



Inside this Issue:

Upcoming Meeting Info	2
Open Positions	2
Philanthropy	2
2023 Quilt Show	3/4
Strip Search	4
Opportunity Tickets	5
Quilt Show Volunteers	5
Quilt Show Challenge	5
Fabric Available	5
Free to a Good Home	6
Birthdays	7
Meeting Checklist	7
Out and About	8
Newsletter Info	9

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, I need your help to do this. Please let Lynn Poulos lpoulo1@gmail.com know of anyone who might need a card.



A Message from Jennifer Henry, President

It doesn't seem possible, but here it is already November! The leaves are rapidly falling, covering the ground with a beautiful quilt of red, orange and yellow. My husband raked our leaves into one giant pile in time for our grandchildren to run and jump into them!

Our November Guild meeting will be all about Olfa! That wonderful company that first introduced the rotary cutter to garment making in 1979! And leave it to quilters to see the rotary cutter's potential for quilt making! Quilters are very good at adapting tools for their use.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I'm looking forward to the holidays and spending time with my family. December brings winter and all sorts of celebrations. And, of course, the new year! We'll all be counting down to our long-awaited quilt show in March.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

Jennifer Henry

P.S. Now get to work on finishing your quilts for the quilt show!

Upcoming meeting information

November 17 – Olfa! Yvonne Busdeker, Craft & Hobby Brand and Channel Manager from Olfa will be our guest speaker. She will have lots of information to share about their various tools (rotary cutters, mats, etc), their many uses and how to care and keep our tools in optimal shape for best performance. Yvonne will be up first with the business meeting and Show & Tell to follow so please make sure you get to the meeting on time!!!

December – No meeting – please take this opportunity to enjoy your time with family and friends and there is always the Bonnie Hunter mystery (see more info on page x) to occupy your time if you need a sewing/quilting fix!

January 19, 2023 – Lynn Contri our Judge for the Quilt Show will be our guest speaker. Her lecture is entitled “The How and Why of Quilt Appraisal”.

February 16, 2023 – In February we will be focusing on making sure that our Quilt Show submissions are the best they can be. We will be having Schoolhouse-like demos to review sleeve size and placement as well as labels, pillowcases and general pre-show care.

Open Board Positions:

Please remember that we are actively seeking members for the positions of Publicity and Nominations.

Grab a friend or two and come join the Board!

Philanthropy

A heartfelt thank you to all who have donated completed quilts, tops and pillowcases to Philanthropy. The recipient organizations are always so very appreciative of your generosity. As a result of your willingness to share your time and talent with those in need, we were recently able to donate 24 quilts to Angel Grace Hospice, and 22 quilts to the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center.

We are currently accepting all size quilts: from wheelchair and lap quilts, to baby and crib quilts, to bed quilts of all sizes. Pillowcases are also accepted. Patterns are available, as well as some kits. Please visit the Philanthropy table at our next meeting!

Lynn Bogue, Diane Swaney-Smith, and Sandi McHenney



Quilt Show 2023

We are 4 months away from our show! IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN!! It seems like an eternity since our last show and at times we wondered if, and when, it would happen again. But, here we are.

The Quilt Show Registration Form is now on the website. If you haven't been there in awhile, it is www.prideofprairie.org. Jan has done a lovely job showcasing our quilt on the home page. Towards the right, there is a tab just for Quilt Show. Click on that tab and a drop down list will appear. The registration form is one of the items listed there. You can open it and print it. Don't forget a couple of important items:

- 1. Quilt Show Registration Forms are due at the January 19, 2023 meeting. If you can't attend, please give them to a friend who can. No late forms will be accepted!!**
- 2. When turning in your registration forms, you must turn in 2 copies.**
- 3. If making a challenge quilt, you need a registration form and pillowcase for that quilt as well as each of the other entries.**
- 4. Please choose your category carefully. Think about all of the different types of work you've put into each quilt and mark the category accordingly. Sometimes, just moving it from 1 category to another might increase your chances of garnering a ribbon.**
- 5. We love to display ALL skill levels. We've all started somewhere and a simpler quilt might be just the thing to help a new quilter get started.**

Our Opportunity Quilt has been seen in many places and we've had a good response by our members to take our quilt. We are still needing some volunteers to display the quilt in quilt stores. Please see Melanie Hinds about getting your name on the list. What a great way to show off our lovely quilt and spend time in a quilt store, enjoying what they have to offer.

We've had quite a few opportunities to visit other quilt shows in the area. In fact, in two weeks is the quilt show for Morris at a church in Channahon. As you visit these shows, please take a look at how they display their quilts. Do they have a silent auction, opportunity baskets, an area to get food? Who are their vendors that caught your eye? These questions, and answers, are important to us as we plan and prepare for our show. If there is a vendor that especially catches your eye, would you be so kind as to give that information to Sharon Thomsen? She's in charge of that committee and she'd really appreciate that information. Thank you in advance!

I know Anita Baranski and Shirley Contreras have added a thank you note to the newsletter, but did you know that at the October Strip Search cutting day, we had 18 ladies show up to help.

Quilt Show 2023 – continued

18!!!! We had a great time and so much fabric was cut into strips. Some of our members who can't come often showed up as well as a mother/daughter duo from Indiana. We were encouraged by the turnout and the amount of strips that were cut. This saved Anita and Shirley SO MUCH TIME!!! A HUGE thank you to those of you who came out.

Lynn Poulos had her list of open volunteer positions at our last quilt guild meeting. Please remember that all members need to work a minimum of 2 shifts during the show, in addition to Friday night set-up and Sunday take down. I know she'll have her lists again at the November meeting. Don't miss out...add your name where you want to work before the spots fill up!!

We have 1 more quilt show newsletter article before the show. If you have any questions about anything related to the quilt show, please grab one of us and ask away! We are most happy to help get your concerns answered.

Your Quilt Show Co-Chairs,

Jennifer Henry, Sandy Piatak, Sharon Thomsen and Carol O'Dell

STRIP SEARCH:

First, we are incredibly thankful & blessed for the support and hard work from all our volunteers. We are so very appreciative of each and every contribution. What an amazing group we have!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

We are kindly requesting fabric donations of 2.5" strips, as well as yardage: half yard, 1 yard, or 2-yard cuts, and fat quarters **only** please.

Please bring your donations to the **November guild meeting**. **This is the FINAL date for donations!** If you need us to arrange for pickup, please contact us.

Thank you for your support!

Shirley Contreras (708-204-2108, nashirl47@sbcglobal.net)
Anita Baranski (815-342-1188, aljb1@sbcglobal.net)



Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Just a Reminder: If you have picked up your member raffle tickets to sell for the Opportunity Quilt, don't forget to bring the ticket stubs to the guild meeting to get turned in to WIN!! Please check that ALL tickets have a name and phone number on them. And if you haven't picked up your 36 tickets yet (6 bundles of 6 tickets), please bring **\$30.00** cash (**exact change is important!!!**) or check **made payable to Pride of the Prairie**. I have your tickets in an envelope with your name on it and a photo of the quilt.

The Opportunity Quilt is really beautiful and king-size, so these tickets are easy to sell. And this is a major fundraising event for our guild. I look forward to seeing you at the guild meeting.

Diane Swaney-Smith

Quilt Show Volunteers

Don't forget we need everyone to take two 2-hour shifts. Our membership is smaller, so we all need to step up. We especially need everyone and their family to help on Friday night and on Sunday afternoon. You are coming to drop off/pick up your quilt - why not join the party!!

Lynn Poulos

2023 Quilt Show Quilt Challenge

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.)

See the website for further information. Any questions, contact Lynn Scheimann at lscheimann@comcast.

Fabrics available!

I was given a bucket full of fabrics (satins, silks, velvets, etc) for a Crazy Quilt to pass on to someone who could use the fabrics. There is plenty. Let me know if you (or someone) has an interest in these fabrics. I can bring this tub to the November meeting.

Cheryl Parker (jncparker4@comcast.net)

Free to a good home!!! This wonderful vintage Kenmore machine in its cabinet is available for pick up at the home of our very own Laura McCormack. It comes with bobbins and assorted feet and looks like it could be a real workhorse for any quilter or sewist.

Contact Laura at quilteffect@gmail.com for all the details!



November and December Birthdays

Sharon Olson	Nov 7
Karen Watt	Nov 9
Frank Karls	Nov 11
Kathy Mueller	Nov 16
Nancy Rowley	Nov 16
Laura McCormack	Nov 22
Sandy Piatak	Nov 30
Melanie Hinds	Dec 1
Beth Grossman	Dec 8
Sandy Fuehrmeyer	Dec 15
Joyce DeVries	Dec 28
Julie Guise	Dec 29
Carol Schneider	Dec 29



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) – save your patterns, magazines and books for the Quilt Show
- **Your checkbook** in order to pay for your Raffle Tickets, Workshop fees and any traveling quilt tickets that might be attending our meeting



Out and About and In Our Backyard

It's that time of year again!

Bonnie Hunter has released the information about her yearly Quiltville Winter Mystery. All the preliminary information is available on her website noted below and the actual first clue will go live on Black Friday, 11/25/22.

It is recommended that you look for the Printer-Friendly PDF version on her website so that you can have the printed instructions available before the free pattern is removed from her website after the final release. The finished size is listed as 78"x78" but you can always add your own twist to make this mystery truly your own!



Mark Your Calendars for these area Quilt Shows

November 1-12
Elements of Innovation
Annual Fiber Art Show & Sale
Fiber Art Divas
www.napervilleartleague.com

November 11 & 12
Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild
www.piecesfromtheheartquiltguild.net



Newsletter 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, Sharon Thomsen at sharonkthomsen@aol.com 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.

2022-2023 Pride of the Prairie Officers

President – Jennifer Henry

Vice President – Lynn Poulos

Secretary – Laura McCormack

Treasurer – Susan Janasik

Contracts / Programs –
Sandy Piatak & Sharon Thomsen

Contracts – Kathy Beitzel,
Pat Herman, Melaine Hinds, Sharon Olson, Lynn Scheimann & Eileen Uchima

Publicity – **OPEN**

Newsletter – Sharon Thomsen

Philanthropy – Lynn Bogue, Sandi McHenney &
Diane Swaney-Smith

Membership – Melanie Hinds, Anita Marsh, Elaine Salato & Jane Stevens

Nominations – **OPEN**