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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, 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 was so good to see so many of our members at our Guild Meeting in August. We had a wonderful Show and Tell, and our speaker was our very own Judi Arand. Judi is a physical therapist, and she gave us tips on how to take care of all those aches and pains we get when we quilt for long periods of time. I think my favorite is “The Claw”.

We also had an eye-opening discussion on the future of Pride of the Prairie. With dwindling attendance and lack of volunteers, the outlook was grim. Sharon Thomsen (past president and currently serving on the Board in Contracts & Programs, Newsletter, and Zoom Master) and Sandy Piatak are stepping down from Contracts & Programs the end of February 2023. She pointed out that our By-Laws state if the positions of Contracts & Programs are not filled, the Guild would be disbanded. At that time all funds would be donated to charity. There would be no Quilt Show. There would be no Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild.

I am pleased to report that several of our members stepped up and volunteered to fill these positions. I want to thank Kathy Beitzel, Pat Herman, Melanie Hinds, Sharon Olson, Lynn Scheimann, and Eileen Uchima for volunteering. I am truly so thankful to these ladies, and I’m looking forward to another year of great programs in 2023!

Speaking of great programs...at our September guild meeting we will have Carol Wilhoit speak on “Infinite Opportunity: Quilts in Your Stash”. This will be followed by a workshop on Friday “Five Great Zipper Bags”. Carol Wilhoit has spoken at our Guild previously, and she is wonderful! I hope to see you all there!

Jennifer Henry

Upcoming meeting information

September 15 – Carol Wilhoit will be presenting a lecture “Infinite Opportunity: Quilts in Your Stash”.

Carol is local to us and a real talent! She has so much to share with us. Be sure to attend!

September 16 – Workshop! Five Great Zipper Bags with Carol Wilhoit

Carol has been teaching quilting classes for more than ten years. She loves sharing her knowledge and ideas with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. One of her favorite aspects of teaching is seeing students succeed at completing a challenging project. Another is seeing students have “Aha!” moments during which they see how simple changes in technique can help them create projects that look better while taking less effort!

Sign-up has been brisk for this workshop with only 6 spots remaining! Don't delay and regret not getting your name on the list!



October 20 – Marisa Marquez will be presenting a lecture about her creative process and show samples of her art quilts.

Marisa has been quilting since 2000 but she did not make her first art quilt until 2014. Marisa started experimenting with ideas, forms and textures and decided to create a wall quilt from one of her drawings. The main change in her work is trying subjects that have a meaning to her. Her quilts have been published in multiple books and magazines and she has won numerous awards at quilt shows both in the US and Europe.

Learn more about Marisa at <https://marisamarquezquilts.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.instagram.com/marisamarquezquilts/?hl=en>

October 21 – Workshop with Eileen Uchima – Island Chain

This is a fantastic opportunity to use up some jelly rolls you may have sitting around or cut some strips of your own. We are thrilled that Eileen has offered to teach this class at a special rate.

November 17 – Olfa!

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



Quilt Show 2023

As we start to enjoy some cooler weather, it causes our thoughts to move toward the holidays and a bit after that, our quilt show. We are roughly 6½ months from our quilt show.

Have you been working on **quilts** that you'd like to enter? With the lesser number of members, it affords you an opportunity to enter more quilts. Don't forget, because our 2020 show didn't happen, you already have a treasure trove of quilts to show. Even if you've given some away, you can always ask to borrow them back for a weekend.

Have you been working on your **challenge quilt**? Remember, the theme is "A Moment in Time". If you need additional information for the challenge quilt, you can view that information on our guild website, www.prideofprairie.org, or you can contact Lynn Scheimann.

We are excited that Melanie has found so many places to take our **opportunity quilt**. Both quilt guilds and quilt shops round out the list. By volunteering to take our quilt somewhere, not only do you get to display our lovely quilt, you also get to know the person you're volunteering with better. You also get to see a guild's program/special speaker, or if in a quilt shop, you get to be inspired and maybe even buy something you "need".

I, Carol, spoke at guild about our **storage facility** and how we were going to rent a smaller unit in order to lessen expenses. Imagine our surprise the Monday after guild, when we opened our unit, sorted the items, and people from the various committees came and got their items. By midmorning we realized, **WE DIDN'T NEED TO RENT THE SMALLER UNIT!!!** Everything is accounted for and placed where it needs to be. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to the many who showed up to help disperse and take possession of the many items that our guild was storing.

I know Shirley and Anita have an article about **Strip Search**. I have to tell you, at our garage sale in June of 2021, we sold 200 bags of strips, one purchaser bought all of the panels we had displayed, and a myriad of fat quarters, yardage, etc. Because they did an inventory of the remaining strips, that is how we found out how many packages we had sold. It was a very warm, no, **HOT** weekend and the last thing we wanted to do was inventory what was being returned. **THANK YOU** to the many who worked at Mary Winegar's home on behalf of our guild.

Throughout this article, a few of the committees have been mentioned.

I see a recurring theme throughout all of this, and that is, it takes ALL of us to make this work. Not just a few, not just some. We shouldn't be known as the guild where 10% do 90% of the work, or, 20% do 80% of the work. I remember a saying from my childhood, "many hands make work light".

We have the quilt show coming up and in a few months our guild will be looking for volunteers for the new board. **What are YOU doing to help make the work lighter?** We have a wonderful guild that needs each of our talents to make this work at its very best.

If you're not currently sharing your skills with the guild, please see a quilt show co-chair or a board member to see where you can best fit. We'd love to have you. **WE NEED YOU!!**

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

STRIP SEARCH:

Do you have fabric that you no longer need or love taking up valuable space in your sewing room?

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 each Guild meeting. We will set up a donation box for your deposits. 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 Raffle 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 or check. I have your tickets in an envelope with your name on it and a photo of the quilt. (Make checks payable to **Pride of the Prairie.**) 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





!!!RAFFLE QUILT CHAPERONES NEEDED!!!

RAFFLE QUILT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR QUILTERS QUEST SHOWINGS on SEP 16, 17, 18

I am looking for volunteers to cover the following shifts at Quilters Quest in Woodridge, IL:

Friday, Sep 16 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Saturday, Sep 17 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Sunday, Sep 18 - 12:00 (noon) - 4:00 pm

I have volunteers to cover the morning shifts on Sep 16 & 17, and would like to have shifts in the afternoons of both dates to maximize our sales opportunities.

As for Sep 18 -we can have 2 volunteers to cover all 4 hours, or split it up with volunteers working 2-hour shifts. Quilters Quest is not normally open on Sundays so this gives us an extra chance to sell raffle tickets.

Please check your schedules and see if you can help with any of these shifts. It's a great way to spend time with a quilting buddy, make a new buddy, and hang with other quilters!!

Contact me at melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com or 630-995-6514 if you have any questions!!

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 Ischeimann@comcast.net

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!

Pride of the Prairie Fall Retreat

Our Fall Retreat will be at The DeKoven Center in Racine on Monday, October 2, 2022 through Friday, October 7, 2022. The DeKoven Center is just south of downtown Racine and is across the street from Lake Michigan. You can check out their website at www.dekovencenter.org.

The double occupancy rate is \$345 and the single rate is \$385. This includes Monday dinner, 3 meals on Tuesday-Thursday and Friday breakfast. We will be quilting in Assembly Hall and eating and sleeping in the Retreat Center.

The Assembly Hall is quite large and everyone will have their own 6 foot table and enough room to bring their own Sew Easy table/side table if they wish. We are close to Jim's Sew 'N Save quilt store plus a lot of other great shopping opportunities. More detailed info will be sent out to the attendees in early September.

Complete payment will be due by September 15th either at the meeting or by mailing me a check (made out to "Pride of the Prairie Quilters") at 23508 West Clark St., Plainfield, IL 60586. There is still room available, so invite past members, friends, etc. They do not need to be a member to attend. Any questions, contact Kathy Mueller, scpbklane@aol.com, 815-953-6601.

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!



September and October Birthdays

Nan Connors	Sept 1
Lynn Poulos	Sept 1
Karen Jameson	Sept 8
Pat Herman	Sept 9
Jane Stevens	Sept 9
Kristy Homan	Sept 17
Anita Marsh	Sept 21
Susan Janasik	Sept 26
Sandy Kolarik	Oct 5
Janet Woratschek	Oct 5
Eileen Uchima	Oct 10
Diane Swaney-Smith	Oct 11
Marion Bond	Oct 13
Debbie Sessoms	Oct 22
Annette Bailey	Oct 22
Eileen Diercks	Oct 25



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

Check out this press release
from The Great Wisconsin Quilt
show!



We're excited to announce this year's
featured quilt exhibit,
Uncovered: The Ken Burns Collection!

America's storyteller, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns has collected handmade quilts since the 1970s. On loan from his private collection, this exhibit showcases 26 historic American quilts, dating from the 1850s to the 1940s. These delicate artifacts not only tell stories from our history, but share the spirit of people who lived it. Don't miss your chance to explore this beautiful exhibit, which celebrates quilting as part of our identity. Advance tickets to the 2022 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show are on sale at quiltshow.com.

**Mark your calendars for
September!**

New this year!

GREAT SEWING ADVENTURES™

**ACROSS ILLINOIS
AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

The **All Illinois Shop Hop** brings together sewing and quilting enthusiasts from across Illinois and neighboring states. The event will run August 1 through September 30 in 2022. The **All Illinois Shop Hop Magazine** is your guide to all things about the event, participating stores and sponsors. The Magazine also includes valuable patterns, projects and articles along with the official passport and map. Each participating store offers the exclusive Shop Hop fabric, along with other give-aways, raffles and prizes. Participants have their passport stamped at each store they visit to qualify for additional prizes.

Mark Your Calendars for these area Quilt Shows

September 24 & 25
DeKalb County Quilters Guild
www.dccg.org

September 24 & 25
Heritage Quilters Guild
www.heritagequiltersguild.com

October 14 & 15
Prairie Star Quilt Guild
www.psqg.org

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.



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President – Jennifer Henry

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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**