



## *We Need You!*

Please remember that our Board members have gone above and beyond the call of duty (and many their assigned terms) in order to keep our guild functioning during the uncertainties of the Covid outbreak. It has indeed taken this village to keep everyone connected and we want to thank them by filling their positions as we prepare to turn over the reins to a new Board in March of 2022.

We need to establish a nominating committee of at least two members at large along with myself to accomplish this task. Take a moment to decide if you can help with this endeavor or if you would like to serve the guild by volunteering for a position, Contact me directly at [sharonkthomsen@aol.com](mailto:sharonkthomsen@aol.com) if you have any questions. The individual Board position descriptions (as per our By-Laws Addendum) are listed below.

**ADDENDUM: DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS** (as stated in the most recent By-Laws Addendum 11/2/17)

It is the duty of each board member to have regular attendance at monthly guild meetings and scheduled board meetings.

**PRESIDENT:** Coordinated activities and ideas of members and the Board of Officers. Develops and implements agendas for each meeting. Oversees fundraising, other Guild events and the Quilt Show. Conducts the monthly meetings and Board meetings. Shall annually appoint an audit committee, consisting of one board member and one guild member to inspect the Guild books. May appoint special committees

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## *Message from the President -*

Wow! It's already holiday season! Where has 2021 gone!?! By now the Halloween candy has all been given away and/or "leftovers" possibly squirreled away for sewing time treats. Hahaha! Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Christmas as well as all the other December holidays are peeking over the horizon. Perhaps you are like me and are looking forward to the prospect of a family gathering this year. I can't wait to have my family all together in one place! These have been trying times but it definitely feels like we are coming out from under the darkness of the Covid cloud.

Please mark your calendars for our *in person* meetings in November and December. As of this writing *masks are required for everyone* inside the church regardless of vaccination status. If you are under the weather, we appreciate your willingness to stay home. We will be gathering together for some fun Schoolhouse demos and gift exchanges during these months as well as reviewing more detailed information in our business portion of the meetings. We will review more information about our next quilt show, open positions for the new board and a full treasurer's report. We will also have our Freebie table open for anyone to bring items they no longer need to keep in their own studio or stash but remember that books and magazine should not be brought to the table. Thank you for your understanding.

Keep Stitching!

Sharon Thomsen

## *Philanthropy*

Seventeen wheelchair quilts were distributed to Symphony Nursing Home located in Joliet. Donated 800 Christmas stockings for the troops to Operation Care Package, Manhattan IL. Also, Pregnancy Resource Center on Hammes Avenue in Joliet received two cloth-booklets, 21 receiving blankets, and 18 small baby quilts. They were very happy with our donations.

Thank you to everyone who donated quilts, pillowcases, completed kits, and tops. Your generosity is wonderful and the recipients are very happy to receive your gift of time and talent.

Elaine Salato and  
Sandy Piatak



## Quilt Retreat

Our fall retreat was held at The DeKoven Center in Racine (just south of downtown Racine) on Monday, September 27th – Friday, October 1st. We had 17 ladies who attended our new location. We got acquainted with our surroundings, enjoyed our friendships, shopped (Jim's Sew N Vac is very close) and some even watched the sunrise over Lake Michigan right outside the door of Assembly Hall (where we were sewing).

Thank you to the ladies who attended and hope to see you all next year – and there is room for more guild members.

Kathy Mueller,  
scpbklane@aol.com

### *Meeting Updates!*

For November, we'll be having a schoolhouse style presentation. Sharon Thomsen will be presenting Accordion Half Square Triangles. We originally learned this technique from Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Designs. Jen Henry will do a presentation on how to make project boards. These are simple, lightweight boards with batting on one side that help organize blocks.

Laura McCormack will be presenting how to make pin cushions out of ceramic figures. This is a fun little project when you don't want to sew, but still want to make something fun. Chris Schwarz will do a presentation on a trick to turn 10" precut squares into log cabin blocks.

In December, we will be having a pin cushion exchange, just for fun. If you bring one, you'll get to take a different one home. If you'd like to participate, please make a pincushion and bring it to the meeting. There are no specific requirements for the pincushion.



Sass, Chris	Nov 02
Olson, Sharon	Nov 07
Lowy, Jacqueline	Nov 12
Mueller, Kathy	Nov 16
Rowley, Nancy	Nov 16
McCormack, Laura	Nov 22
Piatak, Sandy	Nov 30
Hinds, Melanie	Dec 01
Grossman, Beth	Dec 08
Fuehrmeyer, Sandy	Dec 15
Green, Carol	Dec 22
DeVries, Joyce	Dec 28
Guise, Julie	Dec 29
Schneider, Carol	Dec 29



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and committee chairmen as approved by the Board. Maintains the Guild calendar. Responsible for one of the two Guild's credit cards and reports any charges to the Treasurer.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Fills in for the absence of the President. Organizes a new member event annually. Maintains the By-Laws and the Policy and Procedures. Is responsible for picking up the Guild mail at the Plainfield Post Office Box 501 on a timely basis.

Contact members at the time of illness or death in the family, as approved by the Board.

In the event of an illness or death in the family of a guild member, the Vice President will send a card or flowers as approved by the board. In the event of the death of a guild member, the Vice President shall arrange for flowers or a donation to a charity as befits the wishes of the family. A quilting book shall also be donated to the Plainfield Library in the name of the deceased.

The Vice President shall write thank you notes as appropriate for any donations of materials and/or time to the Guild.

**SECRETARY:** Maintains and accurately records minutes of each guild meeting and scheduled board meetings

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and conducts guild correspondence. Distributes minutes to board members at scheduled board meetings.

**TREASURER:** Maintains financial records of the Guild. The guild fiscal year is from the current year March 1st through the end of the following February. Develops and implements the Guild budget. Dispenses guild funds based on submitted bills and reimburses members for approved expenses. Submits accounts for an internal audit by one Board member and one member at large by March 1st. Keeps signature cards at the bank up-to-date. Obtains all insurance for the Guild, including, but not limited to, liability insurance, bond insurance and any quilt show related insurance.

The Treasurer shall balance monthly bank statements, keep an accurate check register up-to-date, prepare quarterly reports for board members and prepares an annual financial report.

The Treasurer shall reimburse expenditures as follows:

- All requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by receipts and a Pride of The Prairie reimbursement form.
- Board members will be automatically reimbursed for general expenses, such as copying, phone calls, postage, and miscellaneous items which are used for Guild communications and for items related to their board position.
- All fund raising activities should have a separate budget, with proposed expenses and projected income that must be approved in advance by the board. Board members or committee chairs that submit expenses within the budget should be automatically paid.
- Any expense item involving a contract or long term commitment of guild funds must be approved by the board prior to signing. This will provide the Treasurer with adequate warning and documentation to pay out amounts due. (This would include speakers, change in meeting room fees, workshops, bus trips or any other item that must be arranged in advance.
- Monitors and pays the Guild credit card electronically.
- Non-board members must have prior Board approval for expenses.
- Any item falling outside these limits will require Board approval.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Acts as an assistant to the Vice President. Maintains and updates membership, attendance and membership waiting lists. Distributes an update electronic copy to the membership list to all board members, webmaster and quilt show chairs. Collects dues and distributes membership cards.

**NEWSLETTER:** Creates and distributes newsletters. Maintains a library of back issues of Guild newsletters. Responsible for distributing special notifications as requested by the President, Programs or other committee with important news. All newsletters and Notifications need to be approved by the President/Vice President prior to publishing.

**CONTRACTS/PROGRAMS:** As part of contracts the first year, submits plans of the next years' programs to the Board for approval. Prepares and follows up on speakers' contracts and letters of confirmation.

As part of Programs the second year, provides information on meetings and workshops for the newsletter and website. Oversees all aspects of the workshops. Arranges for housing, meals and transportation of guest speakers as needed.

**PUBLICITY:** Maintains a list of all area guilds, their contact info, meeting information, current president and programs chairs. Creates bookmarks each fiscal year to promote the guild programs and quilt show and oversees the distribution of bookmarks by guild members. Keeps a scrapbook of guild events held throughout the year.

**PHILANTHROPY:** Identifies and organizes philanthropic projects for the Guild. Strives for at least one on-going activity per year.

## Comfort From Home!

Please join me in collecting any of these items for “Comfort from Home” Care packages for OSOT ( Operation Support our Troops).

I will take the items at our November meeting. Or contact me and we can coordinate items if you can ‘t make the meeting.

Please adhere to the sizes requested as larger Costco mega size items will not fit in the boxes. And it’s Christmas Stocking season so many of these items go into those as well!

Thank you very much in advance!

Julie

Below is a list of our most needed items for our  
Comfort and Care Package Program.  
Thank you for your support of our troops serving in harm’s way.

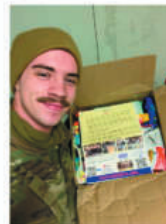
### Food Items

- Individual Jelly Packets
- Canned Fruit (16oz or less, no glass, no fruit cups)
- Individual Cold Drink Mix (Gatorade, Propel Singles, etc.)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Canned soup or chili (16oz or less, no glass)
- Pouched Chicken or Tuna
- Individual Hot Drinks  
Hot Chocolate, Coffee Singles, Wrapped Tea Bags—no K-cups
- Jerky/Slim Jim
- Trail Mix (Individual Packs)
- Crackers/Cookies (Snack Bag Size)
- Oatmeal Packets
- Candy Canes

### Non-Food Items

- Foot Powder
- Amazon or iTunes Gift Cards in \$5 - \$15 increments
- AA Batteries
- Lip Balm
- Hand Warmers
- Individual Hand Sanitizer
- Eye Drops
- Shaving cream/gel (non-aerosol only)
- Mouthwash (17oz or smaller)
- Dental Floss
- White or Black athletic socks
- Cough Drops / Vitamin C Drops
- Disposable Razors
- Anti-Itch Cream / Nasal Spray
- Lens Cleaning Wipes
- Sunscreen 30 SPF or higher (16oz or less—non aerosol only)
- Handi-Wipes
- Sage Body Wipes
- Sudoku/Puzzle Books

Due to shipping restrictions we cannot send Aerosol Products or Glass Containers.



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# Looking for a Challenge?

*There are several challenges available if you are interested in stretching your creative wings. Here are just a few:*

## Modern Meets Modern Challenge

Your Chance to Have a Quilt Displayed on the Walls of the IQM

To coincide with the opening of its new exhibition, Modern Meets Modern, the International Quilt Museum has announced a quilt challenge, open to all. Participants are asked to create a 16-inch by 16-inch quilt that responds to some of the antique quilts on display in the exhibition.

In the Modern Meets Modern exhibition, selected Modern Quilt Movement quilts from the museum's collection, representing the past 15+ years, have been juxtaposed with groups of quilts made over 150 years ago. These antique quilts display cutting edge qualities for their time and can still look modern in the present day. The Modern Meets Modern exhibition explores common themes as well as differences between the two modern eras, focusing on design elements as well as such factors as tools, materials, techniques, and modes of communication.

For this mini-quilt challenge, the museum has chosen four quilts to serve as catalysts for new work. In their mini-quilt, entrants should respond to one or more of these antique quilts in an interpretive way. The challenge is open to all techniques and quilt styles. Entry quilts do not need to have a hanging sleeve attached to the reverse. Individuals are allowed to submit up to two entries each. There is a \$10 entry fee per quilt.

### Deadline and Process:

The deadline for submitting high resolution photographs of the 16-inch by 16-inch finished quilt(s) is January 1, 2022 at 12 p.m. (noon) Central Time. The winning quilts will be selected by a three-person jury, which will pick 10 finalists from those submitted. Upon notification, the 10 finalist quilts will need to be shipped to the IQM (participant will pay for shipping to IQM; IQM will pay for return shipping). All 10 of the finalists will be hung prominently in the same gallery as the Modern Meets Modern exhibition, through the end of the show (March 19, 2022). In addition, one quilt among the 10 will be selected as the top prize winner.

Check out their website [www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/modern-meets-modern-challenge](http://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/modern-meets-modern-challenge) for all the details and photos of the catalyst quilts.

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## The Graffiti Cherrywood Challenge

*graf-fi-ti: usually unauthorized writing or drawing on a public surface*

Graffiti ranges from simple written words to elaborate wall paintings, and has existed since ancient times. For this challenge, we will focus on the graphic beauty and intense colors of this urban expression.

**DUE DATE:** May 1, 2022 5:00 pm CST

The wildly popular Cherrywood Challenge is back for its 7th year! The striking exhibit creates a cohesive visual impact.

• SAME THEME • SAME SIZE • SAME COLORS • SAME FABRIC •

### THE CHALLENGE:

Create an original quilted artwork with a LIMITED COLOR PALETTE

• You will have eight colors of fabric to use

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- You can ONLY use those eight colors of fabric
- NO additional fabrics may be added

**Price INCLUDES:**

- Entry Fee
- Eight Fat Quarters of hand-dyed cotton fabric
- Printed Rules Sheet
- 1 Yard fusible - Mistyfuse (including directions)

*And don't forget about our very own guild challenge ...*

## **Challenge Quilt for next Quilt Show**

### **“A Moment In Time”**

The next Challenge Quilt will be one of Imagination and inspiration.

- Pick a significant moment or event in your life that has stood out to you. It can be anything! The birth of a child, your first kiss, first date, learning to drive, your wedding day, a marriage proposal, a memorable 4th of July or Holiday, etc...

*Now take that moment and get creative.*

- Dimensions – no larger than 36” x 48”, but it can be smaller
- Colors – Any!!
- The quilt can be pieced, applique, or wool appliqué. It can have embroidery or hand work.
- Quilt must be made entirely by the member (pieced, appliqued, quilted and bound with a label on the back.)

*Member must turn in a registration sheet for the quilt at the same time all other quilt show entries are turned in. It does not have to be finished before registration form is turned in.*

- Must include a pillowcase with entry (as all quilt show submissions require).
- We would like to know what inspired... Please include a written paragraph to describe your inspiration.

*Entries will be judged.*

Questions – Contact Lynn Scheimann at [lscheimann@comcast.net](mailto:lscheimann@comcast.net)

## ***Looking for a Zoom class/workshop?***

Prairie Star Quilt Guild has opened all of its Zoom workshops from now through March to non-members. For this time only, non-member workshop pricing will also include a Zoom link to the lecture as well. Check out their workshop offerings at [www.psqg.org](http://www.psqg.org)

# Quilt Show 2023

*Well, finally, some good news to share.....*

We as quilt show co-chairs have been in contact with the school, Richland Grade School in Crest Hill and have a date on the calendar!! Our next quilt show is scheduled for March 11 and 12, 2023, with set-up on Friday, March 10. With that being said, before we get too far ahead, it is at the request of the school that we contact them next summer to make sure the school is on board with us using the school and that they're more comfortable with what is happening with the COVID situation.

So, what this means to us, is that we are going to begin to plan our next show and hopefully, when we check in with them next summer, we will get the go-ahead.

Don't forget that someone is already working on our opportunity quilt, using blocks and pieces that we sewed.

As we move through the process, we will keep you informed. We look forward to what lies ahead for our guild and our show.

Carol O'Dell, Jennifer Henry and Sandy Piatak

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***We're on the Web!***

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**[www.prideofprairie.org](http://www.prideofprairie.org)**

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/PrideofthePrairieQuilters?ref=hl>

## ***2020 Pride of the Prairie Officers***

President – Sharon Thomsen

Newsletter – Olive Herman

Vice President – Jennifer Henry

Philanthropy – Sandy Piatak & Elaine Salato

Secretary – Lynn Bogue

Membership – Laura Blanchard, Julie Guise & Sharon Thomsen

Treasurer – Jane Stevens

Contracts – Laura McCormack & Mary Pichter-Zeunik plus Sandy Piatak as mentor

Programs – Anita Marsh

Web - Jan Mueller

Publicity – Valli Schiller