.

By the way, we also have a new category entitled, "Found and Finished". That would be something you would find on the freebie table, at a garage sale, at a resale shop, etc. that you've finished. I'm excited to see those entries as well.

Don't forget we have a holiday party in November and no guild meeting in December.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas time with family and friends.

Carol O'Dell



Upcoming Events...

11/20 **Guild Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church 7pm**
Holiday Party

December **No Meeting**

2026:

January 5 **Board Meeting (Tentative) 5:45pm**
Quilt Show Meeting (Tentative) 7:15pm

January 15 **Guild Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church 7pm**

February 19 **Guild Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church 7pm**

Late February **Transition Meeting with New Board – Date and Time**
To be determined

March 13 **Quilt Show Set-up**

March 14-15 **Quilt Show**

In Case You Couldn't Make It:

Please refer to the attached minutes from the September and October 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.

Just a reminder about the upcoming programs for the next few months:

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 - Our Holiday Get-Together! We'll have some games, some prizes, some sweet snacks & some savory snacks. Feel free to bring a beverage. Let's enjoy the last get-together of 2025 before the holidays arrive.

DECEMBER - No meeting

JANUARY 15, 2026 - This is the deadline to submit your online forms or to turn in your paper forms for the 2026 Quilt Show!

The January & February meetings will be devoted to helping everyone get ready for our Quilt Show in March.

In February we'll have demonstrations on how to add hanging sleeves and labels to our quilts, and how to make our bindings more attractive.

FEBRUARY 19, 2026 - We'll continue getting ready for the Quilt Show in March. We will also discuss Quilt Show Drop Off and Pick Up procedures, and how to pack up your quilt in a pillowcase. And any additional quilt show-related questions you might have can be addressed in this meeting.

QUILT SHOW 2026 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, January 15th meeting

JAN.15th 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.

WE WILL HAVE 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.

BE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE VOLUNTEER LIST! WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

Quilt Show FAQs

1. Do I need a Google account to use the online Quilt Registration form?

Yes, you do need a Google account to use the online Quilt Registration form, but you do **not** need a Google gmail address.

2. Do our quilts need to be finished by the January 15th deadline?

No. The January 15th deadline only applies to the Registration Forms. If your quilt is not finished at the time you register, there is a box on the form which you can check.

3. What quilts will be judged?

ALL the quilts will be judged, **EXCEPT** Category 14 which is the Anniversary Quilts, and Category 17 which is the Found and Finished Quilts.

4. Will we receive written feedback from the judge?

No. Written feedback is very time-consuming and would require 2 judges.

We have great Vendors for the show!

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



Got your Challenge Quilt done?

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

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 Bags!

We are so grateful for all the donations of fabric which we received over the past several months. The committee agrees that we have enough fabric for the quilt show due to your generosity. Now we are asking for donations of plastic or small paper bags that you might have from purchases at Jewel/Meier/Walmart or other establishments. We'll be collecting them through our February 2026 meeting, so please start collecting them! Thanks so much for all your help!

The Strip Search Committee

Melanie, Karen, Jean, Karen

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

Please keep 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 donation deadline is November Guild Meeting!

We would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who has given donations for the raffle baskets so far. Please continue to bring any other donations you might have, including the suggested spool of thread and fat quarter, to our next November meeting so that we can start putting raffle baskets together in January.

Looking at the items we have received so far and the possible raffle baskets we may be able to put together, some items we still need to complete these baskets include: Christmas/winter and/or holiday fabrics, batik fabrics, sport theme fabrics and/or memorabilia, items for a game basket, and bottles of wine. Single items we still need include: scissors, garden gloves and garden tools. Simple gift cards to a favorite restaurant and/or shop also make a great addition to any basket.

Please let us know by text, phone call, email or by the November meeting if you would like to provide any of the single items listed above so that we don't have duplicates. In addition, please let us know if you plan on donating a larger item or a full raffle basket by yourself or with a group.

We will continue to set out a large plastic tub at the guild meetings to collect any donations. Find either of us at a meeting or feel free to call, text or email us 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

November 2025 Newsletter

YOU CAN WIN.....a gift card to a quilt shop!!

Our goal is to empty our bin of kits by the end of 2025. For each kit that is returned – pieced, quilted and bound, by the end of this year – your name will be entered into a drawing to be held in January, 2026.

Here is your opportunity to test drive those new rulers & techniques we learned this summer in the ruler class. *Done is better than perfect.* The quilting need not be intricate – simple cross-hatching, wavy lines, straight lines, in the ditch.

Our current needs; pillowcases and quilts in any size – gender neutral (no flowers) preferred.

Our supply needs; Batting, yardage for backs, domestic and longarm quilters

*"In this noisy and uncertain world, help us listen for what matters, act with courage,
and keep showing up with love."*

Maria Shriver

We have been honored to represent our Pride of the Prairie Guild for philanthropy for the past 2 years. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of our members who have made quilts, pillowcases and receiving blankets and feel blessed to be able to present these items to so many recipients.

We invite you to consider this position for 2026! A team of 2 to 3 members or a group would be ideal to continue our giving mission. The rewards are great!

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together
that overwhelm the world."*

Desmond Tutu

Piecefully, Sandy & Jill



Newsletter Article Submissions:

Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2026
March/April 2026
May/June 2026

Article Due Date

December 29, 2025
February 28, 2026
April 28, 2026

Publication Date

Jan. 10, 2026
March 10, 2026
May 10, 2026

November and December Birthdays

11/16 Kathy Mueller
11/22 Laura McCormack
11/30 Sandy Piatak
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.

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Business card	\$50	\$10
Quarter Page	\$60	\$15
Half Page	\$80	\$20
Full Page	\$160	\$40

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